Mid-Winter Get-Together March 28th to April 2nd

Dear Royal Bayreuth friends:

We have finally made arrangements for the mid-winter gettogether.

We will be meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. Our good friends and new RBR members, Paul Strathman and Jim Carter, will be our hosts.

We will meet on Sunday, March 28th and be staying through Friday, April 2nd. We have not put together a schedule yet, as Paul and Jim will be out of town until the 28th, but here is a tentative plan.

For dinner on Sunday we can either pick up something at the local store and have a BBQ at the hotel, or we can all go out for dinner together. Monday and Tuesday are both open. I am hoping one of these days Paul and Jim will have us over to their house. Although they do not have much Royal Bayreuth, they do have some great collectibles and a great house. They are fantastic hosts, and if Jim has not feasted on everything in the larder, they may find a snack or two for us.

Wednesday Paul has made reservations for us to go to the Scottsdale Culinary School. As of now I think he has reservations for 10, so if you are coming with us please let us know so we can change the reservations. This place fills up fast.

Thursday there is an art walk in Scottsdale, so we thought we might just take advantage of that, with dinner out.

For those of you who have not been to Scottsdale it is a fun town with lots of things to do, great antiquing, and good food. Some of the towns that are close by are really fun, too. We have always enjoyed our time in Scottsdale.

Mary and Bob are staying at the Marriott. The rest of us are staying at the Waterfront Ivy Hotel, Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, Tel. # 480-994-5282 or hotels.com. On hotels.com I think the rate is \$95.00/ night. The Waterfront includes a hot breakfast every morning and they have a BBQ area on sight.

If Dr. Belcher of Naples, Paris, Marion and Lake Tippecanoe joins in we will be having the luggage carrier races. If not, we will find some other fun to see if we can get thrown out of the hotel.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Ida and Fred, who never return emails lately, could you please let us know... Or Ida if you are out there come out, come out, wherever you are and let us know you are still alive.....

We look forward to seeing all of you in Scottsdale!

> Joanne & Roger Lundquist (For Paul and Jim)

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President's Message By Bev Brumbaugh, RBCC, Inc. President

Mid-winter greetings to all of you.

As I write this message, I look out on a Winter landscape covered in a deep blanket of snow that hasn't seen above freezing temperatures for twenty-five days. Now everyone who lives south of Minnesota (and that is most of you) feel much better and I have done my good deed for the day.

Since our last communication, a lot of ground has been covered. Our first hurdle after Carolyn Church graciously agreed to be our new treasurer, was establishing a bank account in the community of Beaver Falls, PA where she lives. Since 9/11, it isn't as easy to open a bank account as it used to be. The Patriot Act requires that banks verify that new accounts have documentation that proves they are who they say they are. Before the bank would set up our account, they wanted a certified copy of our club's articles of incorporation. I went through our files and came up with a big "0". I began to think that maybe we were not incorporated. I called all the members who were around when the club was originated, and about half of those I talked to were adamant that we had never been incorporated and that the word was inserted in our club title just to impress people. The other 50% were adamant that we were incorporated. But none of them knew anything about who or what had been done to accomplish this task. Those who felt we were incorporated felt that Jim Davis, the first president of the club, took care

of it. However, there were no records to show that he had done so.

This issue was quickly resolved by going to the state of New York web site, and one minute later I saw our name listed as an incorporated non-profit club in the state of NY. I made contact with the state of NY with some concern as I felt that they might be looking for us as a delinquent tax payer (more about this later). The web site didn't indicate that they were looking for us. A subsequent phone call to the Secretary of State's (NY) office where for the price of a phone call, I learned that for a fee of \$10.00 we could receive a certified copy of the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club, Inc. articles of incorporation. This was done and Carolyn was able to open our new bank account in Beaver Falls.

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Sandy Heerhold who continued to perform the treasurer's duties and pay our bills from our old Chicago account until the new account could be established by Carolyn in PA. THANKS SANDY!!!

BE IT NOW KNOWN TO ALL THAT THERE IS IN THE OFFICIAL FILES OF OUR CLUB A CERTIFIED COPY OF OUR ARTICLES OF INCORPORA-TION!

The next question that needed resolution was the issue of income taxes. Did we owe them or not, and if not, why not. My contacts with NY did not answer the tax question. They didn't bring it up, and neither did I. Just because they

did not raise the tax issue didn't mean there wasn't one. We could just be flying under their radar.

