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# 2008 Convention a Real Corker!

*By Roberta and Alvin Cappel*

**A**lvin and Roberta Cappel welcomed the RBCC to Dublin, Ohio, for the 2008 “Grapes of Reuth” convention. Members were squeezed like grapes in a bottle of wine in our hospitality room at the Embassy Suites. Many bottles of wine were emptied prior to the convention so that the Cappels could choose just the right wine for tasting. Labels on the empty bottles indicated they went “green,” drinking wine made from the green variety of RB grapes.

One label pictured the purple grape flask and cups which many of us believe are not RB, so it was fitting to label it, “Generic Wine from Who Knows Where.” The Cappels were surprised to find that “WIB” Beachy had a set which had the Royal Bayreuth mark! Oops! The Royal Bayreuth “Cold Duck” was a favorite. The white iridescent grapes on one label proved that the contents were indeed sparkling!

The Cappel “Sommeliers” opened the program with a toast:

Fill my pitcher with sparkling  
brew

The cream pitcher, milk, nor the  
water will do.

We prefer that you fill up the  
pitcher that’s made  
For the biggest of drinkers — the  
size lemonade!

We’ll then toast the Germans for  
their unique designs  
And have a great evening with  
cheeses and wines.

We’ll renew our friendship in the  
RBC Club

In the hospitality room that  
we’ve turned into a pub.  
So, Here’s to our youth, and to  
Royal Bayreuth!



They chose all Ohio Wines beginning with White Raven, a modestly semi-sweet wine and paired it with Guggisburg Swiss Cheese (the original baby Swiss).

They then served a light white dry wine, Pinot Grigio, with an Amish Gouda cheese.

Raven’s Rouge was a semi-sweet red wine that complimented the Smoked Farmer’s cheese (which was a blue ribbon winner at the Ohio State Fair this year).

The classic dry red wine, Cabernet Sauvignon, went well with the sharp cheddar -- made from 100% Amish Farm milk.

Members had their first (tiny) taste of Icewine served with mixed nuts. The tiny taste was due to the expense of this desert Icewine--which is produced from grapes that have been frozen while still on the vine. The sugars and other dissolved solids don’t freeze, but the water does, which results in a more concentrated very sweet wine. Making Icewine is labor intensive and risky in that the grapes must



be left on the vine until they are frozen, (growers risk the chance that the grapes will be eaten by birds or animals or that the weather could destroy the crops--too severe a freeze and no juice can be extracted. If the freeze doesn't come quickly enough, the grapes may rot and the crop will be lost."

Although cigars were not served with our last taste which was Port served with dried fruit and dark chocolate, we were reminded of the Victorian period when the Americans imitated the elegance of English dining with long formal dinners, long gowns and black ties. The Ladies retired to the drawing room to sip sherry and men had their decanters of Port.

Throughout the program, interesting tidbits and jokes about wine were shared--

During prohibition, an interesting product called the Grape Brick was sold to thousands of wine-parched households across America. Attached to this "brick" of dried and pressed winegrape concentrate was a pack of yeast and a stern warning, DO NOT ADD YEAST, OR FERMENTATION WILL RESULT."

A temperance sermon ended

with ... If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river! If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river! If I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river! It was followed by the closing hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River."

The dye used to stamp the grade on meat is edible - made from grape skins.

The pressure in a bottle of champagne is about 90 pounds per square inch--about 3x the pressure in automobile tires.

The average number of grapes it takes to produce a bottle of wine is 600.

Before thermometers, brewers dipped their thumbs into the liquid prior to adding to yeast to make sure it wasn't too hot or too cold; thus, the "Rule of Thumb." When thermometers were invented, they were filled with brandy instead of mercury.

In English pubs, drinks were served in pints and quarts. The bartenders would advise unruly customers to mind their own pints and quarts. (Mind your P's and Q's)

Whistles were baked into the rims of handles of tankards

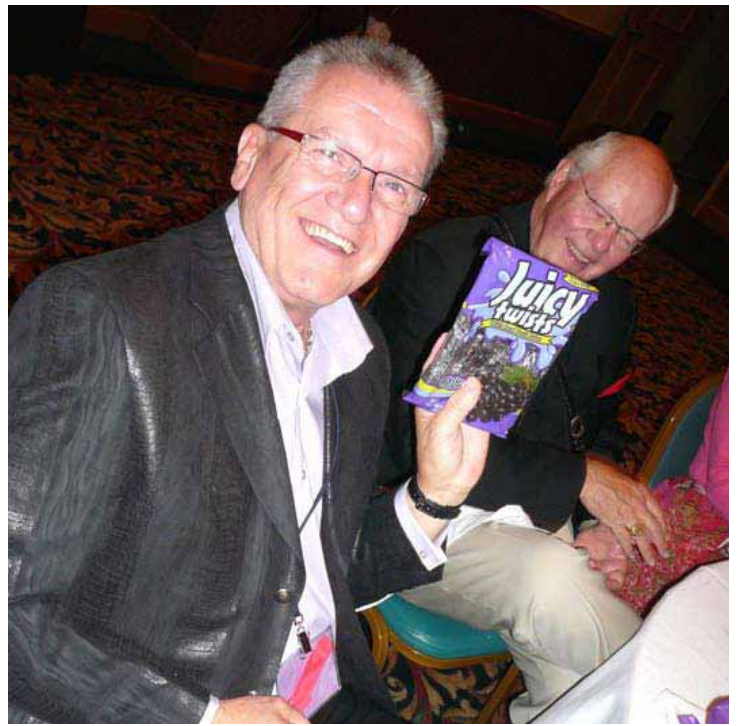
or steins used by pub patrons. When they wanted a refill, they whistled to get service. (Wet your whistle).

