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East Coast RB Gang

By Chris Bartlett



Greetings from the East Coast Royal Bayreuth Club gang! Pictured are Judy Stockwell, Jerry Lavine, Harriet Lavine, Chris Bartlett, and Steve Bartlett. We try to get together at least twice a year so recently we met for a delightful lunch at Legal Sea Foods in Burlington, Massachusetts. Judy brought along a beautiful pansy candlestick to show us that she had won at the club auction and we spent lots of time talking about Royal Bayreuth. We all agreed that we missed seeing everyone in Cincinnati and we were delighted that the 2019 convention will be in Pittsburgh. This location makes for a much easier drive or flight for us and we thank the club for voting on this location. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Auction Co-Chairs

By Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski

Another yearly convention, another auction completed. We were pleased to offer yet another superb collection for your consideration. First of all we would like to thank again all the consigners for this year's excellent presentation. As well, we thank all of you who assisted us on site for making this once more a smoothly enabled event. We want to express a special heartfelt thank-you to Sandy Heerhold and Karen Rublaitus for such above and beyond efforts made in pulling together the necessary auction materials on the fly!

Though there were many pieces not sold, we were glad to see those won go to good and appreciative new homes and do thank all bidders. There has been much discussion at the convention and since concerning the auction and what format it will follow going ahead. The board will

be weighing the pros and cons of any changes over the coming months and you, the membership are encouraged to add your opinions and concerns on the subject. As with any issue affecting the club and it's continuing success, the involvement of the rank and file is essential.

We announced at the annual club meeting that present circumstances preclude us from continuing as your auction co-chairs but whomever next takes up the mantle, can with the assurance that we will be available to help as we are able to make the coming auction a successful one.

In the coming year we wish all good health and good hunting and will be looking forward to seeing those of you who attend next time in Pittsburgh including, I hope, our Eastern faction. A bientot, Susan and Jim

From Our President

By Wib Beachy

A surprising hello to all! My message in the last newsletter was supposed to be my final one as President. Well, as they say, a funny thing happened at the Club's annual business meeting during the Convention in Blue Ash, Ohio this year. The Club's attending membership voted unanimously to amend the Club's By-Laws and remove the restriction which limited an officer to serving only two consecutive terms. All officers were then reelected to another term. Therefore, God willing, you have me as President for two more years.

The membership also voted to make Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania the location for the 2019 Royal Bayreuth Collectors Club Convention. The actual site was anticipated to be the Embassy Suites at Coraopolis, where the Convention had been held twice before. However, it was later discovered that particular Embassy Suites had been sold and converted into a personal care facility. As a result, the search was on for a suitable alternative site.

Drury Inn on Settlers Ridge near the Pittsburgh Airport has been chosen to be that site. At the further request of the Club, the Convention will be held a week later: from Thursday, September 12 thru Saturday, September 14, at no additional charge. The accommodations will be rooms (not suites), at the daily rate of \$120. There is free, on-site parking and a daily hot and cold breakfast included within the rate.

While it is early, reservations can be made by phoning 1-800-325-0720 and referring to the Group number of #2355885. Reservations also can be made on-line by going to <http://www.druryhotels.com> and entering the Group number. The cut-off date for reservations is Monday, August 12, 2019. Remember in speaking with any reservations personnel to simply give your date of arrival and your date of checking out.

Those attending this year's Convention — the Club's 25th or Silver Anniversary Edition — were literally as well as figuratively in for a royal treat! The Count and Countess Cappel put on a reception that was one for the ages. Not

only did the participants sip in silver cups delicious punch drawn from a silver punch bowl with an elegant silver ladle on a table decorated with various Royal Bayreuth white iridescent grape pieces, but they also dined on cake featuring a Royal Bayreuth mark specifically made in royal blue icing for the occasion. The grandeur of that lay-out, when I first saw it, is indelibly recorded in my mind.

Matters only got better from there. Everyone was summoned to the outer chamber for a story told by the Countess. It detailed a walk through the royal woods by the Club members attending the Convention. Various subjects featured by Royal Bayreuth, including Santa Claus, greeted the members who were directed to specific tables based on the subjects they most enjoyed collecting.

The story's content was compiled from the responses to the 25-year questionnaire given to each member. The telling of the story took more than an hour, which passed as if mere seconds. In the end, like the infamous Dallas finale, it was all just a dream! Those of you not attending the Convention don't know what you missed.

