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## Dutch Treats

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## Choice Made

By Jim Lapp

Once again it seems I have come across evidence that there were several possibilities before production began on a particular Royal Bayreuth piece, this time the devil and cards creamer. Since my discovery of the alternate covered sugars last year I have been sensitive to the fact that these preliminary considerations are out there. As I look for devil and card pieces offered on eBay and other sites I look more closely, trying to detect subtle differences in form. One of these, I believe, is present here. Marked only with an incised number, this may be another of the 'test' molds. The most striking difference is that the spout of the creamer is made by the two outer cards whereas on the familiar form it is made with those behind the two outer cards. Another difference is the devil's tail, seen here on the left, normally to the right. Other small dissimilarities are shown in the provided photos.

Beyond the serendipitous grace and whimsy and the quality exceeding purpose, it is this constant opportunity for discovery. This is partly due to the apparent laxity of the operation early on (and of course the fires). This makes an ever-present pleasure for me in the collecting of this compelling porcelain. Good hunting to all!



## President's Message

*By Alvin Cappel*

I took time out from watching the Olympics to write this newsletter article. I share the pride the Olympians feel when our red, white and blue flag is raised for winning the gold!

Did you know the flag of the Netherlands is also red, white and blue? There are three equal horizontal bands of red, white and blue, with red on the top. The people of the Netherlands refer to themselves as Nederlanders, or Netherlanders, but are also known as the Dutch.

We are looking forward to the September convention with its "Dutch" theme. We seem to take a closer look at the pieces that represent the theme we select. (We were amazed at the information Kat Thacker presented in her "Comparing Apples to Apples" program last year.) This year we're looking forward to learning how many different scenes there are in our Royal Bayreuth "Dutch" pieces. The pieces I have seen have all been small. Are there other bigger pieces out there? At this year's convention, these "children" are welcome. Please get into your china cabinets, take out your Dutch Children, wrap them carefully and bring them to the convention! They will be featured at one of our programs. You may even learn a little about the Dutch culture while you visit.

Keep this list handy when you pack for your trip to Pittsburgh:

1. Children (Dutch only)
2. Show and Tell Items
3. Wanna-Bees
4. Don't Wanna-Bees
5. Lanyards
6. Yankee Swap Gifts
7. Auction items for Steve
8. Door Stops
9. Hospitality Room Donations

**10. Don't delay making your reservations and getting your registration to our secretary Chris Bartlett. For reservations, contact Embassy Suites Pittsburgh PA. Room rates are \$115. plus taxes. If you book online use the special Group Code "BAY" for the RBCC rate or call the direct line to the hotel 412-269-9070.**

We look forward to seeing the friends that we've made over the past years, and meeting new friends. Hopefully, we will have many pieces to view in the rooms, and a variety of "Show and Tell" pieces and "Wanna Bees." Be prepared to share your stories of "This is how I found the..." and "I got this piece for \$1.00..." (I wish I had that story to tell!) I still think about Harold Brandenburg's Santa Claus creamer and his Sunday morning story. If you've forgotten, I'm sure he'll tell it again!

Karen Church had a comprehensive PA visitor's list in our last newsletter. Many sightseeing adventures are waiting for those of you who want to come early (or stay late) on your visit to Pittsburgh. There are so many things to do!

Ask anyone, anywhere, to name things that are definitely "Dutch" and the answer is going to include tulips, windmills and wooden shoes. YOU should add Royal Bayreuth Porcelain Dutch scenes to that list! Dust off your wooden shoes and clomp to Pittsburgh in September. Gauw tot Ziens! (See you soon.)

## Welcome to Our New Members

*By Chris Bartlett*

**Lynden Lyman**

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If Lynden's name sounds familiar, it is because he was a member several years ago and has rejoined the club. He has put some fabulous pieces in the auction!

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## Fruity Puzzle Results

*By Kat Thacker*

The results are in! We had only one participant for our fruity cover query in the June issue. And guess what? Roberta Cappel not only knew ALL the different fruits made in RB, she actually informed me of one I'd missed! That makes her the GRAND PRIZE winner of absolutely nothing but the honorary title of "HEAD FRUIT!" Here are the 7 items photographed in the cover fruit bowl: orange, pear, apple, lemon, grapes, strawberry, and watermelon. Left out: pineapple, cherries, plum and for the extra bonus point: muskmelon (or cantaloupe as we Michiganders call them)!



