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## The Sincerest Form of Flattery

By Jim Lapp



During the ongoing limbo of house reclamation I continue, in a lesser way, to keep my awareness of all things devil active, with the usual porcelain concentration.

On the occasions of tossing a broader net you never know what will end up on the shore.

To my surprise on a recent cast I saw what I present here, a devil ashtray cast in brass or bronze. Immediately I was struck by a very familiar gaping mouth, and after close inspection of the complete set of photos I was convinced that once, I had to have and to hold this item and two, that whomever and whenever,

this artist had seen the RB original. As soon as I showed it to Susan she said "wow, buy it!"

Buy it I did. Although it is a bit smaller than its cousin, the RB influence is unmistakable.

I am ever fascinated by the interweaving of form and substance in the many disciplines of artisans and artists who are inspired by those who have come before and those who they mix with as they create. Again, here is another example of what makes the creative process flow.

Enjoy the hunt my friends and colleagues!

## From Our President

*By Wib Beachy*

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Time continues to pass more and more quickly the older I get. More than two months already have gone by since the Convention in Cleveland. For those of you who were able to attend, I believe you had a great time from the very positive feedback I received at the end of the Convention as well as since then. For those of you who were unable to attend Cleveland, we'll try to make East Peoria just as good, if not better.

I want to publicly thank those members who helped make Cleveland such a success. Kudos to Roberta (Mother Goose) and Al Cappel; all of the Rublaitus clan, Gregg and Kat, Steve and Chris (who need a well-deserved rest after six years), Al and Janet Belcher, and Mary and Terry Anderson. Special thanks also to Bob Gollmar, who generously agreed to underwrite both our website and 10 new membership costs for next year; to my daughter Laura (also known as Daughter Dearest) who not only spoke on but agreed to help the Club in attracting new members through

the use of public media; and to Mike Miller, who was our 30 passenger bus driver in getting us to and back from the two excursions of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park scenic train ride with leisurely stop at the Village of Peninsula without difficulty. All of your contributions have made my job as RBCC President much, much easier — for which I am very grateful.

Planning for East Peoria's Convention from Thursday, September 22, 2016 thru Saturday, September 24, 2016 is underway. For those of you who like to gamble, there is a nearby casino with shuttle service to and from the Embassy Suites there. For those of you who are not so inclined, one of the excursions will be a riverboat cruise on the Peoria River Saturday afternoon. I'm working on another excursion for Friday afternoon as well.

That's all for now. Wishing you and your families nothing but the best for the rest of 2015 and the coming 2016!

## From the (Former) Auction Chair

*By Steve Bartlett*

After six annual auctions and at least thirteen silent auctions, it's time for me to retire. I was so pleased to see Alvin Cappel step up as the next Club Auction Chair. He has an extensive knowledge of Royal Bayreuth and will do an outstanding job in this position. I hope members give Alvin the same kind of support that I received throughout my tenure.

The annual auction went well this year. Many bidders walked away with some great bargains and more than 90% of the pieces in the auction moved on to new homes. Also this year, the last of the pieces from the

Wenger collection were sold (except for nine). Over the years, the Club realized almost \$15,000 from that generous donation!

Again this year, the Board, as an incentive to those who attended the convention, approved \$500 in "Golden Dollars." Five lucky members had their names randomly drawn and each received \$100 credit on their purchases at the auction.

Again, thank you for all the support over the years.

## Secretary's Message

*By Karen Church*

Hi to everyone and happy Fall!

We're sitting here in early November and enjoying 70+ degree weather. Unbelievable and we'll take it for as long as it lasts because we know what is coming!

Mom and I have accepted the club secretary and treasurer positions again. We especially want to thank Chris and Steve Bartlett for doing such a fantastic job. As we have just taken over these positions so recently and are still "getting our feet wet" again, we'll have short reports for the newsletter. I believe Chris had reported at convention that club membership was at 114. I have received 2 new memberships for a total of 116. I'll be looking through the files and will get in touch with those of you who need to renew. Mom is referring everyone to Steve's financial report given at convention and in this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us for anything and thanks for the support. Happy Holiday season to all.

