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## Playing in Peoria

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# State of the Union (of RBCC)

*By Alvin Cappel*

Well, my fellow collectors, I should thank you for electing me your new president, except that (1) I ran unopposed (2) There were no write-in candidates (3) My wife was the only member who voted against me – I guess I was just a Royal Bayreuth Shoe-in. I feel I have big shoes to fill - our retiring president Sandy Heerhold did a great job for the past several years and we owe her many thanks!

I refuse to take the blame for the financial woes of our nation, and I certainly am not blaming the previous administration, but as our national economy worsens, our conventions get better every year! Roberta and I had a great time in Peoria, IL. It was so good to visit with our “antique” friends who share our love of Royal Bayreuth. We spent a lot of time in the hospitality room, which was truly aMAZEing thanks to Joanne Lundquist, Paul Stratman and their crew. Janet Belcher decorated and filled the goodie bags with the corniest items she could find. We were fortunate to have a hospitality room large enough for all of us to enjoy the great pie social and the pizza party.

Steve Bartlett did an exceptional job as Auction Chairman, acquiring the auction items and organizing the pieces that were put into the auction by the members. I think we all recognize the hours of work it takes to put this together. Steve, Chris, and the auction crew (along with Rollie Rosenboom) made it all look so simple! A whopping 75% of the pieces in the auction sold! Steve has agreed to be Auction Chairman again next year – it’s not too early to be thinking about items for next year’s auction.

Many of our best programs come from



within our group. Terry Anderson proved that statement with his programs on “Royal Bayreuth Wanna-Bees” and “Devil and Cards.” I feel the “Wanna-Bee” program should be a new tradition in our program planning.

Thanks to Judy Stockwell for our banquet entertainment. The Poker Run and Yankee Swap were great fun for all.

We so much appreciate Kat and Gregg Thacker for their hard work on the newsletters and the website. It’s dedication like this that keeps our club going!

I am looking forward to working with Mary Anderson (Vice President), Chris Bartlett (Secretary), Harriet Land (Treasurer), and Directors: Bob Gollmar, Nancy Rublaitus, Judy Stockwell, Carol Edwards, Steve Bartlett, and Mary McCaslin.

Our 2010 RBCC books have been audited, our “Show and Tell” items have been shown and told about (and put back on our shelves). We’re already planning our 2011 convention in Dayton, Ohio, which will be held September 15-17. Roberta says the theme will be something to do with apples but says that is not a license to buy every apple I see this year. The state of OUR union depends on it!

# Get Well Wishes

Longtime member Becky Conrad was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. She tells us it is very treatable and very curable. (It is not related to the Breast Cancer she had in 2003). She wanted to pass along this info: By the time you read this I will have had two sessions (out of four) with the cancer drug Rituxan. (this is being called the “Miracle Drug” for cancer). I have had no side effects on the first round, and if the second goes as well, I’ll be just fine. My tumor has shrunk way down with just one treatment. I’m a bit tired but am still going as hard as ever. Thanks to everyone for all your prayers and concern.

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

**February 10  
for March Issue**

May 10  
for June Issue

August 10  
for September Issue

November 10  
for December Issue

## Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Greetings to all our RB friends. We're back from our wonderful 2010 convention in Peoria, and have lots to share with you, our faithful readers.

There was a warm welcome Thursday evening with a delicious pie social. An unbelievable assortment provided by the hospitality crew made it extremely difficult to choose just one! Although Janet Belcher couldn't attend, Alan delivered her handiwork; welcome bags chock full of "corny goodness". On Friday morning, we had our Welcome Meeting with the ever-popular Show & Tell. This was followed by an afternoon program organized by Terry Anderson. The theme was "Wanna-bees" and we explored many RB look-a-likes he's encountered over the years. As he had asked prior to the event for attendees to also bring their own examples - we got to see a LOT of unique items. We compared known, marked RB items to identical pieces w/other markings, or obviously identical molds used for competing companies. This was all so interesting; it will probably end up being a regular event at future conventions. Terry also pulled together a second program on another figural collector's favorite; the Devil & Cards. There were pieces brought from this group that many of us had never seen. Another big hit on the educational front!

The Hotel Pere Marquette was just perfect; an old-style establishment

in the downtown area with lots of beautiful architectural details throughout. We had a lovely meeting/auction space lined with lots of big windows showing views everywhere. There were many interesting historical buildings and churches just outside the door. Peoria itself was very charming, with a nice antiquing area right on the river. Since the October weather was gorgeous (in the 70's and very sunny) we were able to enjoy an alfresco lunch on Saturday right on the river front. Many of our members opted for the River City Historical tour, and raved about the beautiful homes and gardens they experienced on the group trolley ride.

