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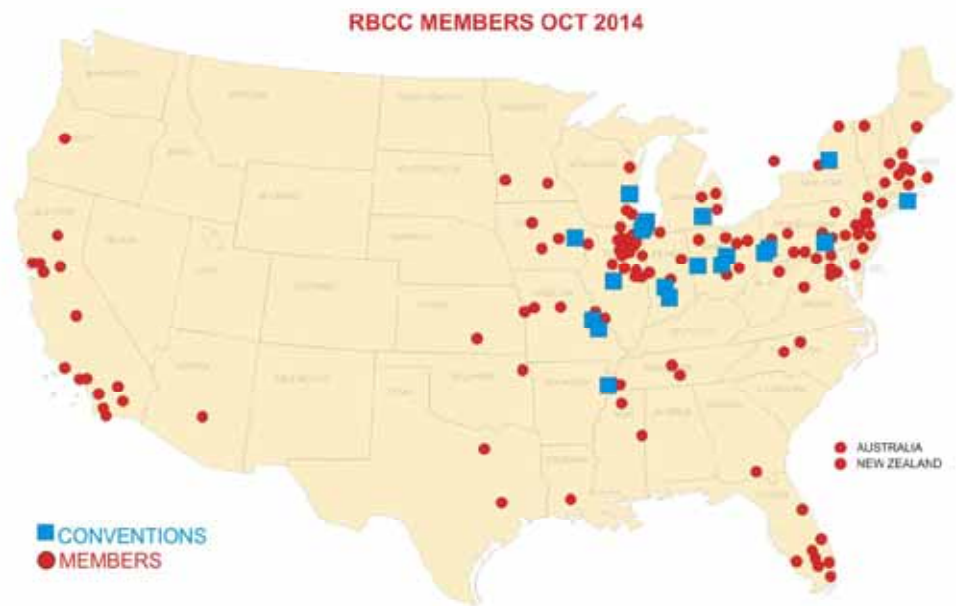
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## Member and Convention Map

By Gregg Thacker

We have created a map showing current member's locations and all past convention sites. This was helpful at convention in choosing next possible sites..



## Get Well!

Shortly before convention, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh had a bad fall and broke her hip. Due to this, she and Bev were unable to attend. We heard they were very disappointed and we hope to see them in great health next year in Cleveland!





## From Our Outgoing Co-Presidents

*By Mary and Terry Anderson*

Terry and I want to thank all the board members for their help these last two years. Any time we asked for help, you were there for us.

We especially want to thank Steve and Chris Bartlett for all their hours/days/weeks/months and now years of work. Taking care of the auctions, treasurer's and secretary's duties takes a huge amount of time. I wish I were as efficient as these two are.

Kat and Gregg are major players. Where would we be without them? The time and energy it takes to handle the newsletter/web is so much appreciated.

And, where would we be without our favorite auctioneer who travels to wherever we go just to do our auctioneering at our convention.

(Rollie, you know we really wanted you to have this one piece of Royal Bayreuth!) We wait for his famous SINCERE comment at each auction.

Without Jay Rublaitus we would not have had the choices for convention locations. He worked hours finding hotels and negotiating contracts. Thanks Jay!

And, last but not least, the hospitality crews. Kat and Gregg in Dearborn and Karen Rublaitus and



Nancy Rublaitus this year. Each year we all gain pounds just because of the great food in our hospitality rooms!

Terry and I are glad to see a new President and Vice President taking over. I'm sure there will be new ideas that will help our club grow. We know you all will support Wib Beachy and Paul Stratman in their new positions.

See you next year!

## Message From Our New President

*By Wib Beachy*

As most of you know, I have been active in collecting Royal Bayreuth for going on 25 years. It is both a real passion as well as love of mine. My mentor was Jim Davis. He was one of the founders of our Club and its first President.

It was a privilege and honor to be elected unanimously Club President for the next two years at October's Convention in St. Charles. I hope to do as good a job as Jim did in bettering and furthering the Club. This is the first position I have held in the Club. Until this year's Convention I had remained in the proverbial weeds.

