

15th Convention

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S.C.I. CONVENTION XV

JULY 1 - 5, 1981

COPLEY PLAZA

BOSTON, MASS



Master Steinologist: Ron Fox

Jack Heimann Service Award: Jack Lowenstein

Miss Beer Stein: Marie Perreault



Must have been a Great Punchline, Jack!



Bob Wilson

Mark Durban, Frank Poppie



Wally & Petunia

Marie Stevenson



Dr. Adi Schmoll

The Erste Grupe Vocal Quintet

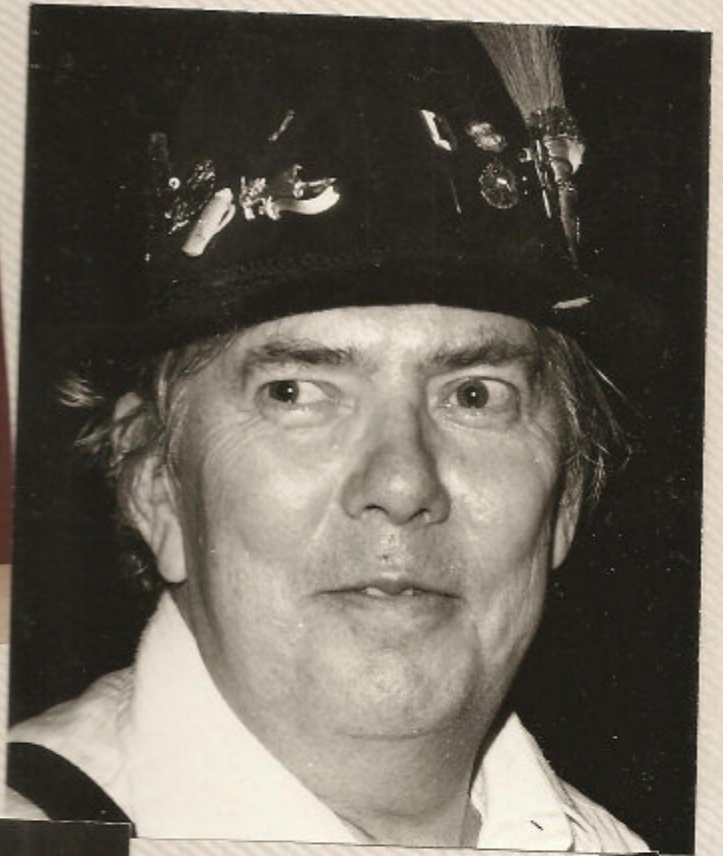
Pat Manusov, Mary Durban

Lee Poppie, Vicki Manusov

Colette DeFlon



Ron Fox





Boston Ready to Ask Amnesty of King George As SCI Musters at the Copley Plaza

Convention No. 15—A Boston Triumph

Convention 15 started early for many SCI'ers, for the history, culture and beauty of New England encouraged many conventioners to arrive early and stay late.

The Executive Board met all day **Wednesday**. Members worked diligently to carry out the business of SCI, so that the officers and directors would have an opportunity to take part in all Convention activities.



At 2:00, Jim Stevenson, Registration Chairman, and his committee opened registration. During registration, conventioners received their convention badges, all hand painted by Marie Stevenson. Next they received their beautiful pewter steins: Jackie and Bob Graci made and silk-screened all of these bags. Al Statkum handed out the Convention Stein. The pewter stein was made by Connecticut Pewterers, in Meriden, CT. Each stein is a little different, since the clipper ship on the front is hand-etched, but all steins have the whale thumblift. Everyone is especially pleased with this stein because it is so typical of New England. Since so many Student Prince members were able to work, registration was quick and efficient. After registration, conventioners took advantage of the opportunity to purchase SCI or *Student Prince* T-shirts from Fred Roschow. During all Convention activities you could see SCI'ers wearing these bright red shirts.