On Friday morning there was a nice assortment of pieces on display for both the Show and Tell and the Wannabe presentations in addition to those pieces on view for the Club Auction later that evening. In the afternoon the first excursion to the Creation Museum took place. Exhibits inside provoked one to examine if at least a partial reconciliation can be had between the religious and scientific schools of thought on the origin of all matter. The botanical gardens outside provided the proverbial breath of fresh air to enjoy while taking a casual stroll.

Before the Auction on Friday night the Club members were treated to Skyline chili, for which Cincinnati is famous. It was then off to the auction where Curt Sharff again performed his magic as the presiding auctioneer. Everyone had an enjoyable if exhausting evening.

After Saturday morning's business meeting and lunch, nearly all of the attending members went on the Belle

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Secretary's Message

By Janet Belcher

Although a fantastic club celebration for the 25th anniversary is behind us, much continues to be done behind the scenes for the good of the club. The officers and board remain active during the year communicating and making the decisions and changes that benefit the group. The 2019 convention plans are well underway and the membership renewal forms

have been sent. If you didn't receive a renewal notice, you are probably paid through the 2019 year. Please note the address on the form sending your dues to me and I'll then send the checks on to Alvin, our treasurer. Your membership renewal is due by the first of January for the coming year so I hope that you will respond in a timely manner. Please include any changes in

contact information so the spring club roster will be correct. If you have any questions, please contact me.

I would also like to welcome our new members Cliff Mix of Farmington CT, and Stuart Rothenberg of Boca Raton FL. You can read more about Cliff's offering of Royal Bayreuth items on page 8. Wishing all a mild winter and a wonderful year ahead!

Editor's Message

By Kat Thacker

End of year greetings for all our RBCC friends!

We had an amazing time at our celebratory 25th Silver Convention in Blue Ash Ohio. Our own arrival was memorable in driving through a wicked rainstorm, we hit a discarded truck tire on the freeway and damaged our car less than 5 miles from the hotel! Thankfully Gregg was prepared with his trusty tool kit, and able to address the damage in the parking lot once we arrived/yikes!!! Made the rest of the visit feel like we'd landed in magical OZ!

I'd like to share just a few of the highlights with you here...

Our Hospitality Room was absolutely fabulous! A truly stellar job by our host and hostess (Count and Countess) Alvin and Roberta Cappel. A fantastic welcome sign ushered us in, shiny goody bags filled w/treats were ready to pass out. The welcome reception was all beautiful silver service on a tablecloth in front of a bow window. A totally gorgeous silver punch bowl w/decorated ladle, cups and tray, an amazing cake decorated by Roberta w/our 25th logo, candies

& nuts in silver and crystal. Sugar cookies in the shape of crowns with edible glitter, candied almonds, etc... We enjoyed every bit of punch, cake and many yummy nibbles, plus all the delish contributions from attendees too!!!

It was so lovely (as always) to catch up with our RB friends. A group photo was taken, and Roberta performed a magical story that she'd written based on the club surveys that had gone out to our members previously. It was a dream/fairytale that was SO detailed and wonderful we shall have to figure out some way to share with rest of our club members! Maybe a podcast? Maybe an illustrated book??? We will keep you posted on somehow making this happen...

In addition to all the gorgeous decor in the HR, a huge vase of flowers had been sent from Roberta's family to help celebrate her "significant" birthday!!! Happy Birthday to our own Countess Cappel!!!

Our club auction was another great one, filled with lots of beautiful RB. Jim Lapp and Susan Szymanski did

an amazing job of acquiring pieces, organizing and shooting professional photos of every lot. Our auctioneer Curt Sharff kept things moving and entertaining us throughout the evening. LOTS of work for the chairs, it made for a highly enjoyable event for us!

There were many other unique and special things rounding out the event. Wib already detailed our buffet/banquet and crazy entertainment dreamed up by Myra Sustae, complete with a wild variety of puppets and quickly-written improvisational shows to share after dinner.

It will be pretty well impossible to top this landmark club event. Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this extra special for our 25th. And if you were unable to join us this year...you were greatly missed! Please do check out the hundreds of photos of the convention up on the club website for you to enjoy. And Happy Holidays to everyone!!!

