

LOUPES AND TWEEZERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY FRED WHITE

First, a great BIG Thank You to John Polk for getting the Hotel Madison at Harrisonburg VA for our convention. The date is the weekend of May 5th through the 7th. Please mark your calendar.

We are looking for a few good persons to be co-chair of the convention committee. You may say what's in it for me?

It is a great way to develop your organization skills, to learn to work with others, to develop your leadership skills and to rise through the ranks to be officers of HAV or even AWCI etc.

When I was asked by Marvin Whitney to co-chair the Convention Committee back in the 1980s, little did I know at that time what it would lead too. It opened doors that I could have never believed that would open. I was then asked by Skee Jensen to be the Technical Director for HAV. One of the first things I did was set up our Fall Seminar, which still goes on to this day. Then I was on the BOD of HAV, later elected vice president and then president of HAV. Somewhere in this time frame I was honored with the Watchmaker of the Year (Presidents Award) which is voted on by the members of the BOD. To me, this is one of the highest honors I have ever received. I was invited to run for the BOD of AWCI and, after serving a few years, was elected president of AWCI where I served for three Years. Why do I tell you my story? Not to brag, as I am quite humble by nature, but I do so to show you the possibilities.

All of these things have led to some of the best friendships that I could ever have. I have gotten to know people from sea to shining sea.

My mentor and teacher Theodore White said something I will never forget "YOU get out in proportion to what you put in,"

I look forward to hearing from someone who would be willing to give a little to receive a lot in return. Would you be the one who wants to Serve as Co-Chair of the Convention Committee?

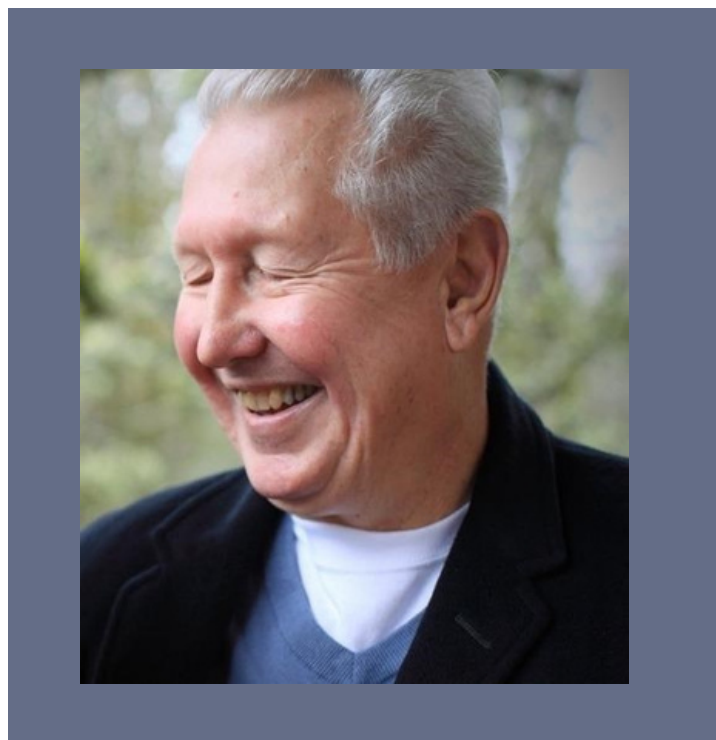
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REMEMBERING CHARLIE SOUKUP 1939 – 2022

HAV PAST PRESIDENT 1979 – 1981

The following was published by Richmond Times-Dispatch on Nov. 27, 2022

SOUKUP, Charles "Charlie" Frank, age 83, of Chesterfield, Va., passed into eternal rest on November 24, 2022. Born in Sandston, Va. on November 18, 1939, to Anthony Joseph Soukup Sr. and Mary Katherine Kus Soukup, Charlie lived his entire life in the Richmond area. He enjoyed growing up with his siblings, Barbara Soukup Walton, Anthony "Tony" Joseph Soukup Jr. and Katherine Soukup Ford. Charlie was a lifelong Springer fan, having graduated from Highland Springs High School in 1958 where he played tight end for all four years.



In 1966, Charlie married his bride of 56 years, Carole Richardson Soukup, and they welcomed three children, Franklin Scott Soukup, Deborah Carole Soukup-Irons and Charles Christopher Soukup.

Charlie was a member of the Virginia National Guard from 1960 to 1965, and he devoted most of his working life as a master watchmaker and clockmaker. He received his master watchmaking certification from the Chicago School of Watchmaking in 1972. Charlie was an active member of the American Watchmaking Institute and the Tri-City Watchmaking and Jewelers Guild, for both of which he served in leadership positions including that of President for the Tri-City Guild. When not repairing watches and clocks, he could be found training for half marathons and 10Ks. He also enjoyed domestic and international travel with his adoring wife, skiing with his good friends, trips to the beach with his family and driving wherever a good seafood dinner could be found. Charlie was best known for his easy smile, good sense of humor and an optimistic outlook on life.