The tax question developed because:

- 1) We are an incorporated nonprofit sitting on income derived from activities that are conducted by the club (the auction).
- 2) As far as I could determine, we are the only incorporated non-profit porcelain collectors of any size that conducts its own auction. Further, in some years the auction had generated income that far exceeded that year's expenses.
- 3) Looking for some free advice, I contacted some big time tax lawyer acquaintances of mine in the Twin Cities and asked them what they thought. They thought we had a problem. Their specific feedback was that we probably owed federal and state taxes plus penalties for those years our income exceeded expenses. Further, while our numbers were large by the standards of a small club, they were small compared to what would attract the attention of the Feds. States, however, were a different matter. They are hungry for revenue and if NY started looking in nooks and crannies, we might get picked up. The lawyers, admitting that their rates were too high for us, and that this really wasn't their area of expertise (their clients are very wealthy individuals looking to save tax dollars), they suggested that I find someone who does taxes for small businesses and

non-profits who could research the problem for a reasonable fee.

I contacted our officers and our board spelling out the problem and requested authorization to spend less than \$500.00 to resolve this issue. I engaged a local firm to research the tax question in the regulations and furnished them with all of our financial records back to day one. All of our past club treasurers have done a super job and assembling the financial package was not a big deal.

The first look indicated that in the worst case we would owe \$3000 - \$4000 in back taxes and \$1500 - 2000 in penalties unless tax regulation could be found that would get us off the hook. In other words, we needed a loop hole. Not only did the search include the federal regulations, but all the states where we had held auctions and where we will hold our convention next year (IL).

Well, this shaggy dog story has a happy ending. The firm we hired found a federal regulation that fit our situation completely. All the volunteer labor plus any actual expenses that go into setting up and running our club auction can be credited against the income from that auction in any particular year. As state tax codes conform to federal codes, if we don't owe federal income taxes, we don't owe state income taxes either. We only checked states where we had held conventions. We now have a letter in the club files with all of the

above information. The letter states further that as states look for sources of income, we should check any new states where we plan to hold conventions to make sure their tax laws have not changed (i.e. RI in '05 and WI in '06). The letter noted that if we hold a convention in CA, the state might try to collect a sales tax from us on auction sales. We should check this before deciding to hold any future conventions there. The bill for this work was \$375.00.

This article has gotten too lengthy, but I do want to add one last item. The Andersons and Heerholds are planning great things for us in Itasca next fall. Most of the details are resolved for Providence, RI in '05, and we have, thanks to Bob Golmar, secured Milwaukee, WI for '06. Bob will be the host there.

Please see Joanne Lundquist's article on our club's Spring gettogether in Scottsdale, AZ in March. Two of our newest members, Jim Carter and Paul Stratman, volunteered to host it, and have already done a lot of work on it. We are looking forward to going and hope we will see many of you there!

Bobby Jo and I send our greetings for both Winter and Spring, depending on where you live.

Best wishes, Bev

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The next newsletter packet will also include the new membership roster for 2004. If you have any changes, corrections, or additions to your address, email, phone, etc., please let our club secretary Karen Church know as soon as possible. Also, if you haven't paid your dues, do so at once to be sure that your name will be included in the roster.

Secretary's Message

Karen Church, Secretary R.B.C.C.

Hello Everyone,

How time flies since our last newsletter. The East Coast has been in a terrible cold spell for quite a while and I believe we're not the only ones!! We are 15" over our normal average snowfall and have had bitter cold temperatures. It has finally warmed up to the 30's (can you believe I'm calling this warm?!!) We are now having to contend with flooding rivers, ice from melting snow, and potholes in the roads. I'm

dreaming of spring and thought a picture of my amaryllis would help brighten spirits. I

know it's



not a piece of R.B. and it didn't bloom for very long, but it was gorgeous!

I am finding the membership secretary position exciting and quite a learning experience. I have had quite a few renewals, but I still have 45 people who have not sent in their dues. If you have not, please send your \$30.00 check or money order



payable to R.B.C.C., Inc. to:

Karen Church 110 Blackwood St. Beaver Falls, PA 15010 U.S.A.

I also need everyone to check their roster information and please submit any changes/additions/ deletions to me. New members will have their information added to this year's roster. I have 141 members total, which includes membership renewals, free memberships and ten new members. Thanks to the new members for joining and to the people who helped to bring them into the club.

I recently went to an antique show that was about 1½ hours away from me. It's usually a lovely show with a great variety of antiques. Unfortunately, it was a disappointment this year. I usually always find a piece of R.B., but I didn't even see a tomato or underplate. You always think of the ones that got away in previous years. E-bay seems to be the place to shop and I find occasional treasures there.

