

CONVENTION 2004



Jesters were the theme for the 2004 convention. Kat Thacker's artwork was displayed throughout.

And the Winners are...

Congratulations to Deford Brown of Maryland
and Sandra and William Sabin of New York,
who won our quarterly drawings.
Your 2004 dues will be paid by the R.B.C.C.

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President's Message

By Bev Brumbaugh, RBCC, Inc. President

It seems like only yesterday when we

were leaving for the Royal Bayreuth convention. The fall colors were something to anticipate and the election was far off in November. Well, the fall colors have come and gone, except for those remaining as a wet, sticky mess on my lawn. Halloween, one of my favorite days, came knocking with expectant little kids with their bags held out. The election looms in front of us. I hope your candidates win. The Itasca convention is now a very pleasant memory. Seeing old friends and making new ones, learning new things about the porcelain that we all collect, seeing the results of a lot of hard work by many people who volunteer and expect no payment for their labor, and, yes, a little sadness because we missed those who we know wanted to be there but were unable to do so.

In the remainder of this letter I want to thank a few folks who worked so very hard to make the convention such a success, and recap some highlights from the business meeting, and close with some actions the board is working to accomplish.

First, I want to thank the host committee for the super job they did!! Hats off to Mary and Terry Anderson, Sandy and Chuck Heerhold, and Kat and Greg Thacker!!! The hotel was a wonderful choice. It is a great place to stay and the people who work there could not have been nicer! Bob McCaslin and Tim Sullivan, our co-chairmen for the auction, turned out a first class event! Thanks, also, to all of those who placed pieces in the auction, as well as the bidders who make it all come together! As always, the contribution of our

auctioneer, Rollie Rosenboom, is deeply appreciated! The convention programs always enhance our knowledge about Royal Bayreuth. This year was no exception. Chuck Heerhold and Terry Anderson did a great job with Jester and his history in the RB product offerings. Linda Nelson and Mary Anderson also hit a homerun with their Corinthian presentations. It is hard to describe the visual impact when you have an opportunity to see an unusual and large collection displayed together at one time. It is a once in a lifetime experience, and on behalf of the club, I thank our presenters for a job extremely well done!

This letter would be remiss if I didn't mention the entertainment arranged by the committee! Put on by The Little People, this Cajun flavored presentation still brings a big smile to my face when I think about the show they put on. I can only say that you truly had to be there and see it for yourself. A thanks also goes to the Churches, Carolyn and Karen, who worked so hard to keep our records straight; to Judy Stockwell who had handled our press releases; to Linda Titus, our editor, who takes our convention photos and turns out our excellent newsletter; and all of those who work in all kinds of ways throughout the year to make our convention a success. Last but not least, a big thanks to Kat Thacker, who not only is a great artist, but who also displayed an unknown talent as a recording secretary for the business meetings. This is a job that few would volunteer to do. Thanks!

The following is a summary of our business meeting. I will not recap the reports from the secretary, treasurer, and auction co-chairs as they appear

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elsewhere in this newsletter. We honored two retiring directors, Joanne Lundquist and Craig Heely for their exceptional service to the club. Kat Thacker, our nominating chair, presented the names of Paul Stratman and Steve Bartlett as new directors, plus Terry Anderson who agreed to serve a second term. The slate was elected in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.

Following an appropriate motion, it was decided that the dues would remain unchanged for the next year. The convention also approved the '05 and '06 sites in Providence and Milwaukee respectively.

This newsletter will come to you by bulk mail. This will give our club a 60% saving in postage. Please note that bulk mail is not forwarded. If you change your address over the Winter, you need to let Linda Titus know so her mailing records reflect this change. When you return home, you will need to contact Linda again so that her records accurately reflect that return.

Also, Bob McCaslin has generously agreed to be our nominating chairperson for the next convention. And the board is actively researching sites for the '07 convention.

As we near one of the busiest times of the year, I want to wish each of you a very special Holiday Season! Bobby Jo and I leave for Germany on November 20th where we will cruise down the Rhine and Main rivers and visit eight Christmas markets. We are looking forward to this shopping trip (one of us more than the other) and to seeing the preparations for this Holiday Season.

We know we will see some of you at the Winter get-together in Florida. Details can be found on page 14.

Happy Holidays! Bev



Secretary's Message

By Karen Church

Another great convention was held this fall in Itasca, Illinois. The hospitality room and host committee did a wonderful job. The jester theme was great. Everything was very well organized and fun.

I can't believe it's been a year for me in office. Time flies. As to date, I have had 25 members since last year remove their names from the clubs roster. We have obtained 23 new names. I'd like to thank all of those people who are hard at work trying to increase our club membership.

Just a reminder, I will be sending out the member renewal bills probably sometime in early December. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible. I just wouldn't want them to get set aside with all of the other Christmas mail. I will also be including a form, which I would like everyone to fill out and return with his or her dues. It will help us to update all of the roster information.

