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Welcome to Dayton

By Ida Parrott

"Welcome to Dayton" says the entrance to this lovely revitalized city which shows where our tax dollars go to create such a lovely place for people to live, raise children, and attend school. America has so many beautiful cities with so much to see and each one is uniquely different from the other due to culture, heritage, and social climes.

Fred and I were so looking forward to this trip as we had missed last year's convention. Fred had just been to the Reno, Nevada Auto Museum and the annual Alameda Car Show when he noticed that Dayton also had an auto museum and a Packard (aka the other "Cadillac" of its day) museum.

Our personal tour guide was Dick, a retired Dayton native, who gave us a fabulous tour and a lot of personal stories about the cars and the people who had owned them. We had a lot of fun and really enjoyed ourselves.

After that we had an early dinner at a fine German restaurant with some familiar and unfamiliar dishes but all were delicious including fried sauerkraut balls. BOULEVARD HAUS is at the gate to the Dayton university district conveniently located from the Dayton Crowne Plaza Hotel where we stayed.

We also enjoyed the workshops and great presentations and saw some beautiful Royal Bayreuth.

Saturday was spent at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, a truly inspiring and patriotic place with real life exhibits and hands on demonstrations and even a Korean exhibit.

We had a great time visiting with everyone and they had even



heard about the Midwest Mega Glass convention in Kansas City, which amazed the attendants with its overwhelming success and all seven clubs reported an uptick in interest and increase in membership. The Wave Crest club even sold over 100 of its publications.

Plans are in the works for another event. Royal Bayreuth, RS Prussia and other porcelain groups could have their own mega convention. Something to think about!

We look forward to seeing everyone in Pittsburgh, PA in September 2012!

President's Message

By Alvin Cappel

The frost will soon be on the pumpkins as I write this – and the 2011 Apfel-Fest is a September memory. The success of our recent convention was the result of the “fruits (speaking of apples, specifically) of our labor.” So many people worked so hard to make our annual get-together enjoyable for all who attended. There wasn't a “bad apple” in the lot! Thanks to everyone! We had a great time!

It was great to have returning members, Carol and Terry Seggebruch, and Robert Fliedner and his son, new member, Gene Fliedner, join our Dayton convention. Judy Breece's niece, Carol Smith, also attended and became a new member.

My wife, Roberta, is RBCC Historian and wanted pictures of each

person who serves our club in any capacity. As so many people stood to be photographed, it was apparent how many members we have who contribute to the continuation of our Royal Bayreuth club.

Steve Bartlett was elected to serve as our new treasurer, replacing Harriet Land. He will also continue to serve as auction chairman.

Since Steve became treasurer, it left an opening on the Executive Board. Jim Lapp was elected to fill that vacancy. Jay Rublaitus was elected to the Executive Board to replace his mother, (can he replace his mother?!), Nancy Rublaitus, whose term was completed. Both Jim and Jay will also be working with Chuck Heerhold as the Nominating Committee.

Chris Bartlett agreed to serve two more years as Secretary. Judy Stockwell and Bob Gollmar agreed to a second term on the Board of Directors.

Judy is also the new press release chairperson and Dotty Earle volunteered to submit eBay results for our newsletter.

Thanks to each of you for your help and your willingness to serve RBCC. I especially want to express my gratitude to Harriet and Nancy, both charter members of RBCC, for their service, knowing they will continue to serve our club.

We are so fortunate, that Steve Bartlett has again, agreed to chair the auction committee in 2012. This year, we had about 140 pieces in the auction and had sales of \$8,200 with about 60% of the items being sold. Steve works on the auction, which is a huge undertaking, all year long and does an excellent job.

Rollie Rosenboom again, was our auctioneer – Going once! Going ... on his 16th year to pound the gavel for us. Only Rollie can make us all believe that he truly wants each of us to win the auction item that he is selling. His quick wit kept us entertained and his ability to create excitement about the pieces got top results for us. Of course, an auction requires more than a Steve, a Rollie, a gavel and a podium.

Thanks also to Ruth Rosenboom and Sandy Heerhold for clerking, and to our runners, Bev Brumbaugh and Alan and Janet Belcher.

