

13th Convention

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S.C.I. CONVENTION XIII

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SHERATON-RITZ HOTEL

MINNEAPOLIS, MN



Marianne Gruskin, Ronnee Medow, Ann Milon

Rose Miller, Mary Durban & Lee Poppie

Master Steinologist: Roland Henschen

Miss Beer Stein: Ann Milon

Mr. Beer Stein: Fredlein Schroeder



Warren Moffett



Lois Wagenknecht



Kathy Jacobson



Fredlein Schroeder



Petunia

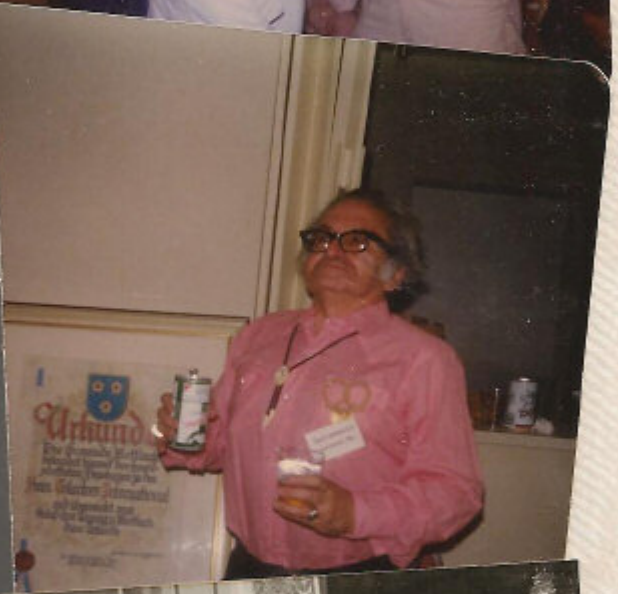


Kurt Sommerich



(left) Dr. Joe Hersh

(left) Evelyn Hersh



Ron Fox

Art Malthner





Ann Milon

Netty Lowenstein

Aurel Keck



Rosie w/ Fredlein











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Miss Beer Stein of 1979, gorgeous Ann Milon (MN) being crowned by Miss Beer Stein of 1978, Marianne Gruskin (NY) — as "Princess Maker" Doc Joe Hersh looks on



The Speakers' Bureau: Al Hoch, Ron Fox, John Boller and Art Maethner

Convention Number 13: A Smash Hit!

SCI's 13th Annual Convention lived up to its expectations — especially to its promise of Gemuetlichkeit! 285 stein collectors gathered in Minneapolis for four days of fun, fellowship and steinology, not to mention good food and drink. A surprising number of SCIers had already arrived by early Wednesday, and the "Early Bird" gathering appears to be becoming an integral part of our Convention. Especially this "Early Bird Gets the Wurst" party — which turned out to be a terrific ice-breaker and chance to get reacquainted with friends one hadn't seen since last year's Convention.

After filling up on both solid and liquid refreshments, the collected crowd boarded buses outside of the Sheraton Ritz Hotel — not a mean feat on the sloping driveway which

defeated the best clutching, double-clutching, even triple-clutching efforts of our busdrivers — and off we went to the homes of Jeanne Heimann, John and Donna Boller, and Wally and Dorothy Schardin to view their terrific stein (and other collectibles) collections. And then it was just like "the old days" as the faithful gathered in the hospitality suite for a final nightcap and the re-telling of many steiny tales.

Thursday morning of course was the official first day of the Convention and one could see hurrying shapes everywhere, many clutching the magnificent all-pewter Convention Commemorative stein. Members of SCI's Board of Trustees were forced to be among the early risers, for some hard-hearted soul had scheduled the

Board Meeting for 8 A.M. The Convention Welcome and General Meeting then started at 10:30, with welcoming addresses by Convention Chairman Earl Christy, SCI's president Rosemarie Sahm and our erudite Chairman, Kurt Sommerich. Executive Secretary Jack Lowenstein presented the "State of the State" message, confirming what almost everyone knew: SCI is in good shape, with 206 new members having been added since last September, for a total active membership roll of 901, the largest in our 14-year history. We are on a sound financial basis — as can be seen from the Financial Statement which can be found on another page in this issue of PROSIT. ...And PROSIT itself is stepping off on a brisk pace, as shown by each succeeding issue. Dr. Norman Medow then proposed a Board-approved resolution establishing a