It's really important! Also, throughout the year, if your information has changed, please drop me a line or email me. I will gladly get the changes to Linda Titus, our editor.

I would also like any news or happenings with our club members sent to me, so it can be included in the newsletter. We are interested in knowing how things are going with our friends in the club.

Western PA. has had its peak fall colors the weekend of October 23rd. We even commented on how many leaves were still on the trees. We are in our "Indian Summer" this week with the temperatures a very pleasing upper 60's to low 70's. We had rain yesterday and today and all of the leaves have come down in the past 2 days! Winter and the Holidays are not far away!

Hope this finds everyone well and finding all sorts of treasures!

Karen



Editor's Message

By Linda Titus

Dear Members,

Hopefully everyone got home safely from convention. The Wyndam Hotel was a lovely place for the convention. It was close to shopping and many fine restaurants. It is also home to Shula's Restaurant. Thanks to the special people who invited me to dinner with them at this unusual restaurant. The menu was hidden on a football. After reviewing the prices, we understood why they were on the hard-to-read football! We all had a great time and I managed to consume a delicious 24oz. Porterhouse steak all by myself!

Well, costs keep rising everyday and it gets difficult to produce quality printed pieces at affordable prices. The club does have money concerns and the target for trying to save money is the newsletter. It was mentioned to me that I try to keep the number of pages and the number of photos to a minimum to help with keeping the cost down. Also, first class postage has given way to bulk rate postage to help defray the cost of postage. This service will save the club some money, but please keep in mind that this service has no service. Bulk rate mail is not forwarded, it is as much as three to four times slower, and mail with incorrect addresses will end up in the "circular file" so be sure that your

address and zip code is correct. If there are problems you probably won't receive this newsletter. Hopefully all addresses are correct and everyone receives this newsletter. Not just anyone can mail by bulk mail. You must have a bulk mail permit which has an initial application fee plus an annual fee. My company has had a permit for many, many years and the club will be using my bulk mail permit at no cost. Mail houses and printing services usually charge for this service. The club could apply for a non-profit mailing permit at some time allowing even deeper discounts, but this too has an annual fee along with the initial application fee. Sometimes the fees cost more than the actual savings.

The convention entertainment, "The Little People" were such a unique form of entertainment! As you can see, it is with a

little reluctance that I allow this little guy to plant a kiss on my cheek! We certainly got a lot of laughs out of their show.



Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season!

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

Carolyn Church, Treasurer R.B.C.C.

August 1, 2004-October 31, 2004

Closing Balance- July 31, 2004 \$14,918.53

Receipts 8/1/04-10/31/04

Membership Dues \$1000.00
 Convention Fees \$1876.00
 Plaques \$210.00
 Hospitality Room (2004) \$528.00
 Hospitality Room (2005) \$100.00
 Auction \$35,395.00
 Closing Balance plus receipts \$54,027.53

Disbursements 8/1/04-10/31/04

Plaques \$3422.37
 Newsletter \$1786.04
 Supplies \$193.18
 Convention Expenses
 Lanyards and Badge Holders \$330.00
 Convention Refunds \$227.00
 Northwest Chicago Wyndham (lunch & banquet fees) \$2,723.89
 Hotel room charge (auctioneer) \$145.81
 Pizza Party \$517.44
 Entertainment \$500.00
 Advertising
 Press release mailings \$17.39
 dmg world media (USA) inc (Antique Week) \$497.46
 Postage \$10.15
 Miscellaneous
 Awards \$204.37
 Northfield Insurance Agency (bond) \$170.10
 Auction
 Postage and Phone \$45.00
 Seller's profits returned \$32,888.25
 Hospitality Room
 Supplies, food, decorations \$525.01
 \$44,203.46

Closing Balance Plus Receipts \$54,027.53
Total Disbursements \$44,203.46
Checkbook Balance 10/31/04 \$ 9,824.07

Hospitality Room



Happy holidays! Here is a short recap on the convention with regard to the hospitality room and other aspects of being the hosts for the convention.

Initially the contract with the hotel was negotiated by Chuck Heerhold. Due to shrewd negotiations, we were able to attain the hospitality room at no cost to the club and one free continental breakfast. Any policies contrary to the hotel policy were negotiated, most decisions in our favor. The bulk of the work was then placed on the shoulders of Terry & Mary Anderson. They were smart in recruiting the help of Kat & Gregg Thacker.

Terry and Mary became the liaison with the hotel and did the meal planning and came up with our theme – Jesters – for the convention. Thanks to the creativity of Gregg and Kat, who provided us with countless hours devoted to artwork, our hospitality room was decorated within the theme. Much time was donated by the Andersons and Thackers in preparing the room for our attendees.

As for our programs, thanks to Linda Nelson for educating us on the Corinthian line, and to Chuck Heerhold for his program on the Jesters. Thanks also to the Andersons & Karen Church for providing additional pieces to display. Hopefully, we sparked interest in this area.