The Hospitality Room was opened by Tess and Ed Kehl at 2:00. Conventioners were treated to cold beverages, accompanied by snacks. Many SCI'ers took advantage of the daily opening of the Hospitality Room to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends (and to obtain more "cold beverages"!).

At 7:00, Bill Pasco, Transportation Chairman, had everyone ready to board the buses for the Early Bird dinner at Lombardo's. Here we were treated to a great Italian meal, 5 courses, served family style. With wine. A very content group

listened to music, danced, or just caught up on the latest stein news.

Jack Lowenstein decided that he would like to test the intellectual ability of the SCI'ers. He asked mind-boggling questions like, "Where was last year's convention held?" and "Who is president of SCI?" Correct answers were rewarded with prizes donated by Leonce Miller (NY). On the short ride back to the Copley you could hear comments like, "If this is a sample of the Convention, it should be great." When we returned to the hotel, most of the conventioners were treated to two movies about Boston.

At 9:00 **Thursday** morning, Convention 15 was *officially* opened by Les Whitham, Convention Chairman and president of the Student Prince Chapter. Les welcomed all the SCI'ers to Boston and introduced the committee chairmen. Bill Bosworth was awarded a miniature military stein for being the first registrant. Les then gave Mrs. Johanna Scott, next year's Convention Chairperson, a "very large pen for a very large job." Johanna outlined some highlights of next year's Convention in Chicago. Bruce and Jean Holderbaum, last year's Convention Chairpersons, were given a beautiful

stein in appreciation of their help to the Student Prince Group. This stein was donated by Barbara and Al Statkum. Les then turned the meeting over to Jack Lowenstein. Jack presented a plaque to Wally and Dorothy Schardin, who have attended all fifteen conventions! Dezso Ladanyi, President of SCI, then reported on SCI business: SCI now has 1125 members. Next year's officers are: President, Dr. Bruce Holderbaum; Vice President, Mrs. Johanna Scott; Recording Secretary, Irving Johnsen; Treasurer, Patrick Clarke; Executive Secretary, Jack G. Lowenstein; and Chairman of the Board, Dr. Dezso Ladanyi. Congratulations to the new officers of SCI.

Following the general meeting we were treated to the first of four outstanding speakers: Ron Fox opened the program with a talk on *German Faience Tankards*. The audience learned that there is no easy way to become an expert on faience. The collector must become acquainted with the manufacturers and their styles. This lecture, like the others, was accompanied by an excellent slide presentation. Ron has promised to write an article for "Prosit," so everyone can share this information.

Our next speaker, Professor J. A. Schmol



Convention speakers J. A. Schmol and R. Fox

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of Germany, spoke on *Heinrich Schlitt*. Most stein collectors are fascinated by the droll work of this famous Mettlach artist and were delighted to learn more about his life and times. (Dr. Schmoll's talk will be reprinted in pamphlet form and will be distributed to all members.)

The first stein sale took place on Thursday afternoon, and delighted conventioners were able to "shop" for steins, plaques and related items. Business was brisk and many items were sold or traded. Peter and Jean Spirito, Stein Sale Chairpersons, closed the doors at 5:00, but promised shoppers another opportunity to buy on Friday morning.

During the afternoon, conventioners were also treated to a marvelous stein display prepared by Ray and Roberta Lasky. This display featured items by Heinrich Schlitt, faience tankards, steins with a sports theme, and tower or turret steins.



The evening's activity took place at the Harvard Club. Dinner was a true gourmet's delight, served German style. As you looked around Harvard Hall you might easily imagine you were in a castle in Germany—the beautiful hall is furnished in a dark wood and has a cathedral ceiling; from the organ loft you could hear the old German songs sung by the Saenger Choir. German music was played by Warren Johnsen and his German Band and fittingly, many conventioners were dressed in bright dirndls or German vests and hats. While the diners were eating the apple strudel, door prizes were passed out. Happy winners received steins generously donated by Werner Sahm and Albert Jacob Thewalt.