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"Jack Heimann Memorial Fund", the proceeds from which will be used to establish an annual lecture-ship in the field of kidney disease — an area to which Jack had philanthropically devoted a large effort. The resolution was passed and you will be hearing more about it from Norm — both by personal letter and in future issues of PROSIT. Then came lunch and after that — the "Wheel and Deal for Jugs and Mugs" afternoon, complete with hundreds, nay thousands of steins for trade or sale or just looking at. No need to tell about this event: All SCIers know it well!



The transportation crew: Wally Schardin and Ann and Bill Milon

Back into the buses for a short ride to the elegant Decathlon Club, where a truly magnificent German buffet awaited us: Delicious morsels, too many and varied to mention, in seemingly unending quantities! When the last piece of Strudel had been washed down with the last sip of wine, the festivities in the form of the "1st Annual SCI Interconference Talent & Just Dumb Luck Contest" began. These events can best be described by the photographs accompanying this write-up, so let it suffice that there were yodeling contests, singing contests, trivia and scavenger hunt contests, costume extravaganzas for both men and women and even Buergermeister and beer-hall waiter/waitress look-alike contests. Fitting prizes and awards were presented to the winners, and a gorgeous trophy was awarded to the chapter which had the most winners: You guessed it, California's Erste Gruppe! Mixed in-between the "acts" were other



The Texas Lone Stars presenting the "Honorary Texan" award to Rosie Sahn



Rosie Sahn modelling Texas T-shirt - in front of admiring audience

awards: The Lone Star Group, represented by Fredlein Schroeder, conferred on president Rosemarie Sahn the title of "Honorary Texan", whereupon Fredlein himself was presented with a sash proclaiming him as "Mr. Beer Stein". Finally, as a hush fell over the audience, "Doc Joe" Hersh took over his perennial assignment and chose "Miss Beer Stein of 1979", beautiful Ann Milon of the Host Chapter. Our radiant "Miss Beer Stein" was crowned with a crown made by Claire Hill, and — as the flashguns flashed and cameras clicked — she was kissed by Judge Joe and applauded by a bevy of previous winners. (We won't even mention the T-shirt which Ann wouldn't model for us!)

Friday morning ushered in the "Traveling College of Beer Stein



An authentic Bavarian Trachtenfest, featuring all the best-dressed (?) gentlemen

Knowledge": Four lectures of great interest to collectors everywhere. The first was a fascinating illustrated talk by Minnesotan Art Maethner, who gave us a first-hand insight into Heinrich Schlitt's paintings at the Ratskeller in Wiesbaden. Many of the now long-gone wall-paintings were shown via slides and Art translated the Schlitt verses into rhyming English. Art has promised to write up his research and reprint some of the droll Schlitt paintings and verses — and in connection with this work we will run a very interesting contest in PROSIT very soon!



Next came fellow-Stein Verein member John Boller, speaking about his collecting specialty, pewter steins. John's educational lecture was illustrated by actual examples of outstanding Guild tankards and other pewter drinking vessels. It is always a pleasure to listen to someone who — like

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John — not only knows his subject, but obviously also loves the art objects he collects.

Finally, a collaboration between Illinois' Al Hoch and New York's Ron Fox on the subject of "Ceramic and Pewter Repair and Restoration"; this subject is obviously of great and immediate interest to many collectors and hence Al's lecture about fine restoration of damaged pieces and Ron's talk about "building" a character stein from scratch, so to say, was not only fascinating, but gave everyone a better insight on how these objects of our affection were originally produced.



