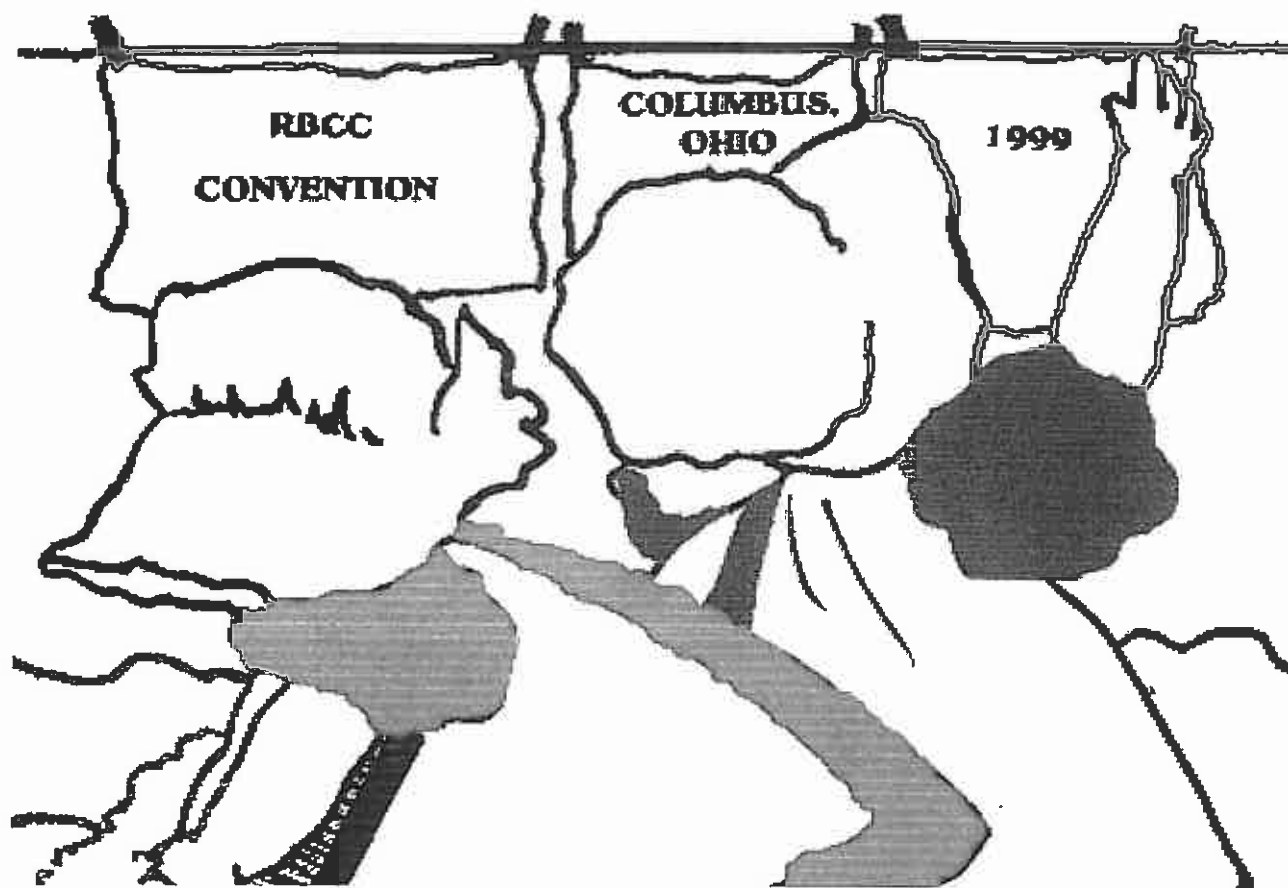




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Welcome to the 1999 Convention Issue of the Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club!! We've included just a few of the highlights of this year's meeting for you to read and enjoy.

Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club, Inc.

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The RBCC, Inc. Newsletter welcomes articles and letters pertaining to Royal Bayreuth. We assume no responsibility for statements made or opinions expressed by contributing writers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Bob McCaslin, RBCC, Inc. President

Thank you for the privilege of serving RBCC for the next two years. Our club is experiencing a faster growth rate the past few months. This is no accident, but, is due to the efforts of our out-going officers and members that have really put forth the interest it takes. We have a challenge to continue the things that have worked for them. I am very pleased with your selection of the New Officers and Board. We would like to request your input concerning the Newsletter, the Auction, the Hospitality Room, future convention sites after '2001'. The year 2000 will be at the Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana. Phone # is 317-352-1231.

There are three things that it takes to insure a good convention: (1) a good Hospitality Room; (2) a good auction; and (3) a nice hotel with good facilities. Our members worked very hard to insure the

first and second. This year, the hotel's failure to keep us on the 1st and 2nd floors, made the closeness we should have felt, less evident by our being scattered through 7 floors. I apologize for this inconvenience. We will try hard to prevent this in the future.

The nominating committee chairman for 2000 is Bob Gollmar. Serving with him is Karen Church and Mary Anderson. There are 3 directors to be elected. All three present directors are eligible for re-election for their 2nd term of 2 years. They are Harriet Land, Judy Stockwell, and Debra Tuttle. Others that would like to have their name on the slate, please contact Bob, Karen or Mary, as the floor will be open for nominations.

Paul Toland has agreed to chair our 2000 auction. He needs good Royal Bayreuth items. The 1999 auction had 169 items, of

which, 49 of them were 'no sales'. The gross sales were \$116,800. The RBCC commission was \$4,726.40. Get in line early if you are interested in putting something in. Our members get breaks that cannot be offered by private auction houses. Look at this years record prices. We all say "good job, Paul and Colleen"!! I would appreciate your suggestions concerning the auctions for the up-coming years. The officers and directors hope to put on an auction that is interesting for all convention goers. An auction that has a good assortment of pieces in all price ranges, for the beginners as well as the long-time collector that are still hunting for a certain piece. The 1999 auction's top 10 items totaled \$75,550.00. This left 107 items that totaled \$40,630.00. RBCC received \$1,500.00 from the top 10 selling pieces, or about 2%. RBCC received about \$3,250.00

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from the 107 other items. It is evident that both ranges are needed for RBCC's 2000 auction. If we have no new members coming to our conventions, our future would not be very bright, excuse my rambling, just "keep up the good work".

We (as everyone) really enjoyed the Hospitality Room at Columbus this year. Mary and I have attended 1 or 2 conventions every year for the last 30+ years, and this one is one of the very top ones. A great effort was made by the Cappels and the Heeleys. Roberta's artist work was wonderful. Many good memories were taken home which instill a very positive result for this part of a successful convention.

Our goals for RBCC do not include becoming the largest hobby club number-wise. Lets all work together to make this club among the elite of hobby groups in which all personal differences take second place in our efforts to

build a club that rises above personalities for the good of the hobby. I am very glad for the chance to work with our Officers and Board, and will try my best to be a help to all members. A club is "no better or worse than our willingness to work together for the good of Royal Bayreuth."

Bob McCaslin

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.

A thank you goes out to all the members who have submitted articles!

Submit articles and pictures to the following address:

Nancy Rublaitus
2713 Everett Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

Hello Friends,

I am very proud to be selected as Secretary of RBCC, Inc. for the next two years. I will do my very best, and hope to hear from each of you at some time or other, as your input is very important to the club.

Another year is over and we are now looking forward to the year 2000. October to October seems like a long time, a whole year, gives us plenty of time to hunt for a good bargain and save for next years auction. This year was a huge success and many have expressed how much they truly enjoyed themselves. There were a few fowl-ups, but, that sometimes happens due to poor communication between the hotel staff themselves. We have been assured that this will not happen at the Marriott in Indianapolis in 2000.

This issue of our Newsletter will be filled with results of our recent Convention, all praises (I

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hope). We like to hear encouragement from our members, to know we are doing something right. Of course, negative and constructive remarks will also urge us to do better the next time. Our Hospitality Room was "a breath of fresh air", with its "fall" colors and atmosphere. The Cappels and Heeleys did a wonderful job. We hope to use Roberta's artistic talent in future conventions, and what can I say about the food? Delicious and inventive (the lobster cookies looked so real, it was a decision to take a bite, but of course we did, and ohh so good!).

With new member registration and walk-ins, we had approximately 120 people in attendance at the Convention.

The Tolands worked so very hard organizing the Auction, which was a huge success, and surprised everyone with some record sales. Room sales were

reported as good also. The Club Auction, which was a couple of days before the convention, brought about some good prices and pieces also.

There are at present 186 family memberships. They represent 36 states being as follows: Arizona 1; California 17; Colorado 1; Connecticut 2; Florida 5; Georgia 2; Illinois 18; Indiana 9; Iowa 4; Kansas 3; Kentucky 2; Louisiana 1; Maine 3; Maryland 3; Massachusetts 8; Michigan 10; Minnesota 5; Mississippi 1; Missouri 6; Nebraska 1; New Hampshire 3; New Jersey 7; New York 8; North Carolina 1; Ohio 19; Oklahoma 3; Oregon 2; Pennsylvania 16; Rhode Island 1; South Carolina 1; Tennessee 4; Texas 2; Vermont 3; Virginia 2; Washington 1; Wisconsin 5; Australia 1; Canada 3; and New Zealand 3.

This is very good, but, we hope that it will increase a lot by next years convention. We need

everyone's help to do this, so, if you need more applications to distribute, please write or call me, and I will send them to you right away LET'S START THE MILLENNIUM WITH A GOAL OF 250 OR MORE NEW MEMBERSHIPS BY CONVENTION 2000. I am going to include an application in all correspondence, and, one will also be included in each of my Royal Bayreuth Book II's that are purchased. The best advertisement we have for our club is our members and their enthusiasm!