I was approached nearly a year ago to become more involved in the Club. I decided I would for one reason. I want the Club to succeed.

These are challenging times for clubs like ours. The memberships have been static. No one is getting any younger. The economic recovery since the stock market plunge in September 2008 has been marginal at best. That has reflected itself in the prices not only Royal Bayreuth pieces



but also other antiques and collectibles have been realizing since then.

Despite these facts I firmly believe the Club can not only survive but thrive. We have a solid core of members who have demonstrated over and over again their commitment to the Club. There is a tremendous amount of work

involved to make the Convention and Club Auction succeed year after year. I want to publicly thank those members involved in the running of the Convention and Auction for both their past and continued service.

I believe the key to the Club's success is to add to this core by getting the word out on Royal Bayreuth to the general public. Like it or not, we live in an on-line world. Over the coming months expect additional efforts to be made to get the word out in such a world. I'd like to see substantial growth in the Club's membership.

There is real beauty in the various shapes, sizes, colors and finishes of Royal Bayreuth. We have a good product to promote as collectors. That is especially true when these pieces

are no longer being made.

I ask all of you as Club members for your help. If you have any suggestions to improve the Club, please let me know. Again, I want the Club to succeed.

## Newsletter Submission Deadlines

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

## In Memoriam

Sadly we were notified that Marlene Curry, an RBCC member since 2005, passed away on July 22 2013 after a battle with lung cancer. She really enjoyed collecting RB and lots of other things too. Marlene and her husband John attended a few of the RBCC conventions and will be missed by many.

At press time we learned that past member and long-time friend of the club Author Anne Wojkowski has passed away. A proper memoriam will be included in the next newsletter.



# Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Season's Greetings to all our RBCC friends!

Here we are. It's the tail end of yet another year, and the wrap up issue of the recent convention. Lots of news and interesting stories to share with you today. And lots of photos too!

Our St Charles convention hotel was a good choice for this year's big event. Despite raining and gray skies Wednesday (on the LONG drive) down from Detroit, we had a gorgeous sunny day wandering around downtown St. Louis on Thursday. Truly enjoyed visiting the famous Arch and Museum of Westward Expansion, lunching outside under a blue sky and exploring the Mississippi River park area. The Arch will actually be celebrating its 50th birthday next year. We declined the ride "WAY UP" (630 feet up to be precise) in the claustrophobic-looking elevator to the viewing at the top... but trust me, not something I would ever consider fun/scaredy cat that I am! That evening we were treated to a delicious "Cheesecake Reception" in the

Hospitality Room. A really fun way to catch up with all the early-arriving attendees, and meet our newest members too.

Speaking of the HRoom, the hosting Rublaitus family "crew" did a phenomenal job with the reception, lunches, pizza dinners and ALL the goodies shared throughout the event. It's a huge job to run the room, as well as all the planning that goes into it, so a BIG thanks to them all. We were lucky to taste some local specialties provided by our newest member, Connie Fennwald. Goocy butter cake, and the famous toasted ravioli were gobbled up. Thanks to everyone who brought treats to share.

A call out here to our extra hard-working Jay Rublaitus (also on the HR crew) for his exhaustive research into possible locales for upcoming conventions. He presented us with FIVE possibilities, and they were discussed and voted on during the business meeting. After much debate, our next convention will be in Cleveland Ohio. Something fun to look forward to next Fall.

Auction chair Steve Bartlett provided us with two great auctions yet again: our live club event and a silent auction of Wenger pieces. Our intrepid (and always entertaining) auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom did a bang up job for us once again. Lots of lovely RB up for sale. Speaking of "lots", Gregg and I experienced a new appreciation for the job done by the Bartletts the last few conventions. We helped unpack the many boxes of auction items shipped from Rhode Island, ALL carefully inspected, wrapped, packed and mailed by this pair! It felt a bit like Christmas morning... not knowing what treasures any of these ten+ boxes held. We had a good time working away together with a few other fellows and helping with the massive set up/organization required for these events. Kudos Bartletts for all your hard work!