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## Welcome New Members

Two new members have joined our club since convention. Welcome to our new members!

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## Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Season's Greetings RB Fans! By now we hope everyone has seen the 2015 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website. We posted nearly 400 pictures in November and hope you enjoy them! We hope the resources on the website, combined with this newsletter, bring some of the convention joy to all club members.

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!

## An Update on Bev B

By Janet Belcher

We returned a week ago from a trip to MN to visit with Bev & Bobby Jo. They so miss being at the convention and being able to visit with everyone. They are doing fine and Bev is still recuperating from his facial surgery, hasn't gotten his appetite back and is slowly regained lost strength. Like anyone, he is eager to return to feeling as strong as before.

*Editor's Note: Our thoughts and prayers to all our RB friends with illnesses ....feel better soon!*

## 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

Holiday greetings RB collecting pals!

Hard to fathom we are almost through another year! Also can't believe our fun-filled convention was months ago now. It really was a great convention for the attendees, filled with friends and lots of beautiful RB.

Our Hospitality Room was amazing (as ALWAYS) with the Cappels in charge. The theme of Nursery Rhymes was so well-thought out - Roberta was in her element with so many different stories to explore! She had fabulous signage, one-of-a-kind themed centerpieces on every table, and treats to go with each theme. Many of the members also brought topical homemade goodies, which added greatly to the event. On top of all that, Alvin and she presented an entire fun program involving all the attendees which made for a perfect evening at our "Plum Pie Social!"

Our President Wib Beachy worked diligently to provide us with two great excursions: First up, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on Friday. Lots of interesting exhibits. On Saturday, we had a nice, leisurely train ride up to a small scenic village (Peninsula), where we had lunch and did a bit of shopping. Very pretty, and a good break outside the hotel for a few hours. Nice job with these Wib!

Our Club Auction was full of exciting items, something for every level of collector. There were some super rare fox candlesticks, and some less-rare items that went for great prices...it made for some very happy winning bidders this year. I managed to pull out my Jack Horner PLUMS/S&P's...have so coveted these for a long while! And another great job from Rollie! Many thanks Steve!!!

On THAT subject, we can't end this year without a HUGE thank you to the Bartletts for all their many years of hard work for the RBCC. We have had the good luck to work with them these past six years (Secretary, Treasurer and Auction



### FOR SALE

For my wonderful "art patrons": Be sure to check out the newest "Nursery Rhyme-Themed" convention print... Little Boy Blue. 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. They all make great gifts for your RB collecting friends!

Chair), and have enjoyed our many communications. We'll miss you both. Hope you can now actually enjoy your "retirement" and not be worried about deadlines and duties. Now you just have to come to the conventions and have fun...imagine that!

On a personal note, my mom passed away in hospice mid November in Ft. Myers. Her find, while working as a teenager in a Goodwill store, of a red devil creamer is what lead to my love of RB. I had spent the last 6 weeks trying to get her stabilized/moved into a rehab facility. She was not able to tolerate dialysis, and we decided to forego any more treatment. I was extremely fortunate that we could spend that time together, and appreciate all the kind thoughts and prayers that our RB friends sent my way. Thank you all for the support.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and definitely spend as much time as you can with your family and friends!

Here's to a healthy and happy 2016 everyone...