It's great keeping in touch with everyone. I have enjoyed all of your letters and emails.

> Until next time, Karen



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Royal Bayreuth Website

The Royal Bayreuth website is on-line at RoyalBayreuth.com and will be expanding to meet the needs of our members. There is information for anyone that has an interest in collection and joining the Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club.

The site includes information on previous conventions and also on this year's gathering in the Chicago, Illinois area. More information will be added to RoyalBayreuth.com as it becomes available, so that members will be up-to-date on the convention schedule.

Another important part of the site is the ability to download new membership information. Visitors will be able to join our club by downloading a copy of the brochure from the website and mailing the attached form with payment.

We are receiving hits from owners of RB that are looking for information on their pieces. Most of the inquiries have been from individuals who want more information on dinnerware. Many are looking for additional pieces while others are more interested in the history of the china. Right now we are averaging four questions a week with about a hundred general hits.

Come visit RoyalBayreuth.com and let us know what you would like to see included in the future.

Submitted by, Tim Sullivan

Submitted by Bob McCaslin

2004 R.B.C.C. Auction.

As the plans for the 2004 Itasca Convention are in the works, we will give you an update on the yearly R.B.C.C. Reserve Auction, which needs the cooperation of club members who may have Royal Bayreuth for sale. The club only charges 5% commission and encourages each owner to place their reserve price on their R.B. items. The huge advantage of this type of auction for our Club Auction is that it allows each owner to more or less determine the selling price of their auction pieces.

Asking only that owners put realistic prices on their respective pieces, our goal is to have 125 to 175 pieces, so please help us out. Owners who cannot attend this year's convention may select any member of the Club Auction Committee to handle their absentee reserve bids. Also, any friends who are coming to Itasca might also do their bidding. R.B.C.C. charges \$10.00 for each no sale.

- (1) Cut off date for auction items is August 15, 2004.
- (2) R.B.C.C. Auction Group to jury all items prior to sale.
- (3) All chips, cracks, and repairs found will be marked. If extensive, item maybe removed from sale.
- (4) Rollie Rosenboom to be the R.B.C.C. auctioneer.
- (5) R.B.C.C. to receive 5% commission of sale price.
- (6) Sale catalog listing in September newsletter.
- (7) Unsold items will be handled by Club per owner's instructions.
- (8) White and yellow copies to be returned to Auction Committee. Pink copy to be retained by owner.
- (9) The future of our Reserve Auction is to be determined by the membership of our Club, please get involved.

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Mark your calendar NOW for . . .

Convention 2004

We hope you are setting aside the 2004 convention dates on your calendar. The dates are September 23-26. We know you will be pleased with the accommodations, programs, etc.

Wyndham Hotel in Northwest Chicago — Itasca, Illinois. Easy access from O'Hare Airport.

Wonderful Health Club, Sports Facility, Driving Range, Hiking Paths, Lakes, and Indoor Pool.

More information in our next newsletter!

Terry & Mary Anderson

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Members: Be Alert for Bad Checks

I may be crying wolf, but I also believe in being forewarned about a bad check epidemic that has hit the really big Antique Shows across the U.S.A. This warning comes from the possibility that some of these unscrupulous people may try to hide among various hobby club memberships.

As far as I know R.B.C.C. has never encountered this situation, but it might well happen during auction payout. The general feeling seems to be that the same individuals were thought to have passed \$12,000 in bad paper at Portland, Oregon, during the Palmr/Wires recent Antique Fair. Authorities are talking about \$100,000 in bad checks being passed at Atlantic City. This fraud has robbed many hard working dealers of justly earned livelihoods. Should any R.B. dealers be among the victims, please give our club editor more exacting details.

The following was submitted by the Atlantic City Police Department which says there are no foolproof answers. These tips may help prevent a very expensive lesson.

- Check photo identification, such as driver's license or passports.
 Write this information down, just in case.
- (2) When dealing with a first time buyer, if possible, a dealer may hold the merchandise until the check clears.
- (3) Pay close attention to the physical appearance of the check writer. Jot down any unusual features.
- (4) Share information on new members with clerks at R.B.C.C. auction checkouts.

