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*Stein Collectors
get ready
for convention*

Stein Collectors International will host a national convention July 17-20 at the Drake hotel in Chicago.

An organization devoted to the collecting and study of antique beer steins, drinking vessels, and related items, the organization has members from all sections of the United States, Canada and parts of Europe.

Convention highlights will include stein lectures, recognition of outstanding group members, and the selection of Miss Beer Stein of 1975.

For more information, contact Ted Nilles of Palos Park.

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**Stein Collectors Set
July 17 Convention**

The Stein Collectors International has set July 17-20 as the date for its national convention, it was announced this week by Ted Nilles, 5953 S. Kedzie, publicity chairman for the group. The convention will be held in Chicago's Drake hotel.

The collectors, who number 3,000 and come from the United States, Canada and Germany, will display some of their most unusual steins and will elect a Miss Beer Stein queen of 1975.

Nilles, an insurance agent at the Kedzie ave. address, has a collection of 350 steins and related items. He is a member of the Meister-Steiners chapter in Chicago, which has 31 members.

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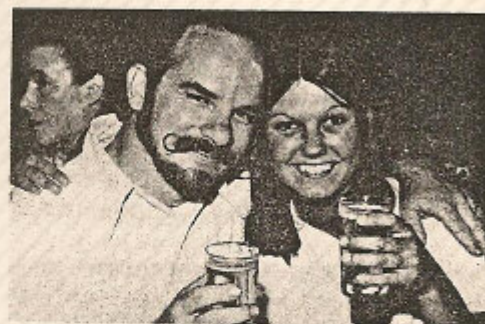
Photos by Jack Lowenstein
and Ted Nilles.



Group of Meister Steiner convention planners at "Zum Deutschen Eck." L to R: Edward and Barbara Stackler, Frances Misch, Wanda and George Dermody, Elin and Herb Jeddy, Ted Nilles, George Misch.



Stein and smile makers: Werner and Rosalie Sahn, West Germany.



To the victor and the almost spoiler! L to R: Frank Poppie, Ca., and Jan Eigenauer, Mi.



View of Hans Ammelounx's and our photographer's frau Nettie Lowenstein.



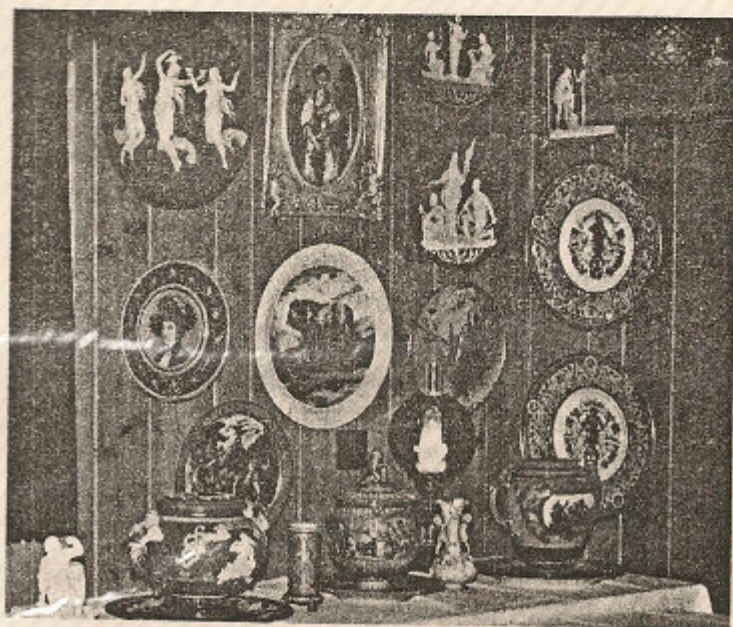
He proved — "Why Regimentals", Mario Pancino, Ca.



Entering "Zum Deutschen Eck". Leaving? No photos!! L to R: Marion and Al Edmunds, Ca.; Harvey Murphy, N.Y.; Matt Gruskin, N.Y.; Frank Lambertus, In.



Just a few and small part of great display of V & B plaques, urns, flower bowl and stand, tureens, and figurines at Hans Ammelounx's Bavarian Lodge, Wheeling, Ill.





Umpah! Music with every drop and morsel. A fun place!



Part of the buying-trading action. John Stuart, W. Va.



The Winners — The Whisker Wearers! L to R: John Coleman, N.Y.; Dr. Joseph Horowitz, Ct.



The Queen (Miss Beerstein) Makers! Also first, 1973, and second, 1974, Master Steinologist Award Winners. L to R: Dr. Joe Hersh, 1974, and Herb Jeddy, 1973.