The most expensive bottle of wine was sold at an auction at Christies, London, in December, 1985. The buyer paid 105,000 pounds sterling for a bottle of 1787 Chateau LaFitte claret that was engraved with the initials of Thomas Jefferson. Eleven months after the sale, the cork dried out, slipped into the bottle and spoiled the wine, making it the most expensive bottle of vinegar!

RBCC members got a news flash with the names of new affordable discount wines which can soon be sampled: Grape Expectations, NASCARbernet, Chef Boyardeaux, Peanut Noir, Pinot More, and Nasti Spumante.

As members tasted, Alvin never stopped pouring, and Roberta never stopped talking. A detailed history of each wine and many more jokes and wine stories were shared. Our group may not have imitated the wealth and refinement of the Victorian Port Wine era, but could be stand-ins in an "I Love Lucy" foot-stompin' of the grapes episode. A grape time was had by all!





# 2008 Convention

## President's Letter

*By Sandy Heerhold*

As I sit here today, there is a blizzard in South Dakota. It is hard to believe that we are facing winter again. Ah, the older I get, the shorter the seasons!

I am happy to report that we had another very successful convention. Amongst the regulars, we had new faces attending, Joe and Beverly Reiss and Deb Shapiro. I am hoping you had a good time as first timers and felt welcome, we sure enjoyed having you and hope you plan on attending future conventions. Due to fine planning by a number of people, a good time was had by all.

In keeping with our grape theme, a wine and cheese reception was held on Thursday evening in the hospitality room. For those of us who know little about wine, it was a very informative program. The small tastes of a variety of wines hit the spot along with a selection of cheeses, fruits and crackers. Thanks to Alvin and Roberta Cappel for a well-run hospitality room and also for planning the wine reception which was well received. Once again, they went above and beyond. I have heard some people say that they should have this job permanently. I for one would vote for that.

On Friday we went as a group to a fine Irish pub, The Brazenhead, for dinner. Great Reuben sandwiches, and fish & chips. Upon returning to the hotel, our auction was held and we once again were fortunate to have Rollie Rosenboom to auction our items. Even though we did not have a large collection to auction, we still managed to amass close to 100 pieces. If you who would like to consign pieces for next year, please contact me. The earlier we are able to get pieces

consigned, the easier the auction chairman's job will be.

This year we had the pleasure of having Wib Beachy attending and having "for sale" some wonderful Bayreuth pieces. For those of you who did not attend, you missed seeing a variety of extremely rare items. You never can tell which rare pieces can be found at convention, this year was exceptional.

Unfortunately, illness took hold of some of our expected attendees to the point that we had an attendee hospitalized in Dublin. I am happy to report that after a week in the hospital, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh is home recovering. I hear some of the others are doing well also, hope to see you all return to convention in 2009.

Another highlight of our convention was the program by Judy Stockwell. Her topic was the early Tettau mark. It was very informative and well researched for those of us who know little of this area of Bayreuth. I am amazed at the level of knowledge that our membership has. Thank you Judy for a job well done!

Our closing banquet was held on Saturday evening. We entered the banquet room to the sound of a bagpiper to enjoy a very tasty meal. After our state basket raffle, we all said our good-byes until September 17-20, 2009, at the Embassy Suites, Memphis. Please make a point of attending, you will not be disappointed.

I would like to welcome my new board members, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh and Jim Carter. Also, many thanks to our retiring board members, Mary McCaslin and Ida Parrott. Big thanks to you all who had 'jobs' at our 2008 convention.

## Secretary's Message

*By Onita Pierce*

This is a gentle reminder that dues should be sent in if you've not already done so. The (still!) \$30 annual fee entitles you to our quarterly publication, plus password access to our member's only area of the club website, [www.royalbayreuth.org](http://www.royalbayreuth.org). There you will find back-issues of the newsletters, lots of photos, and reference materials from conventions & club-related events. If you have any changes in your information (addresses, emails, etc.) please contact me at:

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## Website News

*By Gregg Thacker*

We appreciate the wonderful feedback regarding the website while in Dublin/Columbus! Since the convention, we have added over 200 convention photos to the website, and some new links to share some of the convention excitement with those that could not attend.