Vera Christy presenting Fredlein Schroeder his "Mr. Beer Stein" sash

Then lunch at a "castle inside of a hill", the Castle Royal in St. Paul, and afterwards the much awaited showing of the Minnesota chapter's collection display. It was outstanding! The members had assembled the creme de la creme of their personal collections in four glass-fronted and illuminated cabinets and had put together a "catalog" of these steins, tankards and glass drinking vessels so that the awe-struck viewers could better identify what they longingly gazed at. That evening we were guests of Gary and Kathy Jacobson — where a fantastic buffet, lots of beer and a gorgeous home full of steins and other collectibles awaited us. The ever-popular chug-a-lug



The singing, swinging German team: Frau Schneider, Fraulein Schneider and Rosie Sahn



The Wisconsinites and the New Yorkers squaring off, with Pat Lyons and Art Chapman neck-in-neck

contest was the highlight of the evening — since in an outdoor location many teams had signed up to prove their prowess: The German team, with lead-off man Werner Sahn, proved disappointing since Werner insisted on savoring, comparing and otherwise gargling his beer, while the opposition gleefully downed four to his one! The New York chapter team, led by the masked, low-to-the-ground, marvel (we understand it was really Norm Medow), downed all comers until defeated by the host chapter — which had (are you ready for this) also handily defeated the Erste Gruppe team! Anchorman Frank Poppie and his paper cup both crumbled in defeat, an upset unheard of in SCI annals! Several



The New York/New Jersey Chug-a-Luggers - jubilant even in defeat (Don Forster, Art Chapman, Norm Medow and George Misch)

ladies teams also showed they could handle their brew and it was basically a draw in the contest between the German team and the hastily assembled U.S. crew. Let's give a mighty cheer to the Upper Midwest Chapter of Stein Collectors, the 1979 Chug-a-Lug champs! The evening was topped by square dancing under the stars, a fitting end to a wonderful day.

On Saturday morning we were treated to a visit to Dr. Lewis Zahrendt's home for a view of his outstanding collection of drinking

vessels: All types and styles were represented, beautifully displayed and often described and explained by Dr. Zahrendt himself. The allotted time passed too quickly and before we knew it we were off once more to lunch and an afternoon of steining or leisure.



Lisa Forster (NY) and Alex Dellschau (West Germany) square-dancing under the stars

Saturday evening, the gala party and dinner dance: First a cocktail party, then a delicious supper served at the Sheraton-Ritz. Next, the usual final speeches, election of officers, and prizes and awards galore: The nominating committee recommended and the membership present voted for the election of the following board members and officers of SCI for 1979:

- Chairman of the Board:
Mrs. Rosemarie Sahn
- President:
Mr. Earl Christy
- First Vice-President:
Dr. Dezso Ladanyi
- Second Vice-President:
Mr. Leslie Whitham
- Recording Secretary:
Mr. Irving Johnsen
- Treasurer:
Mr. Patrick Clarke

Elected to 3-year terms on the Board were Mary Durban (CA) and Warren Moffett (NY). At the same time, Cleveland was officially approved as the site of the 1980 Convention hosted by the Buckeye Steinverein, while Boston got the
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More Marzi & Remy Lids



Anton Marzi



Simon Peter Remy

CONVENTION NEWS

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nod for 1981, to be hosted by the Studenten Prinz Chapter. For post-1981 conventions such cities as Washington, DC, Seattle, WA, and New York were proposed. OK, chapters, get busy.



Frank Lambertus and Fredlein Schroeder enjoying a good one!

The first award was a special pleasure to hand out, for it went to the one couple in all of SCI who had attended every Annual Convention, from #1 in New York to #13 in Minneapolis, Wally and Dorothy Schardin! A standing ovation greeted Wally and Petunia as they stepped forward to take possession of a beautiful hand-crafted stein commemorating the occasion, produced by Rastal-Werke and courtesy of Werner and Rosemarie Sahn. Congratulations, Wally and Dorothy — and we will greet you at many, many more Conventions!