President's Message continued...

of Cincinnati riverboat cruise. Like the Spirit of Peoria cruise two years earlier, it was one of the highlights of the Convention. Members were able to drink and socialize with one another while gliding along the Ohio River and seeing the sights passing by.

After getting back to the Hotel, everyone readied themselves for the traditional Saturday night banquet with entertainment to follow. Little did those attending know what was in store for them! After a leisurely buffet dinner (which all agreed was the best ever), the centerpieces were cleared from each table and in their stead closed garbage bags with unknown contents were deposited.

Myra Sustae then announced that the members themselves would be the entertainment. Each table was told to choose someone to be in charge for that table. Once this was done, the bags were opened.

Inside each table's bag were very nicely made puppets. That's right, puppets! There were flowers, vegetables, fruit, animals and people. Each table was then told to create a

story, play, poem, limerick, or something else using the puppets as the subject matter, which each table had to act out in front of everyone. Thirty minutes were supposed to be allowed for everyone's juices to flow in arriving at each table's creation. This was later shortened to half that time, creating instant panic!

My table captained by Daughter Dearest with a big assist from Jim Lapp, Judy Breece, and Carol Smith won the competition. I had the idea of presenting a poem based on puppets trying to gain admission to the Royal Bayreuth Court by proving they were true RBers versus Wannabes. The verses of the winning effort appear within the Newsletter at my insistence. All of those at my table made the idea come to life!

Every table's effort was memorable, to say the least. I will never forget the sight of 60, 70, and 80 year olds recapturing lost youth in their own special ways with the puppets. What an inspired idea for entertainment! Pure genius, really. A perfect end to a perfect Convention!!

RBCC Annual Treasurer's Report

By Carolyn Church & Alvin Cappel

(9/6/2017 – 9/5/2018)

Checkbook Balance as of 9/6/17. 12,804.28

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	2,910.00
Convention Fees 2017. ....	.234.00
Horse Farm Tour 2017 .....	.120.00
Brewery Tour 2017 .....	.120.00
Annual Auction 2017	7,583.00
Auction Postage 2017 .....	.99.60
Convention Registration 2018 .....	.625.00
Convention Banquet 2018.	1,081.00
Museum Tour 2018. ....	.266.00
Museum Tour Refund 2018 .....	.129.68
Boat Cruise 2018. ....	.527.00
Total Receipts	13,695.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Expenses 2017.	2,433.41
Horse Farm Tour 2017 .....	.420.80
Brewery Tour 2017 .....	.379.50
Auction 2017.	7,839.88
Auction Shipping & Supplies 2017 .....	.266.83
Hospitality 2017 .....	.513.75
Office Expense & Postage 2018 .....	.97.05
Newsletter 2018	3,310.60
Surety Bond 2018 .....	.187.00
Web Site/Domain 2018. ....	.180.95
Convention Events 2018 (Museum & Riverboat) .....	.620.00
Convention Events Transportation 2018.	1,110.00
Memoriam 2018 .....	.74.90
Total Disbursements	17,434.67
Checkbook Closing Balance as of 9/5/18.	\$9,064.89

RBCC Quarterly Treasurer's Report

By Alvin Cappel

(9/5/2018 – 11/1/2018)

Checkbook Balance as of 9/5/18. 9,064.89

RECEIPTS

Convention Registration Fees .....	.50.00
Convention Banquet .....	.94.00
Auction Sales (2018).	8,475.00
Auction (All Absentee Bidders) Postage .....	.99.00
Hospitality Cash Donation .....	.50.00
Convention Tours (Museum & Boat) .....	.138.00
Total Receipts	8,906.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention expenses .....	.2743.73
Hospitality. ....	.430.74
Auction (2018)	6,520.00
Convention Museum. ....	.286.20
Absentee Bidder Postage .....	.99.15
Auction Expense. ....	.510.31
Total Disbursements	10,590.13

NOTE: 193 lots were sold at the auction. (\$1,930 representing \$10/each lot is included in the checkbook balance)

Checkbook Closing Balance as of 11/1/18. \$7,380.76

Welcome New Members

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Stuart found the club on the website as he has many collectibles and may want to find new owners for his RB in the future.

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

- February 10 for March Issue
- May 10 for June Issue
- August 10 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 2018 convention photos in the Member's Area of the website.