Our convention program on Old Ivory/comparing both RB and Selesia was fascinating. Mary Anderson presented a comprehensive overview using examples from their collection, as well as those of Mary McCaslin and Connie Fennwald. Such pretty and delicate porcelain, especially the pierced designs. All beautifully hand-painted too.

Room to room visits did not disappoint this time around. So much gorgeous RB to see and learn about. Quite a lot to purchase too. It's never too late to learn something new, and there are always pieces found that we've not seen. Show and Tell also brought some never before seen treasures... always enjoyable for our members!

Over the past few years, we've had the pleasure to work with Mary and Terry Anderson as our outgoing Co-Presidents. They have done a great job and we shall miss our crazy coordinating/newsletter phone calls and many laughs. Our incoming President, Wib Beachy is coming to the job with new ideas and we look forward to working together to keep the club moving forward. Thanks to our other outgoing members; Karen Church (VP) and Mary McCaslin (Board). New VP is Paul Stratman and replacement Board Member is Jim Carter.

As always, I'd like to request your assistance with upcoming newsletter and website ideas, photos or stories to share with fellow club members. Gregg and I have been doing this job for many years now, and we truly need your help keeping these interesting and educational for everyone! And watch for our upcoming comprehensive INDEX of all the past newsletters. This was carefully pulled together by our own extra-hard-working Roberta Cappel (who also provided many great convention photos). You'll hear all about it in the new year!

Have a peaceful and healthy 2015.



**For Sale:** Be sure to check out the newest "rose-themed" convention print. They can be found for sale (in three sizes) on my print link on our website. I also have lots of the RBCC cute logo and newsletter cover art notepads available.



## Secretary's Message

*By Chris Bartlett*

Convention 2014 in St. Charles, MO was a wonderful experience with a small but enthusiastic group of 36 attendees. You'll find lots of write-ups and photos in this newsletter as well as on the website, so you can experience the fun even if were not able to attend. But do be sure to mark your calendar for the 2015 convention in Cleveland Ohio from Sept 24 – 26. We will once again be staying at an Embassy Suites Hotel.

We currently have a total of 122 memberships and this includes 7 new members. As 2014 comes to a close it is time to collect membership renewals. The price remains the same – one year for \$30 or two years for \$55. Invoices for dues payment were mailed out in November only to those members whose membership expires December 31, 2014. If you did not receive an invoice, that means your dues are paid up through Dec 31, 2015 or beyond.

Remember all the benefits of being in our club which include:

- 4 beautiful and informative newsletters – 100% better than junk mail!
- Our annual convention with the opportunity to buy and sell – super pieces and prices!
- The members only portion of our website which includes newsletters going back to the mid 1990s – an

archive of all things Bayreuth!

- Our 4 Silent Auctions for members only – amazing bargains!
- And best of all - a group of like minded porcelain collectors who share your passion for Royal Bayreuth - priceless!

But you still may be wondering if your membership is worth renewing. Perhaps you are no longer collecting and are thinking of selling your collection. The club offers a no fee auction at the convention and you can set your reserve on your pieces so you receive the entire selling price. Our auction chair Steve Bartlett would be happy to speak with you and help out with this process.

So don't delay – please send your dues in by the deadline of December 31. But if you decide not to renew your membership, would you please contact me either by email or phone so I can update the club records? In February I personally call any member who has not renewed and this will save me many calls. Thank you in advance for your courtesy and your support of the club.

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## Convention Auction Results

*By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair*

More than half of the pieces sold in the 2014 convention auction were from the Wenger Collection. There were no reserves on those pieces so there were bargains galore to be had by the members attending the convention. Whether a novice collector or a dealer trying to fill cabinets and shelves in their booths, there were plenty of opportunities to bid, and bid they did.

The Club is the fortunate beneficiary of these sales so the treasury remains strong with a healthy balance going into 2015. There was

strong bidding on several other pieces, especially on a couple of really rare pieces. The Club is fortunate to have Rollie Rosenboom as a member. He has willingly conducted all but one of the Club's convention auctions since the founding of the Club in 1995. As a professional auctioneer, Rollie keeps the bidding going and provides plenty of laughs as the auction progresses as he prods members to make "just one more bid."

