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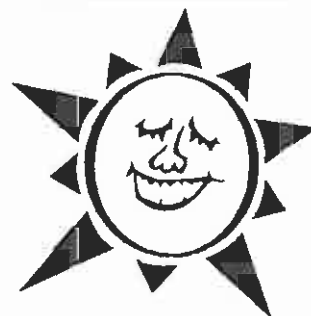
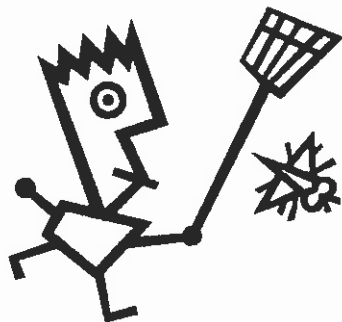
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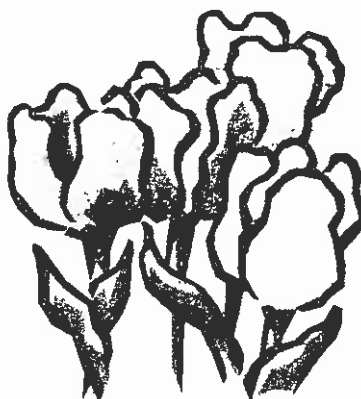
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*In Memory of Our President & Friend Jim Davis*

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It is with shock and deep sorrow that I write to our members of the unexpected, sudden, and untimely death of our Friend, and President of our Club - Jim Davis.

Never did I dream when I wrote a memorial for another one of our dearest members and friend Des Wicks, that in just 2 months I would have to repeat this sorrowful task a second time for our President.

I called his home on February 24, 1998 (Tuesday evening) and spoke with his wife. It was then that I was informed that Jim had very suddenly passed away in his home in Florida that he had just purchased and furnished for him and his wife to live in. He died on Saturday, February 21, 1998.

Jim will be missed a great deal. He was our first President of the RBCC and was in his 2nd term as President. He worked very hard to promote our Club and was responsible for sponsoring many new members. He worked very hard to make our 1997 Convention in Syracuse, N.Y. a big success even after having surgery and his wife also having surgery. He was very dedicated to the Club and to its members. Jim will be missed tremendously by all of us.

Let us not forget to remember Jim in our prayers and send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Your Editor,

Alma Biddlecome

## Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club, Inc.

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE* - By Tim Gaudet, RBCC, Inc. Acting President

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Dear Members:

It is with great sadness that I am writing this for our club newsletter. I received a telephone call today informing me that we have lost our dear friend and club President Jim Davis.

Only last week Jim was in Florida to close on his newly purchased house in Traveres, Florida and he stopped to visit with me at my booth at the Renninger's Show in Mt. Dora. As always, the topic of discussion was Royal Bayreuth and the pending convention in St. Louis. As always, Jim was enthused and excited and his passion for Bayreuth was evident.

As a dealer and a collector for nearly thirty years, I have enjoyed not only the wonderful objects but the wonderful people I have met over the years, and that word certainly describes Jim Davis. Great men and women not only lead countries and corporations, they lead other people. Jim's knowledge and interest in Royal Bayreuth porcelain has helped lead many of us to higher levels of collecting. His initial interest in Bayreuth has led to a whole new generation of collectors and his gracious charm and willingness to share

with others will be remembered as long as collectors continue their search.

We extend our heart felt sympathy to Jim's family and friends. He will be greatly missed and warmly remembered.

On a lighter note, many club members have visited south Florida to attend the many antique shows held during peak season. While the major shows produced a variety of Bayreuth, I heard no stories this season about great "sleepers" or the "one that got away." As in most parts of the country more common pieces appear but the choice and hard to find items remain just that. My own treasures have included a rare tapestry toothpick and large fruit bowl, a pair of sunbonnet shakers and a very bizarre poppy creamer painted like a pansy. I am always amazed at the new or previously unknown items that appear as we continue our search.

I hope many of you are making plans to attend the fall convention and please keep in mind the need for articles for the newsletters as well as good items for the club auction. Maybe you have a duplicate piece pushed away in the back

of your china cabinet that you have forgotten about! As you start the annual ritual my grandmother called "spring cleaning," see what you can find.

I plan to return to Maine around the first of April and will be traveling most of that month. By the first of May I can be reached at RR1, Box 512 Foster Pint Road, West Bath, ME 04530.

As acting President of the club, it is my duty according to the Constitution and By-Laws, to fill vacancies. Therefore, I have asked Jack Biddlecome to be acting Vice-President until the Convention when formal nominations can be held.