We posted hundreds of pictures and hope you enjoy them! We also posted the scrapbooks from 2014 thru 2017 – which includes dozens of photos, art, and some interesting articles! 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@royalbayreuth.org and we will add you to the list. Best wishes for Joyful Holidays and Happy New Year!

Upcoming RB Auction April 2019

Woody's will be hosting an auction of RB on April 6, 2019 in their Douglass Kansas Auction Hall. It is a one day auction and will include primarily Royal Bayreuth and a small amount of RS Prussia. Total lot number is not available yet. It will spotlight the lifelong collection of Nancy Rublaitus as well as the collection of Alan Belcher.

Alan has consigned a hearty number of his RB collection mainly of figural creamers & milks (approx 50); including santas, squirrels, mice, brown and polar bears, some art nouveau; about 60 toothpick holders and 5 hatpin holders.

Jay added; My mom's collection of bill hooks and glass baskets should be part of the Feb 16 "online only" auction and additional cut glass brides' baskets in the 9 March "art glass" auction. For the April auction, there will be "hundreds" of figurals, red clowns and a bunch of red, brown, and green santas.

All-in-all, something for everyone and "plenty" to go around! More details will be circulated as they become available.

Hospitality Cowboy Caviar Recipe

Shared by Judy Breece

Note from Editor: Judy Breece brought a yummy cowboy "caviar" to serve in the hospitality room. This was so easy to make and delicious served with corn chips – enjoy!

1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can 10 oz Rotel tomatoes with diced
chilies drained
1 can whole kernel corn
1/4 C chopped red onions
1/4 C chopped cilantro (Gregg is
going to learn to love cilantro)
1/4 tsp cumin
1 T lime juice

Cover Art Celebrates Our Club's 25th!

By Kat Thacker

When Hospitality chair Roberta and I started brainstorming about plans for our 25th convention this year, something really odd happened. I had a TRULY hard time coming up with an image to cover both the theme of "Royals" AND the celebration of our Silver Anniversary. You see, there are no real RB kings or queens made into figural creamers or sugar bowls, and the scenic images are not depicting royal personages either. And other than the "silver" rose tapestry pieces, or items with silver-plated rims or handles...not really anything there to use for my annual print. I put it off for a bit, hoping some magical inspiration would come to me, perhaps something simple and different. But nothing magically arrived...simple OR different!

I decided to go back through all the different art done for past events to see if something was "missing" that had never been done before. I even thought about the one event Gregg and I missed back in 2005 held in Warwick Rhode Island. The theme was lobsters, which I wasn't able to do that year. Maybe the "lost lobster" themed drawing could be incorporated into the royal theme? Absolutely NO way that was going to work! Royal lobsters... crazytalk!!!

Finally it came to me. Our own RB logo with the rampant LION. Lions are kings of beasts. Ours wears a crown, holds a regal crested shield and would be perfect for the "royal" job at hand!!! I also thought it would be interesting to re-create other RB pieces used in all my past prints, using

that significant number of 25...so MY lion's royal robe has that special number of RB items woven into the pattern. It wasn't going to be remotely SIMPLE, but it would be a great way to commemorate our club.

The cover of this issue has the completed painting done for our club's milestone. I've taken a bit of artistic license with the actual big cat: he still looks to the right, is holding the "T" shield for Tettau to his left, wears a similarly-shaped crown to the original logo, and is sticking his tongue out!***He also has the distinctive split tail like the logo. I decided to have him holding the first piece MANY of our figural-collecting membership have started with: the rather humble (but still whimsical) tomato box.

Now the challenge is for you to look closely at this art, and see if you can identify ALL the RB pieces found on his robes. You might need to use a magnifying glass, and possibly get out past newsletters to see what the art looked like for each year. I tried to represent every type of RB in some way, to be inclusive to ALL our club member's collections.

As always, there are signed prints for sale in several sizes if you're interested. Just drop me an email, or call if you'd like one...

***Thinking we definitely need to do some research now in regards to historic heraldry, and the meaning behind some of the distinctive quirks of our original rampant Royal Bayreuth lion. Why is his tongue out, and what's with that split tail? Will keep you posted as we explore this...

