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Zumthurn Family Antique History

By Fred Zumthurn & Ida Parrott

In the beginning, it was just a beautiful shiny brass bed that Fred's wife Maxine just had to have-----you know-----it was the early 50's! Who knew that years later that same lovely bed would in the same bedroom previously occupied in the home built by Ralph Merritt. He founded the Sun-Maid Raisin Coop in Fresno, CA, and would invite his good friend and future President Herbert Hoover to visit. Hoover almost single-handedly saved millions of people the world over with his engineering skills and ingenuities, from Australia to China to Great Britain in time of need.

This was the beginning of the start of a 77-year pursuit of collecting beautiful American hand-made furniture like Meeks, Herter Brothers, and other fine American furniture craftsmen.

And then Fred and Maxine started collecting silver and glass pieces like brides baskets, pickle castors, napkin rings, and so on which sparkled and looked so lovely in the daylight before

the advent of electric lighting and the object was to use prisms and such to lighten a dark world.

Since then their collection expanded into other types of glass and porcelain such as Wave Crest, Royal Bayreuth, RS Prussia. They also collected sterling silver, Elizabethan serving pieces, chatelaines, and other fine Victorian works of art.

Fred and Maxine bought an antique shop named Marian's Antiques in honor of the owner's wife and Maxine became the second Marian and Ida, the third, which is why the email was Marian937 before being taken by somebody in Poland.

It has been a lot of fun learning, acquiring, and sharing our antiques but it is time to share them with someone else who enjoys the beauty and craftsmanship of a bygone era and in today's society.

And to antiques collectors everywhere we say: Thank you for a lifetime of wonderful experiences!



From Our President

By Wib Beachy

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Can you believe it, another Convention and nearly another year have come and gone?

It was truly great to see and interact with those of you who were able to make it to Lexington. More than two months already have passed since then. While I'm working on next year's Convention, I want to thank those members who helped make Lexington one of the best conventions we've ever had. Kudos to Jim & Susan, Roberta & Al, Gregg & Kat and Myra with their supporting cast. The Club is blessed to have you as members.

Lexington contributed to my collection of memorable Convention moments. Friday's excursion introduced me to the drink known as the Sun-Downer at the All-tech Brewery and Distillery. Because of some generous sharing of redeemable chips, both Daughter Dearest and I were able to sample that drink again and again. Needless to say, we were literally in high spirits for the Auction later that night!

Saturday's excursion was a tour of the Darby Dan horse farm. There we met Shackelford, who was so pleased to see us that he honored us with a surprise greeting. My memory of it

remains as vivid now as when I was first exposed to it — pun intended! Next year is to be my final Convention as Club President. While that position has required a lot more time and effort than what I anticipated, I have enjoyed it immensely. Again, that has been due in large part to the help I have received and continue to receive from other members, officers, and directors. Cincinnati should be just as successful as Cleveland, East Peoria, and Lexington have been.

The 2018 RBCC Convention — the Club's 25th — will be at the Embassy Suites known as Cincinnati-Northeast (Blue Ash), 4554 Lake Forrest Dr., Blue Ash, Ohio 45242 September 6 thru 8. Reservations should be made by phoning the Hotel directly at (513) 733-8900. The Club rate is \$115 per night. Remember to simply indicate the days of your arrival and departure when making your reservations.

There will be two excursions again. One will be a riverboat cruise because of the extremely positive feedback I received on a similar excursion at East Peoria. The other will be a trip to the Creation Museum located a short distance away. Charter bus service for these excursions will be in place, as before. More details will follow in the coming newsletters. That's all for now.

Secretary's Message

By Janet Belcher

Greetings from the "next in line" club secretary. After more than a decade as recording secretary (you will still be seeing my meeting notes) I feel somewhat prepared for this next step. But I have to express much thanks and appreciation to those who have served in this position before me who have created a very organized and efficient system.

By now you should have received a dues notice unless you are paid up through the 2018 year. In a change of procedure, I ask that the dues be sent to the club treasurer Alvin Cappel so that the checks can be deposited in a more timely manner. He in return will keep me informed of your renewals and changes in any contact information so that I can keep my records up to date. If you have any questions, please contact Alvin or myself. Dues are officially due by December 31, 2017 for the next year.

As you can tell from this RBCC issue, another fun and interesting convention took place in Lexington, KY in September. We love visiting with this family of collectors and were able to welcome first time attendees Sue & Gene Duewell of St. Charles, Illinois and Carolyn Davy of Columbus, Ohio. We have also added two new members, Wade & Kelly Napier of Verona, KY and Melinda Woody of Douglas, KS.