The silent auction consisted of 45 Wenger pieces and 5 additional fall

## Member Updates

*By Chris Bartlett*

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Church, John: Add phone  
304-918-8195

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Cohen: Change phone to  
561-346-9621

Fischer, Jerry: has a new address -  
8194 Cty Road I, Oconto Falls, WI  
54154 & cell phone - 920-373-3515

Heerhold: Add cell phone  
630-802-0001

Karam: Add cell phone 318-201-8099

Land: Add cell phone 662-820-8581

Lapp, Jim: Phone change  
267-872-9964

Lavine: Add cell phone 617-480-2255

Licht, Emmanuel: has a new phone  
973-978-8437

Mays: Update street address to 3135  
Decker Canyon Rd, add cell phone  
310-994-0088

Mazza: Change phone to  
203-981-0920

Mullins: Add home phone  
847-869-1122 and cell phone  
312-909-9609

Newman: Add cell phone  
215-603-7441

Picklesimer: Corrected cell phone to  
217-898-5655

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Stockwell, Judy: Add cell phone  
603-486-6565

table arrangements made from topless RB tomatoes and lobsters. The idea for the 5 table arrangements came from our own Chris Bartlett. Using what basically were discard pieces, Chris added some nice colorful fall artificial flowers and turned discards into beautiful arrangements.

My thanks and gratitude to the members who helped unpack and display all the pieces before the auction and those who helped our during the auction. Many hands made light work!



## Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Season's Greeting RB Fans.

By now we hope everyone has seen the 2014 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website. We posted more than 700 pictures in November and hope you enjoy them! We are completing the scans of thousands of wonderful RBCC scrapbook pages that past Historians have created. Watch for the first installment in early 2015. We hope the resources on the website, combined with this newsletter, bring some of the convention joy to all club members. Also, we have posted the latest silent auction list on the website – be sure to view and bid often!

As a reminder, 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. Best wishes for Joyful Holidays and Happy New Year!

## RBCC Survey Results

By Terry Anderson

Detailed results from the survey everyone was asked to complete last Spring have been posted on the RBCC website Member's page. Check it out.



## Auction 2015 Planning

By Steve Bartlett, Auction Chair

Planning is underway for the 2015 Convention Auction in Cleveland, Friday September 25. Although we've barely unpacked and are still weary from the 2014 convention, it's time to start planning for the annual auction in Cleveland next September. As you all know, one of the goals of the Club is to help members dispose of their collections when the member makes the very difficult decision to downsize or because the children, spouse or family members don't want the collection.

We know from experience (and recent auctions), that when a collector consigns a large collection to an auction house, the rare pieces still command a good selling price but the more common pieces may go at bargain prices. However, when a collector has multiples of rare pieces, the pieces may not bring as much when sold all together in the same auction. In addition, there are significant auction fees to pay and no reserves allowed.

This is one of the reasons we suggest to collectors that if they are

willing to sell their collection off in smaller lots over a period of a few years, they may get more for the pieces rather than if the collection is sold in one large auction. The Club has one collector who has consigned 25-35 pieces a year for several years and thus has been able to continue to "enjoy her children" by letting just a few pieces go each year.

So this is my suggestion to you. If you are thinking of downsizing or disposing your collection, or if you are concerned with "burdening" your children or survivors with your collection, if you are moving to a smaller house or just tired of dusting all those pieces, then give me a call. I do not pressure people into downsizing but perhaps my experience with others can help you.

Remember, there are no fees to sell through the Club. You get to put whatever reserve you want on your pieces. Please give me a call when you want to discuss your options.