Below are the user name and password for access. We also added these as "clip & paste coupons" on the bottom of the survey included with this issue – keep them by your computer for easy access!

User name: "rbclub"  
Password: "Join95" make sure to use a capital "J"

We are sending e-mail announcements periodically as the website is updated. If you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to [Editor@royalbayreuth.org](mailto:Editor@royalbayreuth.org) and we will add you to the list. Happy Holidays!



## Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings to our RB friends!

Hard to believe another year has flown by! We had such a great time in Dublin Ohio this September - another memorable convention for the RBCC. Our hospitality hosts, the Cappels, did an amazing job of coordinating the "Grapes of Reuth" throughout the event. We started off with a unique cheese and wine tasting of local goodies on Thurs. p.m. The beautiful room decorations and gift bags continued on with the grape/wine theme everywhere. There was a fun, old-fashioned pub meal (fish and chips w/Guinness!) at the local Irish establishment before the club auction.

Auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom and Chair Bev Brumbaugh, along with all the auction volunteers, did a great job as usual. Our president, Sandy Heerhold, planned fabulous pre-banquet entertainment with a local bagpiper "playing us in" to dinner from the manager's reception in the atrium. Creative state-inspired gift baskets were donated by members for raffling off at the banquet.

We saw an amazing variety of RARE RB in several of the room visitations. Judy Stockwell gave a really wonderful presentation on old Tettau which is summarized in this issue. We couldn't believe how much info she had to share with us on the subject! But, as always, the best part

of the weekend was getting to meet some new RB friends and catch up with some of our dear old friends too. A BIG thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event successful!

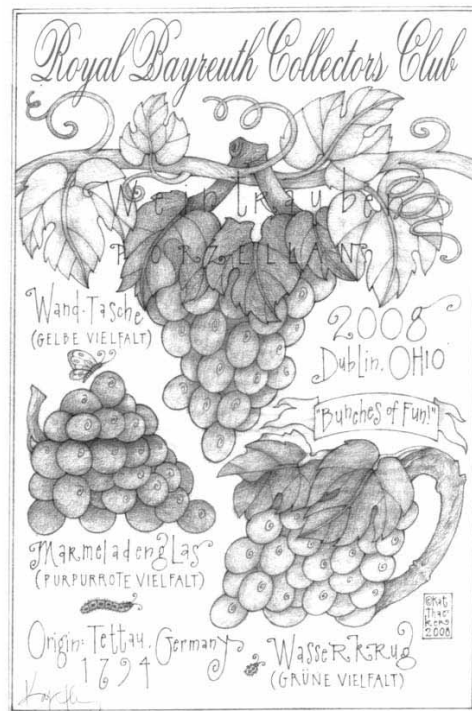
I have created a new art print for the Dublin event - it's a German botanical inspired image with lots of RB figural grapes. You can see/purchase them, as well as the past years' prints on [www.katthacker.com/RBCC\\_Posters.htm](http://www.katthacker.com/RBCC_Posters.htm)

Gregg spotted an unusual site while looking for a copy center during the convention.

He came across this local "Cornhenge", and took me back to check it out on our way out of town. (I have this "thing" about corn - mostly due to the fact I was born in Iowa, and both my grandfathers were farmers who grew corn...) We thought it was quite unique! This was

found on the historical farm site of Sam Frantz 1935 ~ 1963. He was a developer of hybrid corn seeds and worked with the U.S. Dept of Agriculture. Local couples apparently come here to have wedding pictures taken - something about "increasing fertility"... Anyway, check out the pics!

Here's my quarterly "editorial" plea - we need to get some new and educational articles from you, our members, for next year. Photos are always needed of your RB for "our china cabinets", "rare sightings!", etc. We're counting on you to keep this publication (as well as the club website) lively and interesting - we



can't do it alone. Please feel free to e-mail or call if you have an idea for a story or hear of a sale/auction coming up that might interest our membership. Gregg can always get info up on the website quickly if it falls too late for the upcoming newsletter. The next issue is March 2009 (articles due: Feb 10th).

On a truly sad note, longtime member Ken Stockwell passed away suddenly last month. We enjoyed getting to visit with both he and Judy in Dublin at the convention this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy, Richard, Curtis, family and friends. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season full of good things, and a healthy, happy New Year. See you in 2009!

## Grateful For Your Kindness

By Judy Stockwell and family

**Ken Stockwell 12/15/37 - 11/18/08**

Your kindness has brightened these dark days and brought us comfort.  
With grateful hearts we remember your kind expressions of sympathy  
in tribute to the man who will always be the light of our lives.