Charlie was preceded in death by both of his parents; his sister, Barbara; his brother, Tony; and his grandson, Paul Ignatius Soukup. He is survived by his wife, Carole; his sister, Katherine; his children, Scott and his wife, Kathleen, Deborah and her husband, David and Chris and his wife, Jamie. He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren, Anton, Timothy, Cecilia, Theodore, Edward, Quentin, Thomas, William and Genevieve Soukup, Devin and Dominik Irons, Olivia, Carter and Charlotte Soukup.

Charlie was interred in Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

REMEMBERING CHARLIE SOUKUP

BY BOB BRUCKHART

I first met Charlie in the early 1970's while visiting Richmond Watchmakers to invite them to the newly reorganized Tri-City Guild. Charlie & father-in-law George Richardson, Sr. were our first recruits that day for Ray Riley (creator & First President of Tri-City Guild) and myself. Charlie became a best friend and professional colleague of mine which continued for over 50 years.

Charlie earned his Certified Master Watchmakers certification from AWCI at his graduation from Chicago School of Watchmaking in 1972. He served as President of Tri-City Guild and HAV, and was a member of the board of directors for for both organizations for many years.

Charles, always with a smile, was there to give advice, listen, and help his colleagues as well as the Jewelers for whom he served as a Trade account watch repair person for many years.

2023 ANNUAL CONVENTION



MAY 5TH – 7TH

HOTEL MADISON & SHENANDOAH VALLEY
CONFERENCE CENTER

710 S. MAIN STREET, HARRISONBURG, VA

Hotel reservations now open and may be made by calling 540-564-0200 or via email to reservations@hotelmadison.com. Use **Group Code HAV2023**. Rate is \$119/night and parking is \$5/day. The reservation cut off date is 5pm, April 4, 2023.

Complete conference information and registration forms will be distributed via email in a special **Conference Edition of Loupes and Tweezers** as well as on the website (havhome.org) soon.

SURVEY - YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

Would you be interested in attending a one-day **Beginners Pocket Watch Repair Class** at this year's Annual Conference? Please send your thoughts to fwhitecmw21@yahoo.com no later than February 18th.



ANNUAL AWCI FALL SYMPOSIUM GRANT IS ANNOUNCED

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AWCI is proud to announce its first offering of its new annual Fall Symposium grants. Through the generosity of donors, we hope to be able to help subsidize the attendance of students and learners, based on personal drive and financial need.

The AWCI Board of Directors is determined to make AWCI headquarters in Harrison, Ohio, a place where people meet, gather, learn, and share -- a place where lifelong friendships are solidified by positive and enlightening social encounters centered around educational projects.

Toward that end, the annual AWCI Board of Directors meeting and Fall Symposium is being hosted at headquarters as the centerpiece of this objective. With that, students of all ages, sexes, races, and nationalities are encouraged to attend; however, often the cost of the meeting, coupled with the travel expenses, preclude this possibility.

To address this, the AWCI Board of Directors is establishing a grant fund, through the ELM Trust, to assist those students who want to attend the annual Fall Symposium but might not have the available funds to do it.

Another goal is to introduce AWCI to a new generation of horological students. With the number of skilled watchmakers and clockmakers already limited in the horological world, and with many of them reaching retirement age, too few young people are replacing them.

One of the barriers to entry in horology has always been the cost of the events, symposiums and classes related to horology. While that cost is not insurmountable, it is quite daunting for the average young horologist. The challenge of cost can set the bar for entry to the horological world, including AWCI, beyond reach for many.

To address this, AWCI has developed its new annual Fall Symposium grant award. Students interested in attending the annual event, and partaking of its educational and networking opportunities, but needing financial aid to do so, are encouraged to apply.

The grants will have multiple goals:

- Introduce younger people to AWCI and horology in general
- Allow student interest in horology to be fostered by the country's premier horological organization
- Encourage students to become active participants in AWCI and its mission

AWCI FALL SYMPOSIUM GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUED

- Meet AWCI's educational objectives
- Generate excitement about horology, both among students, staff and members, and via website and social media activities.

Details

- The applicants awarded the grants will be in terms of a stipend – of a varying amount depending on the financial situation of the student – to assist with attending the AWCI Fall Symposium. This stipend is to cover the expenses of housing, meals, transportation, and other expenses incurred by the student attending the AWCI Fall Symposium
- The recipient of a grant will be 18 years or older engaged in some type of horological craft or trade work on either a professional or serious hobby level. This program is keyed to encouraging a new generation of practitioners, and while a few grey hairs will not eliminate you from consideration, AWCI's goal is to create a group of talent with a long commitment to AWCI, its mission, and horology in general.
- The recipients will be chosen by a committee appointed by the AWCI Board of Directors. That committee will have discretion, under special circumstances, to accept applicants that may not fully meet the preceding eligibility requirements.