I hope you all shared my enjoyment of our programs presented by our members. Kat Thacker wasn't just talking about the freshness of the apples when she described one of them as “crisp.” She was talking about

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

By Steve Bartlett

Checkbook Balance as of 8/31/2011\$13,019.22

Receipts

Membership dues	\$350.00
Convention	558.00
Auction	8,760.00
Plaques	10.00
Hospitality	400.00
Misc.....	10.80
Total Receipts.....	\$10,088.80

Disbursements

Hospitality Room	\$284.31
Auction	8,760.00
Postage	28.40
Auction Catalogs	91.58
CNA Insurance (surety bond).....	187.00
Convention refunds	195.78
Banquet.....	1,488.09
Convention expenses	1,212.49
Total Disbursements.....	\$12,247.65

Checkbook Balance as of 10/31/2011\$10,860.37

Welcome to Our New Members

By Chris Bartlett

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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue
- August 10 for September Issue
- November 10 for December Issue



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the actual mold of the apple, and how different molds of one “variety” of the same apple, can affect the weight and even volume of the item. I would never have known that one apple had a handle applied with no gaps or hollows and another with the hollow where it inserts into the apple. Things we would never know without “Comparing Apples to Apples.”

Kat might have been the warm-up act for her husband, Gregg, who not only gave an excellent report on his duties as Web Manager, but a very informative Photo Tip Presentation, which is available on our website.

Kat and Gregg will be starting their sixth year in doing our newsletter. If there is such a thing as burnout, it is certainly not evident! If the great covers don't make one want to read the recent issue, the articles certainly do! Special thanks to Kat and Gregg and to our members who contribute great information.

If there is anything more beautiful than one piece of Royal Bayreuth, it is a whole table of the same variety – and Harold Brandenburg proved that with his display of “Frogs and Bees.” Many of us had only seen these pieces in our Royal Bayreuth “Bibles” and were amazed at the different and whimsical pieces. We will from this day forward, think of Harold as “Professor Harold B and his Frogs and Bees.”

Thanks so much to our members for presenting these programs. Thanks also to each of you who brought WannaBees and Show and Tell items. As always, that is a special part of our programming.

When we weren't eating apples, we toured the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the world's largest and

oldest military aviation museum, and/or the Packard Museum.

I thought the banquet food was delicious (but I'm not a good one to judge food—I like it all!). Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine did it again - the fun and games were great--especially since my dollar was picked to win the basket of money! Steve Bartlett was the super Scrabble player and for his word won a gift certificate to, where else, Applebees.

As President, I share your concerns with the value of our Royal Bayreuth collections and our membership numbers. However, the interest and questions about Royal Bayreuth continue to be great. As Gregg reported, our website in the past year had a quarter of a million hits from 67 countries. I personally receive a number of inquiries about “something Grandma left me...” And, these inquiries are directed to us, the RBCC. No one in our club professes to know it all, and certainly we learn something new at each convention, or in our excellent newsletters. I think it is so important for us to keep our club strong. We are so fortunate to be a part of an organization with members who have collected RB for many years, members who have traveled to Tettau, and to have in our membership, Mary McCaslin, the author of two remarkable Royal Bayreuth books. The mark on our Royal Bayreuth porcelain contains the word, Priv. which is an abbreviation for Privileged. I hope you feel as I do, privileged to be part of this organization.

Secretary's Message

By Chris Bartlett

Here's an "easy to keep" New Year's resolution for 2012 – renew your dues NOW for the Royal Bayreuth Club if there is a reminder insert in this newsletter!

Due to the popularity of the 2 year membership payment option, almost half of our club members are already paid up through Dec. 31, 2012. No insert in the newsletter means you are paid up – but feel free to contact me if you have any questions on your status.

If there is an insert in your newsletter, please send your dues in as soon as possible to -

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You can choose the 1 year option for \$30 which extends your membership through Dec. 31, 2012.

You can choose the 2 year option for \$55 which extends your membership through Dec. 31, 2013.

Checks can be made out to Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club.

Whichever option you choose, you will continue to be a member of this unique club. You will receive four beautiful and informative newsletters a year, and have the opportunity to buy and sell RB through the convention auction and through the newsletter, attend the 2012 convention in Pittsburgh, and access the members' only section of the website where you will find copies of all our newsletters

since the first issue.