## Two Big Thank You's!

**From Karen and Carolyn Church** - Just a quick note of thanks for the GIANT get well card Dad received from everyone. It was really nice and boosted his spirits. Dad has recuperated pretty well. His IV is out and his infected toe is healed. We were sorry we had to miss convention this year. I'm sure it was a great time. We really missed everyone. Thanks for the phone calls, notes, cards and letters. We really appreciated it. Hope we'll see everyone in Memphis.

**From Wanda Friedrich** - What a wonderful surprise to receive that HUGE Mickey Mouse get well card, and signed by all of my Royal Bayreuth Friends. That was really nice of everyone to think of me. I am finally feeling a whole lot better, and looking forward to next year's convention, and seeing everyone again. I know that's thinking a long way into the future, but time flies by—it waits for no one. See you all next year in Memphis, and thanks again!

## Get Well Wishes

Several members of our club missed the annual convention due to illness/surgeries, and we missed them too! Nancy Brandenburg is recovering from her heart attack, Judy Doll had hip replacement surgery, Ricky Kupferer is recovering from knee surgery, Karen and Carolyn Church couldn't come due to their dad/husband John's health issues. Wanda Friedrich is recovering from her gall bladder surgery. All sound like they are on the mend!

Bobby Jo Brumbaugh experienced some medical complications during the convention and had to be hospitalized for a week there. She is now glad to be home and recovering. Chuck Heerhold is home recovering from knee replacement, reputedly making Sandy crazy. To all these folks, plus any others we didn't mention here; our warm, healing thoughts and prayers are heading your way... feel better soon!

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

*By Harriet Land*

Checkbook Balance 9/23/08 ..... \$16,596.82

### Receipts 9/23/08 - 11/17/08

Membership Dues & Convention Registrations .....	\$540.00
Convention Registrations .....	\$779.00
Auction .....	\$10,086.15
Plaques .....	\$20.00
Auction Raffle .....	\$365.00
Total Receipts .....	\$11,790.15

### Disbursements 9/23/08 - 11/17/08

Embassy Suites ('08) .....	\$2,857.46
Embassy Suites ('09) .....	1,500.00
Postage .....	\$61.70
Hospitality Room .....	\$764.00
Auction .....	\$9,469.39
Entertainment .....	\$150.00
Misc .....	\$87.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$14,889.64

Total Receipts .....	\$11,790.15
Less Disbursements .....	\$14,889.64

Checkbook Balance 11/17/08 ..... \$13,497.33

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## New Member Profile

*By Mary McCaslin*

Thoughtfulness and kindness brought us a new club member! I had a very nice conversation with Farr Hinton of Muskegon, Michigan. She is not a collector, but she and her husband have an auction company for estate sales. They liquidated an estate for an elderly couple (in their 80s), and Farr felt like the "brown Santa Claus candlestick" might do better if sold in a different type auction. Therefore, she contacted Sandy (our club president) to see if it could be added to our convention auction in Dublin Ohio. After she became a club member (club rules), the piece was included in the auction.

A Santa piece always adds excitement to any auction. Farr informed me that this rare piece was owned by the woman's grandmother for many years. Even though it was very slightly damaged, it brought a nice price for these people that had no idea how valuable it was. Being perfect, it would have brought much more. Farr said that the couple, also from Muskegon, were so surprised and overjoyed from the sale price of their piece. And, I know they must have been so grateful to Farr for being so thoughtful and kind to go out of her way for them.

I am sure we will be hearing from the Hintons again if they should find anything else, and who knows, we may start them collecting and attending a club convention in the future.

## New Member Attends Convention

*By Debby Shapiro*

*Editor's note: this convention "travelogue" comes courtesy of new member Deb Shapiro from Chico California. Glad you enjoyed your first RBCC "big event" Deb!*

Wow—up at 4:00 a.m. to start my trip to Dublin—three plane changes and a long taxi ride and I finally arrived. I went straight to the reception room and was greeted with such goodies, assorted cheeses, snacks, and wonderful wines, but most of all the friendly group of RB members. I felt so comfortable with everyone. And, what a treat was in store for me the display of some of the rarest pieces including snakes, turtles, Santas, I could go on and on! I loved the auction and the wonderful talk on Tettau. My compliments to the planners, everything went smoothly and was enjoyed by all. So, thank you all! I loved my RB weekend, and now I am looking forward to Elvis and RB next year!

## 2009 Dues Are Due

Mail your \$30 check to our secretary:

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# RBCC Annual Board Meeting - Thursday, September 25, 2008 (3pm)

By Janet Belcher

## Attendees:

- Sandy Heerhold, President
- Terry Anderson, Vice President
- Harriet Land, Treasurer
- Onita Pierce, Secretary
- Board Members:  
Alvin Cappel, Mary McCaslin,  
Ida Parrott, Nancy Rublaitus

## Committee Reports:

- Bev Brumbaugh, auction chairman, reported approximately 100 pieces expected in Friday's auction.
- Joanne Lundquist, nominating chairman, announced the nominating committee report. Sandy Heerhold as president, Terry Anderson for Vice President, and Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, Alvin Cappel, and Jim Carter for the Board of Directors.
- Harriet Land gave a treasurer report showing a current balance of \$16,596.82
- Onita Pierce, secretary, reported we now have 148 members, 9 of which are new, and 17 did not renew. She requested board approval to set the club fees so she could collect dues during the convention. It was a board decision that the membership dues remain at \$30 and the convention fee stay at \$20. Membership reminder cards will be sent the end of January, phone calls to be made by the end of February and then the roster book will be printed.