This year we had done something not done before. Since we met our meal contractual obligation to the hotel with our banquet and one lunch, we left the building and went to a restaurant for a Chicago style pizza buffet lunch. This was well received by the group.

How about our entertainment "*The Little People*"? They were a bargain at \$500. The cameras were flashing and people were laughing.

Financially, the hospitality room did very well. With no budget to work with, we were able to realize a profit of \$2.99!

How did this happen?

Careful shopping and support from the attendees. There were many donations of 'goodies', cash, and a silent auction of donated items by the

Andersons & Thackers at the banquet. Our expenses for decorations, bags, beverages, fruit, signs, etc, were \$525.01. We had donations of \$91, buyback of unused items \$82, and proceeds of our silent auction \$355, making our total receipts \$528.

Your committee is proud of the job that they did and believe this is one of our best conventions to date. Thanks to all of you who took the time to send us notes and emails. Your support is much appreciated!

Please remember to support the club's fundraiser, the beautiful porcelain ROYAL BAYREUTH signs that are for sale.

Respectfully submitted by your hospitality committee,

Terry & Mary Anderson, chair
Gregg & Kat Thacker
Chuck & Sandy Heerhold



Little Rhody Convention

Submitted by Steve Bartlett

Your host committee for 2005 is enthusiastically working to make the New England Convention in Rhode Island, a huge success.

Reserve the dates, September 22nd through the 25th, 2005.

Rooms are reserved for RBCC members starting Wednesday, September 21, 2005 so you can make your reservation anytime. We realize that this is the first convention held on the East Coast in many years and some of you may have concerns about the driving distance. During the next few months we will give you lots of ideas, suggestions and help to plan a New England trip to attend this convention. Come early and stay late! Late September is a beautiful time to visit New England. Seasonal weather at this time of year generally means warm days and cool nights for good sleeping.

The convention will be an hour from Boston and Cape Cod and no more than a 2-3 hour drive to beautiful areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and Connecticut. The New England States offer a diverse opportunity to view

Early American history, quaint villages, rolling hills, mountains, farmland, the seashore, enjoy super antique hunting, wonderful regional cooking (seafood) and you might even see a moose. You need to visit us and decide for yourselves if New Englanders are as quirky as we are made out to be.

If you only can attend the convention, there is a great deal to see within 30 minutes of the Radisson Hotel, in Warwick, RI, where the convention will be held. We will provide ideas of things to see, attractions and great restaurants to help you enjoy your New England experience.

If you have ideas, concerns or questions, please contact the Bartletts or the Stockwells. We will get back to you.

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Little Rhody Facts

- Rhode Island, the smallest state in the US, is 47 miles long from north to south and 37 miles wide from east to west.
- 500 Rhode Islands would fit into Alaska.
- The lowest point is at sea level. The highest is Jerimoth Hill, 812 feet high.
- The State Bird is the Rhode Island Red chicken and the favorite catch of many fishing boats is the lobster.
- Rhode Island has 12 working lighthouses.
- The longest game in pro-baseball history was 33 innings, played between the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Rochester Red Wings in 1981.
- The diner started here in 1872.
- General Ambrose Burnside, a Rhode Island governor, grew whiskers beneath his ears. Named after him, the style became known as "sideburns"

Welcome Meeting 9:00 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24

Bev – informed all present this is the informational/ not business meeting

Kal Thacker will be filling in to take minutes – so please give your name when addressing group

New Members introduced

Paul Stralman & Jim Carler – Paul says he considers himself the "Tomato King" of Arizona! Joanne & Roger Lundquist introduced them to the club. They also collect Christmas stuff, Taupe Wedgwood, & Soapstone. They have started out in RB w/red & orange tomatoes – now they have a china cabinet full of the crazy stuff! ALL they have (so far) is tomatoes!!! They have enjoyed the friendships they've made & are happy to join the club

Gordon Addington – He says he & his wife Paula have been members of the club for a few years, but this is his first RB convention – which he had to attend due to the fact they live in Chicago! They belong to several other collector's clubs – inc. Folk & Outsider art, and Antique Advertising stuff – they have an amazing collection of Walgreen Drug memorabilia. He said they decided to "move up" to collecting RB – they have over 40 pcs of the devil & cards. He & Paula had to buy the condo next door to hold all their collections!

Donn & Sissi Klingman

Kathleen Wojtowicz

Bev – First off, thank you to everyone for coming to Itasca!

A message from our Hospitality crew

Terry Anderson – he explained the "jester" game rules...

There will be 7 games throughout the weekend – you have red tickets & instructions in your goody bags for the "contests" w/multiple drawings. These will be attendance based – you must be present to win. First drawing – Ida Parrott won a Silvestri jester art ornament

Lunch – we will be leaving the premises for a short drive over to the Homerun Inn – they have wonderful pizza, pasta, salads & desserts. Soft drinks are inc. Tickets are \$7.00 & still available. Meet in the hotel lobby between 11 – 11:15, and we'll carpool over, maps available. (Home run Inn – 630.755.9696)

Also, a reminder – please sign up for room visitation on the "Show & Sell" poster in the Hospitality room. We will have print-outs available to hand out shortly...