We have enjoyed a mild fall and are now preparing the holiday celebrations. I extend my wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Please contact me with any questions:

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Dues Reminder!

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to send in your dues of \$30 for the 2018 year, or \$60 for a two year renewal. Please include any update of contact information including addresses, e-mail or phone numbers so that the spring roster will be correct and up to date. **Dues are to be sent to the club treasurer Alvin Cappel** who will inform me of any contact changes. Any questions? You can contact me at:

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Welcome New Members

Two new members have joined since our last newsletter, please welcome them to our club!

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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

Website News

By Gregg Thacker

Season's Greetings RB Fans! By now we trust everyone has seen the 2017 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website. We posted hundreds of pictures and hope you enjoy them! Hopefully 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@royalbayrcuth.org and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for Joyful Holidays and Happy New Year!

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

Here we are, the end of another year of the RBCC. It's been a super-busy season for us (as it most likely is for all of you too) We're hoping you're enjoying your holidays wherever you spend them!

Hard to fathom our trip to Lexington for the Convention was three months ago. It was really nice weather-wise, warm and sunny, so perfect for our drive down. We arrived on Thurs in time for the amazing Pic Social served in our Hospitality Room. Our Hosts with the Most (Myra & Tom Sustae) did a wonderful job with the food and decor. We had very cute goody bags handcrafted with colorful horses, funny pics of horses WEARING hats throughout the room, and all kinds of interesting table decorations too. Our members really stepped up by bringing lots of delicious goodies (including fabulous rum balls/yum) to enjoy all 3 days. There was a trivia contest with the theme of the Kentucky Derby. It was a great way meet new members and to catch up with all our RB friends.

The Welcome Meeting introduced us to new members and first-time attendees. An interesting group of RB rarities were brought for Show and Tell & Wannabees. Then WIB Beachy gave a presentation on the unusual Tettau Antiquarian (see June 2017 RBCC Newsletter for more info).

We all boarded a bus for the All-tech Brewery and Distillery...what an interesting visit. LOTS of tastings and info all about both bourbon and beer. It's a good thing we were only there a couple hours...or we'd never have been awake (or coherent) for the club auction later that evening!

Our highly-anticipated Club Auction was chockful of beautiful RB.



Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski did an amazing job of pulling together over 200 pieces. Although it was bittersweet with missing our longtime auctioneer and friend Rollie Rosenboom, we all enjoyed being together at our annual big event.

After our Business Meeting on Saturday morning, we headed out for excursion #2. The Darby Dan horse farm which was a beautiful estate with horses grazing on rolling bluegrass hills. There was an old home filled with family mementos and famous people involved with their horse racing and breeding. We didn't get to SEE an actual procedure in the "barn where the magic happened" but our very funny and knowledgeable guide walked us through an imaginary insemination process.

Saturday night wrapped up with our Club Banquet. We started off with a fancy derby hat and bow tie contest. After our meal, our entertainment was provided by Alvin and Roberta Cappel. She started off by giving us each our own special nametags. Then on to "Dirty Bingo" with prizewinners able to steal other winner's prizes...it was made even better by the Cappel's creative horse-themed presentation of each prize. Lots of fun trivia and clever punny stuff all night long!

I had fun creating a poster for this year's convention following the horse theme. Cards and several sizes of prints are still available – please contact me if interested!

Over 600 photos showing all the above (and lots of other convention antics) are now in the members area of our website...enjoy. Season's greetings RB folks!

Report on the Treasurer!

By Roberta Cappel, Secretary of the Treasury

Kat and Gregg asked for a treasurer's report and any jokes/cartoons that might liven up this December issue.

As I have been married 54 years to your funny new treasurer, let me introduce Alvin Cappel. Alvin worked in banking our entire married life until he retired 10 years ago. Thinking that perhaps he missed being around money, I sort of, actually, volunteered him for the RBCC treasurer's job. That sort of, actually, might have been a mistake on my part, but since no one campaigned for the job and no one else volunteered for the position ... well? Alvin did appreciate the tremendous round of applause "I" received when "he" was elected. (I remind him he's making the same salary as our President, Wib Beachy.)

I can assure you Alvin is watching YOUR money closely. He denied the request from Janet Belcher, our new secretary, for a new outfit so that she could dress appropriately for her job, and Alvin is wearing an OLD suit and tie when he's signing checks for the club.