Annual membership is due by January 1, 2000. Please send your dues to:

Mary McCaslin
6887 Black Oat Court East
Avon, IN 46123

Best Regards,

Mary McCaslin

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR - Alma Biddlecome

Well here we are again starting a new year for our Newsletter. Once again I would like to give a big welcome to all our new members.

As stated in the Secretary's report our number is up to 186 memberships. I think this is great and I give a lot of praise to all the members who have brought in new members. I cannot remember everyone who has brought in new members but I know Becky Conrad has sponsored several members. Also she is one of our celebrities. I have included in this letter a clipping from Antique Week that gives a story about Becky and her sunbonnet babies.

As has been mentioned before, the Hospitality Room this year was fantastic. We have to give a BIG Thank You to the Cappels and the Heeleys. I know they worked very hard to make this a great relaxation area for everyone to enjoy and chat. The favors (made by Roberta and Alvin) were

Great. I have included some of the pictures of some of the items we received. Roberta also has a talent for creative writing. I am sending everyone a copy of the Tettau Tattle that she put together for the members. We must also not forget to thank our Vice President for all his assistance in the Hospitality Room.

At one of the Board Meetings we elected a nominating coordinator (Bob Golmar) and two assistants of his choosing. They will elect our new officers to replace the ones who's terms will be up in 2000. The other members of the committee are Karen Church and Mary Anderson.

Please be sure to read all the newsletter so all of you will be knowledgeable on what the RBCCI is doing.

I would like to take a moment at this time to extend to our past President our sincere sympathy in the passing of his Mother. The Club has made a donation to her favorite

society, but if anyone wishes to do something on their own I will list the name of the person to contact. Tim's Mom had made a request that no flowers be sent. The name of the person to contact for donations is:

A Paw in the Door, c/o Patty
Sample, 16 Winter Street
Bath, Maine 04530

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and good health to all.

Till next time good hunting.

Your Editor,
Alma Biddlecome

Cartoon Corner



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A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to extend my thanks and sincere gratitude to members of the Club for your thoughts and prayers during a most difficult time.

My mother passed away early on the morning of November 2nd. I received many cards, personal notes, E-Mail messages and several telephone calls from various members across the country.

I appreciate your caring and your concern.

Sincerely,

Tim Gaudet

The nominating committee is working on a slate for the 2000 Convention. There will be three (3) openings on the Board so if you have any suggestions send them to: Robert Gollmar, Box 337, Rochester, WI 53167.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
SEPT. 30, 1999 @ 3:00 P.M.**

President Tim Gaudet opened the 1999 Board of Directors meeting by asking Judy White, Membership Secretary, to read the minutes from the last Board meeting on 10/10/98. Minutes were informally accepted by the board. Treasurer Jack Biddlecome gave a club accounting as follows: Special Auction Account: \$3,804.69; Balance as of 8/30/99: \$8,686.65; Balance as of 9/30/99: \$9,779.25. Jack indicated that were outstanding bills, and that last year's carry-over (from 10/30/98) was approximately \$4,861.00. A discussion ensued concerning the President's approval of expenditures.

Harriet Land reported on the slate of officers for the 1999-2000 year. Each of these offices carries a two-year term:

President Bob McCaslin
Vice President Bob Gollmar
Secretary Mary McCaslin
Treasurer Sandy Heerhold
Directors at large:

Bev Brumbaugh; Alvin Cappel;
Joeleen Passow.

Additional nominations will be accepted at the general business meeting. The Newsletter editor is appointed by the new president. The outgoing president appoints a recording secretary. Bob McCaslin moved and Judy White seconded to approve the slate of officers. Board members unanimously approved the motion.

A discussion followed as to voting procedures at the general election, show of hands or paper

ballots. The RBCCI Constitution provides for a secret ballot if called for at the general business meeting. It was decided that Tim Gaudet will ask for additional nominations, and Bob Gollmar will provide paper ballots, if necessary.

Auction Chairman Paul Toland stated that there were 166 pieces of Royal Bayreuth in the auction. If reserves are met, the gross proceeds should total around \$90,000. There were 4 lots of absentee bids. Roland Rosenboom will be the auctioneer, and he will announce all items as mint except where damage has been noted by a red dot on the piece. Bob McCaslin will handle all absentee bids. Tim Gaudet will handle all reserve bids. Paul Toland reported 9 new membership resulting from the Antique Week auction ads. One piece of RB was accepted by a nonmember because of its extreme rarity. Judy White went on record as being opposed to allowing any item in the auction unless the owner was a member of the RBCCI. Tim Gaudet pointed out that we may need to give our auction chairman the flexibility to use his own judgment in procuring pieces for the auction. A discussion followed as to whether the policy governing the submission of auction items needs to be changed or modified. Harriet Land made a motion, seconded by Judy Stockwell, to

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postpone any further discussion until the next board meeting.

Judy White gave a membership report. There are now 181 family memberships, an increase of 25 just since July 12, 1999. Recognition will be given at the general meeting to those members who elicited this increase. Tim Gaudet will ask new members to stand, introduce themselves, and briefly describe their RB specialties. Harriet Land asked if email addresses could be included in the next membership directory. It was decided that all members will be asked to write their email addresses on a slip of paper at the next business meeting and give to Alma Biddlecome for inclusion in the directory.

Judy Stockwell gave an advertising report. Of the 88 announcements submitted, 30 were printed in various antique journals and newspapers absolutely free of charge. Judy White reported that she has received a request from THE COLLECTOR to submit articles about Royal Bayreuth and the RBCCI. Harriet Land also indicated that she received a similar request from ANTIQUE WEEK.

Under auction business, Paul Toland reported that he received several complaints about the \$10.00 fee for items in the auction that do not sell because they do not meet the owner's reserve. He asked if the directors wanted to

consider rescinding that policy. Debra Tuttle felt that the \$10.00 covered the handling expense before, during, and after the auction. A discussion followed, and board members felt that this should be brought before the general membership to grant input. Paul Toland also stated that according to the Club's auction guidelines, members should be aware that the Club does not carry insurance on auction items. Paul felt that a disclaimer should be added to the consignment form that sellers fill out when submitting auction items. Paul also expressed concern about the possibility of bad checks as the auction gains in popularity and as better and more costly items are sold. A machine used by some auction houses to validate checks would cost the club 3% of the gross proceeds. A discussion followed, and board members felt that this figure was too high.

Bob Gollmar brought up Article 3, Subsection (a) of the Constitution for discussion. This subsection states that members of the RBCCI can overrule any decision made by the Board of Directors. Bob felt that this section should be amended to exclude the location of any future convention site. No decision was made to amend this subsection.

Tim Gaudet will inform the membership about the stand that many of the hotels in the Embassy Suites chain have taken to demand \$5,000 up front for meeting rooms, hospitality rooms, etc. In addition,

hotels in other chains are booked up to 3 years in advance. It was felt that RBCCI should look at a 3-year horizon when booking convention sites. Bob McCaslin informed the board that the Columbus Marriott broke several provisions in their contract when they separated members attending the convention instead of reserving a block of rooms on the first and second floors as promised.

Bob Gollmar moved and Bob McCaslin seconded to keep family membership dues at \$30.00. A discussion followed. Jack Biddlecome mentioned that the Board may wish to consider raising dues for members not living in the U.S. due to the higher costs of mailing Newsletters. Board members voted to maintain the \$30.00 dues rate for all members. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob McCaslin gave a report on the Marriott convention site agreement. Comped rooms for the 1999 convention included the hospitality room, 2 sleeping rooms for the hospitality room co-hosts, the auction preview room, and one sleeping room for every 50 paid rooms. The current Board policy differs in that the ranking covers the hospitality room, one hospitality chair sleeping room, one President's room, and additional comped rooms to be awarded as door prizes. The Club covers the auctioneer's stay. A

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discussion followed. Judy White made a motion to establish a budget for convention entertainment of \$500 (maximum) beginning 1999. Debra Tuttle seconded. The motion passed with one abstention and one opposed.

A winter convention will again be held in California with hosts Colleen and Paul Toland. No date has been set, but it will probably be in late February, 2000. Paul also reported that he owns the domain name "www.royalbayreuth.com". Although Paul intends to maintain sole ownership of the domain name, he will, with prior email approval, allow any members to post messages, articles, photos, etc. on the site. Steve Bartlett and Tim Sullivan have volunteered to help with this website.

Tim Gaudet raised the question of moving the boundaries for the convention sites to include both the East and West coasts to accommodate more members. According to current policy, convention sites are limited to the Midwest area between St. Louis, MO and Harrisburg/Philadelphia, PA. Judy White will provide Tim with a geographic membership list and Tim will open this discussion to the general membership. The 2000 convention will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott with Becky Conrad chairing the hospitality room. Bob and Pat Madeiros will co-chair. The 2001

convention will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott with Richard Chubb chairing the hospitality room.

Bob Gollmar recommended that Board policy be amended to include 2 comped rooms for the hospitality chairpersons. Harriet Land motioned and Paul Toland seconded to change the word "chairperson" to "chairpersons". The motion passed unanimously.

Tim asked Board members to pass along any additional ideas for questions for discussion in writing before the next board meeting. Bob McCaslin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Judy Stockwell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

WELCOME MEETING OCTOBER 1, 1999 @ 9:00 A.M.

President Tim Gaudet welcomed all members of the RBCCI to the 1999 convention, and outlined the general format of the meeting. The first hour would be devoted to new business, and the second hour to a "Show and Tell" session.

