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Recent Royal Bayreuth eBay Prices

By Kat Thacker



Kangaroo 5" x 5" \$1,102
Jester Noke chamberstick (UM) 6.25" x 5" \$272
Turkey Trinket Dish \$154
Squirrel Creamer 4.75" \$776
Brown Santa Powder Jar Deponiert 4.5" \$1,742

A Call for Articles!!!

By Kat Thacker

You might be noticing that we have not included any regular articles in this issue. Although filled with lots of good convention wrap-up, it is always nice to get something educational in each newsletter as well.

So here's my plea...please submit SOMETHING for an upcoming issue. We need actual informative articles, as well as photos and stories. If you just want to send me a rough draft, I'll pull it together. Do you only collect animal pieces? Tell us about it. Shoot some pictures of your china cabinets, or if you display your RB in an interesting way...please share that.

There have been a few auctions with sizable RB offerings lately. If you attend one of these, please share your experiences there. If you've traveled and discovered RB in some unusual place, that would make a good story. All ideas are welcome.

This newsletter is created to share our member's expertise and experiences as we search for our favorite porcelain. We truly need YOU to help us continue to keep this a worthwhile publication. Contact me if you have any questions or ideas...I would love to hear from you (the sooner, the better)!!!



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I can't believe another year has passed already. It seems time goes by faster and faster as I get older and older. Another Convention (East Peoria) has been experienced and still another (Lexington, Kentucky) is the subject of new preparations.

For those of you who could not make it to East Peoria, be advised that those who did voted for the 2017 Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky September 7 - 9. That is the latter part of Labor Day Week. The club room rate is \$135 per night.

There will be two excursions. One will be a tour of a nearby bourbon factory. The other will be horse-related. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

East Peoria went well, from the comments made to me. The trip to the Reagan Museum at Eureka College was informative. Riding aboard the Spirit of Peoria riverboat was especially pleasant and relaxing -- so much so that a

number of members, including myself, dozed off.

The one hiccup which occurred involved the making of reservations at the Embassy Suites. At least three members were surprised to learn their reservations were short by a day because of an obvious problem in communication. I have vowed that will not happen again on my watch as President.

When you make your reservation, please do so through the direct number to the actual Embassy Suites on site. Do not use the nationwide toll-free number. When you speak to the reservations clerk, simply tell that person the day of the week you are arriving and the day of the week you are leaving to return home. Hopefully, that will avoid the problem encountered in East Peoria.

I look forward to serving my second term as your President. If you have any suggestions or comments to strengthen and better the Club, please let me know. I welcome the feedback.

From the (Former) Auction Chair

By Alvin Cappel

Now that the 2016 RBCC Auction is over, I will have to say the event went very well. So many people contributed to the success of this auction!

We had eleven people who consigned items to be sold and I want to again thank these people. Some were long-time members and some joined our club just to participate in the auction. We had 180 pieces offered and a total sales figure of \$12,470 (this figure includes \$300 for items sold after auction).

Another big thank you to the three people who donated pieces or donated a percentage of the proceeds of their sales to our club! (Bob Gollmar, Malcolm Meyerson, and Joe Galler)

Rollie Rosenboom was recovering from surgery and could not auctioneer.

He and Ruth were missed! However Rollie's friend, Curtis Overcash filled-in and did a great job for us!

Sandy Heerhold and Karen Rublaitus cashiered and took care of the auction paperwork. How great to have them sit down, and take over like they had done this job forever.

Janet and Alan Belcher, Jay Rublaitus and Terry Anderson were our auction runners. We have dubbed them the Vanna Whites of the RBCC!

And to the members who helped set up the auction, unwrapped and wrapped -- THANK YOU. And that's a wrap!

NOTE: Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski have volunteered to run the auction for 2017. Thank you Jim and Susan!

Secretary's Message

By Karen Church

We had another wonderful convention this year. Peoria was beautiful and the weather could not have been better. It was very warm for September. It was so nice seeing everyone and to be able to catch up on their news. What interesting pieces you get to see plus a great auction! We also had nice excursions planned by our club president. We had 34 members who attended convention this year and 22 that were able to attend the banquet.

We have 113 memberships which includes 6 new members and 9 members who did not renew. And speaking of memberships, for those of you who are due by the end of December 2016, I will be mailing out renewal notices. You will also notice on the mailing label of your newsletter that we are trying something new. You will see a note and date showing "PAID THRU: JAN 1, 2017" meaning you are paid up until January 1, 2017. Hopefully this will make it easier for you.