## RBCC Treasurer's Annual Report

9/16/2014 – 9/15/2015

By Stephen Bartlett & Carolyn Church

**Checkbook Balance as of 6-16-2014:..... \$14,172.66**

### Receipts

Membership Dues .....	4,135.00
Convention (2014) .....	553.04
Convention (2015) .....	2,019.00
Annual Member Auction (2014) .....	8,490.00
Four Silent Auctions .....	1,175.00
Hospitality .....	154.03
Postage, Shipping & Insurance .....	240.54
Golden Dollars .....	420.00
<b>Total Receipts (9/16/2014 – 9/15/2015) .....</b>	<b>\$17,186.61</b>

### Disbursements

Convention Expenses & Reimbursements (2014) .....	2,278.11
Hospitality Room (2014) .....	622.00
Annual Auction – Member Sales (2013) .....	6,375.48
CAN Surety Bond (2016) .....	187.00
Annual Web Hosting Fee/Internet .....	187.05
Secretary's Postage & Supplies .....	68.72
Shipping & Insurance (auction & Silent Auctions) .....	275.69
Newsletter Printing & Postage .....	3,457.73
Convention (2015) .....	914.00
<b>Total Disbursements (9/16/2014 – 9/15/2015) .....</b>	<b>\$14,365.78</b>

**Checkbook Balance as of 9/15/15..... \$16,993.49**

## Who Belongs to these Cute Little Baby Faces?

By Roberta Cappel

Check out these fun photos on our club website under 2015 Convention Photos – Hospitality Room. See how many you can guess on the website before using the key below!

1. Tom Sustae
2. Judy Stockwell
3. Terry Anderson
4. Jim Lapp
5. Judy Breece
6. Susan Syzmanski
7. Laura Beachy
8. Mary Anderson
9. Wib Beachy
10. Chris Bartlett
11. Steve Bartlett
12. Harriet Lavine
13. Carol Smith
14. Alvin Cappel
15. Myra Sustae
16. Roberta Cappel
17. Carolyn Church
18. Karen Church
19. Jerry Lavine
20. Nancy Rublaitus
21. Mike Rublaitus
22. Janet Belcher
23. Alan Belcher
24. Gregg Thacker
25. Kat Thacker
26. Jay Rublaitus

## Mother Goose Recipes

By Roberta Cappel

I had some requests for recipes served in the Hospitality room – here you go:

- The Sand Dollar Beach Baby Cookies were made from Martha Stewart's recipe, which you can get online.
- The Sunbonnet Baby and Dog Bone Cookies were just cut-out sugar cookies.
- The Little Miss Muffet Muffins were just your favorite mini zucchini and banana muffins.
- Little Miss Muffet Curds for pretzel dipping was a jar of lemon curd (without the whey, ha) mixed with 8 oz. cream cheese.
- Jack in the Bean Dip was published in a previous newsletter.

I'd be glad to share the recipes for Jack Horner's Thumbprint Cookies, Ring-Around-the-Rosie Cream Cheese Mints, Snow Baby Snow Ball cookies,

Plum Pie and my pie crust, and, my favorite, Little Bo Peep's Lambs Tail Marshmallows. Feel free to contact me for those.

In keeping with the theme, Myra Sustae brought the yummy Little Boy Blue Haystack Cookies, and Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum Fudge was provided by Carolyn and Karen Church.

For those of you planning a baby shower, tee hee, don't forget to buy Jack's Magic Jelly Beans, Little Boy Blue Sheep Feed Chex Mix, and Beach Baby Goldfish Crackers. Just add Royal Bayreuth Nursery Rhyme pieces and you've got a party!

## Dues Renewal Reminder

Annual club dues expire on December 31. Many have prepaid for multiple years and for that we thank you! If you have any questions about dues - please contact our Club Secretary Karen Church. You will receive a letter/reminder from her very soon (if not already). Please be sure to mail you renewal to Karen as soon as possible, thank you!



# Nursery Rhyme Characters Visit the Hospitality Room

By Roberta Cappel

Mother Goose, herself, couldn't have had more fun than I did at the 2015 Royal Bayreuth Convention. I am a "theme" person and child at heart, so using "Royal Bayreuth Nursery Rhymes" was a great inspiration to throw a "baby shower" for club members in Cleveland, Ohio. Alvin, (LITTLE BOY BLUE), should have known there would be no naps under the haystack while helping Mother Goose plan for this event!