Our club currently has 127 members with ten new members joining in 2011. Our goal is to increase our membership numbers and not lose YOU! So send in your dues today and thank you for your continued support of the club.

If you are NOT planning to renew, it would be appreciated if you could let me know by email RBCCSEC@aol.com or phone 401-884-1695. I personally contact all members who have not renewed by February so this will save me calls.

Please send me any changes of address, email, or phone so the roster published in March 2012 will be accurate. Thank you!

2011 Club Banquet & Entertainment

By Judy Stockwell

After eating a delicious meal of our choice at the club banquet, we let the games begin!

This year Harriet Lavine was my "helper" and what a great job she did shopping for prizes, making a lovely pillow with an *apple* (the theme of the convention) plus RBCC on it and then transporting the items from New England to Dayton.

We decided to have a dollar bill game this year. Anyone attending the banquet who wanted to join in the fun put their initials on a \$1.00 bill that was placed in a basket made by the Peterboro Basket Co., Peterborough, NH and after shaking them up the "Winner was... Alvin Capple... \$25 and the basket!"

We then went onto the Scrabble word game that was played this year instead of the poker card game in previous years. Steve Bartlett was the first prize winner with the word

"BREEZES," using up all seven letters to make one word and putting it on a line with triple letters in some spots and a double word score plus 50 extra points for using seven letters. He received a \$25 Applebee's Gift Card, congrats Steve. Judy Breece and her niece Carol Smith were tied for second prize. Judy's word was "VIRTUAL" and Carol's was "HARDILY," they both received apple motif prizes.

Next onto the Yankee Swap and the fun of opening gifts and "supposed to be" stealing them from each other (however mostly everyone liked what they opened and didn't steal from someone else!). I can't remember who it was but someone stole the lovely box of mixed California almonds from me. Regardless, it was a great time and look forward to the Pittsburgh Convention September 20-22, 2012. More FUN and GAMES for all attending!



Website News

By Gregg Thacker

By now we hope everyone has seen the convention photos in the Members' area of the website. We posted 250 pictures in October and another 150 "character studies" by Alvin and Roberta on November 30. In October we finished scanning and posting all the old newsletters – so every club newsletter is now online! The early ones are in black and white - but still offer a fun history of the club. Lots of information on friends no longer with us, interesting articles, and very interesting pricing. Fun reading on a rainy or cold day!

Lastly, we posted a copy of Kat's "Comparing Apples-to-Apples" presentation and my "Photo Tips" presentation on the website. We hope the resources on the website, combined with this newsletter, bring some of the convention joy to those who could not attend. By the way - if you are NOT receiving e-mail updates please send a note to Editor@royalbayreuth.org and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for a Joyful Holiday and Happy New Year!



Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Winter greetings to you all!

Hard to imagine 2011 is winding down, and another RBCC convention is all wrapped up. We certainly enjoyed ourselves down in Dayton, with friends (old and new), interesting activities and especially ALL the beautiful RB...

Our fabulous hosts the Cappels did another FANTASTIC job with the hospitality room and all the fine details (like Roberta's whimsical signs) throughout. It seemed the place was always jumpin' ... so many fellow members to catch up with, snacks to munch and fascinating club scrapbooks to look through. It helped that our room was adjoining the HR this year so we could keep up with all the doings. We only had to bang on the wall once or twice at two in the morning to get them to "quiet down over there!!!" Seriously, it was lots of fun for ALL 4 days!

We had another jam-packed auction on Friday put together by Auction Chair Steve Bartlett (with help from runners and check-out staff), and of course Rollie as our exceptional auctioneer. Lots of nice RB with a few rarities to complete the catalog. Many happy buyers and sellers at the end of the night.

After getting our arms twisted to do presentations this time around - we did our research and found out lots of interesting facts (me on RB apples and Gregg on our website stats). Gregg also put together a comprehensive (but easily applied) talk about how to shoot better photos of your RB. We hope this motivates you to send in some wonderful pics of your collections so we can use them in both the newsletter and on our website. No excuses now about not being able to "figure out" your digital cameras!!! ALL of these presentations are available on our club website in the "members only" area - so be sure to check them out. I've also done a new illustration for the 2011 RBCC Apfel-Fest. Her name is "Fraulein Inga" (named so by Roberta Cappel), a lovely German girl with her basket of RB apples. You can order prints on our website in the references/links area under "Convention prints by Kat."