Over the years, many of his customers at the bank gave him "money" gifts—not the kind you spend, unfortunately. We have roses, shirts, and glasses made out of dollar bills, toilet paper that is printed with money, chocolate coins, etc., etc. With our over-abundance of money gifts, we put up a money tree every Christmas. Yes, money does grow on trees! We have garland printed like money, and we hang "real" two-dollar bills on the tree for our grandchildren. They thought that was such a treat when they were little. I noticed a few bills still hanging on the tree last year when the grandchildren left after Christmas?

We're glad some of us still appreciate the value of a dollar or two! And it's wonderful to belong to a club that appreciates the novelty and uniqueness of our RB pieces. Those pieces and our friendships in the club are priceless to us. Merry Christmas!



RBCC Annual Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church (as submitted at convention)

(9/15/2016 - 9/6/2017)

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

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	3,355.00
Convention (2016).....	129.00
Riverboat Cruise	330.00
Reagan Tour (Eureka College)	135.00
Auction (2016).....	12,170.00
Auction Postage and Shipping.....	101.03
After Auction Sales	300.00
Wenger Sale.....	11.00
Convention (2017).....	1,539.00
Horse Farm Tour	420.00
Brewery/Distillery Tour.....	380.00
Total Receipts	\$18,870.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Expenses (2016).....	2,939.82
Riverboat Cruise	286.00
Regan Tour (Eureka College)	18.00
Bus Transportation.....	1,300.02
Hospitality (2016)	327.89
Auction (2016).....	11,659.65
After Auction Sales (2016)	300.00
Auction Shipping (2016)	370.68
Wenger Shipping	11.15
Newsletter & Mailings.....	3,217.17
Secretary's Expenses	105.92
Surety Insurance	187.00
Memoriam (Rosenboom).....	200.00
Website/Internet Hosting & Domain	304.20
Total Disbursements	\$ 21,227.50

Checkbook Balance as of 9/15/2017:..... \$12,804.28

RBCC Quarterly Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church

9/6/2017 - 11/10/2017

Checkbook Balance as of 9/6/2017:..... \$12,804.28

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	270.00
Convention Fees.....	234.00
Horse Farm Tour	120.00
Brewery/Distillery Tour.....	120.00
Annual Auction (2017).....	7,583.00
Auction Postage	99.60
Total Receipts	\$8,426.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Expense	2,183.41
Horse Farm Tour	420.80
Brewery/Distillery Tour.....	379.50
Auction (2017).....	7,839.88
Auction Shipping & Supplies.....	266.83
Hospitality	513.75
Convention Expenses.....	250.00
Total Disbursements	\$11,854.17

Checkbook Closing Balance as of 11/10/2017.... \$9,376.71

RBCC Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, Sept 7, 2017 5:30 pm

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Wib Beachy, President
Paul Stratman, Vice president
Carolyn Church, Treasurer
Karen Church, Secretary
Directors: Jim Carter, Sandy
Heerhold & Karen Rublaitus

The meeting was opened by Wib Beachy who preceded to go over the 2017 convention agenda. A local auctioneer, Curtis Sharff, has been contacted and has volunteered his services for the annual club auction. Discussion ensued concerning compensation/gratuity for him as it was estimated that the auction would require three hours. Motion made and passed to pay our guest auctioneer \$300 for his time.

The Friday Welcome Meeting will be followed by a scheduled tour of the All-tech Lexington Brewing and Distilling Co. leaving from the hotel entrance at 1:30PM and returning to hotel approximately 4PM. Pizza will be provided in the social room prior to the auction.

Items for the Saturday Business Meeting include selecting a site for the 2018 convention. Wib presented three possibilities that he had researched including Embassy Suites in Baltimore, MD; Embassy Suites in Cincinnati, Ohio; and two sites in Dayton, Ohio. Also officers will be needed for Treasurer, Secretary, and two Director positions. There will be a request for volunteers.

The Saturday excursion is to the "Darby Dan" horse farm and will be leaving at 1:30 pm after the morning Business Meeting. The evening banquet will close out the convention and entertainment will be presented by Roberta & Alvin Cappel.

Ratification of a memorial gift sent in memory of our long time auctioneer Rollie Rosenboom in appreciation for the service given to the club.

Motion made and carried to pay for the hotel nights for Kat & Gregg Thacker for their continued quality work with the quarterly newsletters and updates on the web site.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm.

RBCC Welcome Meeting - Friday, Sept 8, 2017 10:00 am

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Wib Beachy opened the meeting welcoming the members and extending high praise for the hotel staff and the ease of working with them. He gave the attendees an overview of the convention agenda and informed the group of the tour times and details as we will be departing as a group on a chartered bus.

