



Desert Steiners

**Our next meeting is Saturday January 17, 2009 in
Tucson at:
Skyline Country Club 5300 E. St. Andrews Dr,
Tucson**

The cost is \$12.00 per person, including tax and gratuity. Reservations are a must!

Coming from the South on I10, exit right at Kolb Rd (Exit 270). Continue north on Kolb until Tanque Verde Rd., shortly after which Kolb bends to the left (west) becoming Grant Rd. Continue west on Grant to Swan Rd. Turn right (north) on Swan, crossing River Rd to Sunrise Rd, keep going North ...

Coming from the West on I10, exit left at Ina Rd (Exit 248). Continue East on Ina. It will cross Oracle, First and Campbell before coming to Swan Rd. Ina Rd. will have turned to Skyline Rd and then Sunrise Rd. (without you having to do anything but drive East). Turn North onto Swan Rd...

And for those in Tucson and the rest that are now at Sunrise and Swan, go North on Swan Rd for about one-half of a mile. The entrance of Skyline Country Club will be on your right. Tell the guard you are going to Skyline for a luncheon meeting and he will let you in. Drive times should be about 30 minutes from South I-10 or 25 minutes from West I-10.

We will have a meeting room on the entry level. Your choice for lunch will be either bratwurst with sauerkraut, or pork Wiener schnitzel with light mushroom gravy, or vegetable strudel topped with light mushroom gravy. All entrees come with German potato salad, chef's vegetable and assorted rolls as well as soda, ice tea and/or coffee. There will also be a cash bar for beer.

Reservations are a must! \$12.00 per person. Please send a check, made out to Ron Heiligenstein, to:

Ron Heiligenstein
7374 Secret Canyon Drive
Tucson, AZ 85718

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It is most important to make your reservations in this way so the club has an accurate idea on how to arrange the room. So don't delay, mail your check today.

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I would like to pause a moment to remember Richard Schwartz (1954 – 2008). Our good friend and Desert Steiner member Richard Schwartz passed away unexpectedly on 27th November, 2008. Richard loved collecting, including assorted antiques, unusual Swiss watches, but especially old beer steins.

We often joked that there wasn't an antique shop or a flea market west of the Rockies that Richard hadn't visited at least once. He possessed an unbelievable eye for important collectables, which can be seen throughout his home.

Richard is survived by Kitty, his loving wife of thirty-three years, who was at his side at his last hour. Richard will be sorely missed by his many friends.

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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-? Main program

Last Meeting:

Spencer and Peggy Wessling hosted a terrific pot luck buffet lunch. There was a great display table with over a dozen steins. John Piet reported on the SCI convention in Bad Schussenried, Germany. John has also accepted to be SCI's webmaster. Be sure to go to SCI's home page to see his great work.

nice company and interesting to see the Heater's collection so well displayed. During show and tell Ron Heiligenstein discussed an interesting regimental stein. Ron Grey won Ron's regular Prosit Quiz winning a box on the Congress of Vienna.

The 2008 attendance stein was won by Karen Humphrey. The 2009 was unveiled; it is a humorous Mettlach ½ liter PUG. You can see it at:

<http://www.steincollectors.org/chapters/DesertSteiners/DesertSteiner.html>

The main show was an outstanding presentation by Ron Gray on Thewalt steins. Ron has had extensive communications with Albert Thewalt. Ron created both a reference book on Thewalt Manufactory and their steins and a PowerPoint presentation that made for an interesting program.

Next Meeting:

Our speaker will be Joe Bent, coming from Ft. Collins, Colorado on a bicycle, no, about bicycles; steins with bicycle themes. Ron Heiligenstein can attest to the fact that Joe has some really great pieces that should be of considerable interest to everyone.

There will also be a Show and Tell table and a For Sale table. Please bring items for each. Anything with a bicycle theme would fit perfectly. Please mark the price on the For Sale items. For the Show and Tell table bring your first stein, your latest stein, your most beloved stein, the stein your mother gave you, etc. or things bicycle.

The 2009 Attendance stein will be on display. It is a ½ liter Mettlach PUG. Only members with up to date dues get a chance at this beautiful stein.

Treasury Report:

Balance from April	+	New Dues	-	Lunch Expense	-	Attendance Stein	-	Postage/Supplies	=	New Balance
\$571.75	+	\$140.00	-	\$60.00	-	\$275.00	-	\$13.74	=	\$363.01

Please provide an e-mail address if you can. You get the newsletter quicker and the club saves money.

2009 paid membership: Whittemore, Wurst, Richmond, Montemayor, Watts, Wessling, Piet, Pabst, Woods, Heiligenstein, Humphrey, Scheer(elder), Scheer

Please welcome new members: Dan Miller, Tucson; Albert Pabst, Tucson; Bobbie and Anne Watts, Goodyear; Karen Humphrey, Mesa

2009 dues are due now and are \$10 per family.

Remember: the SCI website: www.steincollectors.org An excerpt from Stein Talk...

The following question was posted :

Suddenly some family members noticed I collect steins and they are starting to buy me steins they see in garage sales and thrift stores. They assume since I "collect", then I will be thrilled to own as many steins as possible. Of course I have myself bought a thrift store stein or two, but that is because I LIKE them. I don't like ALL steins. I know they mean well. I just can't think of a way of telling them to stop without hurting feelings; and I know they will look at my shelves when they visit expecting to see their gifts. I am looking for some suggestions on how to handle this.

With the following reply:

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I have had the same problem. I handled it rather rudely: "I appreciate your thoughts but I have specific interests. Please don't spend your money for me." Recently I got an Avon and a lidless Bud stein. I don't have room for them. They went to Goodwill.

And this reply:

I've convinced family & friends that I collect steins made by only one manufacturer and that they're extremely difficult to find and very expensive. So far it's worked!

And this reply:

Andrea, You could turn this situation to your benefit. Tell them you appreciate their efforts but you have developed specific interests and yours are "XYZ steins". Urge them to let you know if they find such steins. They just might find something at yard sales and antique shops you can't get to.

And finally, this reply:

What an interesting question. I can think of several approaches. When my stein collection was getting a bit big, I moved to a larger house. That was a good solution, but not always practical. Much cheaper would be simply to learn to love all steins! Sit and meditate in front of the doubtful one, thinking about its good points. There is always something good to be found about a stein (although Avon and 60's Japanese are a bit challenging); if nothing else works fill it with good beer and drink it. It may take a few tries but eventually it will seem a great stein. Another thought is to have one shelf dedicated to gift steins, with labels saying who they are from. Maybe then your friends and relatives will compete to have the most impressive stein on the shelf.

Respectfully Submitted, Grace/Don Scheer; don_scheer@hotmail.com; 520/219-4472