## 2010 Convention

### sites discussed:

- Two proposals from Paul Stratman for Scottsdale, Arizona
- Proposal for Embassy Suites, Indianapolis, Indiana from Becky Conrad
- Proposal for Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois from Sandy Heerhold

- Proposal for a return to the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- The proposals for Arizona and Indiana were eliminated due to the high daily food minimums required.
- The proposals for Peoria, IL and Pittsburgh, PA will be presented to the membership for a decision.

## Newsletter Editor:

- Kat Thacker reported that the newsletter came in under budget this year, a savings of \$380, by using more black and white pages, now folding the newsletter instead of using an envelope, using first class postage that is less costly than bulk mail for excess copies and keeping the membership roster smaller and at a separate cost.
- Kat made a request for more contributions from the membership for articles and photos or items of interest for the newsletter. Kat and Gregg Thacker are working closely with Onita Pierce to constantly update the mailing list and e-mail addresses.
- The club website has been very active.
- The budget for the newsletter should not exceed the income from the membership fees.

## Membership:

Sandy Heerhold made a motion to extend the membership of Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski for this next year as they were mistakenly left out of this years' roster and missed all the newsletters. Seconded by Ida Parrott and motion carried by the board.

## 2009 Convention Site:

Sandy Heerhold and Harriet Land reported on the Embassy Suites in Memphis, TN as the

site of the next convention during the dates of September 17, 18, and 19, 2009. It is in a nice location, good restaurant at the hotel and other restaurants nearby, recently remodeled, has courtesy airport shuttle at a rate of \$139 per night plus tax.

## Proposed By-Law change:

Sandy Heerhold suggested that Article II, item D of the by-laws stating that "Each member shall receive a membership card and certificate" be deleted as an unnecessary item. Motion made by Onita Pierce to eliminate Item D of Article II from the by-laws. Seconded by Harriet Land, motion passed.

## Audit Committee:

Sandy Heerhold appointed Alvin Cappel and Alan Belcher to audit the treasurer books.

Mary McCaslin had a suggestion for a program for next years' convention, a professional restoration artist. Since most programs are presented by members, no fees are generally incurred but would be needed for an outside speaker. She proposed that the club provide the speaker one night of free lodging and pay some gas/mileage expenses. Seconded by Ida Parrott and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

## Fred and Ida's Big Adventure

*By Fred Zumthurn and Ida Parrott*

After attending the annual RB Convention, Fred and I headed toward Dayton to visit Fred's in-laws. We stopped at three super antique markets of 100,000+ square feet along I-70 and Interstate 40, where Fred found a 3' Mettlach stein plus we found a lot of Royal Bayreuth at each market. We stayed in Springfield, where we discovered two historic homes (which are another of our hobbies besides music boxes). The first was the Westcott home one of the first prairie homes designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. It was a fantastic sight to see and brought back to life by the citizens of Springfield.

The second was the Asa Bushnell mansion. Asa was one of the founders of International Harvester and twice governor of Ohio. Five stories of beautiful wood, furnishings, carpets, chandeliers, drapes, and so on. Now it is a funeral parlor so that one could say that you get the best at last! As Fred says, "However you came in—at least you get to go out in style."



*Westcott Home*



*Bushnell Mansion*

## RBCC Welcome Meeting - Friday, September 26, 2008 (9am)

*By Janet Belcher*

Sandy Heerhold opened the 14th annual RBCC at 9:15 a.m. with a welcome to all present and introduction of the current officers and board members. Members attending for the first time, Deborah Shapiro and Joe and Beverly Riess, were introduced and were given the opportunity to tell us about themselves and their collecting interests.

Onita Pierce reminded members that convention registration is still open and dues for 2009 can be paid at the convention with the fee remaining at \$30.

The hospitality room will be open during non-meeting times, so stop by to enjoy the company and refreshments.

Joanne Lundquist, nominating chairman, presented the candidates for club officers and Board of Director positions. Sandy Heerhold for President, Terry Anderson for Vice President, and Directors Alvin Cappel (second term), Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, and Jim Carter.

It was noted to please let Onita Pierce know of any address or e-mail changes as she is working closely with Kat and Gregg Thacker to keep the mailing list and membership roster up to date. Also there is a need for articles and photos for the newsletter from the membership.