Until the next time:

Happy Collecting

Tim Gaudet

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## *Notes From The Secretary* - By Judith White

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We are moving along with membership renewals, but as of February 1, I hadn't heard from as many of our present members as I had hoped. I sent reminder cards to 45 members from our roster. From these cards I hope to get a good return of renewals, but I also hope that, if someone has decided not to rejoin us, he/she will let us know why. We are always trying to make our club more "member-friendly," and appreciate any feedback we can get that will make the club serve its members well.

Presently, there are 92 paid memberships for 1998. Several new members have joined, many who received applications from our present members. We thank Carol Seggebruch, Larry Brenner, Richard Chubb, Joyce Williams, Judy Stockwell, Jim Davis, and Harold Brandenburg, who have already gained us new membership this year. It is evident that these people enjoy their club associations and want others to participate. With each new membership, we have one or two more people who have experiences in collecting Royal Bayreuth who can possibly offer some as yet unknown information about this china.

Because of the costs of mailing the newsletter, we are unable to send copies to those who aren't current members. Although we are sending this newsletter to our 1997 - 1998 roster, we will be removing names of 1997 members who have not paid their current \$30 dues so that they will not receive the next newsletter, or be eligible for attendance at the convention in St. Louis on October 8th through 10th. If you are unsure whether or not your membership is current, I can be reached at 619-435-1187 until April 1, at which time I will be back in Kalamazoo.

Judy White

### Note From Our Historian:

Nancy Rublaitus, our Historian, requests that any articles from any source on Royal Bayreuth be forwarded to her, by any member who might find them. The Date, Source and other pertinent information would be greatly appreciated.

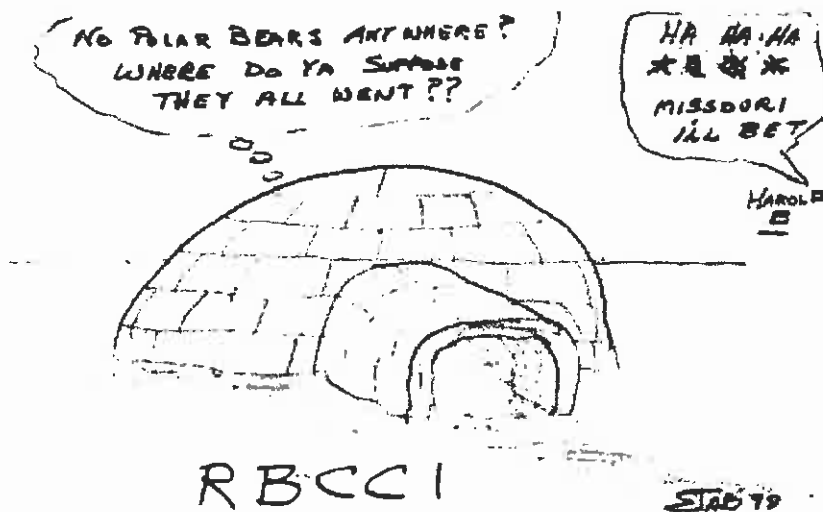
Also, if anyone has a good picture of the Cup - Saucer that was in it's box please send a copy to Nancy. She would like to have one for the Club's Book.

Submit articles and pictures to the following address:

Nancy Rublaitus  
2713 Everitt Road  
Ottawa IL 61350

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## Cartoon Corner



## *Letter From The Editor* - By Alma Biddlecome

I want to thank all those members who have sent me articles, wants and sell items for the newsletter. It makes my job a lot easier with help from all our loyal members. I feel that we have a wonderful club and a fantastic group of people. Even with the sudden death of our President I feel everyone will pull together and help our new President Tim Gaudet in any way we can. Tim will be acting President and he has asked Jack Biddlecome to be acting Vice President until our Convention in October when elections can be formally held.

I want to apologize for the Newsletter being a little late. My daughter, who does all my computer work, had a beautiful 7 lb 2 oz baby girl on 2/15/98. I felt I should give her a little time to recuperate before I put her to work. Both mother and baby are doing fine. This is our 18th grandchild.

Will getting back to business please help Judy White by sending in your renewal dues NOW, otherwise this will be your last newsletter.

Also when any member sponsors a new person

please remind them to write their area of interest on the registration form.

Be on the "Look out" for Convention News in our June issue of the newsletter.

Till next time "Happy Hunting". Don't forget to share those great finds with us.