The Perfect Attendance Award being presented to Wally and Dorothy Schardin by Exec. Secretary Jack Lowenstein

Next came the much-awaited Master Steinology award, presented in absentia (unfortunately) to author and stein connoisseur Roland A. Henschen of Illinois. Roland was honored for his extensive stein research and authorship of more than 50 "The Stein Makers" columns in the Tri-State Trader. Al Hoch accepted the presentation plaque in Roland's name. Awards



Jeanne Heimann admiring a souvenir from Germany — a record of German folksongs — presented to her by Rosie Sahn

were also given to our lecturers of the previous day and to the outgoing lady-president, Rosemarie Sahn. Kurt Sommerich passed on the giant Mettlach Declaration of Greetings to the new president, Earl Christy, who reluctantly had to agree to pass it on to his successor next year. Interspersed in all this activity was the handing out of a million door prizes, ranging from steins, lamps and glass liqueur sets to books and PROSIT binders, and, of course, lots of dancing. It was an absolutely great evening to top off a memorable, fun-filled, beautifully-executed and well-planned SCI Convention. Collective thanks surely go out to the deserving Minnesota host chapter and its many, many convention collaborators.

So, in the name of all of SCI, we say one final "danke schoen und gut gemacht" to Earl Christy and all of his assistants and co-workers — who proved once again what a dedicated team can do. Every Conven-

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ioneer, whether from Germany or Hoboken, Singapore or Duluth, Dallas or Detroit, certainly gave his or her stamp of approval to the marvelous events, the gorgeous pewter Convention Commemorative and the exhilarating 4 days of the Gemuetlichkeit Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Prosit!

See you all in Cleveland next year
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Netty Lowenstein and the Muenchner Kindl (what happened to Jack?)



Art Maethner of St. Cloud telling us all about "Old King Gambrinus"



Chairperson of the Board, Rosemarie Sahn, and new President, Earl Christy, posing with the Mettlach Urkunde (Declaration of Friendship)

CONVENTION COVERAGE

Photographs by Don Forster, Matt Gruskin and Len Schenk



"Doc Joe" Hersh admires his latest "Miss Beer Stein", Ann Milon — being crowned by previous winner, Marianne Gruskin



SCI's newest Chairperson of the Board: Rosemarie Sahn of Hoehr-Grenzhausen



Even the younger set got into the act! (The Misses Medow and Kirsner)



The German Singerverein: Werner Sahn, Eugene Bellion and Anton Post



Friendly opponents in the Chug-a-Lug: Don Forster (NY) and Gerry Peterson (Iowa)

STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 28, 1979

The seventh annual Board Meeting of Stein Collectors International was called to order by Executive Secretary Jack Lowenstein at 8:10 AM. The following members attended:

Kurt Sommerich	Matt Gruskin
Rosemarie Sahn	Bruce Holderbaum
Donald Daugherty	Norman Medow
Leslie Whitham	Earl Christy
Ernestine Lambertus	Vera Christy
Mary Durban	Al Hoch
Donald Forster	Deszo Ladanyi
Floyd Dietlein	Jack Lowenstein

In the absence of Treasurer Pat Clarke, Jack Lowenstein passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report.

President Rosemarie Sahn turned the meeting over to Kurt Sommerich to present her case for the need for reimbursement of unreimbursed 1978 convention expenses. Discussion was held of the circumstances, and it was moved by Deszo Ladanyi and seconded by Floyd Dietlein that the costs be paid over a three-year period from interest on money certificates held by SOI. The motion was passed unanimously.

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minutes)

Norm Medow suggested that a legal document be prepared and forwarded with the first payment, stating that SOI was admitting no liability in the matter, with a copy to be sent to Wendelin von Booh.

Norm Medow then presented a plan for the "Jack Heimann Memorial Fund", with proceeds going to the Northwest Chapter of the Kidney Foundation. He had discussed this with Dr. Shapiro, head of the Nephrology Department of Hennepin County Medical Center, who agreed to make a presentation to the Convention group. Consensus of the Board favored an annual lectureship, with interest from the Fund to cover expenses of a guest lecturer for two or three days. Suggestions were made as to how the fund would be collected, but no definite plan was established. It was moved by Norm Medow, seconded by Matt Gruskin, and approved that the concept of the fund be presented to the membership.

It was moved by Deszo Ladanyi and seconded by Don Forster that a service award for outstanding service to SOI be presented each year in addition to the Master Steinologist award. Approval was unanimous.