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## RBCC Treasurer's Annual Report

By Steve Bartlett

**Checkbook Balance as of 6-16-2014: ..... \$14,256.15**

### Receipts

Membership dues .....	140.00
Summer Silent Auction .....	445.00
Postage & Shipping (Silent Auction) .....	53.57
Convention Fees (2014) .....	855.00
<b>Total Receipts (6/16/2014 – 9/15/14) .....</b>	<b>\$1,493.57</b>

### Disbursements

Reimbursement for Postage & Summer Silent Auction .....	75.97
Summer Newsletter (Images In Ink) .....	609.35
Fall Newsletter (Images In Ink) .....	704.74
2015 Surety Insurance/Bond (Officers and Directors) .....	187.00
<b>Total Disbursements (6/16/14 – 9/15/14) .....</b>	<b>\$1,577.06</b>
Total Treasury with receipts (as of 9/15/2014) .....	\$15,749.72
Less Disbursements (6/16/14 - 9/15/14) .....	\$1,577.06
<b>Checkbook Balance as of 9/15/14. ....</b>	<b>\$14,172.66</b>



## RBCC Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, October 16, 2014 4:00 pm

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Board members in Attendance:

Mary & Terry Anderson,

Co-Presidents

Chris Bartlett, Secretary

Steve Bartlett, Treasurer

Alvin Cappel, Immediate Past President

Mary McCaslin, Director

Jay Rublaitus, Director

Absent were directors Judy Breece,

Jim Lapp, Harriet Lavine, &

Debbie Shapiro

Mary Anderson opened the meeting acknowledging that the RBCC has been in existence for 20 years with this being the 20th convention. The first convention took place in Schaumburg, IL in 1994.

Steve Bartlett gave an auction report mentioning that there were 40-45 pieces from the Wenger collection in the silent auction, the sale of which has subsidized recent convention expenses. The evening live auction has many nice pieces, 75 of which are from the Wenger collection with no reserves. Steve currently has 4 or 5 contacts that are willing to submit 20-30 pieces each year for the auction. The treasury is in good shape with income from the other silent auctions during the year. Five Golden Tickets will once again be drawn to be used at the Friday night auction. Each will be worth \$100/one per membership.

Chris Bartlett reported that the club has 122 memberships with 7 being new members, and 36 attendees at this convention. Most of the new members have been gained through the club website where a membership form is available. The dues structure will remain the same, \$30 for one year and \$55 for 2 years.

Jay Rublaitus reported that Wib Beachy was willing to be the new president but there was still a need for a vice-president and another board member as Mary McCaslin is ending her term. There continues to be a great need for willing participants to be club officers and board members. There was some discussion about allowing the president to select other officers to make a working team and Wib Beachy would be consulted before any decision would be made.

A motion was made to list past officers and board members in the membership roster with the years served as a reference. Motion passed.

Mary will ask for volunteers to audit the treasurer's books at the Friday Welcome meeting. There continues to be a need for a volunteer historian.

Motion made and passed to pay the hotel expenses for the newsletter Editor and the club Web Master.

Motion made and passed to pay

the hotel expenses for the auctioneer.

Mary Anderson announced that arrangements have been made for a Haviland Museum tour in downtown St. Charles starting at 11am.

Transportation will be made by hotel shuttle starting at 10:30am following the welcome meeting. The closing time for the silent auction will be changed to 1PM.

Terry Anderson gave a review of the questionnaire mailed in a newsletter. Thirty-six memberships responded indicating a preference of a convention the first two weeks of October or the last two weeks of September, a Midwest state of PA, IN or IL and a strong interest in local attractions. He also reported on his findings on future conventions sites.

Jay Rublaitus presented a very well prepared binder of five possible future convention sites. His research included: Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Charlotte, North Carolina; Schaumburg, Illinois; and East Peoria, Illinois. A motion was made and passed to recommend Cleveland, Ohio as next years' convention site with a second choice to be made at the business meeting for future consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

## RBCC Welcome Meeting - Friday, October 17, 2014 10:00 am

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Terry & Mary Anderson opened the annual Welcome Meeting with birthday greetings to Jay Rublaitus. Members and new attendees were asked to introduce themselves and share some of their collecting interests. Connie Fennewald was introduced as the newest member, having heard about the club while visiting with fellow collectors at a Woody's auction.

Kat & Gregg Thacker were recognized for producing an attractive newsletter as editor and maintaining the web site for six years.