Joanne, Paul and the rest of the hospitality gang (most esp. the Rublaitus family!) did the best job EVER of keeping us fed and happy throughout the event. The pizza and salad dinner just prior to the Club Auction was greatly appreciated by all of us. Speaking of the auction, Steve Bartlett outdid himself with a nice variety of beautiful RB for us to bid on. I was thrilled with my "wins" and I know many other members were excited as well with their purchases. We had a very successful event with over 75% of the items sold this year!

Our Closing Banquet with Judy Stockwell's crazy Yankee Swap/Poker Run was a fun way to wrap up the event. Everyone who attended had smiles throughout... you can see by



the many photos taken by Roberta and Alvin on our website! It will be hard to TOP our experience of "playing in Peoria"!

In closing, I'd like to mention how much I'll miss working with our outgoing President, Sandy Heerhold. She took over the duty in a time of much conflict in the club, and managed to keep everything together. It's a very difficult job being the "one responsible", trying to make everyone happy, and she always did her best. So, a BIG THANKS to you Sandy! Another big thanks to our club Secretary, Chris Bartlett. She has done a fantastic job getting up to speed with her many duties. (She also should get an award for the MOST paid memberships at a convention; EVERYONE paid before they left Peoria!) Thanks also to the rest of the outgoing board - we couldn't have a club without all our trusty volunteers. We're looking forward to working hard alongside our new President, Alvin Cappel, as well as the rest of the new board.

Our Best Wishes for a HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS New Year in 2011!

**My newest convention print is available online - with this year's "corn" theme. You can check it out, along with past years' editions on my website: [www.katthacker.com/RBCC\\_Posters.htm](http://www.katthacker.com/RBCC_Posters.htm)**

**Thanks! Kat**

## Secretary's Message

By Chris Bartlett

"It played well in Peoria!" The 2010 convention was terrific, with activities including the yummy pie social, the informative programs, Show & Tell, the Yankee Swap and Poker Run, the hospitality room with its delicious pizza and snacks, the goodie bags, the always popular auction, room visits, and the banquet. And best of all was the chance to greet old friends and meet new ones and enjoy everything Bayreuth. Thank you to everyone for a job well done!

Our club membership currently is 127. Two new members joined at the convention and one member joined earlier.

Last year there was some confusion among members as to whether or not they had paid their dues, since we no longer issue yearly membership cards. **Memberships expire December 31, 2010.** If there is a dues statement in this newsletter, this means you owe dues for the next year. If you paid at the convention there is no insert in the newsletter.

We are now offering a special two year membership for \$55. This will extend your membership through Dec. 31, 2012. If you just wish to join for one year the cost is \$30 and will run through Dec, 31, 2011.

The 2011 Club Roster will now be mailed with the March newsletter, so this December newsletter will be your last if you don't renew. We don't want to lose any members, so please send your dues in as soon as possible.

Your membership includes:

- 4 colorful newsletters informative and fun
- The website (royalbayreuth.org) with back issues of newsletters and a treasure trove of Royal Bayreuth goodies
- The chance to attend our yearly conventions (Dayton Ohio in 2011)

Please remember  
membership expires  
December 31, 2010.

Please pay your dues  
to Chris by the  
new year. Thanks!

- The opportunity to advertise Royal Bayreuth for sale in the newsletter – no charge
- The auction at the convention – a great way to sell pieces and add new ones. There are no extra fees and absentee bids are accepted if you can't attend the convention.
- And best of all, you are a member of a group of collectors who understand your passion for this wonderful porcelain!

Please notify me of any changes of address, phone, or email. It is especially helpful to have email addresses so we can send out reminders, convention information, upcoming auctions, etc. If you have an email address but it is not listed in the current roster, could you send it to me with your dues? Thank you very much.

I look forward to getting a flood of member renewals in the mail – don't delay! Checks should be made out to RBCC and sent to:

**Chris Bartlett**  
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**1320 Waterford Dr.**  
**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

Email RBCCSEC@aol.com  
Phone 401-884-1695

We truly hope you are planning to renew, but if you are not could you please send me an email or call and let me know? We never drop members without follow up emails/calls and this will save me time later on. Thank you for your timely reply.