Our entertaining club banquet came complete with a hoot of an after-dinner "floorshow." Judy Stockwell and Harriet Lavine outdid themselves with the Yankee Swap, Scrabble game and assorted clever prizes handed out through the evening. A nice way to close out the convention for all.

In closing, it's our 5th anniversary this issue! Gregg and I have now been editing and putting together the newsletter since Dec 2006. It's been fun (except for those "challenging" issues where we just don't get enough articles, photos or items to run!!!). As we head into our 6th year we would like to remind you that the finished product is ONLY as good as the material that makes it! So please, this year commit to send something in to share with your fellow members. We always need pics of your china cabinets, or your favorite piece of RB, or that wonderful story of how you found that rare piece in an unlikely spot. Any ideas for articles are also most welcome... just drop us a line. We truly want to continue improving our newsletter and website with each and every issue.

May you and yours have a peaceful and healthy holiday season! See you in 2012...

Favorite Recipes from Convention

By Roberta Cappel

When we learned that the 2011 Hospitality Room at the Crowne Plaza was going to be on the 10th floor of the hotel and that our member's rooms were "all over the hotel," we thought people would never come up to the "sky" to see us. Luckily, we were wrong. We had a nice-sized room, and much of the time it was filled to capacity. Thankfully, we opened it in the morning on Thursday, and many in our club who couldn't get into their rooms right away were able to "hang out" in the hospitality room.

Bob Gollmar was one of those people; so, while he waited, we entertained him by letting him fill the hospitality bags. I'm sure he thinks we paid the hotel to postpone getting his room ready until all the work in the hospitality room was done. (A huge THANK YOU to Bob, and to EVERYONE who donated treats, money, and helped in the room.) We did our bit to provide everyone with an apple a day, and most of you should not have to see the doctor for a full year!

A bushel full of apples on a sign in the lobby welcomed our members to the "Apfel-Fest." We ate apples, apple straws, apple chips, chocolate apples, apple butter with apple fritter bread, caramel apples, apple suckers, drank apple cider, and then went to the top floor restaurant to eat apple dumplings with ice cream for our welcome social. By the way, our theme this year was APPLES: the good-old, heirloom, German, Royal Bayreuth variety.

Ruth Rosenboom felt we needed to eat our vegetables as well as our fruit and donated a pan of zucchini bars with cream cheese icing. I promised members that we would publish her recipe—look for it in this newsletter! Thanks everybody for making our convention a delicious GALA!

SOUTHWEST SALSA BEAN DIP Serve with corn chips scoops!

from Roberta Cappel

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| 1 can black beans (washed & drained) | 1 medium chopped sweet onion |
| 1 can black eyed peas drained | 1 chopped tomato |
| 1 can yellow kernel corn drained | 1 jar salsa (I used ½ of a large jar) |
| 1 ea chopped peppers (green, red, yellow, orange) | 1 pkg dry Italian Seasoning Dressing Mix (but use balsamic vinegar & olive oil) |

ZUCCHINI BARS

from Ruth Rosenboom (à la "Cooking With Faith" Prairieview Lutheran Home)

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| 2 c. zucchini, diced | 2 c. flour |
| 1 c. oil | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 3 eggs | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 3 tsp. vanilla | 1 ½ tsp. baking powder |
| 2 c. sugar | 1 tsp. salt |

Put zucchini, oil and eggs in blender. Blend until liquid. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into greased jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Cool and frost.

Frosting:

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 8 oz. cream cheese | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 16 oz. box powdered sugar | 2 T. butter |

Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and butter until creamy. Spread on bars that are completely cooled.

RBCC Publicity

By Judy Stockwell

At the Convention Board Meeting I volunteered to do publicity for the Royal Bayreuth Club with the hopes of spreading the word about our Club and the wonderful porcelain that we all have come to collect and love so much. In order to do this I need your help. You say, "How can I help?," well please read below.

In antique shops and also at antique shows and flea markets you will sometimes find antique and collectible newspapers and magazines by the checkout counter. What I need is the name and address of any and all that you can find. They are usually FREE and are there for you to take as you go out the door. Please take whatever you find home and either e-mail or snail mail me the name of the paper or magazine and the address inside the front cover.