Sandy acknowledged the members missing due to illness: Ricky Kupferer, Nancy Brandenburg, Wanda Friedrich, Judy Doll and John Church. Cards are in the hospitality room to be signed and then sent to them.

It was announced that a board decision had been made to keep the membership dues at \$30 and the convention fee set at \$20 for 2009.

Terry Anderson announced the 2009 convention site to be at the Embassy Suites in Memphis, Tennessee during the dates of September 17, 18 and 19. This is a newly remodeled hotel with a courtesy shuttle from the airport, full breakfast, and plenty of other restaurants in the near-by area.

Proposed convention sites for 2010 were also discussed by Terry Anderson. The options at this time are the Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois or a return to the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There was a more favorable response to Peoria, Illinois.

Auction chairman, Bev Brumbaugh thanked the membership for their support in providing auction items, noting that there were 88 items for the evening auction. Preview of the items will be in the afternoon.

Janet Belcher announced that raffle tickets are available for 6 state-themed baskets and other prizes that will be given away Saturday night at the banquet.

Joanne Lundquist handed out questionnaires to be filled out and returned to the envelope in the hospitality room. The thoughts and ideas of members are needed to prepare for future conventions.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 10:10 a.m. followed by a Show and Tell program. That will be followed by open room visitation.



# RBCC Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, September 27, 2008 (9am)

*By Janet Belcher*

The annual business meeting was opened by Sandy Heerhold. Bev Brumbaugh gave a brief auction report estimating a profit of \$500 to \$700 from Friday night. There is a need to evaluate how to bring about better auction results. A discussion followed on the possibility of opening the auction to the public and charging a temporary membership fee for attending. More research is needed before a definite decision can be made.

Alvin Cappel reported that the audit of the treasurer books was completed and found to be correct.

Harriet Land handed out copies of the treasurer report showing a current balance of \$16,596.82. Motion made by Steve Bartlett to accept the reports, seconded by Paul Stratman.

Secretary Onita Pierce reported a current membership of 148 members, 11 of which are new. There are 51 convention attendees and 43 will attend the evening banquet.

Gregg Thacker gave a Royal Bayreuth website report informing members of the ongoing updates with photos and newsletters, auctions and items of interest. All inquiries are responded to, and the site is in the top 5 at Yahoo and Google when searching for "Royal Bayreuth", averaging 500 visitors a month. The website is free to the club with the maintenance fee having been paid for by an anonymous donor through the year 2012.

Some Royal Bayreuth logo items are available via the link to "Café Press" but are not being sold directly on the RB website or promoted by the club. The seller of the merchandise receives \$1 and the club receives \$1 for each item sold.

Kat Thacker expressed a need for articles, photos of china cabinets or any items of interest for the newsletter. The newsletter due dates are the 10th of the month before the mailing.

Joanne Lundquist reported on the nominations for club officers and board of directors. For President, Sandy Heerhold; Vice President, Terry Anderson; and Directors; Alvin Cappel, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh and Jim Carter. Nominations accepted. There were no further nominations from the floor.

Motion made by Bob Gollmar to accept the new slate of officers. Seconded by Chuck Heerhold and passed.

Roberta Cappel reported that the hospitality room expenses came in at \$764 including the wine and cheese tasting in place of an ice cream social, welcome bags and refreshments. This is under the \$800 budget allowed.

Sandy Heerhold requested a by-laws change to delete section D under Article II which states "Each member shall receive a membership card and certificate". Motion made by Bob Gollmar and seconded by Harriet Land.

It was announced that there is a need for a historian to take photos, update the scrapbooks and save copies of newspaper articles and newsletters. Roberta Cappel volunteered to help with the multiple scrapbooks.

Nancy Rublaitus requested any articles about the Royal Bayreuth convention if seen in any of the antique publications. She sent out 30 press releases and was not aware of any being printed. She also mentioned that there are still about 140 ceramic plaques left for purchase. Seventeen have been sold this year and they will remain on sale on e-bay for \$20 which includes postage.

## **New Business:**

Motion made by Nancy Rublaitus to keep the budget for the 2009 convention the same with \$700 available for entertainment and \$800 allowable for the hospitality room. Seconded by Ida Parrott and

passed.

Motion made by Bob Gollmar to accept the 2009 convention plans in Memphis, Tennessee. Seconded by Alvin Cappel and passed.

Motion made by Bob Gollmar to keep the membership fee for 2009 at \$30. Seconded by Alvin Cappel and passed.

Bob Gollmar mentioned the need to edit the by-laws, Article IV, section A, item number 2 changed by deleting the sentence stating "Said Editor shall be a voting member of the Executive Board" as the newsletter editor is no longer a voting member of the board. Article IV also needs to be put back into the roster.

Terry Anderson presented information on two possible convention sites for 2010. The Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois is a newly remodeled hotel in the downtown area, includes a hot breakfast and a room rate of \$112. Another possibility is the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which also includes a hot breakfast and room rate of \$115. Motion was made by Paul Stratman to go to Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois. Seconded by Joanne Lundquist and passed.