## Welcome New Members

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## Membership Changes

**Mary Anderson** has a new email:  
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**John Church** has a new email:  
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**Roland & Ruth Rosenboom** have new emails: rrboom@daca.net & roland@rosenboomrealty.com

**Phaleta Sergeant** has a new email: phaletasgt@aol.com

## Website News

By Gregg Thacker

It was wonderful to see so many friends at convention, thank you for your encouraging comments. The website has been updated with over 450 convention photos (organized by event) to share the fun with those that could not attend. The website is running strong with over 84,000 hits in the last six months from over 20 countries. Because this issue is packed with convention news, my story on website stats has been bumped to the next newsletter. You'll find it interesting so stay tuned. Special thanks to Fred for launching RBCC on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube – see story on the next page!

### Website Reminder

[www.RoyalBayreuth.org](http://www.RoyalBayreuth.org)

## Hospitality at its Finest: RBCC 2010 Peoria

By Paul Stratman & Joanne Lundquist

What a great time was had by all in Peoria, Illinois at our annual RBCC Convention.

As host and hostess of the hospitality room, our job was made so easy by the attitude and assistance of the other club members. The Rublaitus family, Jay, Nancy and Mike were our greatest supporters and help in keeping the room open lots of hours for all to enjoy. Jay especially pitched in to help do anything there was to do, cleanup, serving, restocking and making everyone feel comfortable and the room hospitable. The food was all delicious, especially the homemade goodies that were donated by club members. The Belchers, the Rosenbooms, the Rublaitus family, the Edwards, Mr. Gollmar, the Churches, the Cappels and all others I might have forgotten to mention brought treats. The hard work and effort put forth to

make your hospitality room a favorite spot was appreciated by all!

The pie social was a great hit again this year, (although, it was tough for Joanne and I to come from Springfield with a car load of pies without eating even one slice!). The pies arrived safely at their destination untouched but not unloved. Pizza sure hit the spot on Friday night before the auction. It was our pleasure to help in making a spectacular convention even better.

Peoria, Illinois, whoever thought it was a destination? I can't begin to say what a jewel on the river it truly turned out to be. The fellowship and reconnecting with old friends didn't hurt either and then on top of that there was the porcelain. What with all that, what can we say other than: **Thanks A Million To Everyone!**

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

By Harriet Land

**Checkbook Balance 09/30/10 .....\$12,631.67**

### Receipts

Membership Dues.....	\$1,540.00
Convention.....	115.00
Auction.....	12,530.00
Website Donation.....	200.00

**Total Receipts .....\$14,385.00**

### Disbursements

Convention Welcome Bags.....	\$131.84
Hospitality Room.....	574.14
Refunds.....	105.00
Auction.....	12,530.00
Auction Catalogs.....	107.69
Scrapbook.....	24.33
Postage.....	77.23
Website (Annual Hosting).....	113.10
Check Image Fee.....	4.00

**Total Disbursements .....\$13,667.33**

**Checkbook Balance 11/16/10 .....\$13,349.34**

## From the Auction Chair

*By Steve Bartlett*

RBCC members who attended this year's convention in Peoria enjoyed a lively Friday night auction with more than 160 pieces offered by club sellers. I am very grateful to the twelve club members who consigned pieces for this auction. I personally carried on a plane about 80 pieces for the auction (which in retrospect was absolutely nuts!). We believe more than 75% of the pieces consigned actually met the seller's reserve and moved on to new owners. Total sales for the auction were more than \$12,000; the highest sales we've had in the last few years. Those in attendance seemed to really enjoy themselves. We appreciate Rollie's efforts to cajole, elicit and entice every dollar he could for the sellers.

At the annual meeting (in a hard fought campaign not to be nominated as next year's auction chair) I lost my bid to be a one term office holder. Since no one else was nominated, I got the job once again by default with one dissenting vote (My OWN!). Actually, if club members continue to support the auction as they did this year, I am pleased to be the auction chair once again.

As I reminded the RBCC members who attended the convention, a successful auction depends on two ingredients; eager sellers who are willing to consign excellent pieces

**If you want to consign pieces for the 2011 auction, please contact Steve Bartlett ASAP at [dufferdog@aol.com](mailto:dufferdog@aol.com) or call (401) 885-5889. It is never too early to plan for our 2011 Auction!**

with reasonable or no reserves, and lively, eager buyers who will keep their hands up in the air until the final gavel is struck.

We think the auction rules worked well this year. If anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions, please email them to me.

So the quest begins to find great and rare pieces for next year in Dayton. I know it seems early to members but it makes it so much easier to your auction chair to know as far in advance as possible what we are dealing with. I reserve the right to refuse pieces based on the condition, rarity, duplicate pieces, etc. I already have an iris creamer set aside for the auction. Now I need another hundred and twenty five great pieces. If you are aware of members or others who are selling off collections, especially figural collections, please encourage the owners to consider selling at our club auction. We will start to display the auction pieces we have online mid-summer, 2011.

