



Desert Steiners

**Our next meeting is Saturday April 10, 2010 in
Tucson at the home of:
John Piet and Donna Stefanek**

Lunch will be semi-potluck. Due to the distance being traveled, and menu, we request the Phoenix attendees and others that have to travel a long distance bring salads and/or deserts, enough for 6 or more. The local Tucson members are requested to bring side dishes for 6 or more.

The Desert Steiners will supply the meat course, soft drinks, plates, cups, napkins, paper towels and ice. You can drink beer, but you have to bring it yourself.

There will be a \$5.00 charge per person to cover the meat dish and other expenses.

Agenda:

11:00-12:30 Talking and looking at what you bring

12:30-01:30 Let's have an enjoyable lunch and conversation with fellow steiners.

01:30-01:45 Club meeting.

01:45-3:00 Main program

Last Meeting:

The Wesslings hosted another great lunch, thank you Peggy and Spencer. There was a good show and tell session that progressed into Ron describing our 2010 attendance stein, a mint regimental stein.

Our main speaker was Joe Heater. He gave and orchestrated a great talk on character steins.

Next Meeting:

Our own John Piet will be our featured speaker. John, who is an S.C.I. officer and the webmaster, is a certifiable expert on the most interesting subject: German student associations and their steins. Those that remember his last presentation on this subject, which was a real standout, should be most pleased that John is planning to share even more of his considerable knowledge with our group.

Further, since John's last presentation; he has substantially expanded his collection of these beautiful steins, a collection that you surely will find most interesting.

Anyone having a (or some) student association stein(s) should bring it (them) for John to describe and evaluate. Also, if you have a recent acquisition other than a student stein, bring it for "show and tell" too. And if you have questions about any of your steins, recent acquisition or not, perhaps one of our two Desert Steiner members who are Master Steinologists can answer some of your questions. Certainly, the price is right, just the price of attending a meeting.

When you arrive, don't forget to place your "ticket" in the Attendance Prize Stein - to win a very nice regimental stein. The drawing will be at our last meeting of the year. The more often you attend, the better chance you have of winning this \$350, mint condition, regimental stein. To see a picture of our 2010 Attendance Prize Stein, simply go to the S.C.I. web site (www.steincollectors.org), click on chapters and scroll down to Desert Steiners (www.steincollectors.org/chapters/DesertSteiners/DesertSteiner_test.html). There you will see the Attendance Prize Stein as well as recent chapter meeting reports.

Nominations for Master Steinologist and the Jack Heimann Service Award are being solicited. The basic criteria Master Steinologist are:

1. Candidate must be a member of SCI in good standing.
2. Candidate must have been published in Prosit, the SCI website or other SCI endorsed media.
3. Candidate must be recognized as a knowledgeable expert of some aspect of beer stein collecting.
4. Candidate must have demonstrated a prolific willingness to openly share stein knowledge with other members of SCI.

The basic criteria for the Jack Heimann Service Award are:

1. Candidate must be a member of SCI in good standing.
2. Candidate must be widely recognized as having performed exceptional service for SCI.
3. Criteria to be considered include official positions held, contributions at the national/international level, service at the chapter level and any other forms of service. Speaking, publishing, and otherwise sharing of expertise, which are proper qualifications for the Master Steinologist Award, are secondary considerations for the service award.
4. Although no specific duration of service is mandated, it is normally expected that the service will have been provided over a minimum of several years.
5. Current SCI office holders are not eligible.

There will be forms for both these awards at the meeting. Please be thinking of good candidates.

I was looking through the Chapter section at the SCI website. Did you know there are 24 chapters represented there. Almost all of them have either a website or a newsletter posted.

Many of these newsletters contain articles that you will not find elsewhere. So, not only can you read about your hobby in Prosit, but you can continue your reading with these newsletters.

Providing an e-mail address gets you the newsletter quicker and the club saves money.

2010 paid membership: Whittemore, Phipps, McCray, Piet, Stewart, Wessling, Reifenkugel, Scheer(elder), Scheer, Kirsner, Heater, Heiligenstein, Woods, Peters, Iserson

2010 dues are due now and are \$10 per family.

Remember: the SCI website: www.steincollectors.org

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