Dues are \$30 a year or \$60 for 2 years as we will no longer have the \$55 for 2 years. The holidays are fast approaching so don't delay in mailing in your renewals.

I have not heard a very good winter forecast for Pittsburgh this winter (9" above normal snowfall and cold). Everyone take care and have a safe holiday season!

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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue
- August 1 for September Issue
- November 10 for December Issue

Dues Renewal Reminder

Annual club dues expired 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 Karen very soon (if not already). Please be sure to mail your renewal to her as soon as possible - thanks!

Member Address Changes

Please update your rosters as follows:

Ken & Judy Russell new email:
juke.russell34@gmail.com

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Marietta GA 30064
770-499-7200
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A Woody Auction with Rare Santas

By Harold Brandenburg

We recently attended a Woody auction in Douglas Kansas on December 17. It was cold and snowing with about 22 attendees. The majority of the auction were RS Prussia or that type while all the Royal Bayreuth were Santa Clauses. Most of the high-end pieces went to write-in or phone-in bidders. I left after the green lemonade MY BOX WAS EMPTY.

Red Hatpin Holder	\$1,200
Brown Lemonade	\$4,000
Red Creamer 4 1/4"	\$750
Wall Pocket Brown	\$3,250
Red Santa Milk	\$1,200
Wall Pocket Green	\$3,250
Pipe Holder (Similar to Candle Holder)	\$650
Green Creamer	\$2,250
Green Lemonade	\$3,500

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Warm Winter greetings to all our RBCC friends!

Well, another year is drawing to an end. It's been a challenging one in many ways, but thankfully, it's almost a new year. Many of our long-term members have had health issues, and we continue to send positive healing thoughts to them now...

Our final newsletter of 2016 is filled with a recap of our big convention in East Peoria this past September. It was held in one of the nicest Embassy Suites we've ever had. Our welcome event on Thursday night was an amazing pie social, with dozens of varieties to choose from. It was a really great way to meet new members as well as catch up with our old friends! Our hospitality room was decorated gorgeously in the Halloween theme, and was stocked to the rafters with loads of goodies throughout the entire event. Hosts Karen and Jay Rublaitus, along with their amazing crew kept things fun and festive. We really missed the rest of the Rublaitus clan, Nancy and Mike, who haven't missed a single convention since the club started! So glad to hear he's doing better.

We had another stellar club auction on Friday night. Chairs Alvin and Roberta Cappel (and president Wib), really worked like troopers, pulling an array of many beautiful pieces of RB to bid on. Despite missing our favorite auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom (and his wife Ruth), we had a really great substitute in Curtis Overcash, who was a protégé of Rollie's. Our members went home with lots of new RB treasures for their collections.

There were several nice excursions planned by our club President Wib Beachy. The first was a trip to the Ronald Reagan museum. It was a nice day to be wandering around the Eureka college campus. On Saturday we

personally enjoyed an outing aboard the Spirit of Peoria riverboat down the Illinois River. Although a warm day, it was nice being on the water and checking out the city from vantage point of the shore. Very relaxing...in fact a few members actually nodded off with the restful sound of the paddle vibrations!

Our club banquet was a perfect way to round off the event. Terry and Mary Anderson did a great job of entertaining us with dirty bingo. It was fun having prizes "reclaimed" by subsequent winners...several popular ones really got around throughout the game.

And in closing, we want to wish you all a lovely holiday season, filled with peace and good health.



For Sale

For my wonderful "art patrons": Be sure to check out the newest Halloween-themed convention print "Trick or Treat". They can be found for sale (in three sizes) on my print link on our website http://www.katthacker.com/RBCC_Posters.htm. I also have lots of the RBCC cute logo & newsletter cover art notepads available. They all make great gifts for your RB collecting friends!

RBCC Annual Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church

9/16/2015 - 9/15/2016

Checkbook Balance as of 9/16/2015:..... \$16,993.49

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	1,995.00
Annual Auction (2015)	11,343.30
Auction Postage & Shipping	150.98
Convention (2015)	434.00
Convention (2016)	1,487.00
Website/Internet Donation	152.00
Hospitality	10.00
Plaques	30.00

Total Receipts (9/16/2015 – 9/15/2016) \$15,602.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Expenses	2,235.06
Hospitality	490.11
Auction	11,478.30
Auction Shipping Insurance	150.89
Secretary (Postage)	84.71
Newsletters, Mailings	2,745.95
Surety Insurance	187.00
Convention Fee Refund	62.00

Total Disbursements (9/16/2015 – 9/15/2016) \$17,434.02

Checkbook Balance 9/15/2016 \$15,161.75

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Season's Greetings RB Fans! By now we trust everyone has seen the 2016 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website. We posted nearly 430 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 and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for Joyful Holidays and Happy New Year!