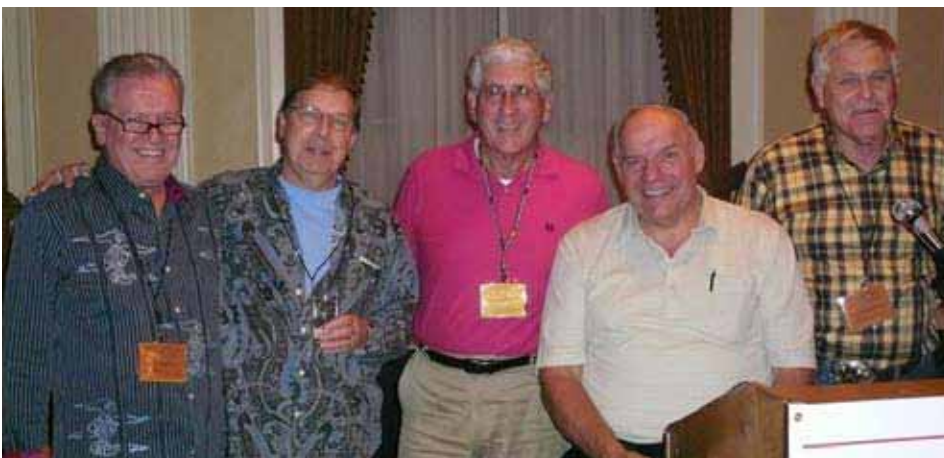
## Social Media Comes to RBCC

*By Fred James*

What do Betty White, Smokey the Bear, and the RBCC have in common? RBCC will soon have a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube that could help us attract new members. Each of the sites has its own characteristics. Facebook has a number of features that make it easy for a club to post events, notes, or photos that other Facebook users can comment on, link to, and share with their Facebook friends. Twitter is "real-time". Twitterers can "tweet" short 140 characters messages that are broadcast to their contacts via cellphone or computer. A very practical use for tweeting would be for announcing and following our convention. YouTube is a video sharing site that could have potential for our club. During the next few months we will be setting up profiles on these web sites and will start uploading basic information that people might find interesting.

What's the connection with Betty and Smokey? In January, a half million Facebook members joined a campaign calling for Ms. White to host Saturday Night Live (SNL). She reluctantly agreed, SNL happily agreed and, the rest is (recent) history. News stories about Betty have snowballed since her SNL gig in May. The latest was a week ago when she met Smokey Bear and was made an honorary Forest Ranger.

So - can RBCC get that kind of publicity? Stay tuned!



# RBCC Welcome Meeting

*By Karen Church*

Friday October 8, 2010 (9:30 am)

President Sandy Heerhold welcomed the club members and the club officers and board members were introduced.

New convention attendee Phaleta Sergeant (Kansas) was acknowledged. She spoke on how she got started collecting R.B. She collects the grapes.

Club secretary Chris Bartlett gave her report. She's now accepting renewal dues for 2011. New this year is a 2 year renewal for \$55 or you can still join for 1 year at \$30. The collection of dues renewals will be January at the latest so that the information can be sent to the editor for the compilation of the roster book. This is so the information can go out to club members in the March newsletter. The Trolley Tour will meet in the lobby at 12:30 pm. \$9 for age 65 and older. \$10 for under 65. If you have parked in the parking garage, be sure to have your ticket validated by the hotel so you don't have to pay for parking. She reports the total number of club members is 125. We lost 16 members last year.

Hospitality Room: Joanne Lundquist and Paul Stratman report they will have lots of goodies and snacks available. Joanne also announced that pizza and salad will be served in the hospitality room at 5 pm tonight.

Nominating Committee: Bob McCaslin reported the new slate of officers as:

President: Alvin Cappel

Vice President: Mary Anderson

Directors: Carol Edwards, Steve Bartlett, Mary McCaslin

Convention sites were announced by President Sandy Heerhold. They are:

- 2011 Dayton, Ohio  
September 16 and 17
- 2012 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
(Embassy Suites)

Audit Committee for this year will be Alvin Cappel and Alan Belcher. They will review the treasurer's books.

Kat Thacker would like everyone to take a lot of pictures at convention for the newsletter and website.

Paul Stratman acknowledged and thanked Kat and Gregg Thacker for all

of their efforts and hard work on the newsletter and website.