Jack Lowenstein brought up the matter of the HR book written by Mike Wald. Wald wanted to turn the manuscript over to SOI provided that the book be given, rather than sold, to members. Cost of publishing would be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Deszo Ladanyi moved that the proposal be accepted. Motion was seconded by Al Hoch and Floyd Dietlein. Approval was unanimous. Jack Lowenstein said he would notify Mike Wald of this.

Hollenden House

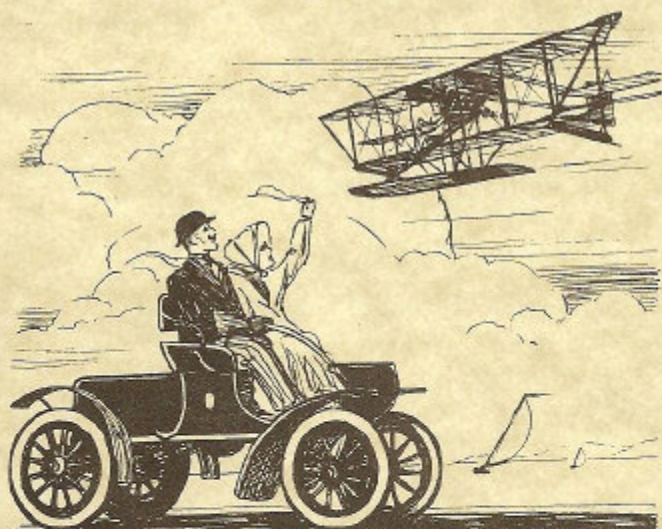
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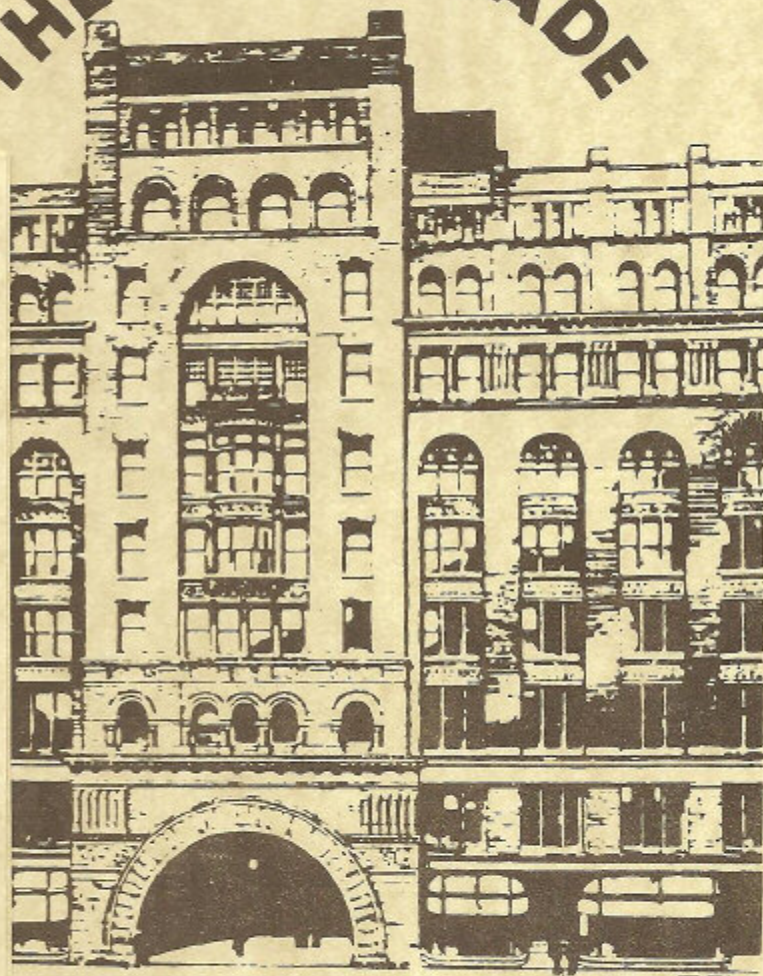
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THE OLD ARCADE



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Dinner Dance
Saturday
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