## Dutch Hospitality

By Roberta Cappel

Please note, one fast food “Dutch Treat” that will not be on the table in the hospitality room is “soused herring.” This is RAW herring from the North Sea that has been cleaned, the head removed and conserved in a special way with salt. It is typically eaten with raw onions and pickles. The Dutch pick it up by the tail and then let it slide into their mouth gradually. This is considered a fine fish delicacy.

What we would like to see on our table is an array of cookies, fruit, CHOCOLATE, chips, etc. It would also be fun to see any Dutch items (except soured herring) on the table. Heat up your Dutch oven, consider what you will be bringing (in the windmills of your mind), and bring it so that it may pass through our tu-lips. Don’t you just love themes!!!

## Bonus for Attending Pittsburgh Convention!

By Steve Bartlett

Recently, the Club was given a substantial number of RB pieces from a long time collector. We will not receive the collection until the convention in September. At this time we will not add pieces to the auction unless they are very rare or hard to find. We will offer some of the recently donated pieces to club members this year via a silent auction to be held on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. The pieces will start with a minimum asking price and sold to the highest bidder via the silent auction.

## Secretary’s Message

By Chris Bartlett

The Pittsburgh convention is quickly approaching—and we hope YOU are planning to attend! You won’t want to miss out on all the fun activities planned. So if you haven’t already done so please send in your registration form to me as soon as possible. The Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club Convention is your best chance to see an amazing variety of beautiful and unusual pieces. And best of all, many of these pieces will be available at the club auction. Be sure to check out the website to see the list and pictures of items. Plan on submitting absentee bids soon if you can’t be at the convention. Remember, there are NO buyer’s fees at all so this is the perfect chance to add some special items to your collection. Thank you to members who have submitted these wonderful pieces. We hope all club members will plan to **bid and bid often** so that you can be the happy

owner of some of these treasures.

Our club currently totals 123 members. Three years ago at this time we had 126 members so we are doing a really good job in keeping our club interesting and valuable to both longtime and new collectors. When club members have not renewed their membership it is usually because they are no longer collecting. We are attracting new members, many of whom visit our website for information. Our Publicity Chair Judy Stockwell is doing a wonderful job of getting our club information out to the public.

Please be sure to let me know of any address, phone, or email changes. See you in Pittsburgh!

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## R.B.C.C. Treasurer’s Report

By Steve Bartlett

**Checkbook Balance as of 4/30/2012 .....\$9,614.98**

### Receipts

Membership dues .....	\$60.00
Convention Receipts. ....	\$270.00
Total Receipts .....	\$330.00

### Disbursements

June Newsletter .....	\$513.84
Postage and Supplies .....	\$14.65
Total Disbursements .....	\$528.49

**Checkbook Balance as of 7/31/2012.....\$9,416.49**

## Editor's Message

*By Kat Thacker*

Greetings and salutations fellow RBCCers!

Well it's getting close, the BIG 2012 Convention. Have you gotten your hotel reservations yet? Planned your travel itineraries to Pittsburgh? Started packing up your unusual RB finds to share with your fellow members? The countdown is ON!!! Our "behind the scenes" elves are planning another wonderful get-together for all our members. Check out the agenda for just a few of the many fun activities for you to enjoy during your visit. Thursday night attend our sweet ice cream social to meet n' greet all your RB friends. We have a fantastic auction (both live and silent this year), educational programs, and the always popular rarities, wanna-bees and kinda wanna-bees. Our Hospitality Room will be full of yummy snacks and a wonderful place to check out the jam-packed club scrapbooks while visiting with friends old and new.

I would like to take this time to assign you a project to do while you travel and enjoy our convention. Can you bring your cameras along and take LOTS of pictures (both en-route and during the BIG event)? Then send us the files once you get back home. If you're not sure how to do this, just grab Gregg during the convention and ask for him to walk you through the steps. It really helps to have lots of different versions to choose the absolute best for our December convention wrap-up issue. You might want to refresh your camera skills before your trip by checking out **Gregg's Photo Tips Presentation** on our club website. Just go to the **Member's Entrance**, click on the **2011 Dayton** link and then the **2011 Convention Pics and Presentations** link. It's a comprehensive tutorial w/lots of good info for improving your photography skills. We want to have a fantastic newsletter and many fine photos to share on the website with **ALL** our RBCC members, even those that can't attend this year!