After dinner, Frank and Violet Eklof, Activity Chairpersons, conducted the German contests. Winners were:
 Best Costume—Ladies'—Mary Durban
 Best Costume—Men's—Floyd Dietlein
 Best Hat—Ron Heiligenstein
 Best Dressed Couple—Les and Charlotte Whitham.
 Winners received blue ribbons and jars of Frank Eklof's famous honey.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Miss Beer Stein. She is Marie Perreault of the Student Prince Chapter. Marie is a stein collector who enjoys all types of steins. She filled the "goodie bags" for the Convention and wrapped all the prizes and gifts. Congratulations, Marie! A special "Thank You" to Claire Hill for making Miss Beer Stein's crown. (It is amazing how anything so beautiful can be made from a beer can.)

Fredlein Schroeder Sr. of Texas closed the program by awarding Dezso Ladanyi a Texas Armadillo. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and listening to the Boston Saenger Choir.



Friday morning some conventioners took the opportunity to see Boston. Jim and Nancy Gruhl prepared the "SCI'sers Guide to Boston" and were on hand to offer additional advice and assistance.

Buses departed at 1:00 for Castle Hill in Ipswich, MA. The weather was ideal for the New England Clam Bake. For the first hour conventioners hiked, swam, enjoyed the gorgeous view, drank, talked or just relaxed on the beautiful grounds.



The first contest held was the sand building contest. There was a little confusion with this contest, since there were two beaches. Hence a multiple team win was announced, shared by Donna and Steve Grantham (FL), Loretta and Don Franz (NY) and Vicki and Glen Joshpe (NY) for a magnificent sand castle complex, complete with turrets, flags, moats and other embellishments.



Everyone was on hand to cheer for their favorite chug-a-lug team. The women's competition was won by the Buckeye Stein Verein, consisting of Lois Wagenknecht, Florence Sharp, Jeanette Seifert and Bonnie Foster. The male championship was returned to the Erste Gruppe. This fast drinking team consisted of Mark Durban, Bob Wilson, Don Forster, and Frank Poppie. These champions were awarded a beautiful hand-carved Munich Child plaque, which will be passed on every year to the winning group. Bob and Jackie Graci carved the plaque. However, in a jowl-to-jowl, sudden death chug-a-lug with *pitchers* of beer, Student Prince anchorman Ray Lasky wiped out the

SCI Awards		
Year	Miss Beer Stein	Master Steinologist
1968	Josette DeLaitre	—
1969	Jackie Gracie	—
1970	Nancy Pomsel	—
1971	Lee Poppie	—
1972	Ronnee Medow	—
1973	Connie Smith	Herb Jedly
1974	Jackie Dietlein	Joe Hersh
1975	Claire Hill	{ Jack Heimann Jack Lowenstein
1976	Mary Durban	Harvey Murphy
1977	Helen Ratzsch	Gene Manusov
1978	Marianne Gruskin	{ Therese Thomas Werner Sahm
1979	Ann Milon	Roland Henschen
1980	Lois Wagenknecht	John Ey, Jr.
1981	Marie Perreault	Ron Fox

mighty Poppiel If this thing keeps escalating, who knows? Bill Foster, "The Fox," might have to step in: Ziggy, zaggy, hoi, hoi, hoi!



The victors: Bob Wilson, Frank Poppie, Mark Durban and Don Forster.

The old-fashioned bathing suit contest was easily won by Frank Poppie of California and Violet Eklof of New England.



Clams on the half shell were served all afternoon with cold beer and soda. Later, the clam bake officially started us off with bowls of piping hot clam chowder. This was followed by plates filled with steamer clams, chicken, corn on the cob and steamed lobster. Cold watermelon was

served as dessert. A very content group ate their fill of the old-fashioned New England Clam Bake and loved every bite of it. Lobsters with a clam bake?