Alma Biddlecome, Newsletter Editor, will be collecting email addresses from all members to add to the roster. A sheet will be posted in the hospitality room for "wanted" items. These items may include parts, pieces, lids, etc. that members are looking for and would like to purchase.

New members and first-time

convention attendees were asked to stand, introduce themselves, and state their RB specialty. They included:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Specialty</u>
Al Rosenthal	MO	General
Clark Miller	MN	General
Carol & HL Edward	IA	General
Mike Flanagan	CA	Cups/Saucers
Sharon Cobb	CA	Cups/Saucers
Suzanne Brown	MI	General
Ruth Brown	MI	General
Fred Zumthurn	CA	Devil/Cards
Ida Parrot	CA	Devil/Cards
Kim & Tom Esker	IL	Rose Tapestry
Linda Nelson	WI	General
Harry & Jill McClurg	Ont.	Rose Tapestry
Sam Reese	NC	Figurals
Dave & Linda Burghoff	CT	Rose Tapestry
Donna & Don Loomis	CO	RB
John & Kelly Rock	VT	Figurals
DiAnna Tindell	TN	General

Tim thanked all those who have kept in touch with him regarding his mother's illness to express friendship and support. He also thanked convention workers who have helped make this convention the best ever.

Hospitality Room:

Roberta & Alvin Cappel,
Craig & Ann Heeley,
Bob Gollmar

Nominating Committee Chair:

Harriet Land

Membership Secretary:

Judy White

Advertising Committee:

Judy Stockwell,
Paul Toland,
Bob Gollmar

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Newsletter:

Alma Biddlecome

Treasurer:

Jack Biddlecome

Auction:

Paul & Colleen Toland

Tim reminded members that voting for the "World's Most Unusual" Royal Bayreuth will take place after the business meeting on Saturday. He then reviewed the Board of Directors meeting, highlighting the following:

1. An entertainment budget was established, maximum \$500.00.

2. Membership continues at \$30 per family; dues may be paid at the convention; there is no additional charge for new members who join after September 1; \$5 credit is deducted from the \$30 dues renewal for each new member recruited.

3. Proposed slate of officers:

President - Bob McCaslin;

Vice President - Bob Gollmar

Secretary - Mary McCaslin

Treasurer - Sandy Heerhold

Directors - Alvin Cappel; Joeleen Passow; and Bev Brumbaugh

4. Membership has increased dramatically due to aggressive advertising and word of mouth.

5. Rolly Rosenboom will be the

auctioneer for tonight's auction with 166 pieces listed.

6. Ann Heeley has been appointed Recording Secretary.

The membership was asked for input regarding the location of future convention sites. Members were made aware of the difficulties associated with moving frequently, the better deals offered to RBCCI for keeping the convention in one city two years in a row, the up-front fee required by some Embassy Suites, and the large membership required by some hotel chains. Members were encouraged to provide suggestions to any board member.

Tim asked how members felt about the current \$10 charge imposed on auction items that do not sell or do not meet their reserves. He indicated that although the club is non-profit, we do incur expenses on unsold items. Alternatives to the \$10 fee include a sliding scale fee, payment based on the number of unsold items as a percent of the total items, raising the \$10 fee as a percent of the reserve. Suggestions from members are needed.

Tim informed members about a Royal Bayreuth auction to be held north of Portland, Maine at the end of October. Brochures will be sent to members, and absentee bid forms can be picked up after the Welcome Meeting.

Nancy Rublaitus is collecting

photos and articles for the club scrapbooks. She has the scrapbooks in her room now, but will be moving them to the Hospitality Room. Tim thanked Nancy for the wonderful job she has done in maintaining the scrapbooks.

Souvenirs and items from past conventions will be on sale in the Hospitality Room. Extra membership applications are also available.

Becky Conrad encouraged members to post applications on their websites. She has an email application request on her website, and has received many responses.

The auction preview room will be open at 11:00 in the Capital Room, and lunch will be served in the Hospitality Room from 11:45 to 12:45.

Tim made a verbal request for three members to serve on the Audit Committee. Sandy Heerhold, Debra Tuttle, and Dottie Earle volunteered.

Tim opened the "Show and Tell" portion of the meeting. Here is what members brought to share:

Tim Gaudet - Rose Tapestry Pin Dish, like a saucer, but no indentation for the cup, Salt & Pepper Shakers, like red peppers, but with cucumber vine leaves.

Nancy Rublaitus - Poppy Cup and Saucer painted gold inside the cup and on the saucer.

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Mary McCaslin - Cat Head Bank with Coin Slot, 2 inches tall, no opening on the bottom to remove money. Blue marked Creamer. Gray Opossum with Baby on her back, unmarked. Smiling Dachshund Creamer, front paw is raised, blue mark.

Wanda & Al Friedrich - Small Reddish-Orange Elephant Shaker or Stickpin, unmarked.

Terry Seggebruch - Creamer, white bisque Water Buffalo with dark paint on eyes only, faintly marked. Two Cards (no devil), resembles a wall plaque, very thick, blue marked. Two Tapestry Shoes, some sort of buildings on them, very small, green Tettau mark, may have been used as pin cushions. Miniature Cheese Dish with Fairy Lady, German mark on bottom. Lady with Bonnet (a Prussian Lady) on a mug with RB blue mark and on a bud vase, UM. Four handled small vase with a lady and child at a spinning wheel.

Jill McClurg - large pinch-spout tapestry water pitcher with gold writing on the side (illegible, but may be French or German), found in Canada.

David Burghoff - tiny perfume with sterling lid, tapestry courting couple, may be Goblin Chocolate Cup, blue marked with brown paint sprayed over most of the mark.

Paul Toland - Blue and white stein, lithographic scene on bottom when held up to the light, Tettau mark, also marked with "59" in blue.

Ricky Kupferer - hair receiver with deco lady marked Bayreuth, not Royal Bayreuth, also marked "Gloria's Fine Porcelain".

Terry Anderson - Tapestry ginger jar with insert, marked with old green T mark.

Nancy Owen - Pocket watch holder with horses, blue mark.

William Brooke - pansy tea strainer with matching rest in white opal, blue mark. Open master and small salts, man and turkeys. Pansy toothpick in pinkish-purple (brought especially for Paul Toland to see).

Richard Chubb - Clover creamer, blue mark.

Nancy Brandenburg - Footed pink egg, top is "cracked" to look like a real egg, three different children's Easter scenes around the outside, lots of gold.

Harold Brandenburg - Frog and bee mug with figural lizard handle, frog is smoking a cigar. Red elephant figurine.

Alvin Cappel - Lamp base with dog and hunter pushing a stick into a river bank, 18 inches tall.

Judy Stockwell - Water buffalo covered sugar and matching milk pitcher, blue marked. Triangular pin tray with 2 sides curled over, castle and cottage scene. Hat (like a straw skimmer hat) about 4" across. Crow salt and pepper. History book with an original letter on Tettau letterhead written by the man who did work on porcelain marks, book has color plates, book is written in German, but will be translated in English, photocopies will be made available to club members.

Karen Church - Reticulated basket with Scottish cattle, lattice-work is edged in green. Top hat toothpick, hunt scene with horses and dogs. Horseshoe dish with tapestry center, man fishing. Vase with sterling rim, Greek woman scenic.

BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 1999 @ 9:50 A.M.

President Tim Gaudet welcomed members with a reminder to vote on the "World's Most Unusual" Royal Bayreuth pieces on display. He also reminded members to provide Alma Biddlecome with their email addresses. The "Want" list is still on display in the Hospitality Room. The agenda for today's meeting will focus on voting for new officers and directors, the convention auction, thank-you's, officers' and committee reports,

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changes in club policy, and other new business.

One member questioned why items not sold during last night's auction were not bid with the number 21 and announced as stated prior to the auction. Tim explained that the absentee and reserve bidding procedures were changed just a few minutes before the auction began, and that some confusion resulted. He indicated that this would be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting later today. The description and number of unsold items were read aloud so that members could mark their auction list accordingly.

Chuck Heerhold and Craig Heeley were asked to tally votes for the "World's Most Unusual" Royal Bayreuth contest. It was also suggested that the "Most Unusual" and "Show and Tell" pieces be videotaped or photographed next year. Tim reported that the Audit Committee had not yet completed their report, and that it would be made available to members via the Newsletter.

Judy White gave the Membership Secretary's report, stating that the club had grown from 33 family membership in Schaumburg five years ago to 183 family memberships as of today. She also recalled that her 1995 Secretary's report finished with a plea for donations from members to cover the club's anticipated debt.

Jack Biddlecome's Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$12,491.34 with several bills outstanding. He also gave an auction comparison: the 1995 auction grossed around \$6,000; the 1999 auction grossed \$112,290. Tim thanked Colleen and Paul Toland for their hard work in making this year's auction so successful.

Roberta Cappel gave a report on the Hospitality Room. She stated that the total amount spent on convention packets, door signs, name tags, food, and many other Hospitality Room goodies was actually less than the amount allocated by the Board. She asked that members recycle their name tags and wooden door signs by turning them in to the Hospitality Room for use at next year's convention.

Tim read the proposed slate of officers aloud. Three calls for additional nominations were made, but no names were added to the existing slate. Harriet Land made a motion, seconded by Paul Toland and Debra Tuttle, to accept the slate of officers as read. Paper ballots were rejected in favor of an oral vote, and the membership voted unanimously to accept the following officers:

President - Bob McCaslin
Vice President - Bob Gollmar
Secretary - Mary McCaslin
Treasurer - Sandy Heerhold
Directors at Large - Bev Brumbaugh
Alvin Cappel & Joeleen Passow.