Alvin Cappel & Paul Stratman volunteered to audit the treasurer

books before the Annual Business Meeting.

A private one hour tour of the local Haviland Museum is scheduled for 11am Saturday, meeting in the hotel lobby at 10:30 and transportation will be provided by the hotel shuttle. The ending of the silent auction will be adjusted to begin at 1pm.

The live auction will take place at 7pm and five Golden raffle tickets will be drawn at 6:45pm giving the winners \$100 credit towards an auction purchase, one per membership and non-transferable.

After this meeting a light lunch

will be available in the hospitality room as well as 5PM evening meal of pizza & salad prior to the auction.

Chris Bartlett announced that dues will remain the same, \$30 for one year and \$55 for two years, collectible at this convention. The meeting was followed with a program of "Show & Tell" and the sharing of questionable items referred to as "Wanna Bees".

The afternoon program will follow the theme of "Everything is Coming Up Roses", an overview and display of Silesia Old Ivory dinnerware and the RB Hand Painted Ivory.



## RBCC Annual Business Meeting - Saturday October 18, 2014 9:00 am

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

The annual business meeting was opened at 9:15am by Mary & Terry Anderson. Mary McCaslin was thanked for her service on the board as her term has ended.

Gregg Thacker displayed an US map as a point of reference of location of current membership as well as the location of past conventions. The map showed a defined curve from the Midwest to the east coast where most members reside.

**Treasurer Report:** Steve Bartlett handed out copies of his report showing an ending balance of \$14,172.66 as of September 15, 2014. The books were audited by Alvin Cappel & Paul Stratman and found to be in order. Report approved.

**Secretary Report:** Chris Bartlett reported 122 memberships with 7 being new members. Thirty-six are attending this convention. The dues will remain the same and are collectible at this meeting. Report approved.

**Future Convention Sites:** Jay Rublaitus presented his report on possible future convention sites with the Board of Directors recommending Cleveland, Ohio for September 2015. Motion made to approve and passed.

Motion made to select East Peoria, IL for consideration for 2016. Approved & passed.

**New Officers:** Wib Beachy has agreed to be President. Paul Stratman then volunteered to be Vice President and Jim Carter added to the board. Harriet Lavine has agreed to serve a second term on the board. Roberta Cappel agreed to another year as Historian and Janet Belcher continues on and on and on as recording secretary.

**RBCC Survey Results:** Terry Anderson presented survey results from the questionnaire sent out earlier in the year. There were 36 responses with the greatest interest for future conventions to be in the PA, IN or IL areas with the first two weeks of October & last two weeks of September being most requested. The option of including local attractions was highly popular. Roster: It was suggested by the board that the names of past officers and board members and the dates they served, be added to the pages of the membership roster. This action was well received by the attendees.

**Editor Report:** There continues to be a need to help the editor with

articles, news and collecting tidbits.

**Auction Report:** Steve Bartlett stated that the auction report is incomplete at this time but the low prices are discouraging.

**Website Report:** Gregg Thacker reported that the site is going strong with 40 different visitors to the site daily. New memberships have been gained through the website. The yearly fees are \$125 to host and \$12 for name ownership. All historic scrapbooks have been scanned and are archived. They will be on the website for members only which may increase the host fee due to the increased space needed. Facebook is active but needs more personal involvement in order to promote the club.

**Round Table Discussion:** There was a short discussion on the future of the club with an emphasis on promoting the club, marketing and Facebook involvement to interest younger members.

**Hospitality Room:** Roberta & Alvin Cappel volunteered to host the hospitality room at the next convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am followed by departure to the optional Haviland Museum Tour.

## RBCC Annual Board Meeting - Saturday October 18, 2014 4:00 pm

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Board Members in Attendance:

Wib Beachy, President

Paul Stratman, Vice President

Chris Bartlett, Secretary

Steve Bartlett, Treasurer

Mary & Terry Anderson, Immediate Past Co-Presidents

Directors: Jim Carter, Jay Rublaitus, & Deborah Shapiro

Wib Beachy opened the meeting by welcoming new board members Paul Stratman and Jim Carter. The future convention sites of Cleveland, Ohio for 2015 and East Peoria, IL tentatively for 2016 will be contacted of the club decision and a contract will be negotiated and signed by the president.