After dinner the last contest of the day, the talent contest, was held. This year's contestants were fantastic! It was a difficult decision for the judges, but the prize was given to the Erste Groupies: Members of the *Song and Dance* team were Pat Manusov, Vickie Manusov, Mary Durban, Lee Poppie, Colette DeFlan, and sexy *Eugenia Manusov*. (Tie me kangaroo down, anyone?)



On **Saturday** morning, Dr. Therese Thomas spoke on the past, present and future of the *Mettlach Ceramic Museum* at Castle Ziegelberg. We are all looking forward to visiting the museum during our next German convention trip.

The last speaker was Ron Heiligenstein. Ron spoke on *German Regimental Steins*. His talk was interesting and informative to both the novice and the more experienced collector.

Art Chapman is to be congratulated for arranging this excellent lecture program, and our sincere appreciation to the speakers for a job well done.

On Saturday afternoon we were treated to the *Tea Party Auction*. Over 100 items were auctioned off by James Manley, a well known Connecticut Auctioneer. Barbara Statkum and her committee did an outstanding job.



Convention speakers T. Thomas and R. Heiligenstein

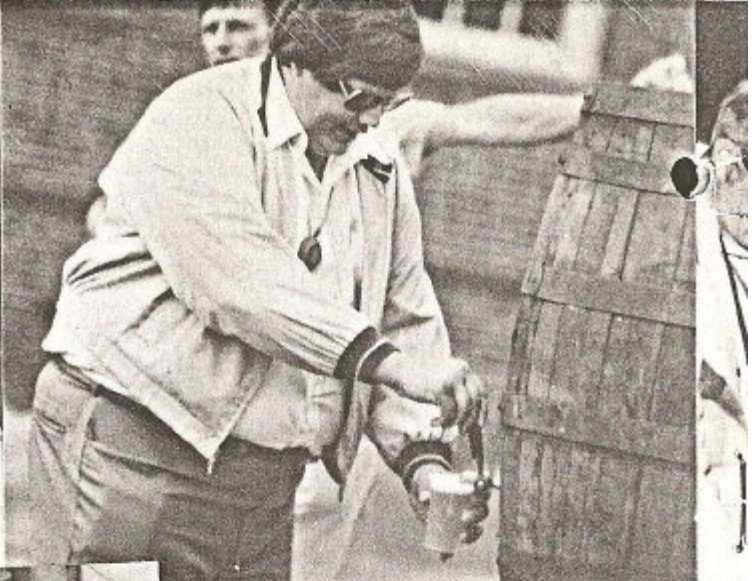


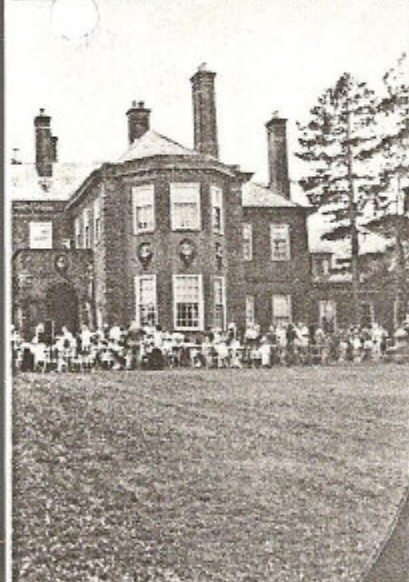
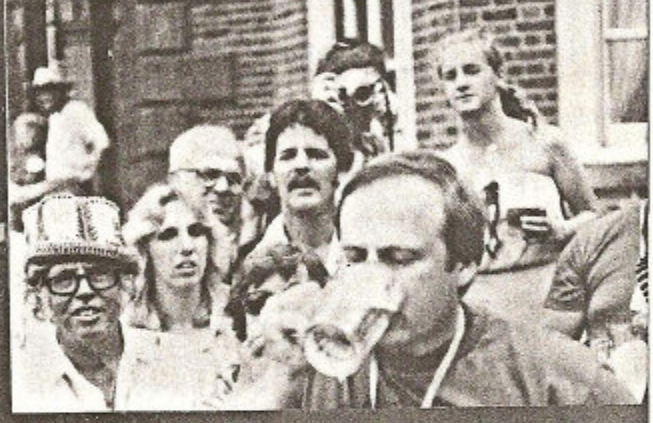
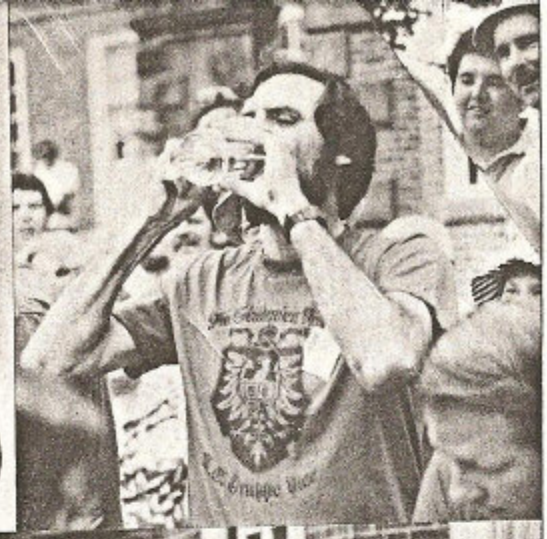
Jack and Les: After all, it was the Fourth of July!