The next item of business involved the location of future conventions. After much discussion, the general consensus favored keeping the current boundaries of convention sites: West to St. Louis, MO and East to Philadelphia, PA. The new Board, which meets tonight, will continue to accept suggestions from the general membership. It was noted that next year's convention will be October 11-14, 2000 in Indianapolis.

Members discussed the \$10 fee for unsold auction items. Current Club policy calls for an 8% fee on items sold with a maximum charge of \$150. Fees generated flow into the Club treasury. A \$10 fee is assessed on any item that does not sell or meet the reserve. Both fees are used to help cover convention security. It was reported that 38% of the items in yesterday's auction were not sold.

Joyce and Jack William's reported that House & Garden TV will feature the William's collection of Royal Bayreuth in an "Antique Treasures" segment next year. Members will be informed by Newsletter when broadcast dates and times become available.

According to the Club's constitution, dues must be approved on a year-to-year basis. Bob Gollmar made a motion, seconded by Becky Conrad and Tim Sullivan, to hold family membership dues to \$30 next

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year. The motion passed unanimously.

A luncheon will be held at 11:45 in the Hospitality Room. Following a 1:00 program on Antiques Restoration by DiAnna Tindell, rooms will be open for visitation according to a floor-by-floor schedule. Members with RB to sell or display were asked to keep their rooms open at these specified times. The banquet will begin at 7:00, and the winners of the "World's Most Unusual" contest will be announced at that time.

Chuck Heerhold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alvin Cappel. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20.

BANQUET

OCTOBER 2, 1999 @ 7:00 P.M.

Members of the RBCCI attended a great banquet dinner on Saturday evening. After the dinner, Bob Gollmar presented plaques to outgoing officers Tim Gaudet, Judy White and Jack Biddlecome for their years of service to the Club.

Awards were presented for the "Worlds Most Unusual Royal Bayreuth" contest:

Figural, Mary McCaslin, Cat Head Bank.

Scenic, Nancy & Brian Owen, Work Horse Pocket Watch Holder.

Judges' Award - Richard Chubb - Clover Creamer.

Newly elected officers and directors were installed. Mary and Bob McCaslin received special recognition for their efforts in furthering interest, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Convention volunteers were also thanked for their efforts in making this convention so successful.

Entertainment was provided by Pauline Brick with audience participation. Her presentation, "Why, Grandma, What Nice Figurals You Have," was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present and Alvin Cappel has never looked so voluptuous!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 1999 @ 9:45 PM

Following the banquet dinner, installation of officers, and delightful entertainment by Pauline Brick ("why, Grandma, What Nice Figurals You Have!"), the Board of Directors held a closed meeting. President Bob McCaslin asked for ideas and suggestions from past members of the Board in attendance.

Tim Gaudet felt that more cooperation was needed on the part of the hosting hotels before a contractual agreement is signed for future conventions. He also questioned whether auctions should be open to the public if it means that auction prices would also be made public. Bob felt that the convention should be limited to members only,

and a discussion ensued. Paul Toland, auction chairman, was asked for input, and he, too, felt that the Club's auction should be private. Paul added that next year's auction will be limited to 150 items. He indicated that only members will be allowed to submit items, and asked the Board if it would be wise to include an insurance disclaimer on the consignment forms so that consignors would realize that the Club would not carry insurance on auction items. Paul also asked that \$1,400 for auction expenses be allocated in the budget. After further discussion, Board members decided to limit the auction to members only. Prospective members would join with the understanding that auction prices would not be published in a trade journal. Several Board members stated that any last minute changes in auction procedure should be announced prior to the sale of the first item.

Judy White recommended that directors consider Club members who are not able to come to the convention. She made the following ways in which all members could benefit:

1. Bound membership directory booklets.
2. Higher membership fee charged to convention attendees or reduced membership fee for those

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not able to attend.

3. Research articles published in the Newsletters.

4. Color photographs in the Newsletter.

5. Educational articles in each Newsletter.

6. Video of convention exhibits, Show and Tell, Rare and Unusual, to be made available to all members.

Jack Biddlecome reported that he has been informed by the IRS that the RBCCI is now considered a not-for-profit social club incorporated in New York. Jack stated that records of the Club's tax status and incorporation was never passed on from Jim Davis' possession, and that the directors need to take action on the non-profit status to keep that status active. Deb Tuttle urged the Board to authorize Jack to write Sandy Heerhold a check for \$1,000 to open an account. Jack should continue to write checks on the current account until all convention expenses have been paid. Board members were in agreement.

Former Board members left, and Bob McCaslin continued with new business. Under constitutional guidelines, the President must appoint a Newsletter Editor. Alma

Biddlecome was asked to continue, and she accepted. The Board approved of and thanked Alma for continuing in this position. Alma stated that she has received many articles from members, but more articles are always needed. It was felt that Richard Schwartz should be contacted to submit an article on tapestry. All past Board members will be asked to submit an article for the March, 2000 Newsletter, and all current Board members will be asked to submit an article for the June Newsletter. Treasurer, Sandy Heerhold, will submit a budget article in the September, 2000 Newsletter and in as many other Newsletters as possible. Tim Gaudet recommended following up on Judy White's suggestion to include color inserts in the Newsletters, and Alma Biddlecome was asked to obtain an estimate for Board approval.

Bob Gollmar recommended providing each member with an updated membership directory and copy of the current Club constitution. He also recommended providing a copy of the constitution and by-laws in the June, 2000 Newsletter.

Judy Stockwell, Joeleen Passow, and Debra Tuttle were asked to follow up on obtaining free advertising in the major antique journals.

Bob Gollmar will provide articles on Club news for the Antique Trader March and July, 2000 issues. Bob was also asked to

serve on the nominating committee with Karen Church and one additional member who was not yet selected.

Under Old Business, the rank order of comped hotel rooms was once again discussed. Before a contract is signed, Board members determined that the following rooms should be provided at no charge: Hospitality Room; 2 Rooms for Hospitality Co-Chairs; Auction Display Room; 1 Room for the Club President.

The parameters of future convention sites were then discussed. Bev Brumbaugh made a motion to set the eastern boundary at Harrisburg / Philadelphia and the western boundary at Denver. Alvin Cappel seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Debra Tuttle will work with Embassy Suites in Kansas City; Chuck Heerhold will check out a potential Denver site; Bob McCaslin will work with Richard Chubb on the Harrisburg site. It was reported that DiAnna Tindell, convention speaker, received one night's lodging, Roland Rosenboom, auctioneer, received 2 night's lodging, and Tim Gaudet, President, received 4 night's lodging. (Tim indicated that he wished to reimburse half of his paid lodging to the Club.) These rooms were paid by the Club, and were not comped by the hotel.

Bob McCaslin led a discussion

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involving the convention auction. Among the items discussed were raising the sales commission, the private versus public auction, doing away with reserves, and charging extra for unsold items that had to be shipped back to the owners. Harriet Land moved and Bev Brumbaugh seconded to retain the 8% sales commission with a maximum commission of \$150 on all sold items, charge a \$10 fee for all unsold items, and give the Board the right to determine auction rules. Nine members voted to pass the motion; two members abstained. The Board also discussed the possibility of doing away with a private club auction and authorizing the auction chairman to locate an outside collection. Some Board members felt that unsold items that were shipped back to their owners should be charged more than \$10.

Concerning the 2000 Convention in Indianapolis, Becky Conrad will chair the Hospitality Room with Roberta Cappel and two other members assisting. Bob McCaslin introduced the concept of the "Year 2000 Cookie Caper" in which all board members will make a cookie or cash donation to the Hospitality Room.

Board members approved having Alma Biddlecome send Deb Tuttle a current membership list. Deb will bind the list into a booklet format along with a copy

of the constitution and by-laws.

A discussion of the budget resulted in the following guidelines:
 Auction Expense \$1,500
 Hospitality Room \$1,000
 Conventions Packets \$400.

It was agreed to retain a \$10 convention fee for the 2000 Indianapolis Convention. The Board also approved Mary McCaslin's request to put a membership form in each of her new books for a to-be-determined fee.

Board members discussed whether it was necessary to maintain two separate accounts for the Club and Auction. It was decided to combine the two accounts in one. All major expenditures will still need to be approved by the President or, in his absence, the Vice President.

Mary McCaslin reported that the Tettau factory has agreed to produce a special commemorative mug for the 2000 convention. The Board would need to place an order in the near future. The mug would feature a map of the convention site, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the front with the RB crest and "Special Edition 2000" on the bottom. Board members advised Mary to obtain a price and contact Board members for price approval.

Nancy Rublaitus agreed to continue as Club Historian. She requested photos and items from the West Coast for the scrapbook.

Bob Gollmar thanked everyone present for their hard work and

dedication. Sandy Heerhold moved to adjourn. Everyone else present seconded the motion, and the meeting ended at 12:30.