R.B.C.C. Inc. Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Carolyn Church

November 1, 2003 to January 31, 2004

Closing Balance-October 31, 2003	\$15,824.02
Receipts: Deposit 11/13/03	\$2 <u>00.00</u>
Closing Balance plus receipts	\$16,024.02
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Disbursements: 11/1/03-12/31/03	
Brochures, Letter Mailings	\$565.80
Refund (unused convention fees 2003)	\$47.00
Government Fee-New York State	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Disbursements Total	\$622.80
Closing Balance Plus Receipts	\$16,024.02
Disbursements Total	\$622,80
Balance (Transferred to New Treasurer 12/15/03)	\$15,401.22
Outstanding Checks Returned to the AcctRefund	\$95.00
for dues + unused convention fees from 2002	
(Transferred to New Treasurer 1/23/04)	
Total Transferred from Bloomington Bank	\$15, 496.22
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Receipts: 1/2/04-1/31/04	
Membership Dues-New and Renewals (104)	\$3,145.00
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From January 26, 2004, Antique Week, the fake check passers have been apprehended at the Las Vegas Antique Arms Show, by a dealer who had been a victim of their bad checks and had vowed "to keep his eyes open". He spotted the bad check writer who was looking at merchandise in his Las Vegas show booth. He detained the man with the help of another dealer. The police were notified and the two check passers were handed over to the

F.B.I. The F.B.I. are putting the Data together from various parts of the country, saying they are wanted all over the U.S.A. This tells us to be alert for scams in the future during the in-room sales at our convention. This is another good reason for having a "Membership Only" auction at our yearly convention where most everyone is known to our Treasurer and Auction Clerk.

Stay Alert, Bob McCaslin

A Brief Glance Down The Antique Trail in 2004

As we check various antique publications there seems to be a steady flow of upbeat news said to be affecting the antique picture for 2004, saying that some of the nation's leading auction houses are finding reason for optimism. It seems the public auction format has been able to compete in the antique world with the internet and E-Bay style auctions as many are looking at the long established traditional public auctions as highly important in their efforts to serve their long established clientele.

Among the reasons things are doing so well at auction is that people are moving from the stock market into a tangibles market. Look at gold prices over the last year. As we see an improving antique market for 2004, it follows that more high level consignments will be appearing at various auction houses around the country. Midlevel buyers like us, should in my opinion, see more RB for sale during 2004 than during the last two years.

E-Bay has greatly changed the antique market, putting the worldwide market at our fingertips. In spite of all this, I am still turned on by a good public or estate auction. They are still worth a 400-500 mile round trip with a 6 to 8 hour auction session to follow. We hope some auctions will be held in the Midwest area during this year. I am looking forward to visiting with many of the R.B.C.C. folks at these auctions.

If this forecast comes to pass, our 2004 convention will be one of the true highlights of the upcoming year. More and more of the R.B. collectors bring things for their in-

room sales. The in-room shopping is truly one of the fun activities at each year's R.B.C.C. Convention, giving us the best chance to pick up that certain piece which has alluded us over the years. We encourage our members to work the convention into their yearly schedules so they can come and join in the fun.

Over the holidays we had an opportunity to shop E-Bay for some of the hardest to find Santa pieces to come on the market in the past few years. An R.B.C.C. member offered these fine R.B. items from his private collection, giving us a chance to buy these items. The condition was excellent, and the rarity of some of these is known by most R.B. collectors and interest was quite keen. High level interest will generally indicate strong prices and this was no exception.

Mary picked up a match holder with striker (\$1700), a lemonade with handle (\$7000), a hatpin (\$5100), and a mustard (\$5500). Also sold was a humidor (\$9400) and a breakfast creamer (\$5400). Strong prices, but top quality items. A thank you to the owner who had enough faith in R.B. to offer these top quality items on E-Bay. Many thanks to both the seller and to all bidders for the pick-me-up to our overall hobby with good market prices offered for some top of the line R.B. items.

Let's make 2004 another good year for Royal Bayreuth by helping find new collectors to join R.B.C.C. and add to the good times had by all at our yearly conventions!

Happy Collecting!
Bob McCaslin

The More You Know, The Less Knowledge You Have

During a recent foray into E-bay, I ran into quite a number of blue onion porcelain items. Most of these items were offered as Royal Bayreuth (Tettau) or Meissen, although none were marked as such. In our collections we have items in the onion design with Tettau and Meissen marks. We also have a number of unmarked pieces. We know they are old because we bought them in the late 50s and early 60s when we lived in Germany. Their origin is unknown. I decided to satisfy my curiosity and see if I could find out how many porcelain firms produced items in this pattern during the 19th and 20th centuries. Here is what I found:

In addition to Royal Bayreuth (Tettau) and Meissen, similar patterns were produced by Villeroy and Boch, Royal Copenhagen, RS Prussia, Johnson Bros. of England, and, I even found items with a Czechoslovakian "D" mark. The reality is that many of these items were never marked.