Introduction of Officers & Directors

- President – Bev Brumbaugh
- Past President – Bob McCaslin
- Vice President – Tim Sullivan
- Treasurer – Carolyn Church
- Membership Secretary – Karen Church
- Editor – Linda Titus
- Club Historian – Judy Stockwell
- Board of Directors
- Joanne Lundquist
- Craig Heeley (np)
- Terry Anderson
- Janel Belcher
- Becky Conrad
- Kal Thacker

Bev wanted everyone to know how happy they were that Joanne's Drs allowed her to travel to this convention, due to recent health difficulties! Also, long-time members Jack & Alma Biddlecome could not attend due to his upcoming surgery. Please send prayers & good wishes to all our missing members. Plaques

Mary Anderson - This year, we did something special, and had beautiful little RB plaques made up at the factory, just for us! (There was a limited run of 500 pcs.) Conference attendees will receive 1 per family in your goody bags. To purchase additional plaques – they are \$15.00 cash & carry while in Itasca. After the convention – the price is \$20.00 which includes postage & handling. This will be advertised in the Dec. newsletter. After our membership has purchased as many as they want, the remainder will be sold on eBay to the general public. REMEMBER, these will only be available for a limited time to our members, so don't wait to order!!!

Old Business

- Treasurer's report will be read tomorrow
 - Alvin Cappel & Don Loomis will be acting as auditors
 - Auction Committee
 - Bob McCaslin – read corrections to the auction catalog.
 - Harold Brandenburg – brought up missing pcs from catalog & these were added.
 - A big round of thanks to Bob & Tim for all their hard work, esp. dealing w/last minute changes
 - Another big thank you to the best auctioneer of any club – Rolly Rosenboom!
- Convention 2005

Steve Bartlett – He & Chris, along with the Stockwells, are in charge of planning next year's event in Rhode Island. He promised they would do their best to have a nice convention for all who attend. Lots of wonderful things are in the works... FYI - Rhode Island is the smallest of all the states in the US. (north/south is only 47 miles & east/west is 37 miles!) The natives have a reputation for being "quirky", the state bird is the Rhode Island Red (rooster), they like to drink "coffee milk" and eat lobster. Dates: Sept. 22 – 25, 2005

The Warwick Radisson is a small hotel on one floor, fabulous food from the culinary arts school, and conveniently located only 2 min. from the airport. It's only 10 min. from Providence, 30 min. from Newport, 1 hr. @ from Cape Cod or Boston, and 3 hrs. from New York. It will be a little early for Fall color, but you can enjoy lots of historic sites nearby. There is also casino gambling 40 min. away.

QUERY: Bob McCaslin – Can Rolly conduct an auction in RI w/his license? REPLY: This will have to be checked out...

Convention 2006

Bob Gollmar – This event will be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, Sept 21 – 24th, 2006. He will be hosting, along with Linda Nelson. Hotel is located near the airport. Wisconsin is famous for beer, cheese & the Green Bay Packers! More info to come...

Convention 2007

Not committed yet, we need location locked in SOON! Other Business?

- Ricky Kupferer – members need to sign up in advance, not wait to the last minute
- Sandy Heerhold – Always request same floor when booking hotels
- Steve Bartlett – the RI event will have meals w/ Culinary Arts School, plus w/the small-sized hotel, members must book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment!

SHOW & TELL Session ..

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.



Business Meeting 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Bev Brumbaugh – Agenda

- Call for any corrections
- First up – Reports
- Auditors' Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Auction Committee
- Motion – accept auditors' & other notes...
- Elections – follow process



- Directors – retiring
 - New Business
 - 2007 Convention
- Audit Committee

- Alvin Cappel & Don Loomis presented
- Approved as shown
- Bev – accepts motion, seconds motion, (ayes have it)

Treasurer's Report

- Carolyn Church passed copies out to each member present
- No questions...
- Additional Expenses – estimates around a \$5000 balance by this convention's end



- Quick auction results - \$2500. to club (75 items not sold/ 150 pcs in auction)
 - Memberships need to be renewed now, if possible
- Secretary's Report

- Karen Church presented
 - Club Members 185, inc. 3 new & 24 not renewed
 - Bev plans on sending follow-up letters/info packet to members who dropped out. We need to find out what happened...
 - Karen gave state rundowns on membership
 - PLEASE renew memberships today
 - Buy additional plaques – available at back of room
- QUERY: Bob Gollmar – How many rooms did we sell? REPLY: We needed 88, and had 120 nights total, so we were in good shape – exceeded requirements of contract. Bev – Ad Hoc Committee to

be formed – they will be assembling a "fact book" for hosts/hospitality committees, so they have some idea on how to book future conventions. This to include attendance, provisions, hotel needs, volunteers needed etc. Folks w/past experience asked to submit ideas to Bev for compilation.