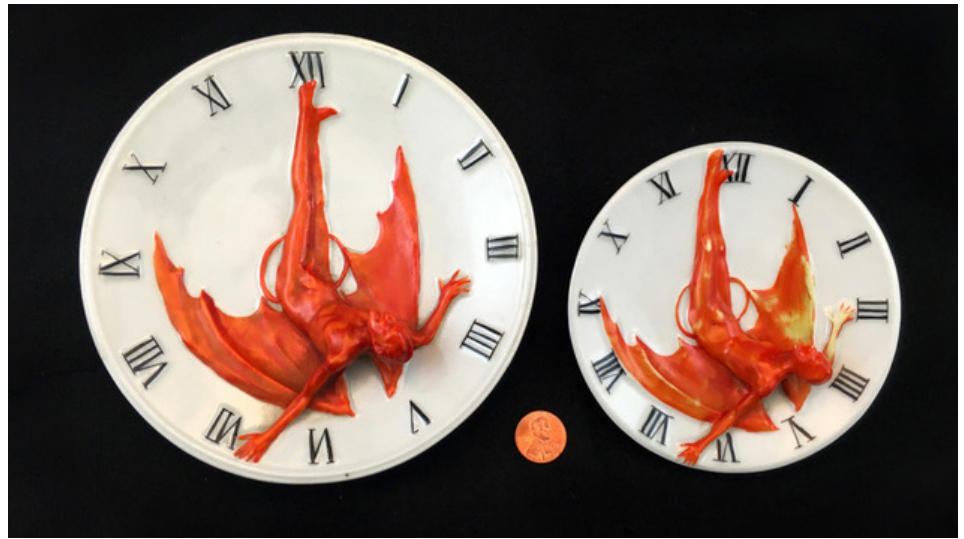


Sometimes It's Personal

By Jim Lapp

In recent years there have been many changes in the collectables field and with the advent of eBay, direct contact and extended interaction between buyer and seller has all but gone by the wayside. The independent antique shop has given way to the antique mall or co-op adding further to the remoteness of our transactions. On eBay the back and forth is through an occasional question about a piece or the leaving and receiving of feedback. That said, my recent purchase of an item evolved into much more than the usual.

I was looking for devil pieces one night as I often do and I found this RB clock face with devil. I have two other examples of this in white but when I saw the size listed as 6 inches, I thought of the black one of the same diameter in my collection. At the time I bought the black piece I was only aware of the 4 ½ inch sized one and was pleased to find another RB item yet unknown to me. I decided I had to try for the white one. I bid and prevailed and was going through the usual process of payment when I saw another message from the seller in



my inbox. He had said in his auction description that he was not the owner of the piece but was selling it for a friend. He told me that they thought it would sell for around \$100.00 or so based on what he knew of the current RB market and was pleased to be able to tell his neighbor that it sold for considerably more.

He also was now concerned about even handling it again to pack for shipping. He and his friend of 37 years live on a remote island off the coast of the Pacific Northwest and all who live there help each other when the needs arise. She is a woman of 80 years who has few resources and this windfall means a lot he said. I replied that I was happy that it worked out for us all. The next morning there was another email saying how delighted his friend was and that she was now able to go to a family reunion this year, which she hadn't attended for a great while, this being probably the last she would see of many of her people. I said I was again happy that she was happy and

asked if he would send me a photo of her looking happy.

This delightful photo is what he sent and told me that I did such a great thing for his neighbor. I responded saying I had just made a purchase and that he was the good guy in this story and asked if she could say something about the history of the piece. As it happens, her mother had won it at a carnival when she was in her teens in the late 1920's. Joy, his friend, said she and her sisters always hated the piece growing up and now her daughters hate it as well. All this distain compelled her to put it up for sale when she needed money. The thing that amazes me is that with all this multi-generational hatred, the thing survived at all and in such good condition!

This was one of the most satisfying transactions of my 17 years using eBay and I will be happy to be reminded of it whenever I look at this piece. Yes, sometimes it's personal.



Official Proclamation!

By The Count and the Countess Cappel, Hospitality

To all the humble servants who helped make the Hospitality Room a "Jubilant" place for the RBCC 25th Silver Celebration: Your donations and your willingness to help in the "Throne Room" were grandly appreciated. And, never, in the history of the Kingdom of Royal Bayreuth have you members shown so brightly from head to toe, as you did in the great banquet hall. It was our royal privilege to serve you. This proclamation ends with words used by Kings, Queens, and "titled" people all over the world: THANK YOU.

Looking to Buy...