Our first challenge was to find enough German plums at our local farmer's markets to bake Little Jack Horner Christmas pies for our welcome meeting. Alan Belcher was

LITTLE JACK HORNER. He raised his right THUMB WITH A PLUM, and vowed never to put his hands in the pie again. He then took his fork and pie, and sat in the corner for the rest of the evening – what a good boy he was!

Jay Rublaitus, a regular human bean, was JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. He related his story of trading his mother's Royal Bayreuth cow creamer for five magic beans... you know the story. She is still mad at him. But it is the golden harp that he "borrowed" from the castle, gave to his wife as a gift, and then sold on eBay that is the reason he will forever be listening to his wife harp!

Nancy Rublaitus represented the SUNBONNET BABIES. She repeated her "daily duties," vowed to air out her dirty laundry on Monday, uphold the freedom of the press on Tuesday, be sew happy on Wednesday, make a clean sweep of it on Thursday, but refused to do windows on Friday – too paneful. She had a reel good time fishing on Friday, but she refused to tell us what she did on Saturday!

JACK AND JILL (Gregg & Kat Thacker) renewed their vows. Jack, took Jill, up the hill. He remembered the day he fell for her and promised to fetch water for her until she bailed out. Jill took Jack, even though she knew he was over the hill. She admitted that the fact she wanted to crown him, had been on her bucket list for years. She then placed the broken crown on his head.

Judy Breece (ROSIE, from RING AROUND...) vowed to check her pockets for posies before putting them in the wash, and promised that she wouldn't run around in circles anymore since it was pointless!

On the other side of the Royal Bayreuth Ring Around the Rosie, we find the GIRL WITH THE DOG, Susan Szymanski. She swore she would always keep her dog on a leash, make sure he had his collar ID, and

carry a plastic bag to pick up after him. Jim Lapp, the dog, raised his right paw, but didn't speak—as he was a hush puppy.

Harriet Lavine (LITTLE MISS MUFFET), got off her tuffet. Although she lost her whey in the past, she is the new national spokesperson for SAM (Save the Arachnoid Movement).

LITTLE BO PEEP, (Mary Anderson) promised to keep accurate records of her livestock. She knows she is always under suspicion because of the crook she has with her. Although she doesn't like her job in the lost and found department at Macy's, she says we won't hear a peep out of her.

Myra Sustae was our BABE IN THE WOODS. She went out on a limb and swore she wouldn't go into the woods alone again. She won't let her mind wander, will not get lost in her thoughts, and is giving up wildlife forever!

Judy Stockwell represented the SNOW BABIES. Although she admitted she was treading on thin ice and entitled to an occasional meltdown, she wished everyone a really cool time at the convention.

Wib Beachy, our president, had to leave the welcome meeting on business, but Paul Stratman, our Vice President, jumped right in and took Wib's place representing the BEACH BABIES. He repeated the following oath: I, Beachy Baby, do solemnly swear I am SHORE to come out of my SHELL and avoid PIER pressure. Unless this club does what I want them to do during my presidency, I am going to make WAVES, so help me Mother Goose. He thanked everyone for coming to the convention, and WAVED goodbye.

And I thank all you "characters" and everyone for the donations and help in the hospitality room!





# **RBCC Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, Sept 24, 2015 4:00 pm**

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Board members in Attendance:

Wib Beachy, President  
Paul Stratman, Vice President  
Steve Bartlett, Treasurer  
Chris Bartlett, Secretary  
Directors: Judy Breece, Jim Carter,  
Jim Lapp, Harriet Lavine, Jay  
Rublaitus, Debbie Shapiro

Meeting was opened by Wib Beachy who spoke of the plans in place for the current convention. Local excursions were planned as interest had been shown by club members. On Friday an outing to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum is scheduled to leave at noon by arranged chartered bus and will return at 4:30 in time for a pizza meal prior to the club auction. A second excursion is planned for Saturday, a train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to the village of Peninsula for shopping time at the local shops. Again, the chartered bus will be used to take attendees to the Rockside railroad station and then return to the hotel.