MANY thanks to Roberta Cappel (and Alvin and their daughter too!) for shooting the beautiful cover shot of their Dutch Kids. She was such a good sport and even allowed me to art direct her composition (multiple times!!!). Thanks also to Karen Church for her many photos of her amazing collection. Additional thanks to Jim Lapp for his always interesting articles and important warning and update on the bogus RB manufacturer showing up on eBay. We couldn't put this publication together without all your contributions!

## Website News

*By Gregg Thacker*

Be sure to view the 2012 auction list, updated until convention, available on the home page of the website. The convention form is also available there if you prefer to use that instead of the one included in the newsletter.

There have been a few cases where users have been locked out of our website. This is a security feature of our website host that we benefit from and cannot change. If you enter an incorrect password several times your "IP" address may be locked out of the website. Your "IP" address is a unique identifier that shows your connection to the internet. If our host sees multiple attempts to access a website from the same IP using an incorrect password it thinks you are trying to break in and will block you. If that happens you will need to identify your IP address (for example visit [www.whatismyip.com](http://www.whatismyip.com)) and send it to [editor@royalbayreuth.org](mailto:editor@royalbayreuth.org). We must then refer it to the security person at our host who will unlock your IP so you can again access the site. It may be troublesome, but that is one of the ways to keep our site safe. **Be sure to use the latest password!**

## Publicity 2012

*By Judy Stockwell*

To keep everyone up to date, this is what I have been doing as far as publicity for the Club.

I sent out a press release (Summer 2012) by “snail mail” to 39 antique shops in Pittsburgh, PA and the surrounding areas. Hopefully they will contact their dealers and let them know that we are coming then load up their cases with Royal Bayreuth!

38 press releases were sent out to antique newspapers and magazines on the internet. We received back a couple of notes so far from The Antique Bee, The Antique Shoppe Newspaper, and Antique & The Arts Weekly (so I know that they were going to put something into their papers). See if you can find those newspapers and save the articles for me PLEASE (would actually love to see the newspaper/magazine). I will turn them over to Roberta Cappel for the club scrapbooks after I read them.

If any of you coming to the convention and would like a list of the antique shops with addresses sent to you before you leave, email me at buckhill1@comcast.net or call me at 603-924-3539. There will also be a list in the “goody bag” when you register at the Convention. See you all there!

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- November 10 for December Issue
- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue
- August 10 for September Issue

## From the Auction Chair

*By Steve Bartlett*

Anything is possible in Pittsburgh!

Have you dreamed of owning a Rabbit creamer? A Santa creamer or even a Santa lemonade? A Platypus, a Ladybug or a Kangaroo creamer? A Seal, a Black Devil or Art Nouveau water pitcher? Old Ivory Pieces? Scenic or Tapestry pieces? And much, much more. NOW YOU CAN!!!

With just a few weeks left until the fall convention in Pittsburgh PA, the Club currently has firm commitments for over 120 pieces of fine Royal Bayreuth for the Friday night auction. I'm pleased with the scope, variety and scarcity of the pieces. There is something in this auction for everyone. It's a great time for you to add that special piece to round out your collection or to add to your beginning collection. Please help your club and tell any RB collectors you know about the auction. We will consider adding more pieces at this point only if they are unusual and/or rare in the judgment of the auction chair and if you contact me before Monday, September 10 at (401) 885-5889 or by email at dufferdog@aol.com.

I hope you have taken a few moments to view the pictures of the auction items on our club website. If not, go to ([www.royalbayreuth.org](http://www.royalbayreuth.org)). This may be the best selection for the Club auction in recent years. The web page will be updated as

new pieces are consigned, so keep checking out the Club's website.