Judy Stockwell volunteered to be chairperson for the nominating committee and will select others to help her.

Joanne Lundquist and her helpers will be hosts for the 2009 convention in Memphis. Ideas considered are a pie social instead of ice cream and pulled pork sandwiches from "Corky's" as a possible meal option. Helping her will be Steve & Chris Bartlett, Bev & Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, Alan & Janet Belcher, Jim Carter, Roger Lundquist and Paul Stratman.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

## RBCC Board Meeting - Saturday September 27, 2008 (3:15pm)

By Janet Belcher



### Attendees:

- Sandy Heerhold, President
- Terry Anderson, Vice President
- Harriet Land, Treasurer
- Onita Pierce, Secretary
- Board Members:

Christine Bartlett, Alvin Cappel, Jim Carter, Nancy Rublaitus

The end of convention board meeting was called to order by President Sandy Heerhold. She extended a welcome to new board member Jim Carter. Absent were Bobby Jo Brumbaugh and Harold Brandenburg.

Secretary Onita Pierce informed the board that there were 51 convention attendees and 43 attending the banquet.

Treasurer Harriet Land reported the cost of \$764 for the hospitality room expenses but other receipts aren't in yet.

Sandy mentioned that the need for a Historian has been filled by volunteer Roberta Cappel.

Nancy Rublaitus reported on the convention press releases sent out to 30 publications. Five were returned and no articles have been noted. She considered the effort to be a waste of time and expense and further research needs to be done before sending out more.

Concerning future auctions, the auction rules need to be explained clearly when the pieces are consigned. Those doing reserve bids need to have separate bid cards to eliminate confusion at the end of the auction. There will be a need to research licensing rules for the auctioneer if the auction is opened to the public.

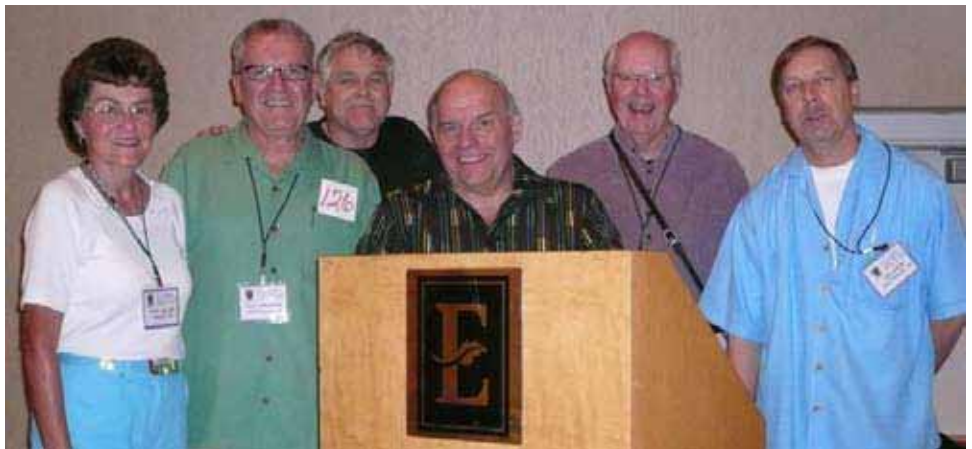
A question was addressed about monetary donations that are given directly to the hospitality room, should they be put in the general fund or used directly for food expenses? It was a board decision to allow any donations to the hospitality room to be used for their expenses.

Judy Stockwell had shared several ideas for the 2009 convention including a "Yankee Swap" in lieu of entertainment at the banquet and a "Poker Run" game for convention attendees. The object would be to make up the best poker hand with playing cards handed out at selected convention activities with the winner receiving a prize.

Sandy Heerhold asked for the board's consideration in extending compensation to Gregg & Kat Thacker for their unpaid work on the club website. They were paid a one-time set-up fee of \$200 and have not submitted any further invoice for updating fees. Onita Pierce made a motion to pay for Kat & Gregg's hotel bill for three nights to compensate them for all their work. Seconded by Terry Anderson and passed.

It was suggested that future club meetings be started at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. to allow more time for breakfast.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.



*Auction Crew*

## Convention Raffle Baskets *By Janet Belcher*

Once again the RBCC experienced a very successful raffle of six most attractive state baskets. The results added \$365 to the club treasury for future convention expenses. Those lucky enough to take home the creative prizes were: Chris Bartlett, Cathern James, Susan Stahl, Ken Stockwell, Jim Carter and Onita Pierce. Also winners were those that took home boxes of See's Chocolates, a gift from Ida Parrott. Lucky recipients were: Judy Stockwell, Bev Brumbaugh, and Alan Belcher.

A sincere thanks to all who participated with generous donations of the well stocked baskets, boxes of candy, and with the purchase of raffle tickets. Through these generous donations, our small club is able to maintain a high quality and fun filled convention.