By Woody Auctions

We are looking to buy 6 matching Rose Tapestry Chocolate cups & saucers in good condition. This would complete a set for one of our long-time customers. Please contact: Woody Auction at 316-747-2694 if you have these cups and saucers for sale.

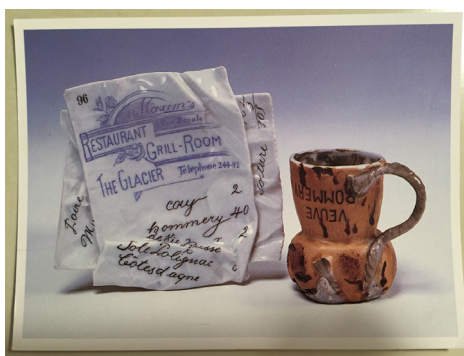
Yes, I Have Champagne Taste!

By Roberta Cappel

Anyone who owns the little Royal Bayreuth Veuve (widow) Pommery (brand of champagne) demitasse cup that looks just like a cork, must have the saucer to go with it!

Included in this article is a picture of a postcard from a little book of postcards, “Art in a Cup”, which depicts cups and saucers from 1860-1950. The pictures were selected from the collections of the Historical Design Gallery in New York City. Pictured is a cup like ours, and the saucer that eluded me for years until I found one on eBay just before our last convention.

If you’re interested in a saucer to go with “your” cup, start looking under “Maxim’s Restaurant” in Paris. It took me seven years to find mine—it was listed under a “Vintage Maxim’s Restaurant Grill Room Porcelain Change Dish.” The seller said this item was in a drawer at the home of his mother (96 years old), and the item had been sent to her from France



many years ago. He described the “change dish” as a charming piece of advertising porcelain from Maxim’s Restaurant. He was also selling (separately) an item which he found in the same drawer, “A vintage shot glass that had never been used—looks like maybe a cactus with a snake and it has gold inside, very unusual, perhaps could be used for Tequila, fun to use, or perhaps a great addition for a collection conversation piece.” I thought it was odd that it didn’t look like a cork to him and that it never occurred to him that the two pieces

were associated since they were both inscribed “Veuve Pommery.”

The cork cup matches the corks on the little pin trays. Wib Beachy brought his pin tray to convention so that we could compare the corks and he feels the cork on the pin tray is the “proof piece” that the little cup is Royal Bayreuth. Mary McCaslin has a pin tray pictured in her RB book, on page 34, item 29 and Judy White shared a picture of hers with me. All three pin trays have different scenes but the same cork. In our 3/2003 RB newsletter, Judy Stockwell submitted an article showing eBay prices. A cork pin tray with the attached cork sold for \$1,324.99—the cork cup and saucer sold for \$178.49. My little eBay saucer was \$29.95—that’s less than the cost of a bottle of Pommery champagne! Our bottle of Pommery hasn’t been uncorked yet, but I feel I uncorked a little bit of Royal Bayreuth history with this find.

Collection for Sale

By New Member Cliff Mix

My Aunt Martha was an avid collector of Royal Bayreuth from the mid 1980’s until her passing last February. Martha had an affinity for creamers, and over the years she purchased 80 different pieces from various antique shows all over New England. She loved her collection so much that

when she remodeled her kitchen, she had custom, lighted, glass cabinets made above her kitchen cabinets to display her collection. I’ve recently come into possession of her collection and have listed them for sale on the club’s website with photos. The pieces are in excellent condition and have

been priced below current values. Please take a look, she’d be pleased to know her collection will hopefully be enjoyed by fellow RB enthusiasts. If interested contact Cliff Mix 860-916-4933, cmix@snet.net.