If you are unable to attend the convention in Pittsburgh but are interested in bidding on one or several pieces in the auction, absentee bids may be submitted. You may have another member bid on your behalf or if you want the auction committee to bid for you in absentia, please email, fax or snail mail the item numbers and the description of the items along with your maximum bids to me prior to Friday, September 14. If you are a winning bidder, I will contact you after the auction so you can make payment and we will make arrangements to ship your pieces to you at your cost. Where else can you buy gorgeous pieces of RB with no buyer's premium and no auction fee? Although we attempt to accurately describe each piece the club offers no warranties and all auction pieces are sold as is.

Can you help at the auction? Once again, a couple of our long time auction helpers are not able to attend this year. Can you help? One responsibility is to look over the pieces as they come in to identify any defects. Another is to display and walk the pieces to the highest bidder during the auction. Let me know if you can help.

I hope to see you in Pittsburgh at the big convention.

# 2012 Convention Auction List

1	Parrot Creamer Orange Bird, White Vessel	38A	Pear Milk	75	Water Buffalo Creamer Brown
2	Frog Creamer – Green	39	Covered Tapestry Dish	76	Parrot Water Orange Bird, White Vessel
3	Tapestry Vase Chrysanthemum		Man & Woman Scene	77	Devil & Cards Candy Dish
4	Strawberry Cracker Jar - Large	40	Santa Creamer Red	78	“Old Ivory” Cream & Sugar Handpainted
5	Tomato Demi Cup	41	Parrot Milk Orange Bird, White Vessel	79	Clown Short Candle Stick Yellow
5A	Clover Creamer	42	Coachman Hatpin Holder (Repair?)	80	Black Crow Orange Beak
6	Ibex Stirrup Cup	43	Cat Creamer Black	80A	Ladybug Milk
7	Radish Salt Shaker	43A	Clover Sugar (No Top)	81	Lamplighter Toothpick
8	Devil Creamer Mottled Black	44	Orchid Water Pitcher	82	Tomato Salt & Pepper
9	Lamplighter Hatpin Holder	45	Maple Leaf Creamer	83	Seal Water Pitcher
10	Maiden Creamer Blue	46	Clown Milk Pitcher Yellow	84	Nut Set Large Bowl with 4 Small Bowls Green
11	Coachman Water Pitcher	47	Lobster Demi Cup Claw on Lettuce	84A	Flounder Creamer
12	Poppy Demi Cup Red	48	Chili Pepper Salt & Pepper Red (Chip?)	85	Strawberry Milk Pitcher
12A	Red Devil Creamer	48A	Turkey Ashtray	86	Tapestry Vase Maidens 4”
13	Tapestry Vase Gazebo Lake Scene 4”	49	Duck Creamer	87	Platypus Creamer
14	Clown Creamer Yellow	50	Sunbonnet Babies Planter	88	Coachman Toothpick
15	Little Bo Peep Sugar	51	Lamplighter Milk	89	Devil Water Pitcher Orange
16	Shell Boot Creamer	52	Lemon Creamer	90	Rose Tapestry Milk Pitcher
17	“Old Ivory” Cup & Saucer Handpainted	53	Poppy Bowl with Lid Apricot 3½” Tall 4” Wide	90A	Snake milk
18	Ladybug Creamer	54	Alligator Creamer	91	Lamplighter Water Pitcher
18A	Fox Head Stirrup	54A	Pear Creamer with Flower (Blue Mark)	92	Devil & Cards Hanging Match Holder Small
19	Apple Demi Cup Gold Interior	55	Pansy Teapot	93	Geranium Creamer
20	Strawberry Creamer	56	Pear Demi Cup Gold Interior	94	Tapestry Vase Moose and Hounds Scene 6”
21	Corn Salt & Pepper (Chip)	57	Seal Milk Pitcher	94A	Penguin Milk
22	Coachman Humidor	58	Poppy Salts Pair Red	95	Elk Water Pitcher
23	Devil & Cards Creamer	59	Grape Wall Pocket Lavender	96	St.Bernard Milk Pitcher
24	Shell Wall Pocket	59A	Horse Head Creamer	97	Chamois Stirrup Cup
24A	Pear Creamer	60	Tomato Water Pitcher	98	Rooster Creamer
25	Rose All Gold	61	Budgie Birds Vase	99	Lemon Large Open Bowl 8”X6½”
26	Seal Creamer	62	Clown Candy Dish Red	100	Art Nouveau Water Pitcher
27	Apple Creamer	63	Poodle Creamer Black & Gray	101	Turtle Milk
27A	Penguin Creamer	64	Tapestry Vase Castle Scene 4”	101A	Devil Ashtray
28	Grape Sugar Purple	65	Moose Stirrup Cup Marked Savin Rock	102	Kangaroo Creamer
29	St.Bernard Creamer	66	“Old Ivory” Bowl Hand Painted	103	Coachman Salt & Pepper
30	Tapestry Rose Leaf Shaped Dish 5”	67	Poppy Demi Cup Yellow	104	Santa Lemonade Red
31	Devil & Cards Water	68	Dachshund Creamer Black		
32	Bull Creamer Black & Gray	69	Corn Round Plate 9”		
32A	Open Wing Butterfly Creamer	70	Frog Creamer Red		
33	Poppy Toothpick Holder Red	70A	Devil Milk		
33A	Corinthian Humidor (Black)	71	Lamplighter Salt No Pepper		
34	Mum Demi Cup	72	Strawberry Demi Cup Gold Interior and Under Plate		
35	Rabbit Creamer	72A	Pear Milk with Flowers (Blue Mark)		
36	Goose Girl Small Coffee Pot w/2 Cups and Saucers	73	Clown Creamer Red		
37	Strawberry Cracker Small	74	Goose Girl Humidor		
38	Eagle Creamer				

