



The Mainspring

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President's Message

"We've come a long way baby"

My two year term as President of Southwestern Chapter 15 will come to an end this month. I am grateful for the help the Board has given me over the last years in getting so much accomplished during this term. We have ventured into the cyber world with our own website and we are sending newsletters via e-mail where possible. We have established monthly meetings with exciting educational programs. Our status as a corporation and 501 c(3) not-for-profit status has been reinstated as well as obtaining liability insurance for the chapter and its officers.

The chapter was able to purchase a laptop computer along with a digital projector for use in our programs and workshops. We joined with Chapters 124 and 139 to have a very successful joint one day mart in Waco; the first of many to come.

As I think about what has been accomplished I would say the past two years have been very productive. I know that the new incoming board will continue to steer the chapter in a progressive and innovative manner. There are plans for more educationals and workshops. Education is what our chapter is all about.

As I have said so many times before, this is YOUR chapter and without YOU the chapter can

not function. Your attendance in chapter functions as well as stepping up to the plate to help with putting on a program or workshop is what keeps the chapter going. The Board can not do this alone. Let's make the next two years even better. With forward thinking leadership, your input and stepping up to the plate to assist when needed we can return the GREAT to the Great Southwestern Chapter 15.

I truly appreciate all the help and assistance given to me over the last years and now it is time to pass the torch.

Jeff

Vice President's Message

John F Kennedy was speaking to the people of the United States when he made the memorable speech from which this quote is taken: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather, what you can do for your country."

As we set our sights for the future of Southwest Chapter 15, I suggest that this quote is timely in this way: "ask not what your chapter can do for you, but rather what you can do for your chapter."

We have a slate of officers for the coming year who have answered the call for service to Chapter 15. While President **Jeff Beehler** will make the announcement, I want to extend my appreciation to the people who have stepped forward to help lead this great Chapter.

The Great Southwestern Regional Convention in Kerrville is fast approaching. Register now to avoid the rush at the convention registration desk. **Pat Holloway** and **Shirley Secor** appreciate those of you who have registered early.

Kara McGregor, Publicity Chairperson, will have a new Convention Program format to guide you through the events of the convention. **Neill Day**, Chairman of Finance, is keeping tabs on the income and expenditures of the Regional. **Leonard Brenner**, Chairman of Exhibits, will give a special presentation on *Tiffany Never Wind Clocks*. **Scott Clark**, Chairman of Silent Auctions, will challenge you to bring your best stuff forward to auction off to the highest bidder. **Annette White**, Chairperson of Door Prizes, will actually give away valuable items to lucky winners. If you have an item or two that you would like to donate for a door prize see **Annette**. **Susan Hansen**, Banquet Chairperson, will organize this gala event to honor our National Representative, **Phil Gregory**, and all those who have served in the Regional. Also Susan will conduct the drawings for a free night at the hotel and other surprises. **Eldon Harris**, Photography Chairman, will be roaming around trying to get blackmail pictures. Chairman of Security, **Jeff Beehler**, will have a team of private eyes watching our every move. Unloading Chairman, **Clyde Day**, will head up the team who makes life easier for all who have tables reserved in the Mart Room. Regional Co-chairman and Chairman of the Mart, **Jerry Brazil**, will coordinate all the activities in the Mart Room. Finally, Hospitality Chairman, **Gene Galbraith**, will be on hand to offer you a refreshing drink and snack while he gets acquainted with all the great members and guests of Chapter 15.

Zeno, a Greek philosopher, so wisely said: "Man

seems to be deficient in nothing as he is in time." As we ponder these words of wisdom, let us measure our priorities in the light of them.☺

Gene Galbraith



Thanks to these men for their help in cleaning up the tower in Lockhart, Sunday, March 18th in preparation for the Tower Clock Open House. Left to right are: Dennis Warner, Jay Holloway, Gene Galbraith, Scott Clark, and Steven Draher.

Director of Programs

The Tower Clock Tour on March 24th was a great success! There were 112 registered guests. Sixty four guests, ages 4 to 74, climbed the 45 foot tower to see and learn about the great clock. A big thanks to **Pat Holloway** and **Susan Hansen** for doing a great job with registration. Others who contributed to the success of the tour were: **Jay Holloway, Ken Reindel, Jeff Beehler, Don Bugh, Luther Lucko, Mark Moreau, Robin Shirkey, Jerry Brazil, and Michael Williams**. Honored guests were: **Commissioner Tom Bonn, County Judge Rebecca Hawener (retired),**

Commissioner Morris Alexander (retired), Phyllis Metcalfe, Clare Brice, Dale Stahlhut, and Bob Larson. A special thanks to: **Kara McGregor** for the great printed program; **Stewart McGregor** for the sound movie footage; **Mike McGregor** for his assistance with the PowerPoint sound system; **Todd Galbraith** for technical assistance; and **Dave Galbraith** for video of the presentation.

Finally, without the approval and cooperation of **Caldwell County Judge, H. T. Wright, and the County Commissioners**, this event could not have happened. NAWCC Chapter 15 extends its grateful appreciation to them for allowing us to provide the public with the rich experience of enjoying this great tower clock.☺

Gene Galbraith

Upcoming Shows and Events

(watch our website for more details)

● **April 20 - 21, 2007**

**Great Southwestern Regional
Inn of the Hills, Kerrville, Texas
sponsored by Chapter 15**

● **June 6 – 9, 2007**

**NAWCC National Convention
Chattanooga, Tenn**

● **August 24 - 25, 2007**

Chapter 139 Regional, Houston

● **October 20, 2007**

**Joint Half Day show, Waco
sponsored by Chapters 15, 124 and 139**

Chapter Financial Report

submitted by Susan Hansen, Treasurer

(General Fund)

Balance 03/01/2007	\$ 9,059.64
Income:	\$210.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$118.54
Website Fee	\$103.00
Tower Clock Program Printing	\$402.66
Balance 04/01/2007)	\$ 8,645.44

(Regional Fund)

Regional Account Balance:	\$ 7,149.81
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Jerry Brazil, Secretary Chapter 15

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**Proposed Slate of Chapter Officers
and Directors**

The following individuals have agreed to run for the positions indicated. This election will be held at the annual chapter business meeting during the Kerrville regional. Chapter members are advised that this is an election and additional nominations can be made from the floor.

President: Gene Galbraith

Vice President: Michael Williams

Treasurer: Neill Day

Secretary: Pat Holloway

Director of Workshops: OPEN

Director of One Day Marts: Ron Davidson

Director of Programs: Jerry Brazil ☺

submitted by Jeff Beehler

*Have you registered
for Kerrville yet???*

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