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Progress at NAWCC Headquarters

I am privileged to get to see all of the thank-you e-mails that Sarah Gallagher at HQ sends to the many members who see fit to make generous donations to the NAWCC. I particularly liked this one, which went out the other day (names and amounts withheld):

Dear Dxxxx & Txxx,

We received your donation of \$X,XXX.00 for the roof/HVAC, thank you. Yesterday the roofers were working directly above my office; it was a loud day! We sincerely appreciate your generosity; it's members such as you that make the NAWCC the great organization it is.



It has been loud at HQ lately. Our building has a crane in the back and a lift in the front. The roof work is progressing rapidly and should be completed by early fall. As a member who has toured the museum when buckets were being used to collect the results of our leaky roof, I can tell those of you who donated to the cause that this new roof should make all of us happy. More importantly, it will keep all the precious clocks, watches, and other horological artifacts at our museum safe from the wet central Pennsylvania weather for a long time to come.



In my “job” on your Board of Directors and as Development Committee Chair, I get to talk to quite a few of you. One question I almost always get these days is a sort of hesitant and dire-toned, “How are we doing in these weird and terrible times?” My answer is always something to the effect of, “Look, I don’t want to paint a completely rosy picture, but we are actually doing pretty well considering.” And we are!

I know we haven’t been able to have the face-to-face events this year, like the Regional and National meetings many of us look forward to. Our membership renewal rate is very slightly down relative to the last couple of years. That being said, we have used this “downtime” to make good progress in many areas. I think we have done a lot to make sure your NAWCC is ready for the future. By that I don’t mean ready to get back to normal, but to come out of these weird times much better in several ways. Here are a few of the obvious bits of progress, aside from the new roof, that we can be proud of:

- Our new website ***Update: All Bulletin Supplements are now online***
- A revised, streamlined, and modernized Message Board is nearing completion.
- Planning for a fantastic 2021 National Meeting in Hampton, Virginia
- Progress on new Museum exhibits, including “Public Time”
- Financial stability
- Efficiencies at HQ, including IT systems and upgraded and less-expensive voting software
- Much-improved staff moral and enthusiasm
- The total of your donations to the NAWCC was actually up over last year.

The \$250,000 donation match opportunity reached just over \$150,000 matched by the June deadline. However, our anonymous donor has extended the deadline for the match for another year. We are already making a dent in the remaining \$100,000 matching opportunity. If you want to help with a matching donation, please email me for the match rules.

In short, I think that our members have a lot to look forward to from the NAWCC.

There are many members and staff who deserve thanks for all of this progress, but I want to particularly recognize someone who has been a positive force at the NAWCC for more years than he would want me to mention. This special member is Mr. Tom McIntyre. Tom has been both an inspirational leader and tireless worker on many NAWCC projects over the years, and recently he was (virtually) awarded the NAWCC Volunteer of the Year Award.



I also want to mention that one of the interesting and unanticipated benefits of our new website has been the upgraded “Support Us” development section. You knew that this would be my favorite thing, but even I did not anticipate one of the wonderful effects of this upgraded and functionally much easier to use part of the new website.

We are certainly getting more financial donations through the new site and a lot of comments from members that donating is easier and less time consuming. What is really amazing, though, is how many offers of “Donations in Kind” or donations of horologically related articles, such as clocks, watches, tools, library material, etc., we are receiving. These offers range from very nice clocks and watches to absolutely sublime pieces.

Related to this, we will have an announcement in the next eBlast newsletter, and probably an article in an upcoming Bulletin, about a spectacular clock we have acquired from a generous, non-member donor that will knock the socks off even the most dedicated watch collector. Finally, as usual, I’ve attached our detailed list of recent achievements from the Oversight and Advancement Committee.

[Please click here to open the Adobe PDF file of our recent achievements.](#)

As you can tell, I am excited about our future at the NAWCC. It has been and will undoubtedly continue to be a tough year, but we will come out of it and hopefully be the better for the experience. Please stick with us. Please keep up your enthusiasm and love for this organization, which has done so much good for the horological community over the years. Please visit our new website at <https://nawcc.org> and our Message Board at <https://mb.nawcc.org>. And, if possible, please consider supporting us through these tough times simply by continuing or upgrading your membership, or by going to the “Support” section of the new website at <https://www.nawcc.org/donate/> to make a donation.

I wish you all health and happiness.

John D. Cote

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