Auction Committee

- Bob McCaslin & Tim Sullivan presented
- First off, thank you to everyone who submitted pcs for sale, and thanks to volunteers & workers.
- Big thanks to Rolly for a good job, as always!

Other Discussion

- Bev – thanked everyone for giving their reports
- Sandy Heerhold – QUERY: Isn't there a problem w/membership dues not covering costs of newsletter? REPLY: Bev – Board is looking at this problem closely, we have a wonderful, first quality newsletter, and the dues have not covered the bill for quite some time. We are looking at several options to reduce costs, inc going to a bulk-mail vs. a first class postage. We will be publishing the Board's recommendations in the newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

- Mary McCaslin – She wanted everyone to know why the plaques came in slightly higher than originally thought – the shipment was accidentally sent to Chicago instead of Indiana, and they required the services of a Custom's Agent to get them to the convention. This shouldn't be a problem because we can recover it upon the sale of the balance.

Motion to accept reports/newsletter?

Sandy Heerhold made the motion, it was seconded (ayes).

Election

- Bev – announced there were 3 positions opening up on the Board of Directors this year. Joanne Lundquist completed 2nd term, Craig Heeley declined second term, and Terry Anderson (who agreed to run again for another term).
- Nominating Chair – Kat Thacker announced the recommendations for the new Board as follows; Terry Anderson, returning member, Paul Stralman, and Steve Bartlett
- Three calls for Nominations from the floor
- Entertain motion to accept slate as read, Members elected the original slate as presented by Kat, Motion to approve, and seconded by Alan Belcher.
- QUERY: Bob Gollmar – will Director who will remain nameless (Terry) still wear that silly hat? REPLY: Terry, who was indeed wearing a very silly jesler's hat, nodded, very probably yes!
- Call(ayes)
- Move to accept results & seconded
- Bev Brumbaugh – wanted all new Board Members up front to welcome & swear them in (not in bylaws...) Linda Titus took pic for newsletter.



Retiring Directors

Bev – said he wanted one of his favorite people to come up front at this time – Joanne Lundquist. It is customary for outgoing Directors to be presented w/a gift to express our thanks for all they've done for the club. It was a beautiful clock in wooden box – Bev suggested she could take out the clock if she wanted to and put her pills in it, because it was obviously too small to hold a bottle! So, Joanne Lundquist, in appreciation of everything you've done, heartfelt thanks! Joanne thanked us all for her fun-filled 4 years of service, and thanked us for the gift, because she did need a new pill-box! Bev then stated he'd learned everything about the club from Joanne, so it's all her fault! Bev indicated that the club also wanted to recognize the outstanding contribution of Craig Heeley as a club director. As Craig and Ann could not attend, Bev indicated that he would send Craig's recognition gift to him.

Call for Old Business

- Bob Gollmar – said we must approve of dues at this meeting, at this point we do.
- Bob McCaslin made a movement to keep annual dues at \$30. Becky Conrad seconded it.
- QUERY: Alan – should we raise the dues \$5? With the expenses higher, can we stay afloat w/o a raised rate? REPLY: The old Board has recommended that it stay the same for now, as \$5. would not make too significant a jump in income, and it might drive away some members. We need to examine it more closely, and possibly raise them next year.

- Audit: \$8000 drop in our balance. QUERY: W/o raising dues, what can we do to raise revenue? REPLY: \$3000. is recoverable w/profits from plaques. It costs a lot of money to have a convention. We need to set tighter budget controls. Board needs to set limits for the hospitality room, entertainment, etc. at each convention. Bev stated – the Board understands these problems, and they can be straightened out. Call on question (ayes)

Any more Old Business?

- Bob Gollmar – said we needed to ratify next years convention location in Providence Rhode Island. Entertain motion to accept Providence? Steve Bartlett made the motion, it was seconded by Paul Stralman
 - Bob McCaslin said the same motion was made late year, so it was redundant. . .
- Call question (aye)
On to new business. . .

Bev asked if anyone needed any breaks. Nope. . .

New Business

2007 Convention

(2006 will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

Bev didn't want to push anyone to commit at this point – just research possible sites.

Chuck Heerhold stated that Harriet Land had looked into Mississippi & Memphis, but as she was not present we could not get her info at this time. . . Bev will be calling them. He thinks whoever takes on this monumental task needs a support staff of at least 6 people to run these events. He didn't think there were enough people in these areas to help w/work. Steve Bartlett thought since we had locations locked in for the next two conventions, why worry about '07 now? Bev stated that hotels want events locked in more in advance since 9/11, and it's our club's custom to have work-in progress several years in advance.

Chuck Heerhold thought we needed input from the membership, so several groups can present their cities. Bob McCaslin said he thought Harriet wasn't too keen on Memphis once they started checking it out. Joanne Lundquist – Harriet can't do it alone, people get sick, emergencies happen, and what happens when there's no backup? Bev – we're going with the East coast in '05,

maybe the West coast next? The Board will be meeting on this one, and making their recommendations, we won't get a resolution today. He just wanted to get the ball rolling.