Judy Stockwell reported on the activities that will take place during the convention and at the banquet. The Poker Run is on again this year. The cards can be drawn upon completion of certain activities and the best poker hand will be determined at the banquet on Saturday. The Yankee Swap will be the Saturday night banquet entertainment, so be sure to bring your gifts.

Nancy Rublaitus announced she has plaques available to sell for \$10.

Wib Beachy announced to the club he will be selling in his room until 12 midnight but leaving in early am to go back home.

Show & Tell followed the Welcome meeting.

Vice president Terry Anderson announced he will be doing the 2:00 pm program on "Wanna-Bees", so bring your pieces for discussion. The meeting was adjourned

# RBCC Annual Business Meeting

*By Karen Church*

Saturday October 9, 2010 (9:00 am)

President Sandy Heerhold opened the annual business meeting and welcomed the members.

**Health Concerns:** Sandy states she had an email from Becky Conrad that she has a lump on her leg and is awaiting tests.

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Janet Belcher recording secretary was unable to attend convention. A motion was made by Alvin Cappel and seconded by Chuck Heerhold to accept

the minutes as they were printed in the December newsletter. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Harriet Land reported the balance at the end of last year was \$13,622.04. The receipts for the year were \$29,659.04 and the disbursements were \$17,027.37. This leaves the balance as of September 28, 2010 of \$12,631.67. A motion was made by Chuck Heerhold and seconded by Steve Bartlett to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was

passed. Harriet also notified the club that the auction for this year totaled \$12,540.

**Secretary's Report:** Chris Bartlett reported the total club members was 125 with 2 new members for a total of 127. A motion was made by Chuck Heerhold and seconded by Paul Stratman to accept the secretary's report and the motion passed.

**Auction Report:** Steve Bartlett reports that 70-75% of the pieces in the auction sold this year and that our

## ***RBCC Annual Business Meeting continued***

club auction is only as good as the pieces that are brought into it. Everyone felt it was an excellent job both by Steve and Chris. A motion was made by Paul Stratman and seconded by Alvin Cappel to accept the auction report. The motion was passed.

**Hospitality Room Report:** Joanne Lundquist reports that \$600 was spent by hospitality for both the Pie Social and the Pizza & Salad dinner. She wanted to also thank Paul Stratman, Nancy Rublaitus and Jay Rublaitus for their work. Thanks to those who brought homemade goodies. This was a great hospitality room-very roomy.

**Editor Report:** Kat Thacker reports that everyone likes the separation in the roster with the States being back in it. She reported 400 flyers were sent out from Woody's Auction List advertising the convention. We need to have a formal written thank you sent to him for the use of his list. Clum's Auction service uses our R.B. list as his mailing list. A total of 40 press releases were sent out digitally but she never hears back if they were sent out from there. One known publication of our convention information was in Antique Week dated 9/13/10. Kat is requesting any photos be sent to her.

**Website Report:** Gregg Thacker reports the website changed hosts twice and the club is now picking up that cost. It's \$140 per year to host the site and \$10 a year for the name. A benefactor will turn it over to the club this year. Gregg states we get between 500-800 visitors to the website a month. The peak month was August. Bob Gollmar offered to pay \$150 for next year for the cost of the website.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

Bob McCaslin reports the outgoing officers are: President, Sandy Heerhold; Vice President, Terry Anderson; Directors: Alvin Cappel, Jim Carter, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh

The officers will be: President, Alvin Cappel; Vice President, Mary Anderson; Secretary, Chris Bartlett; Treasurer, Harriet Land; Directors: Bob Gollmar, Nancy Rublaitus, Judy Stockwell, Carol Edwards, Steve Bartlett, Mary McCaslin.

A motion was made by Alan Belcher and seconded by Chuck Heerhold to accept the nominating committee report and the motion was passed.

A motion was made by Paul Stratman and seconded by Bob Gollmar to accept \$800 for the hospitality room budget. The motion was accepted.

An audit was performed by Alan Belcher and Alvin Cappel on the Treasurer's books and found to be in order. A motion was made by Bob McCaslin and seconded by Joanne Lundquist to accept the findings. The motion passed.

A discussion was made to continue the \$30 membership fee. A motion was made by Bob Gollmar and seconded by Nancy Rublaitus to accept the fee and was accepted.

Chris Bartlett is now accepting renewal dues for 2011.

Roberta and Alvin Cappel will head the Hospitality Room for next year's convention in Dayton, Ohio.

Steve Bartlett was voted to be Auction Chairperson again.

The new nominating committee will be headed by Paul Stratman and

Chuck Heerhold.