A Thank You!

By Kat Thacker

The Rublaitus family wanted to thank everyone for all their heartfelt notes, cards and calls wishing Mike a speedy recovery! Nancy reports he is feeling much better, and they hope to see everyone in Lexington KY next year.

In Memoriam

By Kat Thacker

We were truly sorry to hear of Richard Chubb's passing last Summer at age 90. His son Eric shared the sad news with us. Eric also let us know details of a November auction that we shared with the club via email. A few highlights can be found in this issue.

Richard was a lovely man and so very knowledgeable about RB and many other antiques. We met him the first year we joined the club, and purchased several beautiful pieces from him. He was always generous in sharing his expertise with us as we were just getting started in collecting. He will be greatly missed.

RBCC Quarterly Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church

9/16/2016 - 11/10/2016

Checkbook Balance as of 9/15/2016:..... \$15,161.75

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	600.00
Annual Auction (2016)	12,170.00
Auction Postage & Insurance	101.03
After Auction Sales	300.00
Wenger Sales	11.00
Convention Fees	129.00
Reagan Tour	135.00
Riverboat Cruise	330.00
Total Receipts (9/16/2016 – 11/10/2016)	\$13,776.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Expenses	2,939.82
Regan Tour	18.00
Riverboat Cruise	286.00
Bus Transportation	600.02
Hospitality Room	327.89
Website Hosting (Annual)	152.10
Auction	11,659.65
Auction Shipping & Expenses	370.68
After Auction Sales	300.00
Wenger Shipping	11.15

Total Disbursements (9/16/2016 – 11/10/2016) \$16,665.31

Checkbook Closing Balance as of 11/10/2016 \$12,272.47

RBCC Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, Sept 22, 2016 8:25 pm

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Wib Beachy, President
Carolyn Church, Treasurer
Karen Church, Secretary
Directors: Sandy Heerhold &
Karen Rublaitus

The meeting was opened by Wib Beachy and it was determined that a quorum was present in order to conduct any business. Jay Rublaitus was asked to present and elaborate on possible convention sites for 2017 using his spreadsheet handout. These are all Embassy Suites that had been looked into in previous years but all with updated information. As the costs have all increased, there was some discussion on how to meet the expenses with a possible increase in convention fees, which have remained very low.

Wib also commented on several sites that he was aware of, one a Quad Cities Complex near Moline, IL and Davenport, Iowa as well as Dayton, Ohio but more information needs to be gathered. A decision was left to be discussed at the upcoming business meeting.

Wib outlined the planned excursions to Eureka College and the Reagan Museum on Friday and the Saturday Riverboat Cruise. Private transportation has been arranged with pick-up at the hotel and the cost per person is \$15 per excursion payable to the club. This fee will be used to defray the total cost of the outings. The board approved the payment of the trips with club funds. It was recommended that the excursions be listed on the convention registration

form with payment in advance in order to get a better idea of the number of members interested.

When reviewing the board roster, it was noted that there was a need for a new board member to replace Harriet Lavine who has served two full terms. Possible names were suggested.

Carolyn Church mentioned that the club dues no longer cover the costs of printing and mailing of the newsletter as originally intended. The board approved that the dues would be \$30 annually with no discounts for a two-year payment. That will keep the income steady over each year and help with the bookkeeping tasks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

RBCC Welcome Meeting - Friday, Sept 23, 2016 10:00 am

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Wib Beachy welcomed the group as "our collector family" and acknowledged the friendships and camaraderie made through the club and convention gatherings. A greater value than the items we collect.

Steve Mullins of Illinois was a first time attendee although he has been a club member for some time.

Auction News:

Wib announced that Rollie Rosenboom, our auctioneer, is unable to attend this year due to medical issues but has offered the auction services of his good friend Curtis Overcash. Wib also announced that there will be changes in the auction rules to be implemented next year since the auction is no longer contributing to the club treasury. These changes will be discussed and approved later by the board.

The timetable for the club excursions was outlined by Wib. This

meeting will end by 11:30 in time for a quick lunch in the hospitality room then meeting at 12:15 for departure to Eureka College. On Saturday the departure time is 1:15 for the Riverboat Cruise on the Illinois River.