Cedar Rapids & Itasca were both great hotels to work with. Chuck Heerhold reminded whoever's doing the hotel negotiations to make sure & get everything in writing, as the staff changes constantly at all these places. Ask for what you want in your contract & be very specific. Ricky Kupferer reminded everyone that people who wanted to bring their pets were not allowed at this hotel, which isn't fair to them. Bev – closing discussion on this for now, the newsletter will fill folks in as these are decided. Becky Conrad wanted to know who would be helping Bob Gollmar with the hospitality in Wisconsin? He'll need helpers. . .

New topic – Newsletter

QUERY: Bob Gollmar- to save expenses, can we change the newsletter from 4 to 3 issues annually?

REPLY: The Constitution does state 4 issues, we would have to call a ballot of membership to change it.

Bulk Mail vs. First Class? If we go w/bulk, it will save \$1000. a year in postage. Linda Titus stated it cost \$3. @ first class just to send out the issue w/the roster enclosed, because it's heavier. Mary McCaslin said that people who don't attend the conventions only get the newsletter for their dues. Ida Parrott thought people could pick up their membership rosters at the convention, instead of mailing them. Becky Conrad wondered if email addresses could be added to the rosters, and possibly everyone's eBay name?

Bev thought it might be a problem because people change their email addresses a lot. Karen Church will need to get updated information from everyone when they renew their dues.

Other Budgetary Ideas

Bob Gollmar – Can we set budget for future conventions now? He, personally, has always managed to do a fine job w/the hospitality room for under \$500. We need to set a tighter budget! Steve Bartlett stated he will be happy to work within a budget for RI, once he's given it. Donations are always needed for the conventions. Sandy sent out letters asking folks to bring goodies to the event – and we had loads of stuff to snack on. Linda thought we could raise the registration fees. Chuck Heerhold wanted everybody to know that Judy & Ken Stockwell had paid for our breakfast that morning – so thanks!

Bob McCaslin – We need to look at other similar club's expenses. Set rules/boundaries for our spending. Joanne Lundquist stated that if you give a donation to the club, you should specify its use. (We did get several generous donations of money for food, etc. at this event from members) Maybe get more donations from merchants – free always helps the budget! QUERY: Linda wanted to know where lunch was being held? Here, in the Marlborough Room/boxed lunch.

"Winter" meeting in January 2005

Janet Belcher gave info on this event. . .

Bev – thanks to all for their participation in this meeting. Special thanks to Bob Gollmar comments, and keeping us on track as usual! Tim



Newly elected Directors: Steve, Terry, Paul

Ebay Prices

Submitted by Becky Conrad



16 pieces White Poppy Set
\$1592.88



Peacock Ewer Loop
Handle Double Spout
\$158.05



Children's Tea Set \$394.99



Rose Tapestry
Hat Pin Holder
\$219.99



"Standing Trout"
Water Pitcher, gold &
Silver
\$1041.16



Rose Open Sugar \$127.50



A Damaged Fox
in Jacket Candle
Holder
\$404.00



Devil and Cards 7" Plate
\$449.44



Dachshund Dog
Water Pitcher,
Large Rare
\$230.27



Little Boy Blue Candlesticks
\$275.00



Santa Claus Hat
Pin Holder
\$3266.16



Devil & Cards
Tobacco
Humidor
\$898.88



Pitcher with
Peacock
\$105.02



Sunbonnet Bowl \$1,000.00

ITASCA Convention--GREAT!!!

Submitted by Mary McCaslin

The '2004' Royal Bayreuth Convention was a very festive and gala affair, thanks to the Host Group... Terry and Mary Anderson, Chuck and Sandy Heerhold, and Kat and Gregg Thacker (alphabetical order), as they all put forth a lot of work and imagination to make it a great success. The "Jester" theme gave them something to work with as Kat is a professional artist and her wonderful talent and hard work made it a 'Class One Act'. Mary and Terry displayed their talents in humor and also months of work preparing for the convention. Although the Royal Bayreuth plaques were an RBCC purchase it was Mary's suggestion to have them. I was happy to make arrangements with the RB Factory in Germany to make them for the club. They have been so good through the years to make our souvenirs. Sandy and Chuck had to hunt awhile to find the perfect entertainment for the banquet,