Rosalie Salm, West Germany, wife of SCI'er Werner Salm, SCI 1975 convention stein maker presenting SCI President Al Hoch (left) and SCI Convention Chairman Richard Whiston with special convention steins for spearheading a great 9th annual SCI convention. Seated (L): Barbara Hoch; (R) Carole Whiston.



California wins Chug-a-lug again! Eastern and Middle Westerners vow defeat on California's home grounds in 1976. SCI contestants and wide-eyed spectators as Frank Poppie again grabs victory from certain defeat by gigantic gulp!



L to R: Jack Heimann, Jeanne Heimann, Mn.; Leonard Schenk, Mo.; Idakatherine Schenk, Mo.; Joe Durban, Ca.



"Pittsburgh Prowlers": L to R: Mr. and Mrs. Al Hilton, Doc Joe and Evelyn Hersh, Ben and Lee Sherman.



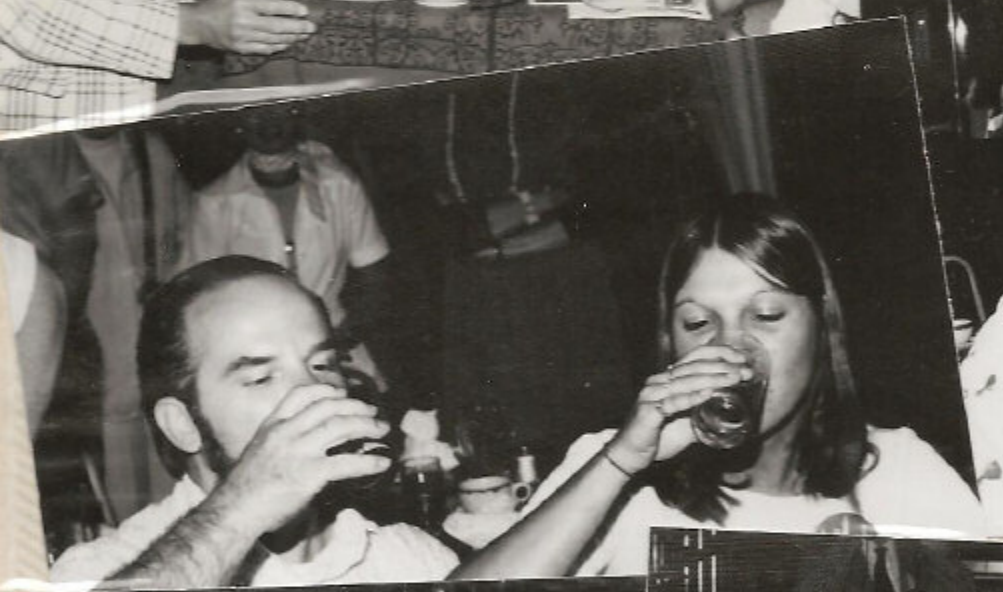
The secret is out — it's Los Angeles for 1976! At dinner dance, L to R: Seated, Claire Hill (Miss Beerstein 1975-76), newly elected SCI VP, Terry Hill, Ca.; Ronnee Medow, Dr. Norman Medow, SCI Board Chairman, N.Y.; Jeanne Heimann. Standing, Jack Heimann, Mn.



Two of six mirror-backed six foot high lighted display cases displaying excellent examples of the various types of antique and collectible steins. All pieces owned by the Meister Steiner chapter members.











Dr. Joe Hersh & wife, Evelyn

Prices foaming over

Beer steins clink as collectors meet here

By Alan Merridew

FOR THREE GLORIOUS days filled with foam, prosits, and gemütlichkeit, Chicago shouldered aside such notables as Munich and Milwaukee to become the beer stein capital of the world.

The ninth International Stein Collector's Convention at the Drake Hotel attracted doctors, lawyers, teachers, policemen, farmers, accountants, salesmen and real estate brokers from throughout the United States and Germany.

Between fun and foam, 175 specialists heard lectures on the finer points of beer steins, which came into being when a sanitary-minded 15 century Royal German Government decreed that drinking vessels should have lids to keep out insects.

But what really got the convention rolling were the selling and trading sessions.

THERE WERE MORE than \$250,000 worth of steins valued at \$10 to \$5,000-plus each.

Prices are booming, said convention chairman Richard Whiston, a teacher at Hawthorn Elementary School, in Oak Park.

"It's impossible to put a percentage per annum figure on the price explosion because it varies so much according to variety, quality, and desirability," Whiston said.

But generally, prices are rising as fast as for Tiffany glass and certain French art glass, he said, and some investors are shifting from paintings to steins.