Jim Lapp recognized the nice selection of over 200 RB auction pieces with the auction to be conducted by local auctioneer Curtis Sharff as the club's evening event.

Myra & Tom Sustae were recognized for their excellent job in the hospitality room embracing the theme of Horses, Hats and Hospitality. There will be pizza & salad available for a meal preceding the auction. Sloppy Joe sliders will also be available for lunch on Saturday prior to the horse farm tour.

Details of the upcoming Business Meeting were mentioned as the

members will be selecting a site for the 2018 convention as well as seeking replacements for board members completing their terms.

Karen Church reported on the current membership of 109, down from 112 last year. The loss of deceased members Phaleta Sergeant, Rollie Rosenboom, Tim Gaudet, Bobby Jo Brumbaugh, Jim Land, and Joyce Ender was recognized. Thirty three are attending the convention and 25 at the banquet. Those known to not being able to attend the convention due to health issues were also recognized.

Carolyn Church gave the annual Treasurer report showing a club balance of \$12,804.28 as of September 6, 2017. The treasury books will be audited by Alvin Cappel and Alan Belcher before the business meeting.

New members attending were recognized and welcomed. Sue and Gene Duewel of St. Charles, IL have an interest in figural creamers and

Carolyn Davy of Columbus, Ohio area collects white grapes and strawberries. Also recognized were the founding members that were present. These included Alvin & Roberta Cappel, Bob Gollmar, Chuck & Sandy Heerhold, Bob Mazza and Bob & Mary McCaslin.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am followed by the always interesting sharing of unusual items at Show & Tell/Wanna-Bees. Wib Beachy filled out the morning with a unique presentation on the RB white pieces that were recreated by the German factory during the 1980's using past molds. These are very similar to the older pieces but may vary slightly in detail. And what a surprise to learn that the Art Nouveau Lady has a name, "Daphne", after a minor figure in Greek mythology. This name was found on a 1893 piece which Wib displayed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

RBCC Annual Business Meeting Saturday, Sept 9, 2017 9:15 am

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Meeting opened by President Wib Beachy at 9:15am.

The auditing firm of ABCD (Alvin Cappel & Alan D. Belcher) reported that they had audited the treasurer books and found them to be in order and correct.

Wib requested volunteers or nominations for replacement board members that had completed their terms. New officers are as follows:
Treasurer: Alvin Cappel, Secretary: Janet Belcher,

Board Members: Chris Bartlett & Myra Sustae.

The potential convention sites for the 2018 convention were discussed with the overall favorite being Cincinnati, Ohio. Motion made and passed to accept Cincinnati as the next convention site.

Roberta Cappel volunteered to be the Hospitality Hostess

Myra Sustae agreed to care for and update the club scrapbooks.

A very swift and uneventful meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am allowing for room-to-room visits before the afternoon tour.

From the (On-Going) Auction Chairs

By Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski

Another Convention and another RB auction under our collective belts. We ended up at auction time with more pieces than expected but a good number of items sold, some at bargain prices, with many left on the block not reaching their reserves.

Overall the bidding reflected the current trend seen on eBay and in other house auctions; conservative. Thanks to all who bid and congratulations to those who won. Our thanks go out to our consignees for the inclusion of so many fine examples of RB. Much appreciation as well to our able volunteers; the staggers, the runners (in some cases walkers) and the tireless breakdown/repack crew.

This being our first time out as auction chairs we learned a lot, which will well serve us going forward. Susan's organizational skills enabled us to develop systems and methods making the whole affair smooth sailing. Again, the absence of Rollie Rosenboom was felt by all. Our thoughts and well-wishes are with Ruth as she makes this difficult adjustment.

Our president once more rose to the occasion and procured the fine services of a local auctioneer, Mr. Curtis M. Sharff, who proved able in unfamiliar territory. We wish to express a final thank you to Sandy Heerhold and Karen Rublaitus for manning the registration desk again this year, thank you ladies. In related matters, member David Weddington has donated a collection from several RB production lines to the club. All proceeds from any sale will go directly to the club treasury, thank you David.

Any member who wishes to consign pieces for the 2018 auction in Cincinnati is encouraged to make their selection early and to contact the auction chairs as soon as possible. There have been discussions concerning changes of auction rules and terms. We will be posting them as they are finalized as well as the deadlines for consignment and registration of absentee bids.

Until then, we bid you all good luck and good hunting!

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)!!!



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Upcoming Auction

Woody Auction, Kansas is holding a premium antique sale on Saturday, February 24. Featured will be 132 pieces from the McCaslin collection.