I will then know that the newspaper company is still in business and will contact them for a sample copy. It will also give me an idea of what kind of paper it is... and if it's worthy of our Club news. I will put an article with the facts on our club, the convention, the auction that we have and all the friendships that can be had... and look forward to our club growing. Would be nice to get a few more younger people to help with the work at our conventions. I believe that by showing some pictures and writing an article **WE CAN DO THIS!**

My e-mail is buckhill1@comcast.net and my telephone is 603-924-3539. My mailing address is: Judy Stockwell, 45 Concord Street, Peterborough NH 03458.

Thanks so much for your help. If the magazine or paper costs money let me know that also. I am sure we can get a free sample copy if I call or write them.

From the Auction Chair

By Steve Bartlett

RBCC members who attended this year's convention in Dayton, OH enjoyed the Friday night auction with a wide variety of about 160 pieces offered for sale by Club sellers. I am very appreciative of the ten members who consigned pieces for this auction. Approximately 60% of the pieces consigned actually met the seller's reserve and moved on to new owners. Total sales for the auction were about \$8,640, significantly down from last year sales. However, those in attendance enjoyed themselves, many going home with bargains. We appreciate Rollie's efforts to cajole, elicit and entice every dollar he could for the sellers.

At the annual meeting I was asked to run the auction once again for the 2012 convention which will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. There

was significant discussion about the auction format and whether or not we should make some changes. For members who attend the convention, the auction is always a highlight of the convention, but with fewer members attending who actually bid, we may need to change the format. I would welcome any member's thoughts on the auction and any suggestions. We will make some recommendations and formally announce them in the spring newsletter. 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 with reasonable or no reserves, and lively, eager buyers who will keep their hands up in the air until the final gavel is struck.

My current thinking is to limit the

actual club auction to 50 - 60 pieces that have been screened and selected by a committee and to have a room in the hotel where other pieces can be sold by sellers directly to buyers, replacing or supplementing the current format of room to room visits. Fewer members are bringing pieces to sell in their rooms and in some hotels we have been very spread out. The proposed format would allow us to display all sellers' items at the same time.

We think the auction rules worked well again this year. If anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions, please email them to me at dufferdog@aol.com. Also, if you want to consign pieces for the 2012 auction, please contact me by email or call (401) 885-5889. We are always looking for collections to sell.

Auction Gallery



Submitted by Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

President Alvin Cappel opened the welcome meeting with an introduction of the current officers, board of directors, recording secretary, editors, committee members and one new member Carol Smith, niece of Judy Breece.

Chris Bartlett reported that the club membership totals 125 having added 8 new members during the past year. We were also informed of the recent death of former member Eric Sidman after an extended illness.

Roberta Cappel reported on the hospitality room and mentioned that there would be a pizza and salad meal prior to the auction. There are 8 scrapbooks in the room to enjoy.

Nominating Committee: Chuck Heerhold, with prior assistance

from Paul Stratman, introduced the candidates for the three positions that will be vacant. The treasurer position has been accepted by Steve Bartlett while Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus will serve on the executive board. All other officers will remain in their current positions.

Volunteers for the next nominating committee are Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus with assistance from Chuck Heerhold.

Auction Report: Steve Bartlett mentioned that the auction pieces are available for viewing and self inspection. Auction will start at 7:00 tonight.

Editor's Report: Kat Thacker encouraged members to continue sending photos and articles of interest.

Judy Stockwell reported on the activities that are planned for the

banquet on Saturday evening. She gave an explanation of the “Scrabble” game that is going on with letters awarded for each item on the list completed. Prizes will be awarded at the banquet for the most points for one word. The Yankee Swap will also take place with the exchange of the gifts brought by the attendees.

The audit committee of Alan Belcher and Bev Brumbaugh will complete their audit of the treasurer books before the Annual Business Meeting.

Room to room visitation will start at 3:30 this afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and followed by the Show and Tell Program.



RBCC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday, September 17, 2011(9 am)

President Alvin Cappel opened the meeting and welcomed the members before asking for the committee reports.