## 2008 Convention





## Tettau 1794 - 1902

By Judy Stockwell

*This is a condensed version of my talk on Tettau given at the Convention in Columbus, OH Sept. 27, 2008*

Tettau porcelain is over 200 years old. It is the oldest Bavarian China firm under private ownership. In 1792 Alexander von Humboldt, an expert geologist was appointed by the King to research a possible factory site. The King desired the Thuringia province and commanded him to find an ideal location.

Tettau, Germany in Upper Franconia was the chosen site... an area rich in minerals. December, 1794 the Tettau factory was in operation.

What minerals make Tettau porcelain? I searched the internet and found a gal in Georgia who collected minerals from all over the world. She sent samples of minerals from the Tettau area: Kaolin (clay), Feldspar and Quartz. Tettau porcelain is hard paste porcelain. The amount of ingredients vary ... the more kaolin the harder and more translucent the porcelain. The grayish white color is the characteristics of Tettau unlike other German

porcelain which is chalk white. Years ago each porcelain factory mixed their own porcelain and kept the formula under lock and key. An Arcanist is one who possesses the secret of making the porcelain. Today the formula is mixed at a plant some 40km from Tettau. They also make batches for several other porcelain manufacturers.



### Marks

The first and oldest mark is the letter T. The first pieces made were tableware for daily use which included chocolate, tea and coffee pots, creamers, candlesticks and tea tiles. A size number was usually carved into the base of the item. On pitchers and mugs the sizes were indicated as being from # 1- 8.

In the 1800s the oldest pieces were the old Tettau blue and white and the old Chrysanthemum pattern both marked with a T. Sometimes the T looked like a J or an F. The mark is in blue, red, green or black and has an underglaze ... meaning they were applied to the pieces prior to firing.

The blue and white pattern is called the "onion pattern" "strawflower pattern" and is also known as "India Blue" or Zwiebelmuster which is a German word meaning onion pattern. The blue decorating apprentices were under the impression that the pomegranates were onions which is how the name onion pattern came about. The blue and white pattern has been made by over 75 different porcelain factories. Tettau is on the list in the Ludwig Danckert Book.







## Facts About Tettau

- The production high point of the factory was 1820-1830 when the middle class people were buying complete sets to pass on from mothers to daughters.
- In 1852 there were 70 employees at the Tettau Factory.
- 1866-1885 the mark was the Lion with a T and sometimes a gold overglaze. Sontag and Birkner had a T with a banner.
- 1855-1902 Green or Blue Lion with T ... the green is not hard to find however the blue is not as easy.
- 1870 Exporting to the USA...USA remained Tettau's leading importer until 1915.
- 1887 Name changed to Sontag and Sons and shortly after that to Porzellanfabrik Tettau ... 2 lions standing with a P T and knights helmet.
- 1890 – 1915 Tapestry and scenic pieces were being made and the greatest amount of tapestry was going to the USA and Canada.
- 1900 – 1918 Figurals were being made, animals, lobster, tomatoes, fruits, people figurals ... I have crows, chestnut, shoes, turkey ashtray, eagle ashtray etc. with the lion and T mark in black.

- 1897 The fire leveled the factory to the ground as it existed that day. All of the pieces in the archive room today have been donated or bought by the factory. They rebuilt the new factory right away and a much larger building.
- MW mark - Mitchell Woodbury Importer from Hamburg to Boston 1890-1917 when MW closed . In a souvenir book it says "Bayreuth with its fine china and expert mold makers, engravers and artists ... Sontag and Sons 1887-1902 with a production of view china ... scenic New Zealand View China, however, Tettau was not the only major supplier of souvenir china.
- There is a museum near the city of Munster, Germany with about 60 pieces of porcelain, pre 1830 all with the T. mark.
- Today there are approximately 30 porcelain manufacturers in Germany.

I then showed over 40 pieces of Tettau porcelain, the blue and white with the T mark, blue and white with the lion and T mark, old Tapestry pieces and several cups and saucers.



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## Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices October 2008

By Judy Stockwell

- Jester ashtray, blue marked, "Noke" . . . . . \$307.50
- Vase, kids, kittens and fruit bowl scene, unmarked . . . . . \$70.89
- Tomato vase, 4 1/2", marked . . . . . \$650.00
- Devil & Cards humidor . . . . . \$610.00
- Devil ashtray, green mark, U.S. Zone . . . . . \$232.50
- Tapestry shoe, chrysanthemum high top . . . \$536.99
- Lettuce bowl, pearl green, large, blue mark \$129.50
- Elk wall match holder . . . . . \$189.50
- Ping-pong dice/cards toothpick holder. . . . \$510.01
- Lobster bowl, large, blue mark . . . . . \$139.99
- Mouse creamer, 4 1/2" tall, registered mark \$1,136.11