We will be meeting today at 12:30pm for a trolley tour of scenic Peoria.

A request was made to please recycle the lanyards.

### **New Business:**

The Board Meeting will be held at 5 pm instead of after the banquet. Meet in Sandy Heerhold's room.

A question was brought up about raising money for the club. We may go back to the state baskets or silent auctions but it was felt nothing needed to be done for right now.

Roberta Cappel is requesting a budget for the Dayton convention. A motion was made by Steve Bartlett and seconded by Cathern James to accept \$300 budget for programs. The motion was accepted.

A motion was made to adjourn by Paul Stratman and seconded by Bob Gollmar. The meeting was adjourned.

# RBCC Annual Board Meeting

By Karen Church

Saturday October 9, 2010 (5:00 pm)

Members in attendance: Alvin Cappel, Mary Anderson, Chris Bartlett, Harriet Land, Carol Edwards, Nancy Rublaitus, Judy Stockwell, Bob Gollmar, Mary McCaslin, Steve Bartlett, Sandy Heerhold, Kat Thacker

Alvin Cappel opened the annual business meeting.

Kat Thacker reports a dues notice will be in the December newsletter. Chris Bartlett reports that most people paid their dues at convention. The dues need to be in by the end of January. Kat will put out flood e-mails two times (after convention and at the end of December) to remind people of their dues needing renewed.

Kat also discussed the cost was \$250 for the flyers that were sent out to the people on Woody's Auction list in hopes of attracting new members. It was her impression that this was a one time use. We need to inquire with Woody to see if it's ok for us to reuse the list in the future. It was mentioned by Steve Bartlett to possibly use the list for mailings in December to attract new members and again in August before the convention. Bob Gollmar felt the club should not reuse the list.

Kat also requests a thank-you note be sent to Woody for letting us use the list. Alvin Cappel expressed he will send out a thank-you and inquire about the club being able to reuse Woody's list in the future. Mary McCaslin will also talk with Woody. We added 3 new members from the mailings.

Chris Bartlett discussed about the renewal of membership dues. She made 30 or so calls last year for those members who had not renewed. She asked for volunteers to call for this year. Nancy Rublaitus, Alvin Cappel and Carol Edwards volunteered to help with phone calls.

Kat Thacker requests 1 article from each board member for the newsletters. The next newsletter deadline is mid November for the December newsletter. Possibly an article on Santa pieces for the December newsletter. She would appreciate the china cabinet pictures for the back page of the newsletter.

Mary Anderson reported on the Auction Action Newspaper having press releases for conventions.

Kat also says she went to a Peoria antique mall and someone there suggested we let the local shop and malls

know when we're coming for convention so they can let their dealers know, so they can put in Royal Bayreuth pieces for us.

A question was brought up about the possibility of our auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom doing a program for the club?

Steve Bartlett brought up about the members being able to vote on where the conventions are being held. Lately, it's been the Board's decision and he felt the Board should do the work but open it up to the members to vote on it. We need to be looking at the markets and easier access (airports). Big hotels don't want our small group. It's difficult with a club our size and dealing with hotels that want a certain number of room nights, food minimums and paying for meeting rooms.

Harriet Land said to give any expenses to her so she can make reimbursements.

It was discussed having a silent auction next year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harriet Land and seconded by Bob Gollmar. The meeting was adjourned.

## Banquet



# Wanna-bees

By Terry Anderson

The Wanna-bee program was a huge success at our 2010 convention in Peoria. It fell on the same day as the Show & Tell session which was lots of fun with all of the participation and items. I wanted to have a learning program with everyone joining in on it. It was not to be a venue to declare if a piece was “real RB” or not. We looked at pieces for glaze type, decorating quality, porcelain quality, detail, colors, marks or the lack of marks. Participation flowed freely. By members response, I called it a success. Thanks for letting me host this program.



## From our New VP

*By Mary Anderson*

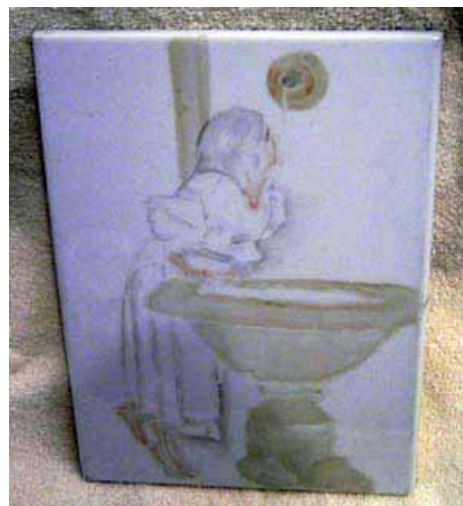
I love to attend the Royal Bayreuth conventions. And this year was a lot of fun. The Pere Marquette Hotel was a great place for our group. And the history of Peoria shown us on our trolley tour was really worth the trip.