Steve Bartlett made a motion to

pay for the chartered bus scheduled for outside events by club funds rather than private pay by Wib Beachy. Motion seconded and passed.

2016 Convention: East Peoria, IL has been selected for the next convention during the dates of September 22-24, 2016.

Wib worked very hard and was diligent in finalizing a contract that was workable for the club. It is getting much more difficult to meet the minimum costs required at big hotels due to the size of the group. There may be a need to find smaller venues with less amenities.

Treasurer Report: Steve Bartlett reported a checkbook balance of \$14,172.66 as of 9-16-2015. He also handed out a facts sheet showing the impact of the donated Wenger collection over the last 5 years. The report shows a sales income of \$14,417.50, greatly benefiting the club treasury.

Secretary Report: Chris Bartlett reported 114 memberships with 7

being new members. Thirty nine will be attending the convention with 32 at the Saturday banquet. New members have been hearing about the club through the website.

New officers: Positions open are for treasurer, secretary, two board members and auction chairman. Two board members, Deborah Shapiro and Judy Breece are eligible for second terms. Nominations will be needed for the Saturday business meeting.

Paul Stratman volunteered to serve on the nomination committee.

For future conventions beyond 2016, sites already researched will be revisited while also looking into smaller less expensive sites.

Motion made by Steve Bartlett that the club continue to compensate rooms for Gregg and Kat Thacker as well as Rollie Rosenboom even if the venue doesn't offer comp rooms. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM

# **RBCC Welcome Meeting - Friday, Sept 25, 2015 9:00 am**

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

The welcome meeting was opened by President Wib Beachy greeting the 39 attendees. He also acknowledged the recent cancellations of the Brandenburgs, Brumbaughs and McCaslins due to health issues. He then gave an overview of convention events and schedule. Following this meeting there will be a light lunch available in the hospitality room prior to departing at 12 noon by chartered bus for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum with a group rate of \$15, payable to Wib. Upon return, there will be a pizza meal provided before the evening auction.

Another optional excursion is scheduled for Saturday, a train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to the village of Peninsula for strolling and shopping.

It was announced that the 2016 convention will be held at East Peoria,

IL during the dates of Sept. 22-24.

There is a need for 2 officers; Secretary and Treasurer, 2 Board positions and an Auction Chairman to be elected at the Saturday business meeting.

Alvin Cappel and Alan Belcher agreed to audit the treasurer books.

Treasurer Report: Steve Bartlett reported a current checkbook balance of \$14,172.66 before the current convention expenses. He also informed the group of the impact of the 5 year sale of the donated Wenger collection, adding \$14,417.50 to the treasury. Report accepted and approved.

Evening Auction: Steve Bartlett explained the rules of the Golden Ticket drawings to take place prior to the auction. Five lucky winners will win a \$100 credit to be used on any purchase made at the auction, an

incentive to be an active bidder.

The business meeting adjourned at 9:40 am and was followed by the interesting Show and Tell and Wanna Bees.

At 10 am, guest speaker Laura Beachy was proudly introduced by her father Wib. She is a 2012 graduate of Syracuse University with degrees in Communication and Anthropology, currently living in New York City and heading Beachy Media business. She shared her ideas and insights on promoting the club through popular social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and the club website to reach younger collectors. She conducted an open forum of questions, ideas and discussion with a suggestion to add a budget for any set up or printing costs. She will willingly help with her expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

## RBCC Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, Sept 26, 2015 9:00 am

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Meeting was opened by President Wib Beachy. He reminded attendees of the train ride excursion leaving at 11:45am, arriving at the village of Peninsula around 1:30 and reboarding the train at 3:30 for the return trip.

New Officers: Karen Church agreed to be the new Secretary and Carolyn Church was talked into being Treasurer. Volunteering to be Board members were Sandy Heerhold and Karen Rublaitus.