Your Editor,

Alma Biddlecome

### **New Members**

Montanaralli, Betty  
510 Woodbury Way  
Bel Air, MD 21014

Price, Mark & Margaret Seely  
3815 N. Kenny Road  
Otis Orchard, WA 99027

Zwern, Peter & Viola  
2757 S. Langley Court  
Denver, CO 80210

Forrester, Beverly & Pete  
4110 NW Platte Broods Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64151

Stewart, Bette & Mark  
731-A Democret  
Columbia, MO 65202

Porteous, Scott  
638 Sunset Drive  
Paradise, CA 95969-3064

Gabel, Dale  
400 W. 11th  
Ellis, KS 67637

Lawrence, Joan  
2544 Van Vranken Ave.  
Schenectady, NY 12308

### **Membership Changes:**

Kath Wicks  
197 Tironui Luckens Road  
West Harbour  
Auckland, New Zeland

Diebert, Dorothy & Jim  
3 Robin Road  
Warren, NJ 07059

Schlottmann, Judy  
563 Forest Crossing

McCaslin, Robert & Mary  
6887 Black Oak Ct. E  
Danville, IN 46122

Feldman, Brenda & Robert  
1340 Sopera Avenue  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Martin, Bill & Janet  
PO Box 1718  
Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

Passow, Harold & Joeleen  
1105 Llakota Ave.  
Clare, IA 50524-7532

## *Articles From Members*

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News on the 1998 St. Louis Convention:

Here are a few things to expect when you attend the St. Louis Convention.

The Harris Hotel is newly built (less than a year old) with nice size rooms that are elegantly decorated. The Hospitality Room will accommodate more people comfortably with the same attractiveness as their rooms - all with privacy and quite atmosphere and the price? only \$82.95 plus tax per person, that includes your room, plus complimentary breakfast, and complimentary hot or cold snacks at Happy Hour (drinks not included, but cost for drinks was \$2.00 for brand drinks).

The hotel is conveniently located off of Hwy 70 in St. Louis County (directions will follow in a later newsletter). Also, the Harris Hotel furnishes complimentary transportation to and from airport.

Now for other information. We have planned a program on Oct. 10th that will have some valuable information for you on insuring your antiques. The presenter is a very knowledgeable insur-

ance broker from the St. Louis area.

Al and I will be displaying our Royal Bayreuth collections. Mine are the Royal Bayreuth Scenic Polar Bear and the Brown Bear collection. It now numbers thirty-one pieces. Al has his Figural and Scenic Rustic collection. We will also bring some unusual pieces that we have found over the years. All will be on display Oct. 9th.

We already have planned many nice surprises for the people that will be attending the St. Louis Convention. What are they? You will have to come to find out, so don't miss this one! It will be the best!

Al & Wanda Friedrich

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(Letter from Kath Wicks)

Dear Members:

The family and I were deeply touched to receive the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent by the Club at the recent death of our beloved Husband and Father, and we thank you all for the many sincere messages of condolence we received at this sad time.

Our brief encounters with the

friendly folks we have met and mingled with at the Conventions were greatly enjoyed by both Des and myself, and will remain forever amongst my most treasured memories. Des was such an avid and enthusiastic collector and getting together with you all and being able to talk with people who understood his passion for this china was indeed something that he looked forward to each year. He was of course bitterly disappointed when the deterioration of his health prevented him from making the journey in 1997, but the video filmed at the convention and so thoughtfully sent to us by our dear friends Paul and Colleen Toland, arrived in time to cheer him immensely. He got a great kick out of seeing you all on tape. We were both very moved by the words of encouragement, love, hope and cheer recorded by so many of you, also the Get Well Cards, they too meant such a lot!

Although our Royal Bayreuth collection was Des's collection, and despite the fact that I loathed the very first piece that he purchased and so proudly set down for me to admire, his enthusiasm soon rubbed off onto me and now

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of course, I love his china almost as much as he did. I even include the first piece, the ugly old back crow, in that statement!

Christmas is almost upon us, and I am not sure how I am going to cope with the empty chair at the head of the table. I know for sure that Des will be with us in spirit and I will do my best to concentrate on being positive and to look forward to the arrival of our first grandchild which our daughter Christine and her husband Colin expect to have in February. Something special indeed to look forward to.

I will also look forward to receiving the newsletters. Des and I used to particularly enjoy reading these together. I also hope that when the time is right, I will be able to attend another convention and participate first hand in the lovely warm fellowship generated by our Club.

May you all enjoy good health and happiness in the coming New Year. Thank you all so much and God Bless!