1999 AUCTION LIST

The following is the list of items sold during the 1999 Convention Auction. Description of items and sold and price sold for are as follows:

Shell Box, Small Size, GM \$75.00
Santa Creamer, Red 4.0"h, BM \$3,700.00. **Alligator Creamer**, Green 4.5"h, UM \$525.00.
Stirrup Cup Elk, 3.75"h, BM \$400.00. **Scenic Vase**, Sunrise & Ship, 2.5"h \$110.00. **Scenic Plate**, Soccer Team, 6.0"h, GM \$175.00. **Nursery Rhyme Bowl**, Jack in the Beanstalk, 9.5"h, MB \$225.00. **Girl with Basket Creamer**, Green, 4.25"h, BM \$800.00. **Scenic Plate**, Soccer Team, 6.0"w, GM \$175.00. **Fox Candlestick**, Brown, Green Registration #'s, \$18,000.00. **Scenic 2 Handled Vase**, Girl & Sailing Ship, 3.0"h, BM \$80.00. **Scenic Candle Holder**, Arab Riding White Horse, \$85.00. **Scenic Milk Pitcher**, Hunt Scene, \$75.00. **Scenic Milk Pitcher**, Goats Rural Scene, BM \$75.00. **Scenic Plate**, Soccer Team, 6.0"w, UM \$225.00. **Scenic Vase**, Polar Bears, 4.75"h, BM, \$800.00. **Lemonade Pitcher**, Lemon 7.5"h, BM \$1,100.00. **Child's Tea Set**, Sunbonnet, 9

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pcs., UM, \$850.00. **Pig Creamer**, Red 4.25"h, UM \$650.00. **Scenic Berry Set**, Musicians 5 pcs., Bowl 9/75"w, BM \$125.00. **Babes in the Woods Vase**, 4.5"h, UM \$300.00. **Rabbit Creamer**, Brown, Registered Mark \$6,000.00. **Candlestick Holder**, Basset Hound, 4.0"h, BM \$375.00. **Pansy Creamer**, Purple, 4.0"h, BM \$225.00. **Pansy Covered Sugar**, Purple 4.0"h, BM \$300.00. **Devil & Cards Hanging Wall Match Holder**, 5.0"h, BM \$450.00. **Sunbonnet Babies Milk Pitcher**, Mending 4.5"h, BM \$400.00. **Saint Bernard Milk Pitcher**, 4.0"h, UM \$350.00. **Saint Bernard Creamer**, 3.5"h, UM \$200.00. **Scenic Toothpick Holder**, Rooster & Hen, 3 Handles, 2.5"h, BM \$125.00. **Strawberry Sugar Bowl**, Covered, 3.75"h, UM \$75.00. **Sunbonnet Chocolate Pot**, Mending, 6.25"h, BM \$600.00. **Scenic Demi Teapot**, Rooster & Hen Scene, 4.25"h, BM \$200.00. **Pansy Figural Covered Powder Jar**, Yellow, 3.5"w, with Green Under Plate, 4.25"w, BM \$700.00. **Lemonade Pitcher**, Apple, Green, 7.5"h, BM \$850.00. **Arab Humidor Turban Bust**, Gray, BM \$900.00. **Coachman Creamer**, Red, 4.25"h, BM \$250.00. **Crow Creamer**, Black with White Beak, 4.75"h, UM \$300.00. **Bear Creamer**, Gray Brown, 4.5"h, BM \$550.00. **Devil & Cards Creamer**, 4.0"h, BM \$125.00. **Bird of Paradise**

Creamer, Brown Gold, 3.75"h, BM \$500.00. **Devil & Cards Creamer**, 4.0"h, BM \$125.00. **Bird of Paradise Creamer**, Brown Gold, 3.75"h, BM \$500.00. **Devil & Cards Milk Pitcher**, 5.0"h, GM \$275.00. **Cat Handle Creamer**, Blue Brown, 4.0"h, UM \$500.00. **Chimpanzee Creamer**, Gray Black, 4.0"h, BM \$450.00. **Devil & Cards Humidor**, 7.75"h, GM \$1,150.00. **Devil & Cards Water Pitcher**, 7.25"h, BM \$500.00. **Devil & Cards Beer Mug**, 5.0"h, BM \$425.00. **Beetle Creamer**, Red, 4.0"h, BM \$200.00. **Bulls Head Creamer**, Brown White, 4.0"h, BM \$125.00. **Elk Humidor**, Brown Cream, 6.25"h, BM \$400.00. **Mountain Goat Ashtray**, Yellow Grays, 5.5"l, BM \$350.00. **Snake Creamer**, Yellow Brown, 4.0"h, BM \$800.00. **Santa Hatpin Holder**, Brown, Deponiert Mark, \$18,000.00. **Ibex Stirrup Creamer**, Gray, 4.25"h, BM \$775.00. **Flying Goose Ashtray**, Gray Red, 4.125"w, UM \$550.00. **Orange Marmalade**, Orange, 5.75"h, BM \$425.00. **Orange Small Footed Sugar**, Orange, 4.5"h, BM \$275.00. **Orange Teapot**, Orange, 6.5"l, BM \$500.00. **Turtle Creamer**, Yellow Brown, 2.5"h, BM \$800.00. **Orange Water Pitcher**, Orange, 7.0"h, BM \$1,000.00. **Strawberry Creamer**, 3.75"h, UM \$150.00. **Owl Creamer**, Brown, 3.75"h, UM \$275.00. **Monkey Candlestick**, Gray, BM \$7,000.00. **Poodle**

Creamer, Red, 4.5"h, Dep Mark \$400.00. **Poppy Cracker Jar**, Lavender, 6.0"w, BM \$700.00. **Rose Creamer**, Pink Yellow, 3.0"h, BM \$375.00. **Rose Milk Pitcher**, Pink Yellow, 4.5"h, BM \$550.00. **Pansy Creamer**, Purple & Green, BM \$125.00. **Rose Figural Milk**, Pink & Yellow, BM \$550.00. (Lot of 3 Pieces) **White Grape Candy Dish**, UM, Purple Salt & Pepper Shakers, UM, \$125.00. **Santa Milk Pitcher**, Green, 5"h x 5"w, \$7,500.00. **Spiky Shell Creamer**, Iridescent, GM \$55.00. **Portrait Vase**, Lady, 7.0"h, BM \$250.00. **Corinthian Tray**, Black & White, 11.24"l x 8.0"w, BM \$100.00. **Devil & Cards Mug**, 4.88"h x 3.4"w, BM \$250.00. **Corinthian Cake Plate**, Black & White, 10"d, BM \$75.00. **Corinthian Toothpick Holder**, Black & White, 2.25"h, 3 Handles, BM \$50.00. **Lobster Water Pitcher**, Red, BM \$375.00. **Scenic Dresser Tray**, Hunt Scene, BM \$150.00. **Dresser Tray**, Washington, BM \$150.00. **Oak Leaf Salt & Pepper**, Iridescent, BM \$800.00. **Geranium Salt & Pepper**, BM \$1,000.00. **Almond Nut Set**, BM \$160.00. **Little Bo Peep Bell**, with Rhyme & Wooden Clapper, BM \$350.00. **Grape Demi Cup & Saucer**, Iridescent, BM \$250.00. **Rose Cup & Saucer**, Yellow Reticulated, BM \$125.00. **Muff Lady Tapestry Mini Oil Vessel**, UM \$1,000.00. **Chamber**

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Stick, 3 Color Rose Tapestry, BM \$450.00. **Floral Tapestry Cup & Saucer**, Green T Mark \$275.00. **Polar Bear Scenic Vase**, 4.5"h, rare mold, BM \$1,800.00. **Fish Head Lemonade Pitcher**, UM \$1,250.00. **Polar Bear Vase**, 6.25"h, some red sky, UM \$1,900.00. **Corn Butter Pat**, \$150.00. **Scenic Toothpick**, Bird of Paradise, UM \$175.00. **Orchid Creamer**, Red Bottom, 4.0"h, BM \$1,200.00. **Scenic Vase**, Musicians Tri Handled, BM \$85.00. **Corinthian Toothpick Holder**, Black & White, 2.25"h, 3 Handles, BM \$50.00. **Pansy Mustard**, Purple, 3.25"h, GM \$100.00. **Pansy Mustard**, Green, 3.25"h, BM \$650.00. **Scenic Polar Bear Vase**, 6.0"h, BM \$1,600.00. **Scenic Arab Vase**, 7.0"h, GM \$125.00. **Rose Milk Pitcher**, BM \$75.00. **Scenic Arab Ashtray**, GM \$80.00. **Scenic Dogs & Moose Vase**, 3 Handles, 7.0"h, BM \$200.00. **Lobster Claw Ashtray**, BM \$75.00. **Scenic Arab Pin Dish**, GM \$50.00. **Shell Box**, Large Size, GM \$140.00. **Grape Creamer & Sugar**, Purple, BM \$210.00. **Scenic Vase**, Hunter & Dog, 8.0"h, BM \$150.00. **Portrait Vase**, 5.50"h, BM \$275.00. **Scenic Cups**, Lot of 2, 2 Hunters & 2 Dogs, 4.5"h, BM \$175.00. **Rabbit Milk Pitcher**, Brown, Registered Mark, 5.3"h, \$10,000.00. **Rose Tapestry Milk Pitcher**, 5.50"h, BM \$300.00. **Basset Hound Candlestick**

Holder, Black, 4.0"h, \$400.00. **Scenic Polar Bear Creamer**, 4.0"h, GM \$225.00. **Strawberry Marmalade**, BM \$800.00. **Strawberry Water Pitcher**, BM \$925.00.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

It has been my good fortune over the years to attend many antique shows, meetings, and clubs. Never have I seen such a magnificent performance of an undertaking as I have witnessed here with regard to the Hospitality accommodations, the bags that our materials were in, the signs for our rooms, the tickets to the banquet and even to the great little signs on the refreshments, not to mention the great Sunbonnet cookies. Please convey to all those involved with this undertaking my heartfelt thanks for doing a job above and beyond anything I've ever seen.