It is clear that the sellers on E-bay don't know the origin of what they are selling if it doesn't have a mark. This isn't an indictment, it is just a fact.

Apparently, this is just one of those areas where you can't turn information into intelligence. If any of you have more information on this subject, let's here from you. It might be the basis for a program at a future meeting.

Submitted by Judy Stockwell

Recent Prices From Ebay.

Sunbonnet

Creamer and Sugar, Tuesday Girls Ironing, BM, \$128.50 Dutch Shoe, 5 ¼"x 2 ¼", Unm., Girls Washing, \$420.00 Milk Pitcher, Girls Wash Day, 5 3/8" BM. \$164.99

Nursery Rhyme

Porcelain Box, Little Jack
Horner marked in gold on lid.
\$160.50

Jack and Jill Child's Dish, some wear and knife marks \$125.00

Figurals

Apple Creamer, BM, \$63.00 Grape Creamer, Purple/green leaves with carmel color, BM., \$75.00

Grape Salt and Pepper Shakers, Purple, BM, \$138.50

Grape Wall Pocket, White lustre, BM, \$255.00

Shell with Lobster, green shell/ red lobster 3" Umn,\$490.00

Milk Maid Creamer, Red Dress, 4.5" high, BM, \$180.00

Spikey Shell Teapot with cover, small chip on inside of cover \$72.00

Santa Creamer different style, 3 ½" x 3" wide, BM, \$4,825.00

Parakeet Creamer, 4", red/blue/ gold, #1393 on bottom \$133.50

Santa Wall Match, RARE, BM & Dep. On bottom, \$5,352.52

Elk Open Matchbook Holder, 4" tall, #9 and BM on bottom \$440.00

Elk Mug, 6" tall, small chip, BM \$ 51.00

Elk Toothpick, 3 ½" high, BM..\$165.49

Man of the Mountain Creamer, Green Mark, \$55.33

Coachman Creamer, old blue mark \$103.50

Straw Hat, White with Tan band 4 ½ x 3 ¾ \$189.16

Bell Ringer Pitcher 7", BM (professional repair to hat on side) \$257.88

Poppy Pitcher, Satin with peach highlights, 3 3/4" BM \$106.49

Tomato Teapot with cover, BM, \$75.00

Shoe, high buttoned, two toned tan, Unm, \$39.99

Poinsetta dish 4 ½" x 8" long, BM, Dbl. Red poinsetta, \$225.39

Miniature Lobster Creamer 1 3/4" tall, Germany on bottom \$76.00

Scenic

Vase, 4" high, Lady in hat, BM, \$67.51

Vase, Handle over top of vase, Hunting scene, Unm. \$56.00

Vase, Girl Bathing/Castle and stream, BM 9"tallx 4" wide \$107.50

Vase, Cavaliers, Brown and tan tones, 9 ½" bulbous , \$ 77.00

Creamer., Cavalier, red bottom with cav. On top, BM \$ 28.00

Vase 3 ¾" tall dogs,moose, hunt scene BM \$52.00

Portrait Bowl 11", Lady with Shawl, BM \$250,00

Candle Holder, Brittany Girls, BM \$ 86.00

Pr. Of Jardinieres, Cobalt Blue with Birds of Paradise BM, \$100.00

Ewer, Men in the boat fishing, BM, \$ 59.99

Vase, 3 handled, peacock, 4.25", Unm \$201,17

3 Pc. Pitcher, Toothpick ,Vase, Unm., Man, Lady, Chicks \$139.50

Tapestry Dresser Tray, sheep, 11 x 7 5/8" \$203.51

Devil and Cards

Devil & Cards Playing Cards Box, 4 ¼ x 3 1/8, x 3 ¼ BM, \$644.00

Devil and Cards 4 pc. Set,Grm, (see pic) 599.00

Devil Clock Plate 4 ½" Unm. \$ 1,575.51

Devil and Cards Milk Pitcher, BM & #28 on base \$ 400.00

Miscellaneous

Royal Bayreuth Reference Book by Salley \$ 12.95

Place setting for 16 of Royal Bayreuth(see mark in picture) \$355.00

Corinthian Plate, open handles, 10 ¼", black with gold trim \$52.50

Corinthian Water Pitcher, Green, 8.25" tall, BM \$184.16

Hand Painted Ivory Biscuit, BM,Dep,HPI, crack fill? \$ 275.00

Biscuit Jar, Roses, BM 5 ½" some wear \$56.00

(See next page for some photos of these listed items)