Most Sincerely,

Kath Wicks & Family

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Here are some retail prices from Florida shows and shops by Tim Gaudet:

- 1) Apple Lemonade - \$850
- 2) Apple Water - \$650
- 3) Orange Creamer - \$295
- 4) Lemon Creamer - \$275
- 5) Red Poppy Handled Cake Plate - \$335
- 6) Lavender Satin Poppy Creamer - \$175
- 7) Chili Pepper Salt Shaker - \$159
- 8) Figural Rose Sugar (base only) \$350
- 9) Rose Tapestry 3 Color Corset Creamer - \$350
- 10) Rose Tapestry 2 Color Hair Receiver - \$350
- 11) Rose Tapestry 3 Color 7 1/2" Plate - \$250
- 12) The Bathers Tapestry 7" 2 Handled Vase - \$450
- 13) Cavalier 4" Cabinet Vase, Silver Rim - \$135
- 14) Demi Pot, Sugar & Creamer Pink Roses on Glossy Yellow Ground Mkd. Hand Painted Roses, Her Majesty - \$375
- 15) Boy & Donkey Sugar and Creamer - \$350
- 16) Sunbonnet Pinch Spout Milk Pitcher (cracked) - \$325
- 17) Sunbonnet Cylinder Tan hard Milk Pitcher - \$495
- 18) Sunbonnet 7" Plate - \$295
- 19) Rose Tapestry Low Shoe, Pink Roses - \$550

20) Rose Tapestry Wall Plaque Pink Rose & Daisy Decor - \$395

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Gone But Not Forgotten!

We were both saddened to read about the loss of Des. For those of you who never met him, he was a unique person. If one were to look up the definition of the word gentleman in the dictionary, Des' picture would be there. Ann and I will always remember his cheerful, and uplifting approach to life. If there is any Bayreuth "On the other side", we're certain Des has it now in his possession.

His presence will be missed by those of us in the Royal Bayreuth Family.

Craig & Ann Heeley

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(Paul & Colleen Toland)

Paul and I were so saddened to hear of our President Jim's death.

I remember meeting Jim at our first convention organized by the Wades. It was along the corridor of the Hotel and on



## *Articles From Members (Con't)*

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being introduced Jim told us how he had waited all his life to form a Royal Bayreuth Club, so when he was nominated to be President we thought it was a fitting choice. Jim had a certain goodness about him that enabled Paul and I to like him immediately. When Jim offered us the hand of friendship we took it easily. Organizing the various Club activities led to long and frequent telephone calls to "run things by Jim" so we got to hear a lot about things going on in Jim's life.

When Des became ill, Jim had a more deeper understanding of what suffering was, than us healthier folks, because he had been there. He was comforting.

Personally I am glad that when Jim told me he had been nominated to serve a second term I expressed my delight, congratulated him, and told him what a fine job he had made as first president.

Recently our Club has lost two of its finest members. They cannot be replaced.

### **Wanted**

#### **Wanted:**

Sugar for a Child's Tea Set which is tan and pictures a fat little boy blowing a horn or playing with a toy horse or a fat little girl with a baby carriage.

Also wanted Nursery Rhyme covered Sugar especially Jack & Jill, Bo Peep, Boy Blue and Jack In The Beanstalk.

Contact:  
Ricky Kupferer  
310-455-1916

#### **Wanted:**

Lid for Apple Tea Pot or will sell tea pot.

Contact:  
Larry Brenner  
603-625-8203

### **For Sale**

#### **For Sale:**

Three handled Musician Toothpick Fig. # 111 (only handles run from top all the way to bottom) in Blue Mark - \$165.00

Turkey Boy "Double Striker" Hanging Match Holder 4 3/4" high, Fig. # 1280 - Houses in background. "Unusual" Blue Mark - \$325.00

Tea Set - Sugar Pot, Creamer, 2 Cups, 2 Saucers showing various farm scenes (four different) beautifully matches in color (oranges, pastels purple) excellent gold - \$375.00

Contact:  
Craig Heeley  
1132 Spruce  
Sidney OH 45365  
937-498-9795

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*Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club*

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## Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club Treasurer's Report

November 25, 1997 - February 28, 1998

Closing Balance - November 25, 1997	\$4,323.13
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Receipts

Membership Dues - New & Renewal	<u>1,600.00</u>
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Closing Balance 11-25-97 plus Receipts	\$5,923.13
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Disbursements 11-25-97 to 2-28-98

Office & Administrative (phones, postage, supplies)	\$257.56
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Newsletter (preparation, postage, supplies)	311.97
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Convention (1998) expense	197.18
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Misc. (Flowers)	<u>66.50</u>
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Total Disbursements	\$833.21
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Balance (11-25-97) and Receipts	\$5,923.13
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Disbursements	<u>833.21</u>
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Checkbook Balance (2-28-98)	\$5,089.92
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