Larry Brenner

This years convention should go on record as being one of the best! Everyone seemed to enjoy meeting

with fellow collectors to discuss our favorite porcelain. Hospitality was outstanding! Not just snacks, but breakfast and lunch too! We can say with certainty, that it was much appreciated. Imagine, actually using RB pieces for cream and sugar! The clever centerpieces and the art work that went into the door signs, meal tickets, etc., did not go unnoticed. Everything was special, including the ice cream social, programs, and the clever skit at the Banquet. The auction had a record number of items for sale and bidding was fast and furious. Often an item was sold before we had a chance to get our hand up. Our personal thanks to everyone who made this 1999 Convention a great success.

Dotty & Dick Earle

While searching on the computer one day, I came upon an Antique Book Shop in Germany. I emailed and asked if they had or could find a copy of a book

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entitled "Prozellanfabrik zu Tettau" as shown in the Salley Royal Bayreuth Book. Within a couple of months I had the book in my hands. Not being able to read German, I contacted club member Art Ward and asked him to translate it, a BIG job. (Thank you so much Art for your help!) He had done a few chapters when speaking with Anne Wojtkowski and she told me she already had a translated copy of text only. So Anne and I decided to make available the English version including the color and black and white plates in an 8 1/2 x 11" size. The price of each copy will depend on how many copies are made (approximately \$20 range). Any questions or interest please contact me at:

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Royal Bayreuth - A Collectors
Guide Book II, by Mary McCaslin

My new book release date and prices have not been released by the Publisher yet, so therefore, I am asking you as friends and members of our great club, to send me a stamped, addressed envelope. When I know the date and price of the books, both Hardback and Softback, I will return your envelope with this information on it. I would greatly appreciate you buying your book or books from me. Thanking you in advance.

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The internet is without a doubt the thing of the future, and many people are devoting all their time, effort, and purchasing to it. But I for one miss the excitement and socializing that goes on at auctions, conventions, and shows when I'm just looking at a computer screen. I sure like to hold these treasures in my hand before I buy them, and I'm

inclined to pay more when I can see it myself and check for repairs and authenticity. I hope this "Old Fashioned Way" of buying and selling antiques never goes out of style!

Debra Tuttle

The Royal Bayreuth
Collectors Club Western
Convention will be held on the
20th - 23rd of January at Colleen
and Pauls residence at:

545 Bloomfield Road

Sebastopol, CA

(707)823-6890

e-mail address: tui@jps.net.

Thursday 20th - 21st January
optional Hillsborough Antique
Show San Mateo. This is a large
quality Antique Show and well
worth attending.

Saturday - Sunday 22nd - 23rd
Gathering in Sebastopol Hotel is
Holiday Express situated 1/2 mile
from the Tolands house. Rooms
are \$71 + tax. Phone number for
hotel is (707)829-66770 and

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booking is under Royal Bayreuth.

Sebastopol is situated in the Sonoma Valley which is the heart of the California Wine Country. This is a major tourist area famed for its wines, fine gourmet food and beautiful coast line. There are tons of things to do and see and you can even antique along the way. So join your Bayreuth buddies and come West. Any one who needs information on directions, rental cars, ask your friendly travel agent Paul Toland at (707)823-6890.

Paul & Colleen Toland

WATCHING E-BAY

Antique dealing has been changed greatly by E-Bay auctions and will continue to influence the way Royal Bayreuth and all antiques are bought and sold. Many Royal Bayreuth pieces from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and England are now readily available almost daily and prices are all over the place.

For those of our members who are not E-Bay junkies, here is this issues smattering of what Royal Bayreuth sold for on E-Bay most recently. In gathering this data we chose only perfect items. No item with damage or repair is included.

Figurals

Owl Creamer \$224.72
 Black Cat Milk Pitcher \$177.50
 Red Cat Handle White Creamer \$197.50
 Pelican Water Pitcher \$787.77
 Pear Milk Pitcher \$887.77
 Devil & Cards Water Pitcher \$450.00
 Devil & Cards Match Holder \$450.00
 Chimpanzee Creamer \$401.66
 Frog Creamer \$100.00
 Coachman Salt & Peppers \$1,102.77
 Turtle Creamer \$580.00
 Oak Leaf Cracker Jar \$1,500.00
 Water Buffalo Creamer Black \$280.00
 Rose Covered Jar Figural \$235.00
 Lemon Milk Pitcher \$255.00
 Apple Creamer \$183.00
 Devil & Cards Milk Pitcher \$229.50
 Mountain Goat Ashtray \$250.00
 Alligator Creamer \$350.00
 Parrot Creamer \$261.78
 Clown Match Holder \$612.51
 Elk Stein \$275.50
 Santa Claus Nut Dish \$5,627.50

Tea Strainer Green Two Tone \$430.67

Tapestry

Violet Shoe \$698.88
 Swan Toothpick \$360.55
 Crysan Shoe \$909.99
 Bell Castle Scene \$425.00
 Winter Scene Mini Clog \$431.99

Scenic

Miss Muffet Toothpick \$224.49
 Boy Blue Baby Plate \$222.94
 Jack and the Beanstalk Toothpick \$213.61
 Turkey Scene Match Holder \$152.50
 Long Horn 8" Vase \$283.63
 Nymph Vase 5" \$372.00
 Nymph Creamer 3 5/8" \$237.55
 Jester Ashtray \$256.54
 Bell with Bird Scene \$291.50
 Jester Paperweight, \$325.00
 Child's Tea Set with Donkey & Goose Girl \$850.00
 Nymph 10" Vase \$765.00
 Turkey Farmer Cologne Bottle \$292.50
 Cow Hair Receiver \$152.00
 Shoe Spat Type \$256.00

Submitted by: Colleen Toland

Following is an article which appeared in the June 7, 1999 issue of *AntiqueWeek*, written by Jo Ann Hustis:

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LETTERS FROM MEMBERS (CON'T) & WANT ADS

spring and fall, Kennedy Productions sponsors the classy Pheasant Run Antique Show, which attracts many serious collectors as well as the merely curious.

And this year's first show in March was no exception, as about 80 dealers exhibited some of the finest pieces from their collections before a packed house.

Among them was **Becky Conrad**, a wonderfully knowledgeable dealer whose shop, *Beth's Antiques of Monticello, IN*, features the Sunbonnet Babies series in fine china by Royal Bayreuth. Conrad's outstanding collection contained the set of seven sandwich / dessert plates illustrating the Mother Goose days-of-the-week nursery rhyme that goes, "This is the way we..." The pattern on Monday's plate depicts the Sunbonnet Baby washing clothes, Tuesday's plate shows her ironing, Wednesday's plate has her mending clothing, and Thursday's plate shows her scrubbing the floor. A variation of Thursday's pattern shows her washing a window. Friday's pattern is that of sweeping the floor, while Saturday's pattern shows the Sunbonnet Baby baking goodies. And, the pattern for Sunday shows them fishing.

The Saturday plate in Conrad's collection is a reproduction by the company, which is still in production in

Congradulations Becky!!!



ROYAL Bayreuth's Sunbonnet Babies china is a specialty of Beth's Antiques of Monticello, Ind. Owner Becky Conrad offered these pieces at the Pheasant Run Antique Show in St. Charles, Ill.

Germany. "There never has been a Saturday baking plate found in the old Sunbonnets," Conrad noted. The reproductions are identified and dated on the backs of each. For example, a Saturday plate will say, "Special Edition - 1974," she said.

She also has the Sunbonnet Belles series, which consists of a matching plate, cup and saucer for each day of the week. All the Sunbonnets range in price from \$200 to \$1,000 each, said Conrad, who has over 100 pieces in inventory at this time.

Conrad collects nothing for herself; everything is for sale. She has three pickers in New Zealand who send more Sunbonnet pieces weekly. The week of the Pheasant Run Show, one of her pickers sent a little match holder/sugar scoop in Sunbonnet: "A shape I have never seen in the United States before," said Conrad.

WANTED ADS

Tim Gaudet - Red Poppy Demi Pot Lid and Red Chocolate Pot Base.

Becky Conrad - 2 Lids to Sunbonnet Sugar Bowls 2 3/4" x 2 7/8". Bottom to Rose Tapestry Hair Receiver (all pink roses). Lid to Rose Tapestry Hair Receiver (or dresser jar) (all yellow roses). Lid to Rose Tapestry Biscuit Barrel 5 1/4"d. Lid to Sunbonnet Teapot 2 3/8" x 2 1/2".

Richard Stockwell - Saucers to go with Devil & Dice Demitasse.

Jack & Alma Biddlecome - Cover for Orange Tea Pot and

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Cover for Green Grape Tea Pot.

POEM SUBMITTED BY ANONYMOUS

"THE 1999 CONVENTION"

The Convention is over, now it's history, but the fun we had is certainly no mystery.

Royal Bayreuth in rooms and on display galore, and didn't you want to see even more?

How can you decide what to buy? You want it all, my oh my.

The Hospitality Room was simply the greatest, food, drink, fun, companionship...and gossip of the latest.

The Heeleys & Cappels did a job so great, We should award them pieces of eight.

Weren't the favors, name tags, and everything so clever? They were the best ever.

Did you bid at the auction, only to lose? On well, there are many other pieces from which to choose.

It's more Fox Candlesticks & Santa Hat Pin Holders I'll look for

now, to sell them will make me a bundle...and how!

So far I've found only ten of each, so I hope the prices don't go out of reach.

Selling them at the next RBCC Auction will make me rich & For that you won't hear me *!@#^ (complain?).

Now that doesn't rhyme I know, but a poet dare not use words that won't go.

To the officers of the past we bid farewell, you did your job so very well.

You spent many long hours for the benefit of all, always standing so very tall.