I always enjoy the hospitality room, meeting all the people I haven't seen for a year or more; the RB pieces for sale in the rooms; the information that we get at presentations and most of all Show & Tell. I am always impressed at the items people bring in that they have found during the past year. This year was no exception.

This year I found a tile that was

marked Royal Bayreuth. It is 9 1/2" high by 6 3/4" wide. It's solid white with a lovely design of a young girl reaching for a drink at a fountain. I would never have guessed it to be Royal Bayreuth, in fact would never have given it a second look! The owner of the consignment store was looking at this (and two other tiles) and happened to show me the mark on the back. It's Mark #18- after 1968. So it is not very old, but is R.B. I was in love! Had to have it.

It just reminds me that I need to be watchful of many porcelain pieces that may not look like RB, but are.



Here's hoping all of you out there are looking for unusual pieces that we have not seen before. Hang on to them and bring them for Show & Tell next year. We all still love to be surprised!

## Show & Tell



## 2010 Club Banquet & Entertainment

*By Judy Stockwell*

The Banquet was held on Saturday night, October 9, 2010. After enjoying a meal which consisted of either Grilled Salmon and Chicken Breast, Roast Loin of Pork Forestier, or Portabella & Spinach Risotto, salad, vegetable, potato and bread pudding, coffee/tea/milk, the FUN began.

Once again this year we had the Poker Run Game that I brought to the club in 2009 to get everyone involved in the Convention activities. There were twelve different ways in which to get playing cards to make the BEST poker hand ... The more things you did ... the more cards you had ... five cards were needed to make the poker hand. And again this year Poker EXPERT Harriet Land looked at all the game cards turned in and chose the winners. Chuck Heerhold had a Straight Flush (with a 9 high and his next two cards were Aces). Paul Stratman had a Straight Flush (with

a 9 high and his next high card was only one ace and then a three). First prize of a \$25 Gift Certificate to Target went to Chuck Heerhold. The Second prize went to Paul Stratman (last years 1st prize winner). Let me tell you, there is no one who does more, buys more tickets, etc. at our conventions than Paul - no wonder he is always a winner of a prize! The Booby Prize went to Jim Lapp for getting just one Queen and nothing else worth mentioning. Next year I think I will change the game a little and have JOKER'S WILD!

We then went on to the Yankee Swap (or White Elephant Game) and the fun of opening gifts and stealing them from each other. There were lots of laughs and you should have seen the pumpkin decoration that Roberta Cappel made...even the box she wrapped it in was lovely. It was a pumpkin that you could store away



and use every year. Another interesting item was a box with a few Monrovia Tiles from the Mercer Tile Works in Doylestown PA. They were very nice and were traded the maximum number of times. Of course the food items (candy especially) were swapped a few times too. Everyone seemed to have a really nice time.

Sorry some of you had to miss the convention in Peoria, a city full of lots of history. I look forward to seeing everyone in Dayton Ohio!

## Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices from Oct/Nov 2010

*By Judy Stockwell*

Snow Babies 4-Footed Covered dish, Blue Mark . . . . .	\$102.50
Devil & Cards Wall Match Holder, Blue Mark . . . . .	226.50
Elk Humidor, Blue Mark. . . . .	170.00
Santa Claus Candle Holder, Blue Mark and Depose 7 ½" . . .	1,470.13
Cobalt & Gold Muff Girl Vase, 5 ½" high, Blue Mark . . . . .	129.00
Pink Rose Condiment Jar , Blue mark, no spoon. . . . .	212.50
Chimp Creamer 4 ¼", Blue Mark . . . . .	82.00
Fairy Lady Vase, Shades of Green and Yellow, 7 ½". . . . .	345.00



# Santas Visited: Some musings, hopefully not ramblings, on the Santa Claus series

By Wib Beachy

Arguably, the most popular grouping of all Royal Bayreuth figurals is the Santa Claus series. This is reflected in the prices pieces of this grouping still command even in today's soft market. While the prices are not what they once were, they are still significant. It is my firm belief they will rise again in the not-to-distant future.

There are several reasons for this. First, there is the popularity of the character himself. Who doesn't like Santa Claus, save for the Philadelphia Eagle football fans who booed and pelted him with snowballs at halftime of the infamous football game at the old Franklin Field?