16 pc. Place setting Royal Bay.dishes \$355.00

Mark for 16 pc. Place setting





Elk Open Malchbook Holder \$440.00



Milkmaid Creamer \$180.00



Devil Card Box \$644.00



Grape Creamer \$75.00





Submitted by Judy Stockwell

4 Pcs. Devil and Cards \$599.00



Grape Salt and Pepper Shakers



Men in Boat Fishing Ewer \$59.99



Vase with Peacock \$201.17



Parakeel Creamer \$133.50



Pr. Of Jardinleres with birds \$100.00



\$138.50



\$39.99



Apple Creamer \$63.00



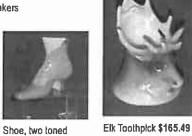
Sunbonnet Dutch Shoe, girls washing \$420.00



Devil Clock plate \$1,575.51



Mini Lobster Creamer \$76.00



Elk Toothpick \$165.49



Grape Wall Pocket \$255.00



Portrait Bowl lady with shawl \$250.00



Biscuit Jar with roses \$56.00



Straw Hat and mark inside \$189.16



Poinsetta dish \$225.39

Hand Painted Ivory Biscuit Jar \$275.00



Sunbonnet creamer and sugar girls ironing \$128.50



Vase, Lady in Hat \$67.51



\$255.00



Spikey Shell Teapot \$72.00

Confessions of a Collector

Collectors collect. Some news flash this is. If you ask any club member what they collect in addition to Royal Bayreuth, most will respond that they collect a specific item such as another · porcelain or a generic item such as hatpin holders. Believe me, over half the people that respond to you are not telling you the truth. They are being evasive because they are suffering from SCADD. That is Severe Collectors Attention Deficit Disorder. "Not me," you may say. "My collecting is under control. I am not like some people I know. I collect only three things, and I can quit whenever I want." If that is what you believe, you may be afflicted with SCADD.

Take a walk around the rooms in your house and, in addition to Royal Bayreuth, make a list of all the things you collect. If you have more than five collections, you are in deeper than you thought. Here is a list of our collections (at least as of my last count): Art Nouveau items (including art glass, porcelain, and pottery) Christmas collectibles, Civil War items (including money and bonds), demitasse cups, Department 56 Halloween village pieces, Meissen, Noah's arks, Pie birds/ vents, Purses, RS Prussia (hidden image pieces), Russian lacquer boxes, Schafer Vater (bottles and other items), Silver, Stamps. Steins (including Mettlach), Toys (metal and cast iron).

I thought we were in trouble when my wife and I found

ourselves converting Thanksgiving pilgrims into Halloween witches. I realized that we had crossed the line on Christmas collectibles when on a recent visit our grandson came out of the guest bathroom and said, "Christmas is over, grandpa, so you should take down the Christmas tree in your bath tub." Without giving it a second thought, I fired back, "That's not a Christmas tree, it's a Winter decorated tree." Yes, we have a collection of seasonal decorations. including Winter.

I have now begun to see collections everywhere. I said to my wife recently, "Do you know that we have a collection of canned tomatoes, chili, bottled water and lamb chops?" She looked at me and said, "These items are not, and never will be, collections. They are conveniences that keep us from running to the store. And furthermore, if you believe lamb chops are a collectible, I will keep that in mind the next time we have them for dinner." You know, I hate it when she gains the high ground of a discussion so quickly. My reply was, "Don't you think we might be suffering from SCADD?" She responded, "Whatever SCADD is, we don't collect it!" We enjoy our collections as they are a part of who we are.

Today I brought up the Valentine decorations. They are contained in one carton, so it did not take long to put them out. I thought about how long it took to bring our Christmas collectibles

from the basement. Actually it only took an hour, but that was because I hired the teenager across the street to help me. When we had finished stacking the cartons, he looked at me and asked, "How many of these big cartons do you have?" I answered, "Forty seven."
"That's quite a collection of boxes you have," he said. And I didn't have the nerve to tell him that was only Christmas!



A Message From Your Club Historian:

Thanks to Bob Gollmar, Nancy Rubilitas and Judy White for the recent articles and pictures received for the Historian Books.

Have not received anything regarding the West Coast Gatherings and was hoping to add something to the books. Please look around and see what you can find for me! AND...do keep your eyes open for more.

Thanks!

Judy Stockwell, Historian