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The New England Steiner

President's Message

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the first issue of The New England Steiner! As our group continues to develop and grow, it becomes essential that we take an active involvement in both our club and the hobby which we continually pursue. With the development of a newsletter, it is my hope that we will not only cultivate our membership, but also create a forum to keep our members informed and involved in stein collecting.

I strongly encourage our members to become regular participants in the development of this publication. We will be searching for articles, want ads, editorials, and relevant information pertaining to our group, its members, and of course stein collecting. If you

would like to be a columnist, or have an idea for the newsletter, I encourage you to contact me. Our membership is defined by knowledgeable and devoted people who have many interesting ideas to share with our club...so be active.

Aside from our newsletter, we are also in the midst of planning an international convention! Although we are still in the planning stage, we are currently looking for members who will be willing to devote their time as volunteers to ensure the success of the FIRST New England Steiners convention! Ralph Joyce is our committee chair, and will undoubtedly lead a successful convention ...but he can't do it alone! Let us know if you if you can help.

Justin Pimentel

Meeting Minutes

Our last meeting was held on August 9, 2008 at the Sheraton hotel in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The meeting began with our usual stein sales and social hour, but soon led into a discussion of possibilities for the location of the convention. While many ideas were thrown about, we are still in the midst of deciding if the Portsmouth Sheraton will be a suitable location.

After lunch, we were treated to a wonderful presentation by Steve Steigerwald who spoke on rare and unusual trends in Mettlach wares. As expected, Steve treated us to some interesting slides that taught even our most knowledgeable members about the unpredictability of the

Mettlach firm.
Thanks Steve!

A show and tell presentation by David Harr introduced us to two of his new character steins. The political Donkey and Elephant are two of the nicer contemporary steins that I have seen. While still in the production stage, these are two steins that are certainly worth a look. Check out Dave's site: www.charactersteins.com. He is also working on an online character stein book that will be a great (free) resource to ALL collectors. Stay tuned for more information.

Future Meetings

Our next meeting will be on October 4, 2008 at the home of Sally and Dan Rumlík. This will be a joint meeting of the New England Steiners and Die Studenten Prinz Gruppe. Dan has an innovative auction planned so be sure to bring your steins! RSVP with Dan:

danrumplik@msn.com or (413) 566-8276

Member News

Recently, two of our members have made accomplishments at the international level. Ralph Joyce is SCI's 1st VP of Conventions. With his new role he will certainly be busy while also serving as our convention chair. Congratulations and good luck to Ralph! David Harr has been awarded the 2008 Jack Heimann Award. With his devoted service, we are certainly proud to have him as one of our members.

Classifieds

Wanted: Character steins, good glass...don't assume I already have it.

Contact David Harr - steinsetc@charter.net

Wanted: Mettlach

PUG steins:
1047(2140) gnomes smoking, 962(2179) gnome drinking.

Email Justin jp9791@netzero.net

Wanted: All things Diesinger (that I don't already own).

All things you may suspect are Diesinger. No Diesinger character steins please - I have a mortgage.
John Grube
401-965-3875
jgrube@orionred.com

Wanted: Your ads!
Let us know what you are either seeking or selling. While our meetings are a great way to purchase or sell steins, our newsletter will be an additional forum for you to pick up or liquidate steins. Send your request to jp9791@netzero.net. Be sure to include your name with contact information so that our members can get in touch with you.

Mini-Convention...There's still Time!

Mini-Convention Details

October 10-12, 2008

Holiday Inn North Shore,
5300 West Touhy Avenue,
Skokie, IL 60077, 847-679-8900

**Register Early - Northwestern University
hosts Michigan State in a Big 10 football
game in nearby Evanston on October 11th**

Costs, per person:

Registration \$75.00

After 10/1 \$80.00

Stein Sales Table \$15.00

After 10/1 \$20.00

! Sales Table \$ 7.50

After 10/1 \$12.00

Hotel costs;

Double Room - \$119 per night

*(make your arrangements directly with the
hotel, mention the "**Stein Mini-Convention**")*

For updated information on the

--- Come Early, Stay Late ---

Stein Collectors' '08 Vacation Meet

*look on the SCI website at Conventions,
Meister Steiners, or e-mail Jack Strand at*

nstrand@sbcglobal.net

*American Taxi Dispatch offers a \$25 flat rate
from O'Hare to the Hotel, and \$48 from Midway*

--- 847-255-9614 ---

Check the SCI website for a registration form