Alvin Cappel agreed to be the new Auction Chairman and it was noted that 108 pieces have already been consigned to the 2016 auction.

The 2016 convention will be in East Peoria, IL (near a casino) and hospitality volunteers are Nancy & Karen Rublaitus and Susan Szymanski.

Nominating committee for 2016 will be Paul Stratman and Myra Sustae.

The audit report by Alvin Cappel indicated the treasure books to be in order and approved.

Secretary Report: Chris Bartlett reviewed the 114 memberships including 7 new members. The dues structure will remain the same with the deal of \$55 for two years or \$30 for one year.

Website Report: Gregg Thacker reported an average of 14,000 hits per month and much global traffic. There have been 3000 hits on the auction site and 300 hits on membership, most coming from an iPhone or iPad. The site is in the top 3 for a Royal Bayreuth search. There will be a new password coming in March so be sure to update any saved password. The club scrapbooks have been scanned and are all online. Gregg will be continuing his email blasts so make sure he has any email changes. The yearly hosting fee is \$152. Bob

Gollmar graciously volunteered to pay the hosting fee.

Scrapbooks: Nancy Rublaitus has volunteered to keep and update the scrapbooks.

Newsletter Report: Kat Thacker was acknowledged for the beautiful newsletters and she reminded members of the index of newsletter articles prepared by Roberta Cappel that was included in one of this years newsletters. A handy guide when searching for past information.

Nancy Rublaitus is continuing to send out the porcelain Royal Bayreuth plaques to new members.

New Business: Bob Gollmar has generously offered to pay the membership fee for 10 new members to encourage the recruitment of new members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am

## RBCC Annual Board Meeting - Saturday Sept 26, 2015 5:00 pm

*By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary*

Board members in Attendance:

Wib Beachy, President  
Paul Stratman, Vice President  
Carolyn Church, Treasurer  
Karen Church, Secretary  
Directors: Judy Breece, Jim Carter,  
Harriet Lavine, Sandy Heerhold,  
Karen Rublaitus, Debbie Shapiro

President Wib Beachy welcomed new officers and outlined three areas of business to address:

1. Finalizing the payment of convention expenses as soon as possible.

2. Planning for 2017. There is a need to review past suggested convention sites as gathered and previously presented by Jay Rublaitus while also supplementing with other suggestions. There was a comment about the possibility of having items sold in rooms all being displayed in one area for a set time period making it easier for those selling and buying.

3. Wib would like some regional feedback from members about their local areas looking for resources to get the word out about the RB club such as at local antique shows. Would

like to contact and get assistance from show promoters and auction houses. Hoping to have club members "invest" in the club with their time and help pay for new resources as needed.

Motion made by Paul Stratman, Vice President, that Karen & Carolyn Church, as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, have access to the RBCC bank account for the purpose of doing RBCC business with Carolyn Church being the primary signer. Seconded by Harriet Lavine, Board Director, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6PM









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## Our China Cabinets

*By Kat Thacker*

Here we go...our latest addition in Royal Bayreuth display chez Thacker!

Gregg and I have been searching for years for an antique dark wood corner cabinet. We have a small house, and as much as we wanted a large, heavily-carved Victorian or art nouveau beast to fill with LOADS of RB... it just wouldn't fit. I spied this one on eBay a few months ago, contacted the seller, and we agreed to come and check it out...

Of course, this meant a nice road trip out to the western part of New York State...which just so happens to be lovely in the early autumn. We also made reservations at the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora NY. It is a fully restored Arts and Crafts Inn which has National Landmark status. Our room with Stickley furniture and William Morris wallpaper was a treat! We enjoyed a good dinner and retired to the large covered porch with our nightcaps. It ended up being a nice getaway for us.

Our new cabinet fits perfectly in our dining room, and although ALREADY chock full of previously stored pieces, gives us much better viewing of our favorite porcelain! Now to start the quest for number three!!!