Rastal-Werk of Hohn-Grenzhauser, Germany, today makes facsimiles of certain popular 18th and 19th century steins, reproducing materials as closely as possible. Many of these sell for more than \$100.

THE FIRM MADE a limited edition [225] of one-liter biscuit colored stoneware and pewter steins for the conven-



Elaborate German regimental beer steins, object of intense interest at collectors' conclaves.

tion. They depict the Water Tower in blue, and are already collectors' items.

Sizes, shapes and decoration of steins are myriad. Steins at the convention were made from stoneware, china, porcelain, glass, earthenware, ivory, wood, horn, pewter, silver and gold.

Some 364 years ago a German writer noted, "there is no animal or sea creature whose form is not used in the making of drinking containers . . . in the shape of ships, windmills, roosters, monkeys, peacocks, peasants, nuns, bears, priests, lions, stags, swans, screech owls, pigs, pipes, lanterns, boots . . . They even use the devil's countenance."

IT MAY HAVE reached the point now where anything you can think of is on a stein.

The collectors say that altho steins have been made in Austria, England and France, "99.9 per cent" are German. Highly sought are Mettlachs, regimentals, characters, student, and ornamentals.

The Mettlach firm Villeroy & Boch made the Mettlachs and had the decency to catalog them, said Whiston. Each regimental is different and bears the original owner's name.

But steins weren't the only attraction. The convention even had its queen--

Claire Hill, a teacher from Ojai, Cal., who became Miss Beer Stein 1975 with a crown she made from a Hamms can.

(Chicago, Ill.)



BEER STEINS come in every shape, size and color. This is part of the collection of Ted J. Nilles, an official of Stein Collectors International.

To Collectors, the Stein Is Better Than the Beer

When it comes to beer, the stein used for the quaffing of it is more important than anything.

For that you can take the word of Ted J. Nilles, 5953 S. Kedzie, who has a collection of steins that would keep an old fashioned beer lover happy for the rest of his life.

Nilles takes his hobby so seriously that he has become one of the most active of the 400 members of Stein Collectors International, which is having its annual convention at the Drake hotel starting next Thursday.

Members will enjoy many idle hours talking about the latest additions to their valuable collections. The four-day convention proceedings will include speakers, slide presentations and the election of a queen, "Miss Beer Stein."

The steins in the Nilles collection are all from foreign countries, but he found them all in antique and swap shops in the United States during 30 years of collecting. "Americans never did make beer steins, the best ones come from Germany," Nilles said.

Two he prizes most are a rare royal Doulton with a hunting theme, made in England, and a Mettlach, made in an old monastery in the Saar region back in the ninth century. Mettlachs were decorated by using copper plates and figures are in three dimensions.

He is also proud of his Musterschutz, made of very fine porcelain with animal heads in the design, and a three-handle mug which resembles a bowl more than a stein.

Most of the steins are made of porcelain or fine pottery, but he also has some made of

pewter. They vary in size from three-tenths of a litre up to seven litres, which is a lot of beer.

Nilles, who operates the Ted Nilles Insurance agency at the Kedzie address, is public relations director for Stein Collectors International. He said about 200 members are expected at the convention, many from Chicago and four from Europe. Organized in 1965, the International now has headquarters in St. Paul, Minn. It publishes a magazine about six times a year and it is aptly named "Prosit!"

MEDALLION IN PHANOLITH [Cameo]



SIZE
4" X 3"

In 1890 the firm of Villeroy and Boch developed the phanolith decorating technique in which semi-transparent raised designs were applied to a greenish-white or blueish-white stoneware background in the style so masterfully executed by the potters of antiquity.

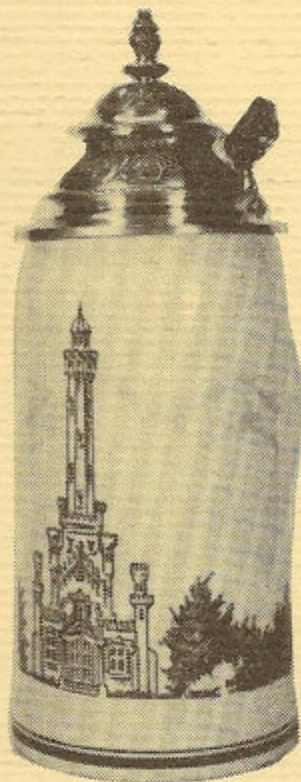
This medallion reflects the artistic style of art nouveau so popular at the turn of the century with its preference for delicate shades of color from opaline to ivory.