Wib opened a discussion on ways to improve the membership. Chris

Bartlett stated that she makes personal calls to all members not renewing their membership inquiring about reasons for not rejoining. The reasons include health issues, sold collections, and aging. Wib shared thoughts on marketing & reaching a younger generation by greater use of digital media and more active use of Facebook. Ideas were expressed to try to further enhance club exposure on online auction sites and possible use of a slide show or short video of the collectibles put on the website. Paul Stratman volunteered to discuss ideas with Gregg Thacker.

Nominating committee: There are several offices that will be open next year, the secretary & treasurer plus any board director and it was suggested

that involvement was needed from all board members not just one or two club members.

Programs for conventions: Suggestion of a possible speaker from another collectible interest and research will be done to find places of interest in the Cleveland area for next year.

A number of new thoughts were brought out including opening a sales room to the public for outsiders or hotel guest in order to view the RB collectibles and learn about the club. Other thoughts shared involved finding new ventures, activities and increased convention fees to cover more expenses and outside events. A theme emerged of "Change is hard, but give it a try."

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.



# December 2014 Silent Auction

By Steve Bartlett

Below is our latest list of items up for silent auction. For photos and rules please view the list on our website.

If you wish to bid on any of these silent auction items, email or send your maximum bid to Steve Bartlett, auction chair. Your bid must be received before the closing date which is Monday, January 19, 2015.

Bidders should include the item number and description of the items they are bidding on, including their mailing and email addresses and telephone number. The winner of each item will be notified within seven days and informed the total cost to buy, ship and insure the item (s) they have won. If you win more than one item in the auction, items will be shipped together (where feasible), to save on shipping costs.

Your maximum bid should be emailed to dufferdog@aol.com or snail mailed to 1320 Waterford Drive East Greenwich RI 02818. If you have questions, please call Steve Bartlett at (401) 885-5889.

NO	DESCRIPTION	MIN BID
1.	Brittany Girl Flower Pot & Liner (3½" tall)	\$15
2.	Shell Creamer – Large ( 3½" tall)	\$20
3.	Club Shaped Ashtray – Peasant Musicians (4 ¾" wide)	\$10
4.	Purple Grape Sugar & Creamer set (3½" tall)	\$25
5.	Pin Dish – Horse Woman (4 ½" wide)	\$10
6.	Vase – 2 Handled w/Silver Top, Peasant Musicians (3" tall)	\$10
7.	Spiky Shell Creamer – Small (4" tall)	\$10
8.	Tomato Salt & Pepper Set (2 ½" tall)	\$10
9.	Two Handled Brittany Girl Creamer -yellow (4" tall)	\$15
10.	Easter Egg in Display Box- 1976	\$5
11.	Green jug – English Hunt Scene (3¾" tall)	\$10
12.	Poppy Nappy – Red (5½" wide)	\$10
13.	Box – Boy on Donkey (4" wide)	\$15
14.	Cabbage Plate (7" wide)	\$5
15.	Tomato Plate (7"wide)	\$5
16.	Plate – Hunter w/Rifle & Dog Scene (7"wide)	\$5
17.	Plate – Hunter Shooing Ducks w/Dog (7"wide)	\$5
18.	Plate – Brittany Girls Scene (7"wide).	\$5
19.	Tomato Box – Large (3 ½" tall)	\$10
20.	Small Creamer – Brittany Girls (3 ½" tall)	\$10
21.	Pin Dish – Pale Roses (5" wide)	\$5
22.	Creamer – Pink Roses (2 ¾" tall)	\$5
23.	Creamer w/Fluted Top – Peasant Musicians (4" tall)	\$15
24.	Tomato Mustard – w/Spoon (3 ½" tall)	\$15
25.	Shell Salt & Pepper Set (3" tall)	\$10













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