



**Mar 2021**

## **Loupes and Tweezers**

**Newsletter of the HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Greetings and belated Happy New Year to the members of the HAV. This update is meant to reassure you that the organization is still alive and well, although in some ways, in suspended animation pending success over the Covid-19 pandemic.**

**Your Board of Directors determined that the rescheduled April 2021 timeframe for our Annual Convention was optimistic. Availability of quality speakers as well as safe participation by our members is not assured due to concerns over health and safety.**

**Accordingly, in consultation with the staff at the "Ho-**

**tel 24 South" (formerly the "Stonewall Jackson Hotel") in Staunton, we have rescheduled our convention to the weekend of Friday, September 17-19, 2021.**

**At the February 16, 2021 virtual Board meeting, the Election of Officers was discussed. Billy Best has offered his services as the next President and Fred White has graciously offered to stay on as Second Vice President. At present, there is no candidate for First Vice President. In that we were not able to meet for a live election by the members at a convention due to Covid-19, the Board will**

act on behalf of the membership to elect that limited slate during the next Board meeting on May 3, 2021. If anyone else would like to run for those offices, please contact me and we will hold an election to include any other candidates. If anyone would like to volunteer for First VP, please contact me.

The Board has also decided to waive the 2021 dues for any member in good standing. That will carry you through to

June 30, 2022.

The Board of Directors will continue to meet and we will keep you informed of plans and activities.

Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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15 FEB VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS

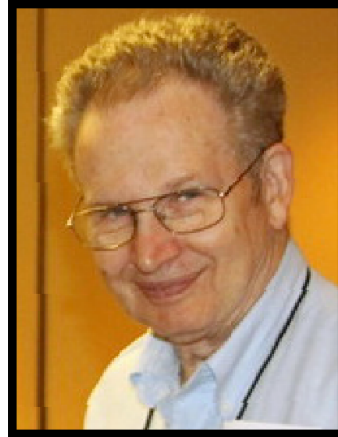


## HAV Treasurers Report

1	HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA			
2				15-Feb-21
3		Treasurers Report	CD	\$ 22,902.10
4			Checking	\$ 6,962.65
5	Balance on hand			15-Dec-20
6				
7	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Checking</u>	
8	Loupes and Tweezers		Income	
9	Presidents Exp		Dues	\$ 35.00
10	AWI Delegate			
11	Presidential plaque			
12	State Corp			
13	AWCI Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
14	Convention Adv			
15	Seminar AWCI		Class	
16	Semiar Jabbour		2020 Conv	
17	Auctioneer		Seminar	
18	Stan Palen (Treasurer)		AWCI	
19	Bob Stone Secy		Auction	
20	American Red Cross			
21	Board Meeting		Convention	
22	Memorial			
23	Insurance		Interest	
24	Convention 2019			
25	Seminar Lindow			
26	Return of Dues		Total Income	\$ 35.00
27	Potomac			
28	Southside Guild			
29	Tri City			
30				
31	Auction	\$ 0.00		
32	Enloe			
33	Pellman			
34	Staib			
35	Jabbour		Previous Checking Balance	\$ 6,962.65
36	Stone		Deposits	\$ 35.00
37	Polk		Transfer to CD	
38	Hardy		Minus Expenses	\$ 200.00
39	Graves		Current Checking Balance	\$ 6,797.65
40	Sarnelle			
41				
42				
43	Total Expenses	\$ 200.00	Certificates of Deposit (2/15/2021	\$ 12,036.56
44			2/15/2021	\$10,865.54
45			Total Funds Available	\$ 29,699.75
46				
47	This report is based on the Commercial Checking status as of 1/25/21			

## **STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner**

This column includes hints, helps, suggestions and news for IBM compatible computers.



Cyber security is getting more and more critical to keep yourself and family safe. Most any smart device can be listening to you and in some cases watching you. With enough time and energy, anything can be hacked. Do you have a router in your house? Is the password still admin? (You need to change it.) Quite a few houses have two routers. One the cable company (or other Internet source) provides. This one is probably the cheapest they could get away with. The one from the cable company in my house has poor wifi coverage and poor security. I have very few devices hooked to it.

I have added a Linksys multi-channel, multiantenna wireless router. This router also accepts 2 hard drives for multi avenue storage and backup for all my computer devices. I can also easily share files with other computers. I can also update the firmware in it. I cannot with the company provided router. My company provided router has a USB slot for a thumb drive or hard drive, but that option is disabled.

If your router is over 3 years old it should probably be replaced. Wifi

6 is coming with some of the new routers. Wifi 6 is much more stable and secure. It has more channels and bandwidth. Not may devices can use it, but it is coming.

Back to Security. Most of the common browsers and gathering data from your on line activity and selling it. Cyber folks are recommending you replace them with ones like Duckduckgo. I have installed Duckduckgo and it seems to work well and notifies me when a site tries to place cookies. I have installed it on my Android phone also. Occasionally it will block a site and tell you why. You can override or use another browser.

They also recommending that you do not let your browsers keep your logins and passwords. You can Click on the upper right 3 dots, click on settings, passwords, 3 dots to the right, and it will allow you to export what is stored to a file. Print it or import to a password manager (or both). Then, delete the passwords on your browser.

There are several sites that will walk you through settings on you browsers

to minimize tracking. You need to do this for Chrome, Edge, FireFox and others. Probably not Duckduckgo. I have all three on my computer, partially because I need to check out how my webpage changes work on all of them. Sometimes my computer insists that I have the latest changes and I know it does not. I have to bring it up in another browser or computer.

The same for you Iphone or Android phone. With the standard settings you are wide open to everything.

I have a dead fairly new Windows 10 laptop. I turn it on and eventually it comes up with the background picture, but it will do nothing else. I needed to get to Advanced Startup Options. There are several ways of getting there. Click on Restart with the shift key down, Hit F12 as it starts up, or maybe use the settings menu. None of these worked in my situation. What does work is to power down the computer. Then power on the computer and as soon as the computer company logo shows up, Hold the power key down until the computer completely shuts down and then do it again 2 or 3 more times. I will then come up with Options. The one you want here is trouble shoot. Sometimes this will find the problem. This can take hours. Mine will eventually come up, but that is useless to me when I am traveling. If it ever shuts down, I have to start over.

Do you ever need to print something from a web page and do not want all the extraneous stuff? Select with your mouse all that you want to

print. Then select print, Select PDF as your printer. Then go to the bottom of more settings and check the box Selection only. Your selection will show up in a panel. Save will come up and you can name it and then open in Adobe and Print it. The App Snip will do the same thing, but with fewer clicks.

How about free Office by Microsoft? Go to Office.com, sign into Microsoft or create an account. Do not download office, it will cost money. Just click on the app you want like Word and you are in. The versions of office here are more than most people need. They are missing 3% or so of the features of Office 365.

If you have received your vaccine, I recommend you take a picture of the shot record card so you always have it with you.

If you have questions about computers, I may be able to help you.

Some of my sources of information are AskWoody.com and DavesComputerTips.com.

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