The decorative motif used on this medallion consists of two art nouveau figures personifying the month of May with its salute to spring and the joy of life. This decoration was borrowed from one of the pitchers in the Villeroy and Boch Museum and the medallions it now graces have been produced in only a very limited number.

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SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME

*Your S.C.I. always strives to improve
your annual convention and its entire
program.*

*You may take this opportunity to express
your views on the convention. Please feel
free to offer any recommendation which you
believe will be helpful in the coming year.*

*Tear out this page, turn it in to the
registration desk.*

Vertical strip with punch holes and horizontal lines for writing suggestions.

S. C. I.
THIRD ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
July 18, 1975

The Third Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Norm Medow, acting as Chairman of the Board, in the absence of Fredlein Schroeder, who was ill. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. with the following present:

Norm Medow	Joe Durban	Dick Whiston
Dick Miller	Terry Hill	Al Hoch
Jim Talley	Frank Poppie	Jack Lowenstein
Jack Heimann	Wyatt You	Al Statum
Bob Alucin	Dorothy Scardin	Joe Hersh
		Red Smith

The minutes of the last board meeting were read. Norm Medow asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Jim Talley moved that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded and passed, so the minutes stand approved as read.

Both Jim Talley and Al Hoch suggested that the minutes be sent a week or two ahead of the convention so that they could be read, and then corrections and additions be made to them at the board meeting. They said that the minutes from last year's board meeting had taken a half hour of the board meeting; and this left very little time for business to be transacted.

Jack Heimann read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of our treasurer, Vera Christy:

Cash on hand January 1, 1974	\$ 5,144.26	
Receipts	28,528.96	
Disbursements	26,180.53	
Cash on hand December 31, 1974	7,492.69	
 Breakdown of Receipts		
Membership fees for 1974	8,500.00	
Membership fees for 1975	300.00	
Convention registration	16,019.50	
Stein Sales	1,480.00	
Extra meals at convention	890.00	
Dealer payments for tables	45.00	
Interest on savings account	149.82	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	61.89	
Advertisements in PHOSIT	432.59	
Miscellaneous	<u>650.16</u>	
Total		\$28,528.96
 Breakdown of Disbursements		
Convention expenses	17,498.41	
PHOSIT expenses	7,480.33	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,201.79</u>	
Total		\$26,180.53

S. C. I. GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
July 19, 1875

The meeting was called to order by our president, Norm Medow, at 9:10 a.m. The minutes of the last General Meeting were read. The president asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none, but the president said that we should give a special thanks to the secretary. Matt Gruskin moved and Dr. Hersh seconded that the minutes be approved as read.

Since the treasurer was not present at this convention, Jack Heimann will read the treasurer's report later.

There is an auditing committee that is working on both receipts and disbursements in the treasurer's report, and as soon as this is completed the report will be given.

Norm Medow asked Jack Lowenstein for the report from the Nominating Committee. Jack Lowenstein gave their list of officers for the year 1975-6:

Chairman of the Board - Norm Medow
President - Al Hoch
1st Vice President - Terry Hill
2nd Vice President - Al Statum
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Schardin
Treasurer -- Vera Christy
Executive Secretary - Jack Heimann
Three Year Term of Board Members
Wyatt Yon
Jack Lowenstein

Norm Medow asked for members who would like to nominate someone from the floor. Artie Gilbert moved that the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee be accepted as given. George Dermody seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The president asked that the new officers stand up so that the group can see them.

It has been a tradition at our General Meeting for members who have never been to a convention before to stand up and give their names. Here are the following:

Raymond and Marion Orgy, Saukell, Wisconsin
Carol and Pat Lyons, Madison, Wisconsin
Agnes Bosners, St. Genevieve, Missouri
Hugh and Bob Kesner
Bev and Mark Stouter, Iowa
Virginia and John Breznikar - Oakland, California
Mary Pouwels, Oakland
Don Parry, Chicago
Bob and Pat Murphy, Chicago
Dick and Jean Lovell, Lovell
Ron Fox, Schenectady, New York
John Coleman, New Rochelle, New York
Pat & Stan Jordan, Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Elliott, Vallejo, California
Ed and Bobby Stackler, Chicago
Mr. and Mrs. Briggs
Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg, Glenco, Illinois
Loretta and Lawrence Feller, Guttenberg, Iowa
Lois and Stanley Loulin, Chicago
Jeff Surowiec
Ray Herr, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Charlene Frick, Kansas City, Missouri
Mary Kammagan, Bellville, Illinois
Rich Cress; Jeannette and Bill Seifert, Cleveland, Ohio
Morse and Mary Shudean, Sagama, Mich.