Treasurer's Report:

Carolyn Church reported a checkbook balance of \$15,161.75 as of 9/15/2016

She also mentioned that the disbursements for the past year were greater than the income. The newsletter costs are greater than the money received from the dues, so the two year discounted option will be eliminated. In the future the reservation fee for attending the convention may be increased to help cover some of the club expenses.

Terry Anderson and Alan Belcher will audit the treasurer books and report to the club on Saturday.

Election of officers:

One new board member is needed as Harriet Lavine has served for two terms. Bob Mazza was asked and agreed to serve. Unanimously accepted by the members present.

All other officers and board members are still eligible and will remain the same.

Possible convention sites for 2017:

Handouts were passed out showing considerations, available dates and costs for five possible sites, all at Embassy Suites. Sites listed were: Charlotte, NC; Columbus, Ohio; Lexington, KY; Nashville, TN; and Schaumburg, IL. The members present were asked to review the information and be prepared to make a selection at the business meeting on Saturday. Other smaller hotels may have to be considered for our smaller group.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am and followed by the always-popular Show and Tell & Wanna-Bees.

RBCC Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, Sept 24, 2016 9:00 am

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

President Wib Beachy opened this annual business meeting.

Auction Results:

- His first act of business was to thank Curtis Overcash, substitute auctioneer, for his professional services while providing a light-hearted evening. Motion was made and passed to pay the one night hotel stay for the auctioneer.

- It was announced that some of the unsold auction pieces have reserve prices and are now available for that price. See the auction chairman or Wib for a listing of the items.

- Total sales reached \$11,715 with two members donating pieces with the money going to the club and one member giving a percentage of the sale to the club.

- There is a need for a new auction chairman as Alvin & Roberta Cappel had agreed to serve for one year.

New Business:

- The membership dues are to remain at \$30 per year.

- Volunteer positions were tabled until a convention site for 2017 could be selected.

- Much discussion ensued over the handout of possible sites as it seemed imperative that a decision be made as hotels were to be notified of any decision on Monday the 26th. It was determined that the group preferred to return to an Embassy Suites at least for next year even though the costs have increased. From there the five possible sites were eliminated one by one based on location, costs and available dates. A decision was made to select Lexington, KY for the 2017 convention over the dates of September 7-9. Then the board will have time over the next year to research other options including

smaller and less expensive venues for 2018 and beyond.

- Once a convention site was determined, it was decided that the board would have the authority to determine a convention fee based on the costs that would be incurred.

- Jim Lapp volunteered to be the auction chair for next year.

- Myra Sustae volunteered to host the hospitality room.

Secretary's Report:

Karen Church reported that the club has 112 members, 9 were not renewed and there are 6 new members. Thirty-four are attending the convention and 22 attending the banquet.

Audit of Treasurer's Books:

Terry Anderson reported that the books and receipts were reviewed by himself & Alan Belcher and all was found to be in order.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

RBCC Annual Board Meeting Saturday Sept 24, 2016 4:20 pm

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Members present:

Wib Beachy, President

Carolyn Church, Treasurer

Karen Church, Secretary

Directors: Sandy Heerhold,

Karen Rublaitus, Deborah Shapiro

Wib Beachy stated that next year he will keep a much closer watch on the hotel reservation dates made by convention attendees as there were several issues of check-out dates being sooner than expected. It is imperative that attendees make clear their intentions with the hotel and check their reservations closely.

Convention Sites for 2017:

- Jay Rublaitus will confirm plans with the Embassy Suites of Lexington, KY for the dates of September 7-9, 2017 and try to negotiate terms.

- The board will form a search

committee for future convention sites with the board having executive power to make decisions for the good of the club.

Excursions:

- On Friday 9 people attended the Eureka College trip and on Saturday 22 people attended the Riverboat Cruise. The board had already approved at the Thursday Board Meeting that any extra payment needed for the excursions to come from the club treasury.

- Future excursions should be listed on the convention reservation form for prepayment as well as an adjusted reservation fee to be determined based on the expected costs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

A Recent Auction with RB

By Kat Thacker

On Saturday, November 12, Cordier Auctions sold many pieces of past member Richard Chubb's collection. Of the 39 lots offered, most were sold to auction attendees. Here are a few highlights:

A really beautiful pansy humidior in iridescent pink and white sold for \$425, and a matching chocolate pot went for \$600. A mouse water pitcher sold for \$950, while a lot combing a mouse creamer and milk went for \$950. The star of the show was a gorgeous and rare leopard creamer with a blue mark that sold for \$2300. Don't see that one very often!

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