Next is the rarity of the pieces in this series. While it has been my very good fortune to have had all of the known pieces in one color or another over the years I've been collecting, finding them was not easy. More seem to be coming out now than in the past. I think that is a further reflection of the present economic times. People are selling them after they have enjoyed them for awhile, because they need the monies for some good reason. I myself have parted with most of my pieces in this series so that I had and continued to have the financial wherewithal to put my remaining two children at home through college and professional school (the expenses of such schooling are astounding, if not outrageous!).

Last, but not least, is the sheer quality of the molds for these pieces and of the hand painting involved. The colors are vibrant, be it red, green, or brown. The facial and clothing details are superb. One or two pieces give a glimpse of the greatness of this series; having an entire collection revealed the true genius of the artists involved in both the creation and execution of this series. I will remember that collection always.



Pieces in this series are usually, but not always, marked. Often the Deponiert mark or some variant of it appears as well. I have found the handled pieces to be rarer than those with the nap-sack only. Also, contrary to the conventional wisdom, I believe green and not brown

to be the rarest color. I only ever had the green candy dish in addition to a green hat on the smaller humidor (which had the red base, a piece from Jim Davis' collection for which I traveled to his home in upstate New York). Not painting the holly on Santa's hat in the brown is common; I believe this was done in keeping with the Continental image of him.

There have been attempted imitations of pieces in this series by others, notably the Japanese. In my opinion, they are far inferior in all facets, mold, painting, and weight. There is a certain "feel" to an RB piece that is almost impossible to duplicate. That's not a bad legacy for so-called novelty ware at the time to be exported for literally nickels and dimes overseas.



# Tales from the Hunt

By Kat Thacker

*Editor's note: We're starting here what we hope to be a regular NEW column. Please submit your stories of "insanely lucky" RB finds for upcoming editions. It's fun to hear all the details of fellow members' "treasure hunts" realized. This continues to keep us out there searching diligently for our own "most wanted" RB!*

On the way home from our wonderful convention in Peoria, we hit an antique mall we usually stop by near the Mich border. It's a pretty good one (100+ dealers), but not too much turnover of merchandise in the past. I was checking out one booth that was just jammed with clothes, furs, hats, etc. There were a couple smaller glass cases there as well, mostly teacups and saucers, LuRay dishes, and some Crooksville/50's stuff, nothing we collect. I glanced down on the bottom shelf and saw (from the top view) something that looked vaguely RB, with fluted edges and pale yellow wash on inside lip. I thought it was a flower of some kind, but booth was so tight I couldn't even kneel down to see it any closer.

Got man with a key to open case. He handed me a creamer... but not a flower, a PERCHED BUTTERFLY!!! My absolute "holy grail" piece: in the "oh so fabulous" purples/magenta/gray-green/black pattern. I vaguely thought there was a huge chip out of it, and I saw something like a black retouch on the edge, but I didn't care at that point. Turned the thing over and it was blue-marked, but only the Bavaria showed because it ran off the edge. Most shocking of all - this little baby's tag read "Bavarian creamer" and \$20. I almost fainted and/or dropped it! I informed the man calmly I would take it... and he carried it up to the counter. Gregg in the meantime was combing through a huge pile of old Detroit postcards, and wanted to



hang out a bit more. Every time I walked by the counter and saw it again, I felt sick with anxiety. Gregg finally took his postcards to front, asking to add them to the pile with the butterfly creamer. Everyone behind the counter was immediately interested in the piece. They hadn't seen it even WAS a butterfly. We cashed out, with the girl wrapping saying, "wow, this is nice, none of us saw this piece and it says Bavaria, do you think this is this could possibly be RB or something?" Gregg (mister casual) said, "yeah, it kind of looks like RB, you just never know..." We got the heck out of there with creamer clutched tightly to my bosom. I figured they'd have to pry it out of my hands if they changed their minds about selling it to me!

The end of this story is, I got home and carefully washed my little creamer, giving it a good once over. Unbelievably, the upper leaf edge I thought was chipped was actually fine, and the "black retouch" is simply a bit



of extra porcelain from original mold - an acceptable manufacturer's defect. This baby is PERFECT - no scratches, no rough spots, no missing color anywhere. We can't get over the odds of this one happening - I guess the whole Oct 10, 2010 (10-10-10) thing was super-lucky for this RB-collecting girl!

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## Our China Cabinets

*By Nancy Rublaitus*

Here is our china cabinet showing a variety of tapestry pieces that we thought you might enjoy.