"The Little People" fit right into the Jester theme and made us all laugh from the time they started their program to the very end. Loads of photos were taken, so I am sure you will all enjoy seeing them in this newsletter. Thank you for a good time! The New England group is busy planning for the '2005' Convention in Rhode Island. It sounds great so far, and there is so much to see in that area. Bob and I plan to make it a real vacation and see the beautiful country and historical places that we have only read about and seen on TV. Let's do a 'pizza salad bar' (or similar) again for a scheduled lunch. Chuck and Sandy set it up away from the hotel and it was GREAT! I hope that many of you will start planning to attend next year and join in on the fun. The people that take care of the hospitality at the conventions do a lot of work behind the scenes for us to enjoy during the 3 or 4 days set aside for our conventions. I

was lucky to get one of Kat's beautiful Jester posters. I took it to a 'frame shop' as soon as I got home, and have it now hanging in my office right next to my treasured 'Red Skeleton' painting and other clowns. All of the committees should be proud to know that we all appreciate their hard work. The auction committee, Bob, Tim Sullivan (VP), Joanne and Roger Lundquist and others that helped did a great job. So many good pieces were put together to make a super auction. The 2 programs presented by Kat and Gregg Thacker, Chuck Heerhold and Terry Anderson also fit into the Royal Bayreuth Jester theme. These were enjoyed by the entire group. Thanks to everyone that donated the delicious homemade cookies, candy and other goodies to the hospitality room!

Looking forward to next year,
Mary McCaslin

We Missed You!

Alma and Jack

Biddlecome were unable to attend convention due to Jack having back surgery. This is their first missed convention. He had lost use of his right leg, but thankfully, the operation has given him back that use. They say "hi" to all of their friends and they missed everyone. They have a new email address and would be glad to hear from anyone from the club. It is ooivory@metalink.net.

Judy White was unable to attend convention this fall because she became a grandmother. She was helping to take care of her daughter who was bedridden for 7 weeks. Her daughter Denie had a baby girl, Lily Rain. She was born a month early, on September 16, and according to grandma, she is perfect.

With Sincere Sympathy

The club wishes to extend our sympathy to Bob Gollmar on the death of his mother this summer. She lived to the young age of 100.

If anyone knows of events that we can publish in the newsletter, to update other club members, please contact the club secretary,



Karen Church

2004 Auction Results...

Submitted by Bob McCaslin

Our thanks to each of the 14 consignors who made this years auction possible by placing your 152 pieces in our sale. The quality of merchandise was very good with some top quality rarities being offered on a 1st time basis at our club auction (Red Santa Lemonade, Tiger Creamer, Jester Lemonade). We also had 14 good water pitchers, some nice scenic and tapestry items giving us 77 sales and 75 no sales. These totals reflect the softness of our present R.B. market.

We issued 41 bid cards and had many pieces close to the owners reserve price, which many times was lower than their original purchase price. We thank each of you for your fairness in placing your reserve amounts on your pieces and ask that you be willing to continue your support of your R.B.C.C., helping us to operate and keep R.B.C.C. in the black without raising our dues.

Tim Sullivan has agreed to chair our 2005 auction, I know he will need your help so get in touch sooner

rather than later. The new cut off date for 2005 is Aug. 1, 2005, Tim Sullivan, 5941 Barber Hill Road, Geneseo, N.Y. 14454. Phone number 585-243-2967.

Our club needs to recognize some members for their work since 1996, Rollie Rosenboom, 1st class auctioneer; Paul Toland, auction manager; Bev Brumbaugh, auction chairman; Roger and Joanne Lundquist, auction workers; Harold Brandenburg, consignor; Chuck Heerhold, Consignors and our man from Marietta, GA, Art Ward.

Special thanks to each of you and many others. A personal thanks for your help through the years and most of all for your friendship.

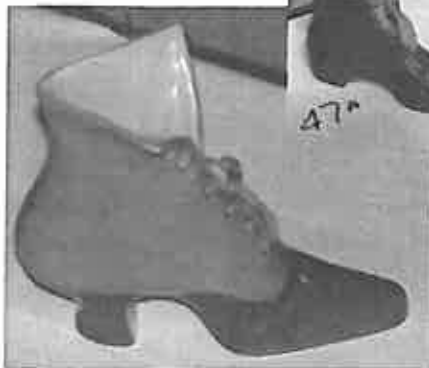
Our 2004 auction report 14 consignors, 152 Items for sale, 77 sales, 75 no sales, \$35,335.00 auction total, \$1766.75 @ 5% I.R.B.C.C., 75 no sales at \$10.00 each for \$750.00 no sales, \$1766 plus \$750.00 for \$2516.75 total to RBCC May our members continue with their faithful support.



Many thanks,
Bob McCaslin



Club Auction



Pizza Lunch



Chex Mix

18 oz. Crispix
1 can nuts
1 bag pretzels
1 tsp vanilla

2 cups brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white Karo syrup
1 cup butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda

Mix all of Crispix, nuts and pretzels to your own taste. Bring brown sugar, vanilla, butter and Karo syrup to boil. Remove from heat, add baking soda. Pour over dry mixture.

Put on cookie sheet, bake 250 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool on waxed paper.

2005 Dues

Your 2005 Membership Dues may be paid to the Club's secretary, Karen Church.

Her address is:

110 Blackwood Street
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Also, send any change of address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. to her as soon as possible for the upcoming 2005 roster.