No.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE			
2	Bass Creamer	\$37.50	32	Rose creamer	\$41.00
4	Seashell with Lobster handle creamer	\$19.00	33	Pansy creamer	\$41.00
5	Bull creamer	\$30.00	34	Butterfly creamer	\$75.00
13	Lobster creamer	\$26.00	36	Man in the mountain creamer	\$11.00
16	Grapes creamer	\$19.00	38	Lamplighter creamer	\$26.00
17	Red Clown creamer	\$41.00	40	Coachman creamer	\$26.00
18	Seashell creamer	\$19.00	43	Watermelon creamer	\$56.00
19	Yellow Clown creamer	\$64.00	44	Duck creamer	\$19.00
21	Monkey - green coloration creamer	\$75.00	45	Red Pig creamer	\$94.00
23	Seashell creamer	\$19.00	48	Red Bull creamer	\$64.00
24	Ram creamer	\$37.00	51	Redgirl with Basket creamer	\$49.00
27	Standing Trout creamer	\$75.00	53	Pear creamer	\$56.00
28	Cantaloupe & white cup w/ black cat handle creamer	\$56.00	56	Dog creamer	\$41.00
29	Black Cat creamer	\$34.00	57	Seahorse creamer	\$41.00
31	Tomato or Pumpkin creamer	\$19.00	58	Frog with Brown Spots creamer	\$26.00
			59	Oyster and Pearl creamer	\$26.00
			60	Lobster creamer NOT RB	\$18.75
			61	Pig creamer	\$75.00
			62	Bird creamer	\$41.00
			63	Cards with Devil Handle creamer	\$56.00
			64	Apple creamer	\$19.00
			68	Crow creamer	\$30.00
			69	Deer creamer	\$18.75
			70	Grapes creamer	\$18.75
			72	Eagle creamer	\$26.00
			73	Rooster creamer	\$49.00
			74	Alligator creamer	\$49.00
			75	Light Green Milkmaid w/ Basket creamer	\$56.00
			76	Strawberry creamer	\$26.00
			77	Tomato Gravy Boat	\$19.00
			79	Blue Cup with Cat Handle creamer	\$112.00
			80	Art Nouveau Lady water pitcher in multicoloration	\$300.00

RBCC Welcome Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Friday September 7, 2018 10:00 am

The meeting was opened by Wib Beachy with a welcome to the 25th RBCC convention. He then gave an overview of the convention events with a reminder of the scheduled 12:45 departure time for the afternoon excursion to the Creation Museum.

Wib asked any of the founding members present to stand to be recognized and they included Harold & Nancy Brandenburg, Alvin & Roberta Cappel, Carolyn & Karen Church, Chuck & Sandy Heerhold, and Bob Mazza.

Roberta Cappel was recognized and thanked for her outstanding silver themed cake reception and her original fairy tale which included many of the club members on Thursday evening and the royal treatment of those attending this special convention. Another highlight was a congratulatory letter for this 25th club anniversary sent from the Royal Bayreuth factory in Tettau, Germany.

Wib mentioned that the Saturday Business Meeting would include volunteers needed for officers for 2019 as well as a need for ideas and discussion for next years' convention. There is also a need for ideas for future programs.

Secretary report: Janet Belcher announced the current membership of 104, down from the 108 at the end of 2017. Most losses are due to no longer collecting and unable to reach three former members. Four new members have been added since last convention. Twenty seven are attending the convention this year with 25 attending the banquet.

It was determined that offices needing candidates were president, vice president and one board member. If there are no volunteers for the offices, a change of the bylaws will have to be made to allow current board members to stay beyond their 4 year term limit.

Treasurer report: Alvin Cappel reported a checkbook balance of \$9064.89 as of 9/5/2018. Alan Belcher & Jay Rublaitus volunteered to audit the treasury ledger.

Auction: The highly anticipated auction of high quality pieces will take place at 7PM with registration and preview starting at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am and followed by the ever popular Show & Tell and Wanna-Bees. Afterward, Wib presented a display and program on some of his unusual pieces.

Group dismissed at noon for a light lunch before the afternoon excursion.

RBCC Annual Board Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday September 8, 2019 5:50 pm

Due to the shortness of time and the discussion during the earlier business meeting, this board meeting just presented an outline of objectives to be worked on and discussed by way of emails to all board members over the next few months. Current board remains the same.

1. Pittsburgh, PA selected as the 2019 convention site. Wib Beachy will look into availability of accommodations, including casinos, for prices and available dates with a strong interest in a mid September time frame.
2. Auction will be reworked with consideration of alternative options such as sales tables, silent auction, some premium pieces for a live auction.
3. More programs and only one excursion with arranged bus transportation. Registration fee will be open ended depending on convention expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

RBCC Board of Directors Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Thursday September 6, 2018, 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Wib Beachy, President

Paul Stratman, Vice president

Alvin Cappel, Treasurer

Janet Belcher, Secretary

Directors: Jim Carter, Sandy

Heerhold, Bob Mazza, Karen

Rublaitus, Myra Sustae

The meeting was opened by Wib Beachy with a welcome to members and gave an overview of the upcoming convention activities and excursion plans. Friday will start with the Welcome Meeting with an afternoon excursion to the Creation Museum departing the hotel at 12:45 by scheduled van transportation. The auction will start promptly at 7 PM with 192 quality pieces to be sold by auctioneer Curtis Sharff.