Recording Secretary: Janet Belcher reported that she wasn't in attendance last year but the minutes were published in the December 2010 newsletter. Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Harriet Land reported the balance at the end of last year was \$12,631.67. Receipts were \$19,337.53 and disbursements as \$18,949.98 leaving a current checkbook balance of \$13,019.22. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report as stated and motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Chris Bartlett reported that we now have 126 members with 9 being new since last year, some of which became interested in the club by way of the website. New members are sent a packet with a welcome letter about the club, a recent newsletter, a membership roster and a porcelain Royal Bayreuth plaque. There are 47 attendees at this convention, nearly the same as in Peoria, IL last year. More than half of the membership used the two year dues option last year so there will be less income from dues this year. Please notify the secretary and the editor of any address and e-mail changes in order to keep our roster current. Motion made by Chuck Heerhold to accept the report and seconded by Harriet Land. Motion passed.

Auction Report: Steve Bartlett reported a revenue of approximately \$8200 with 60 % of the pieces sold. A motion made by Sandy Heerhold to accept the report and seconded by Bobby Jo Brumbaugh. Motion passed.

Hospitality Report: Roberta Cappel expressed thanks for all the donations, participation and help in the hospitality room. Next year's room in Pittsburgh will be hosted by Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski with assistance by Carolyn and Karen Church.

Editor's Report: Kat Thacker announced that she and Gregg will be starting their sixth year doing the newsletter. Over the past five years they have updated and streamlined the publication and eliminated the envelope to save on postage. There are now four color pages per issue and some changes in design. All changes have been received favorably. She needs all reports two weeks before the quarterly deadlines to format for publishing and welcomes articles and photos from the membership.

Website Manager's Report: Gregg Thacker reported that the website has been up since 1999 and assembled and maintained by Gregg since 2007. The fees include \$140 per year for the host and \$20 per year to register the site. During this past year, there have been a quarter of a million hits from 67 countries. Eighty percent use Windows with others using iPads and iPhones. There will be more availability on Facebook and Twitter accounts in the future. The website is high on a Google search with September being the highest month of usage and Wednesday the most popular day. They receive about 750 e-mails to answer or redirect to someone that can better respond to the questions. They will consider using a classified ad or a sales page on the site in the future. Gregg also mentioned that members should use the RB membership email list for Royal Bayreuth business only or for "conversation with friends".

Nominating Committee: Chuck Heerhold introduced the new officers of Steve Bartlett for Treasurer and directors Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus. Judy Stockwell and Bob Gollmar agreed to a second term on the Board of Directors and Chris Bartlett accepted a second term as Secretary. Volunteers to serve on the next nominating committee are Jim Lapp and Jay Rublaitus with assistance from Chuck Heerhold.

Audit Report: Alan Belcher and Bev Brumbaugh did an audit of the treasurer books and found them to be in order. Motion to accept the report by Ida Parrott, seconded by Chuck Heerhold.

Membership Fee: Chris Bartlett recommended that the membership dues remain at \$30 per year or two years for \$55. Motion to accept by Sandy Heerhold, seconded by Bobby Jo Brumbaugh

Volunteers for the hospitality room in Pittsburgh next year are Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski, assisted by Karen and Carolyn Church.

New Business: Ida Parrott informed the group of a Mega Convention she attended combining 7 glass collecting groups to form one large convention. Each group could still have their own programs but share their interest in collecting a variety of similar items. It is a benefit for small groups to join with another to meet hotel room and food quotas. Alvin Cappel will look into discussing this with other collector groups.

Judy Stockwell will be the new press release chairperson. Let her know of any local publications that she can notify of future conventions.

Dotty Earle volunteered to do the eBay results notice in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Hospitality Room



RBCC Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday, September 17, 2011 (5 pm)
Board members:

- Alvin Cappel, President
- Mary Anderson, Vice-President (unable to attend)
- Steve Bartlett, Treasurer
- Chris Bartlett, Secretary
- Sandy Heerhold, Past-President

Directors: Carol Edwards, Bob Gollmar (unable to attend), Jim Lapp, Mary McCaslin, Jay Rublaitus, and Judy Stockwell. Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

The minutes from last years' board meeting were approved as published in the December 2010 newsletter.

Secretary Chris Bartlett will continue to use her same system for memberships, passing along all information of new members to the editor as well as any e-mail updates.

Treasurer Steve Bartlett will be setting up a checking account in his locale. He is to submit bills to the president for approval before payment.