Thank you, thank you from us all.

And to the officers coming in we say hello, let's not get off to a start too slow.

Your job is a hard one, so bend to the task, for help from others you have but to ask.

The Auctioneer was the greatest of all, with his humor and style we

had a ball.

From all of us its our heartiest thanks, and for some its off to the banks.

In 2000 it's on to Indianapolis for another fabulous convention, bring your RB to show and to sell, need I mention.

October 12-15 is the magic date, so with your reservations, don't be late.

Cartoon Corner



TREASURER REPORT - By Jack Biddlcome

Royal Bayreuth Collector's Club Treasurer Report

Regular Account:

Closing Balance 8/30/99 \$8,686.65

Receipts

Convention Registrations \$1,012.50
13 new memberships + 1 renewal membership 420.00
\$1,432.50

Disbursements

Newsletter Expenses (Printing, Set-Up, Postage) \$242.70
Office Expenses 55.85
Refunds 112.50
Transfer to New Treasurer 7,000.00
Convention Expense 2,321.41
Total Disbursements \$9,816.46

Balance plus receipts \$10,119.15
minus disbursements 9,816.46
Checkbook Balance \$302.69

Special Account (Auction)

Balance 8/30/99 \$3,804.69

Receipts

10/4 - Auction Proceeds \$113,290.00
10/12 - Absentee Bidders 1,621.00
10/15 - Absentee Bidders 1,158.00
Total Receipts + Balance \$119,873.69

Disbursements

10/8 - To Sellers \$111,133.60
Auction Expense 1,281.23
\$112,414.83

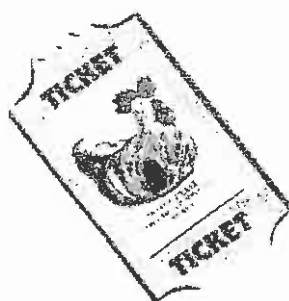
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Entertainment of the day, Pauline Brick, girdled the masses with her wit and humor at the evening's banquet.



Show-and-Tell with a previously unknown RB lamp found by Alvin Cappel

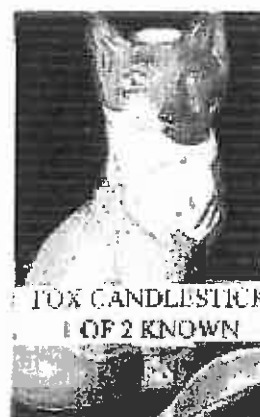


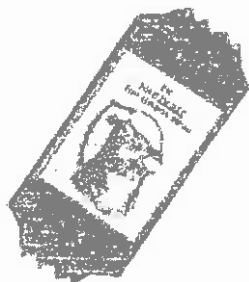
Members enjoying a chance to relax and mingle in the hospitality room



Paul Toland with a rare find - a rabbit creamer.

This Fox Candlestick Holder and the Santa Hat Pin Holder above took the day at a whopping \$18,000 a piece!!!
Lucky find, huh!!





This year's new officers and board members: *from left to right, Bob McCaslin-president, Mary McCaslin-secretary, Judy Stockwell-exec. board, Deborah Tuttle-exec. board, Bob Gollmar-vice president, Sandy Heerhold-treasurer, Joleen Passow-exec. board, Harriet Land-exec. board, Bev Brumbaugh-exec.*



Your editor and her assistant, Jack and Alma Biddlecome.

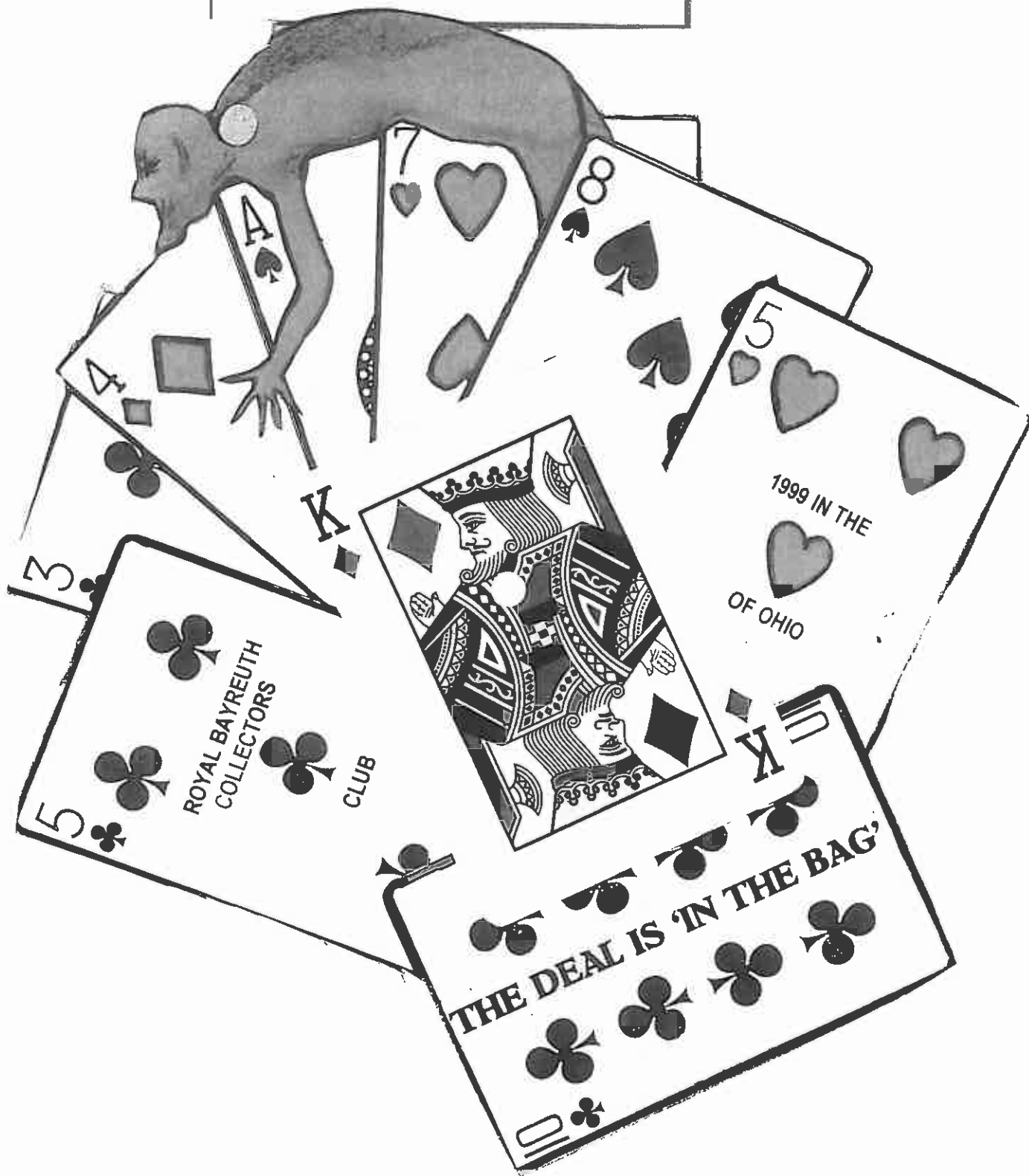


Sunbonnet babies in abundance!! This cookie and many other goodies in familiar RB shapes were made by member Roberta Cappel. YUM!!



Getting their final job done...
Jack Biddlecome-treasurer, Judy White-secretary, Ann Heely-recording secretary (ongoing)

OHIO WELCOMES RBCC MEMBERS



The Tattler

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OHIO HOSTS RBCC CONVENTION

Columbus, state capital of Ohio, welcomes members of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club.

President, Tim Gaudet, made a scheduled stop in Columbus to preside over the 1999 RBCC convention. He took time out from his travels up and down the East Coast, picking up shells in Florida and lobster in Maine, and is now trying to pick up antiques in Ohio!

We also welcome Vice President Robert Gollmar from Wisconsin. Gollmar will be eating a lot of Ohio cheese and comparing it to that of his home state. Say "cheese," Bob. Members of the convention could spend a long time in Ohio traveling the state that has over 113,000 miles of roads. At the time of this printing, we were unable to count the number of antique

stores along those roads! We want you "out-of-staters" to know that Ohio is the 17th state in the union, admitted March 1, 1803, at a time when the Tettan Factory was producing doll heads and figurines.

The name "Ohio" is derived from an Iroquois Indian word meaning Beautiful Place. "Beautiful Ohio," is the state song; the cardinal is the state bird and a scarlet carnation is the state flower. Ohio has two nicknames: The "Buckeye State" and the "Mother of Presidents" for the eight presidents who called Ohio their home. These presidents are: William H. Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft and Warren G. Harding.

CALIFORNIA MAN MISSING FOR ONE YEAR.

Sebastopol, California.....

Colleen Toland reported that she last saw her husband, Paul, at the 1998 RB Convention in St. Louis, Mo. "I believe he is somewhere working on the 1999 RBCC auction," said Mrs. Toland. Members of that organization report that they have received colorful auction brochures with a California postmark leading authorities to believe that,

indeed, Toland has been laboring on that auction.

Mrs. Toland had Paul's picture put on every RB milk pitcher across the country, asking, "Have you seen this man?" To defray the expenses of this, Mrs. Toland designed and is selling a new line of jewelry featuring the RB Pearl and Oyster. There is quite a hunt-scene going on around the country.