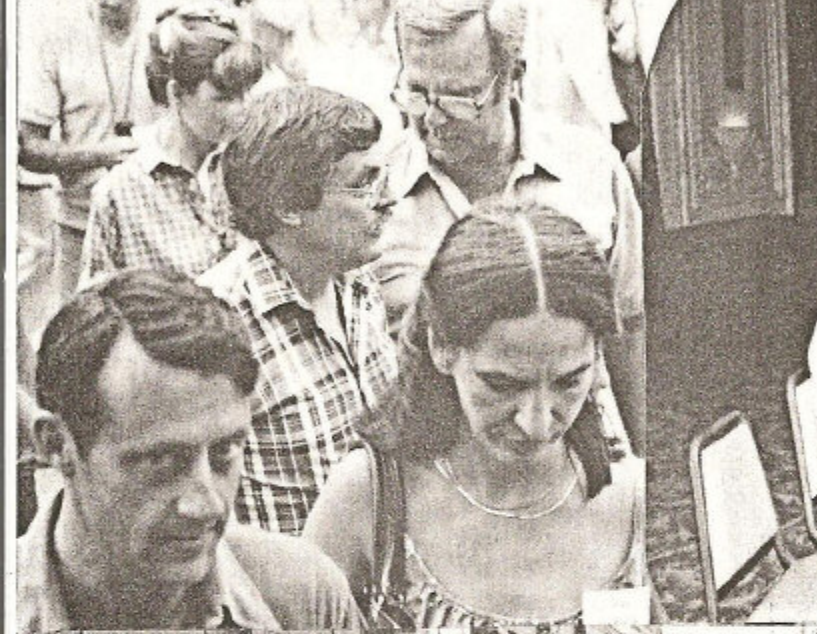
Convention 15 was concluded with a banquet in the very elegant Copley Plaza Ballroom. Guests were treated to a delicious Prime Rib Dinner served under gorgeous crystal chandeliers. While dessert was being eaten, Marie Perreault, Miss Beer Stein 1981, distributed door prizes. These gifts were donated by members of the Student Prince Chapter, and many of the gifts were made especially for the Convention.