Saturday's schedule includes the morning Business Meeting followed by an afternoon departure for a paddle boat cruise on the Ohio River.

Board business:

- Approval of dues for 2019 to remain at \$30
- A hotel suite will be provided by the club for a one night stay for the auctioneer as well as payment of \$300 for his time.
- Hotel expenses for our newsletter editor Kat and web master Gregg to be paid by the club in appreciation for all their work.
- Excursion transportation cost over what was collected from attendees to be paid by the club treasury.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM



RBCC Annual Business Meeting

By Janet Belcher, Recording Secretary

Saturday, September 8, 2018 9:00 am

After a greeting and opening remarks by Wib Beachy, the schedule for the day was reviewed with a time adjustment of a 1:45pm departure for the river boat cruise on the Ohio River. That allows time for a light lunch in the hospitality room after the meeting and room to room visitations for sales and displays. There will be a short business meeting upon return followed by the banquet and entertainment at 7pm.

Business:

- Auction: a word of thanks for all involved including chairman Jim Lapp & Susan Szymanski, and their team of workers for auction set-up, bid recorders, walkers during the auction and those who stayed late to help with pack up. There will be an auction review and a discussion of changes and possible alternative plans during the board meeting. An auction committee will be formed once the changes in the existing format have been decided by the board. Auction results were approximately \$8460.
- Convention site for 2019: Several possible locations in the Ohio and Pennsylvania area were suggested with the area of Pittsburgh, PA selected in hopes of making travel easier from the east coast. Wib will

be doing research for possible hotels and available dates.

- Hospitality: Susan Szymanski, Karen Rublaitus and Sandy Heerhold volunteered to make plans for hospitality for 2019 with assistance from Karen & Carolyn Church and Laura Beachy due to their proximity to the convention site.
- Entertainment: Roberta Cappel volunteered to plan entertainment for 2019.
- Treasurer report: Alvin Cappel handed out the most recent treasurer report of \$9064.89 with convention expenses still to be paid. Those doing the audit of the books found them to be correct.
- Secretary report: Janet Belcher reported the current membership of 104 and thanked the Executive Assistant Roberta for her help in maintaining the records.
- Web site: Gregg Thacker continues to maintain and enlarge the club site. There is some increase in service expenses due to the increase in content. There is a lot of traffic in Facebook as well as other social media sites. He encouraged members to take an active roll in using the digital media to encourage other collectors and promote the club. There is a need for more

promotion for the club for continued growth including articles or ads in national publications. Efforts will be made through Facebook to connect with the German Royal Bayreuth company.

- Newsletter editor: Kat Thacker mentioned that they are up to the 50th issue but there is still a need for more articles and input from the membership. Notes and photos can be sent to the editor and she can format the information into an article. Roberta has provided the responses from the questionnaire sent out in the June newsletter which will provide some interesting tidbits for the newsletter.

Officers:

As there were no volunteers or nominations for the open offices, current officers will remain in their same positions for another two year term. Motion made by Vice President Paul Stratman that the bylaws be changed to allow this change. Motion seconded and passed by plurality vote of those in attendance. The following article will be changed: "Article IV Section B. Each officer and director may run for re-election and may serve more than two consecutive full terms in the same office."

Meeting adjourned 11am.

Winning RB Wannabe Fairytale

Welcome to Court Royal Bayreuth
Where ye must come to present your proof

Alas, some must make their pleas
To prove they are not wannabes

Many come but not all prevail
For some who come are doomed to fail

First up for judgment the lovely flowers
Whose beauty granted them access to this tower

Then we have the little mouse
Who was quickly welcomed to the RB house

And as we know they soon became
Part of RB collector fame

Then hopping in came the hare
Who was immediately recognized for its RB flair

Alas, one poor camel was denied
For he was not ruled bona fide

His fate was sealed and left to dump
And off he left with his prominent hump

So here we present true Royal Bayreuth
We experts all can spot the truth