Mary McCaslin during autograph session in Columbus

NOTED AUTHOR, MCCASLIN, VISITS COLUMBUS

Mary J. McCaslin, noted author of "Royal Bayreuth, a Collectors Guide," is in town to promote her new novel and reports that the publishing date for the sequel will be delayed. The McCaslin recently brought home "the opus-sum" which played havoc with McCaslin's manuscript. Her new novel promises to be as exciting as the first, figuratively speaking. It is a novel "size" speaking. It is a novel "size" speaking. It is a novel "size" speaking.

OHIO BUCKEYES: YOU GOTTA LOVE 'EM

Ohio and its residents are nicknamed the "Buckeyes." The Ohio Buckeye was named state tree in 1953. It derives its name from its inedible nut, a shiny dark brown seed with a light brown center which resembles the eye of a deer. A buckeye is a Good Luck charm and legendary protector against arthritis when carried in one's pocket. RBCC members will find one in their "brown bag." Hopefully the members will also find good luck in Ohio! The edible version of Ohio Buckeyes will please any member of the club, whether the member is from California or Florida. That recipe is included in our food section.



Ohio is the only state to have a pennant-shaped flag

FALL LINE-UP

Consult your local programming guide. All programs are rated PG and suitable for our younger viewers, if there are any.

Some of our brightest stars will be howling out

So viewers start your

remotes. Here are the premier dates and times of this season's new series. Agenda follows:

Thursday, September 30	
1:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Opens Will remain open most of the day Registration Packets available.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
	Hospitality Room
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Hospitality Room
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee/tea/juice/rolls/bagels RBCC Welcome Meeting/ Show and Tell
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Hospitality Room Light Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	PROGRAM: "Rarities through the Years" by Chuck Heerhold
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Auction Preview
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Auction Preview (for late arrivals)
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Royal Bayreuth Auction
	Hospitality Room following auction
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee/tea/juice/rolls/bagels
11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Old/New Business, Elect Officers
	Hospitality Room light lunch
	PROGRAM: "China Restoration" by Diana Tindell
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Room and Floor Visitation
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Banquet/Entertainment
9:30 p.m. - 12:00 midnight	Board Meeting
	Hospitality Room
	Farewells

GERMANY:

DESTINATION FOR LAND/WHITE

Members of the RBCC who gathered in St. Louis, MO for the 1998 convention, received, as favors, tape measures depicting Royal Bayreuth items. These had been individually hand-painted by Jim Land.

The Royal Tettan Factory has commissioned Land to design a reproduction of the Peasant Musicians featuring the RBCC's secretary, Judith White, accompanying the Peasant Musicians on her kazoo. Mr. Land says he is honored and will accept the invitation. White is still undecided as she prefers the Cavalier Musicians to the Peasants.

TATTLER

INTERVIEWS BOARD MEMBERS

The Tettan Tattler asked RBCC board members which piece of Royal Bayreuth porcelain they would most like to be.

Judy Stockwell wanted to be "a ladies-two-tone high top shoe, but "right now," she said, "I'm strapped."

Harriet Land loves the Devil and Cards, but her decorator said, "No dice."

Deb Tuttle wishes she could be a piece of Sterling Silver Rose Tapestry, because she wants to be "the rarest of them all."

Richard Earle could not decide if he wanted to be the man of the mountain or a mouse.

Bob McCaslin was reluctant to answer and just played opossum.

Paul Toland was not available for comment.

66 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS! REMINDER FROM THE SNOW BABIES

BIDDLECOME

RECEIVES PULITZER

PEACOCK AWARD

Alma Biddlecome is "as proud as the Royal Bayreuth Peacock" to be honored for her work on the RBCC newsletter.

Members of the club expressed their appreciation for Alma's time and effort in printing the articles for the education and enjoyment of their members.

"And she does it all without any ruffling of her pretty feathers," reports husband, Jack.

RECIPE FOR

OHIO BUCKEYES:

Mix together 3 cups of creamy peanut butter, 1 1/2

sticks of softened butter and 2 lbs confectioner's sugar. Form into small balls. Using a toothpick, dip balls into 16 oz.-melted dipping chocolate until almost covered, leaving some of the peanut butter mixture exposed on top. Refrigerate.

HEELLEYS UNDER

INVESTIGATION

Sidney, OH... The Child Welfare board is investigating accusations that Craig and Ann Heeley, RBCC Hospitality Room Co-Chairmen, are breaking child labor laws by forcing their Sunbonnet Twins to labor each day of the week.

The children wash clothes every Monday; iron on Tuesdays; mend on Wednesdays; scrub on Thursdays and sweep every Friday. The Heeleys had no idea where the Sunbonnets were on Saturday. "They were supposed to be here baking," said Mrs. Heeley.

The investigation was dropped when the Heeleys promised to let the twins go fishing every Sunday.

CHECK OUT THESE SPORTS, SPORTS FANS

Check the Sunday Edition of "Tettan Tattler" in the sports section to find out what real sports Jim Land and Alvin Cappel are!

BREAKING NEWS

DIANNA TINDLE

Breakthrough: Do you suffer from thinning paint, broken pieces that cause you heartache, blue marks, do you feel you just need to get a handle on things or do you have a "bad marriage."

Is there a "flaw in the making" or, as Harold Brandenburg refers to it, a "birth defect." Do you need a hairline restoration? Do you have a spot that is bothering you?????

DiAnna Tindell, known also as Dr. Reuth, is a professional restoration specialist who can help you with your problems. She can improve your bite, get your Babes Out of the Woods, or fix Jack's crown. "I feel like a work horse again," says Mike Rublains. Another satisfied member feels "...like clowning around." Tune into this special program Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

IS IT ROYAL BAYREUTH OR BABE RUTH?

ARTISTS CONCEPT OF THE PITCHER WITH A PICTURE OF THE PITCHER

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO THROW OUT A BALL-PARK FIGURE ON THE PRICE



ONLY 714 ARE BEING PRODUCED IN HONOR OF BABES HOME RUN RECORD

THE "BABE" PROMISES TO BE EVEN MORE POPULAR THAN THE SUNBONNET "BABES"

FINANCIAL NEWS: INTEREST IS HIGH IN JACK BIDDLECOMES' OFFER

Jack Biddlecome, RBC treasurer, made a startling announcement that he would loan \$10,000 to each Royal Bayreuth member. Interest is high! Biddlecome is making this offer from his own personal resources which he has been saving in his RB wall pockets. Biddlecome wants to make sure each member has a chance to

purchase that special piece of RB at the auction. He expressed concern that a Y2K computer glitch may cause a shut-down in EBAY, causing prices to go even higher as customers try to stock up on "RB every-day necessities" such as fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish, lobsters, shoes, etc. Contact Jack at www.jackbiddlecome.com.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: IF LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS, LET THEM BE ROYAL BAYREUTH!

HISTORIAN INJURED

Ottawa, IL.....Noted Historian for the RBC, Nancy Rublatus, was slightly injured in a skirmish when she tried to photograph the Portrait Lady for the RB Scrapbook without gaining the Portrait Lady's permission.

CHUCK HEERHOLD: A RARITY

Chuck Heerhold will present the program, "Rarities through the Years." We believe he is referring to Royal Bayreuth items, rather than club members. His wife, Sandy, will be his assistant when he says, "Heer, hold."

DEAR ABBAY ROYAL BAYREUTH

TOMATO: FRUIT OR VEGETABLE???

DEAR ABBAY...

My husband, Alvin Cappel, (not his real name), and I have been married for 37 years. He is a wonderful husband and father, but for the past several years he has started to go out every weekend, looking for "tomatoes." I have found notes and phone numbers and the initials "RB" scribbled on papers in his wallet. I overheard a phone conversation when he asked for "sugar." I know for a fact that he has tried to sneak tomatoes into our home. I'm so mad I want to turn him into a vegetable! What can I do? Roberta (not my real name)

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

RBC TO PREVIEW FIGURAL COLLECTION

Gnadenhuetten, OH...Mrs. Pauline Brick, Sales and Marketing Director for figurals for the past 41 years, will present the newest line of figurals and scenes directly from her collection. The RBC members will be the first to preview this collection with an option to purchase items. Brick will consult with members following the banquet Saturday night.

BOARD OF HEALTH CLOSES RESTAURANT

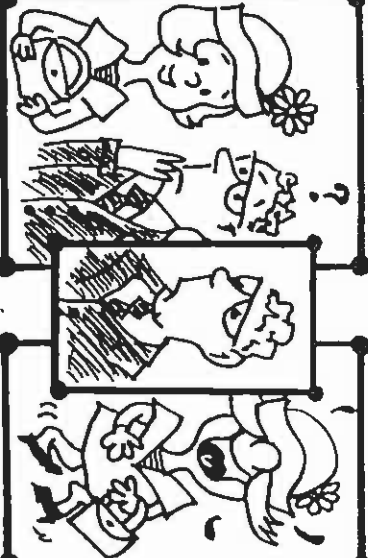
Darien, CT.....Bob Mazza, owner of The Sugar Bowl Restaurant, was fined and his restaurant was closed when Beetles and Lady Bugs were found among his Bayreuth tapestry sugar bowls. RBC members protested and offered to clean him out.

NEWS FLASH: MISSING MAN, PAUL TOLAND, FOUND

Investigators report that Paul Toland, missing for over one year, has been found in the Auction Room of the Columbus Marriott Hotel. He had been sleeping with various figurals, including the Art Nouveau Lady.

WEATHER: SUNSHINY, SUN-
BONNETT, SUNFLOWERY.
TOMORROW: HUMIDOR

IT REALLY HAPPENED!!



"DO YOU HAVE ANY SUNBONNET BABY ITEMS?"

"NO, BUT WE HAVE SOME NICE DOWNE QUINTUPLET THINGS."