The Woody Auction mailing list

was used to invite people to join the RBCC producing one former member to rejoin this past year. Judy Stockwell will determine how best to send out publicity and to whom. There is the possibility of contacting former members about rejoining.

Future convention sites: Jim Lapp mentioned that he had given Alvin Cappel a packet of information about the Sea View Country Club in Absecon, New Jersey outside of Atlantic City. He has a contact person who could put together a convention package.

Other sites mentioned were St. Louis, Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee. Board members should look into possibilities and have ideas ready to present at the 2012 business meeting. Smaller venues should be considered as well as airport availability and convenient parking.

Banquet entertainment: It was decided that the club would continue with the group games as the banquet

entertainment with Judy Stockwell volunteering to come up with ideas.

Alvin Cappel reminded the board that the club pays for one night's lodging for Rollie Rosenboom to compensate for his services as our auctioneer.

Alvin asked for board approval to pay for Kat and Gregg Thacker's hotel room in compensation for their unpaid services. Motion made by Sandy Heerhold, seconded by Mary McCaslin and passed.

There was some discussion on the feasibility of the club auction and Steve Bartlett said that he will put together some thoughts on future auction plans and have them ready for the December newsletter. He plans to form a committee to screen auction pieces for high end items for a smaller auction with other pieces to be available on a sales table. There could be consideration to open the auction to the public with a one day membership.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Future Convention Sites

By Alvin Cappel

Next year's convention will be at the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh on September 20, 21, 22, 2012.

I was asked by the board to gather information on things to look for and think about when choosing a convention site. Steve Bartlett and Sandy Heerhold sent me the following information which I feel covers many of our concerns. Steve mentioned that some of this is the ideal, and we may have to compromise because of our size.

1. Small hotel format (2-3 floors) Plan for 25 plus or minus member units
2. Located in a good neighborhood
3. One dedicated sales person to work with
4. Full breakfast included in room rate
5. Tables available for rooms? Cost?

6. Reasonable cost to club for services?
7. Convenient to airport
8. Restaurants in nearby area
9. Large rooms or suites
10. Several handicapped accessible rooms
11. Allows dogs? (Is there an extra charge?)
12. Hotel provides transportation to airport and shuttle service to local area
13. RBCC member lives in area to do or help with hospitality
14. Facilities—Room(s) large enough for general meetings, Thursday night opening gathering, auction & banquet (large enough to hold 50-75)
15. Meeting room set up classroom style (Coffee & water?) Microphone, podium, other. Set up charges?
16. Locked room for auction items
17. Hospitality room with water and refrigerator and allowing food to be brought in
18. Tables and seating for 25-30
19. No minimum occupied room requirements but discounts the room rate
20. No minimum dollar food charges
21. Activities in area? Tours, museums, shopping, antique stores, etc.
22. We need to make sure we can meet the room commitment that we made (as they charge if we do not meet a certain percentage Try to get that attrition rate at 60% or close). Possibly get the rate for 3 days prior and 3 days post, and get credit for those rooms also for our room count
23. Try to get a comped hospitality room
24. If food is required, make sure it is a realistic number that we can meet (Try to stay at \$1,300 or less)
25. Try to get dinners around \$25, so that it ends up being in the \$30 range
26. The meeting space should be as close to comped as we can get

A collection of five ceramic teapots and cups designed to look like vegetables. In the top left is a white teapot with a pumpkin-shaped lid and floral patterns. To its right is a red tomato-shaped cup with a green leafy rim. In the top right is a yellow teapot with a pumpkin-shaped lid and a green leafy rim. In the bottom left is a large red tomato-shaped teapot with a green stem and leaves. In the bottom right is a yellow teapot with a bell pepper-shaped lid and a green stem and leaves.



Show & Tell



Presentations



Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices - October 2011

By Dotty Earle



- Snake Water.....\$3,127.77
- Black Bear Milk \$390.00
- Monkey Creamer..... \$248.50
- Green Clown Creamer..... \$361.78
- Pelican and Stork set of 13 pieces.....\$1,250.00
- Seal Creamer \$214.50
- Sunbonnet Trinket Box \$39.00
- Devil & Cards Humidor \$400.00





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These are just a few shots of the remarkable RB pieces shown in cabinets at convention.