Process of Selection

- AWCI will be posting the application on its website with a clear deadline for acceptance and a date for the announcement of final selection(s). Applicants will be notified by email of their successful submission.
- Applications will be accepted up to the deadline, which for 2023 will be July 1, 2023 at 12 Noon. After the deadline, a selection committee chosen by the AWCI Board of Directors will choose finalists from the applicants and arrange for their interview by select members of the committee. This interview may take place either by phone or through an internet medium such as Go to Meeting or Zoom, or in person as mutually convenient.
- After the finalists are interviewed, recipient(s) of the grant(s) will be selected by the committee and notified of their selection.
- The timing and execution of the grant will be coordinated with AWCI and other recipients.
- Under certain special circumstances the board, staff, and selection committee have the option to amend these rules.

Note: All tax liabilities incurred by the recipient from the grant stipend are the recipient's responsibility. Recipients are encouraged to consult an accountant regarding how best to handle the tax implications of the stipend for their individual tax situations.

LOUPES AND TWEEZERS PUBLICATION AND SUBMISSION DATES

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KOMPUTER KORNER

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Are you using MicroSoft's OneDrive? It is neat to use it with multiple computers. My situation is to use my laptops for meetings and presentations. It makes my files and presentations available most of the time. One drawback I have run into is that you sometimes have to have Internet to really access your files. I have to be sure that I have saved the files I need on the laptop hard drive. I hate surprises.

HINTS, HELPS,
SUGGESTIONS
AND NEWS
FOR IBM
COMPATIBLE
COMPUTERS.



Another drawback to OneDrive is that it is on MicroSoft's servers. Apparently, Microsoft is looking at some of it so they can target ads.

Microsoft is coming out with some upgrades. It is recommended that you go to Settings and under Update Settings select delay for a week several times. If there are major problems, it will be in the news. If there is no news, let the upgrade happen. The last big update messed up some folk's printer connections. The latest update that I just got says that it is working very well except some printers or mouse no longer works. The remedy that usually works is go to the manufacturer of the device to get the latest download and reinstall.

I am using MicroSoft Edge as one of my browsers. Some of the above is probably going on here too. But, the good part is that when I shop some sites and when I go to check out, it searches through available discounts and coupons. I have had it save me over 50%. I use Google with DuckDuckGo installed for most of my other Internet action. MicroSoft claims that it has significantly upgraded security features of Edge. Industry experts seem to agree. DuckDuckGo is also available for Edge.

How long has it been since you did a back up? Too long in most cases. You should do a back up at least once a week. Some backup programs will allow you to back up continuously. I prefer to schedule mine once a week. Back up works best as you power down your computer and do not start any programs. Then do the back up. I use Nero Backup, but there are many programs that do this and a lot are free. If you store stuff in strange places, not pictures, not documents, not videos, and not downloads, your back up program may not back them up. You should also do a back up to an external drive once a month or so and then disconnect it. A virus can usually get into everything connected to your computer. If your computer goes crazy or you are notified of a virus (some notifications are bogus), do not grab the external drive first as that will get it too.

KOMPUTER KORNER CONTINUED

I have stopped using my phone to deposit checks. There are too many apps around that have malware in them. The malware can turn off your screen so you cannot see what is going on. I would prefer to go to the bank rather than check my balance and find it to be Zero. Android phones are a little more susceptible than iPhones. Apple used to have a reputation for doing a good job of screening apps in the Apple Store but scammers have now found ways around the screening.

I was using Chrome on my Android phone the other day and clicked on history. I was very upset that all of my browsing history was on my phone. Microsoft has been bugging me to connect my phone to my account. I have always said no. But now it is there. It says it need a little more information to complete the installation. I was able to delete the history on my phone, but I need to figure out how to stop it from coming back.

Within the last 8 months or so I have had 3 laptops decide they did not want to work any more. I was able to get 2 of them back for a day or so, but it was a very long process and did not last long. I have 2 new laptops now, but I was kind of forced to use Windows 11. I am getting used to it, sort of. One gave me the option to step back to Windows 10.

Office-watch.com has a free MS Office newsletter that has a large amount of great tips and useful templates for all the Office programs. Sign up for their newsletter. They have great books too.

If you have questions about computers, I may be able to help you. Spalen@crosslink.net. Some of my sources of information are AskWoody.com and DavesComputerTips.com.

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The **Horological Association of Virginia, HAV**, welcomes all with an interest in clocks and/or watches, whether as a collector, clock or watchmaker, craftsman, enthusiast or just as a casual visitor. Comprised of three Guilds located throughout the state, the scope of HAV has expanded with the purpose of offering education to its members in the latest techniques, up to date technology, and the prompting of fair trade practices.

The following is a brief summary of the many things HAV is actively doing for each of its members:

- Technical Seminars
- Annual Convention
- Loupes and Tweezers Newsletter
- Membership Certificate (available by request)
- Affiliate Chapter of the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute.

Please share this newsletter with a friend and invite them to visit our website at havhome.org for more details on how to become a member.

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