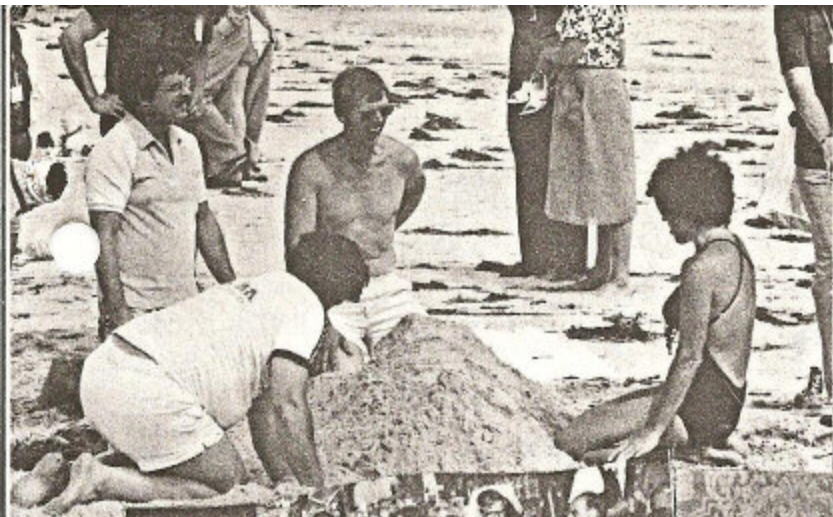
The final program began with Les Whitham once again thanking members of the Student Prince Chapter for an outstanding Convention. The four speakers were given pen and pencil sets monogrammed "SCI 81" in appreciation of their fine efforts. Les then presented Jack Lowenstein with a Hummel Munich Child figurine. Earl Christy, outgoing Chairman of the Board, and Dezso Ladanyi, outgoing President, were given pen and pencil sets. The meeting was then turned over to Jack, who—amid fireworks—thanked the entire Student Prince Group for a marvelous Convention and presented Les Whitham, Convention Chairman, with a plaque to commemorate the event.











STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL
Minutes of Board Meeting, Boston, July 1, 1981

The ninth Annual Board Meeting of Stein Collectors International was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Dezso Ladanyi, with the following Officers and Voting Members of the Board in attendance:

Earl Christy - Chairman of the Board
Dezso Ladanyi - President
Jack Lowenstein - Executive Secretary
Patrick Clarke - Treasurer
Irving Johnsen - Recording Secretary
Kurt Sommerich - Past President
David Cantwell - Texas
Vera Christy - Minnesota
James DeMars - Florida
Mary Durban - At-Large, 1979-82, California
Ron Fox - New York
Matthew Gruskin - At-Large, 1978-81
Ron Heiligenstein - Milwaukee
Bruce Holderbaum - Ohio
Spencer House - Maryland
Arnold Prochep - Madison
Ridge Scott - At-Large, 1978-81, Illinois
Leslie Whitham - New England

The meeting was also attended by 15 Presidents (Non-Voting Board Members) and representatives of Regional Chapters of SCI.

A. Inasmuch as the Minutes of the 1980 Board Meeting had been published in Prosit and distributed to all Board Members prior to the 1981 meeting, the Board voted to dispense with the reading of the 1980 Minutes.

B. The Treasurer's Report, showing a current cash balance of \$50,208.25, was presented by Pat Clarke. The financial statement as of December 31, 1980 had previously been sent to the SCI Board Members and will be published in the September 1981 issue of Prosit. It was noted that in 1980, SCI instituted a change in accounting practice from a cash basis to an accrual basis and that it was therefore difficult to compare SCI's financial position for the years 1979 and 1980. The accrual method of accounting recognizes accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses and is a more generally accepted accounting practice. The Board voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

C. Gene Manusov, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Jack Heimann Service Award, presented six nominees: Vera Christy, Joe Durban, Lotti Lopez, Jack Lowenstein, Fredlein Schroeder and Ridge Scott. He recommended that the name of the recipient be kept secret until the award ceremonies. With the nominees and spouses who were present excused from the meeting, Gene Manusov reviewed highlights of the contributions of each of the six candidates. The Board then conducted a secret ballot to select the award recipient. A motion was made by Ron Heiligenstein and seconded by Ridge Scott that a standing committee be established to handle this Service Award in the future. Following approval by the Board, President Ladanyi appointed Earl Christy as Chairman, who will make his own selection of committee members.