Winter Get-Away

Submitted by Janet Belcher

A Royal Bayreuth "Winter Get-Away has been planned early next year which will incorporate the Miami Beach Antique Show, held at the

Miami Beach Convention Center with 1200 dealers.

January 20 - 24, 2005

Lodging at: Haddon Hall Hotel South Beach Cost: \$333 for three nights

1500 Collins Ave
Miami Beach, FL
305 - 531- 1251



Saturday, January

22, 2005, depart for Marathon Key, FL

Lodging at:

Crystal Bay Resort Cost: \$120 plus tax per night for 2 people in a room

4900 Overseas Highway

Marathon, FL (\$133 total)

1-888 - 289-8089

January 22, 23, 24, 2005, explore Key West and the other islands in the Keys.

Tuesday, January 25, 2005, depart for Naples, FL, approximately a 5 1/2 hour drive. Social gathering at the Belcher condo in the evening. Wednesday through Friday am, sight-seeing, shopping, socializing in Naples, FL

Lodging at: Best Western Inn Cost: about \$90 plus tax per night.
2329 9th Street North
Naples, FL



1-800 - 528-1234



Thursday, January 27, 2005, dinner theatre at Broadway Palm, Fort Myers, FL to see "42nd Street", by advance reservations and payment of \$43 (gratuity and any bar bill not included).

Friday, January 28, 2005, good-byes or continue your stay with further sight-seeing such as the Circus Museum in Sarasota, or a stop in Orlando, FL.



Everyone is responsible for making their own lodging reservations according to your schedule and room preferences. Let me know about your interest in the dinner theatre by December 1, 2004, and join us for fun, food, shopping, and sharing of our varied interests.

Janet Belcher

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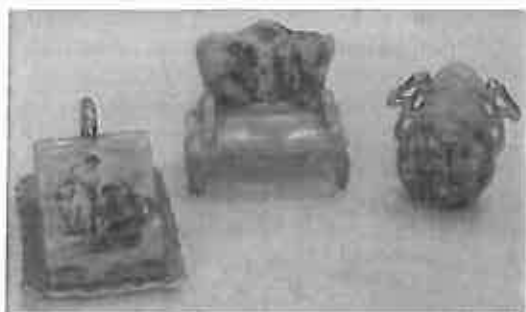
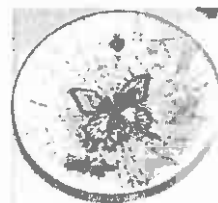
765-664-1467 (Marion, IN) or 239-403-7064 (Naples, FL after January 5)



Convention 2004



Show & Tell



The Banquet



Entertainment

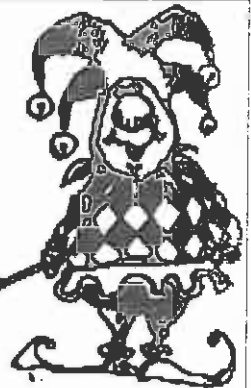


The club was entertained by "The Little People" who enjoyed spreading lots of love around with kisses.



Jester update!

Terry Anderson



I thought everyone might enjoy knowing the sayings found on the Jester pieces. These are the only ones I collected in a year of research on member's pieces. These were shown and discussed at our convention seminar. I'm keeping a list and would like to add any new ones that come along. These are the eight that were found:

Penny in the pocket is a merry companion.

Come and welcome, pass by no offence.

Many kiss the child for nurses sake.

Never say die, up man and try.

More than enough is never too much.

Welcome is the best cheer.

A kindly word cools anger.



Royal Bayreuth Club Fundraiser Plaques



This attractive plaque with a Royal Bayreuth mark on the back was made at the Royal Bayreuth factory in Germany for the club. The cost is \$20.00 which includes postage and handling and all the funds go to benefit the club. Every collector should display one of these with their collection. They make great gifts. Your check should be made out to Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club, Inc. and sent to Becky Conrad with the number you are ordering. This is an excellent opportunity to buy one to display with your RB collection or give to a friend, and also, to help the club at the same time.

Mail Order form and Check or Money Order to:

Becky Conrad
12355 N. Upper Lake Drive
Monticello, IN 47960 - 4748

Number of Plaques Ordered _____ at \$20.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Don't forget to enclose your check. Becky will forward it to the treasurer.





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Raisin Treats

Submitted by Ida Parrott

The annual Royal Bayreuth's Collectors' Club meeting was held in beautiful Itaska, IL at the Wyndham Hotel where friends met and had a great time renewing acquaintances, sharing memories and talking about all things, Royal Bayreuth, travels and other activities.

Among the goodie bag favors and hospitality treats were delicious raisin treats given by California Raisin Marketing Board, brought by Fred Zumthurn and Ida Parrott from Fresno, California.



Ida displaying the wholesome treats

Everyone was pleasantly surprised at how fresh and tasty they were. We hope the raisins make an appearance again next year.

**Thanks to
everyone who made
the 2004 Royal
Bayreuth Convention
a success!!!**