## Potential Fraud Alert

By Jim Lapp

To all vintage porcelain collectors: I have found what I believe to be the major source of modern reproductions of antique porcelain collectables. This includes half-dolls, bathing beauties, creamers and other figurines, particularly those of Schafer & Vater. This is a follow-up to an article published last year where in I presented several suspect eBay sellers offering reproductions rarely identified and left to the assumptions of the unwary collector. As you will see this company is based in Belgium and may or may not be directly involved in the eBay sold pieces. Be aware, and check the following websites of the producer of these unmarked copies.

[www.keralouve.com/divers.htm](http://www.keralouve.com/divers.htm) or  
[www.keralouve.com/total.htm](http://www.keralouve.com/total.htm)

### Wanted

If you have a Rose Tapestry Shoe for sale, please contact Steve Bartlett at [dufferdog@aol.com](mailto:dufferdog@aol.com) or phone 401-885-5889.

## RB Sales History on eBay

By Gregg Thacker

Did you know that about two months of sales history are freely available to check out on eBay? They make it a little cumbersome to download and study, but if you are handy working with spreadsheets and databases you can extract some interesting results in an hour or two. Below is a recap of sales for two months: June-July 2012, often a slow sales period!

- Number of pieces listed. . . . . 1,435
- Number of pieces sold. . . . . 830 (58 %)
- Total dollar value sold. . . . . \$55,537
- Top seller (pieces) . . . . . 44
- Top seller (dollars) . . . . . \$5,320
- Average bid per sold items . . . . . 5
- Number of RB sellers in these 2 months . . . . . 733
- Lowest sale price (nice tomato # 120936379965) . . . . . \$0.99
- Highest sale price (Santa # 110921901518) . . . . . \$1,742.17
- Pieces sold for \$15 or less: . . . . . 175
- Pieces sold for \$200 or more: . . . . . 55
- Sellers who sold more than 5 pieces . . . . . 50

## Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices from April

By Dotty Earle

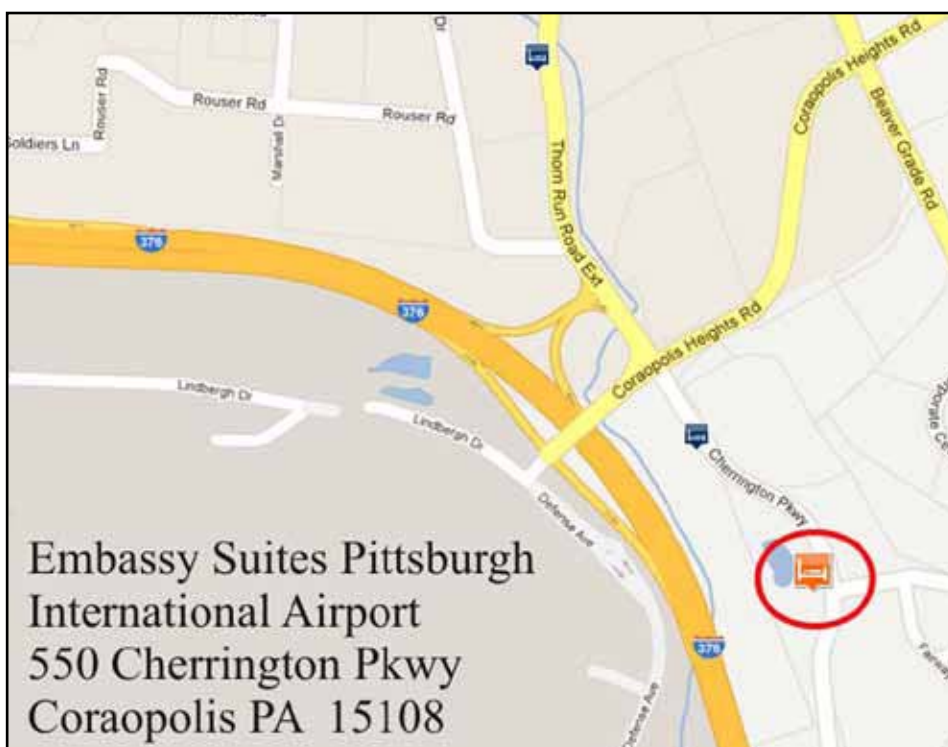
- Rooster Sugar . . . . . \$423.00
- Chick Basket. . . . . \$186.00
- Penguin Hat Pin . . . . . \$325.00
- Shell Dish . . . . . \$214.55
- Green Parrot Creamer. . . . . \$253.00
- Tapestry Wall Pocket . . . . . \$255.00





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## Convention 2012

*By Judy Stockwell*

Here's what you'll need to bring with you to the Convention in Pittsburgh...

Bring your Yankee Swap/White Elephant item for the banquet. I have had a couple people ask "what kind of an item?" The answer is, something that has a value of \$10-\$12 and can be enjoyed by either a man or a woman. My suggestion would be something from the state that you live in, some food item (non perishable), lottery tickets, a piece of RB you no longer want, some kind of a knick-knack, something you think would make everyone go wild for. Do remember that some people are flying to the convention, so try to find something that you can take on an airplane without too much trouble. If you still have questions contact me at buckhill1@comcast.net (603-924-3539) or Harriet Lavine at harrietlavine@yahoo.com (781-821-1202).

Harriet and I also have some games that will be played during the convention. For those, you will need just your "brains" and a dollar bill. All prizes will be awarded at the banquet so if you are unable to attend we will make sure you receive the prize by mail. See you in Pittsburgh in September!

# Dutch Kids

*By Carolyn Church*









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## 2012 Convention Agenda

*By Roberta Cappel*

### Thursday, September 20

- 1:00 – 3:00 Registration (Hospitality Room)
- 3:00 RBCC Annual Board Meeting
- 6:30 – 7:00 Registration (Hospitality Room)
- 7:00 Dutch Treat: Greet your friends over  
Banana Splits and Sundaes

### Friday, September 21

- 8:00 Move Auction Pieces (if needed)
- 10:00 Welcome Meeting  
(Discuss 2013 & 2014 Convention Sites)
- 2:00 Show & Tell; WannaBees,  
Don't WannaBees
- 3:30 Room to Room Visitation
- 5:00 Build your own "Pittsburgh" Sandwich
- 6:30 Auction Registration
- 7:00 Club Auction

### Saturday, September 22

- 9:00 Annual Business Meeting
- 10:30 Program: Karen Church takes us to the  
Netherlands. We will view "scenic"  
places in Holland. (We encourage you to  
bring your "Dutch Kids" on this  
vacation!)
- 1:30 – 2:30 Program
- 3:00 Room to Room Visitation
- 5:00 Board Meeting
- 7:00 Banquet, Fun & Games!

All items on this Agenda take place in the  
Embassy Suites Hotel