

19th Convention

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S.C.I. CONVENTION XIX

JULY 17 - 21, 1985

ROOSEVELT HOTEL

NEW YORK, NY



Master Steinologist: Mike Wald

Jack Heimann Service Award: Pat Clarke

Miss Beer Stein: Loretta Franz



Barbara & Don Daugherty



Jim & Skip DeMars



Ron Fox





Gene Manusov

Can't fool us Gene, we'd

know those lips anywhere!@?*



Colette Wilson

Don Daugherty



Erste Grupe, who else ????

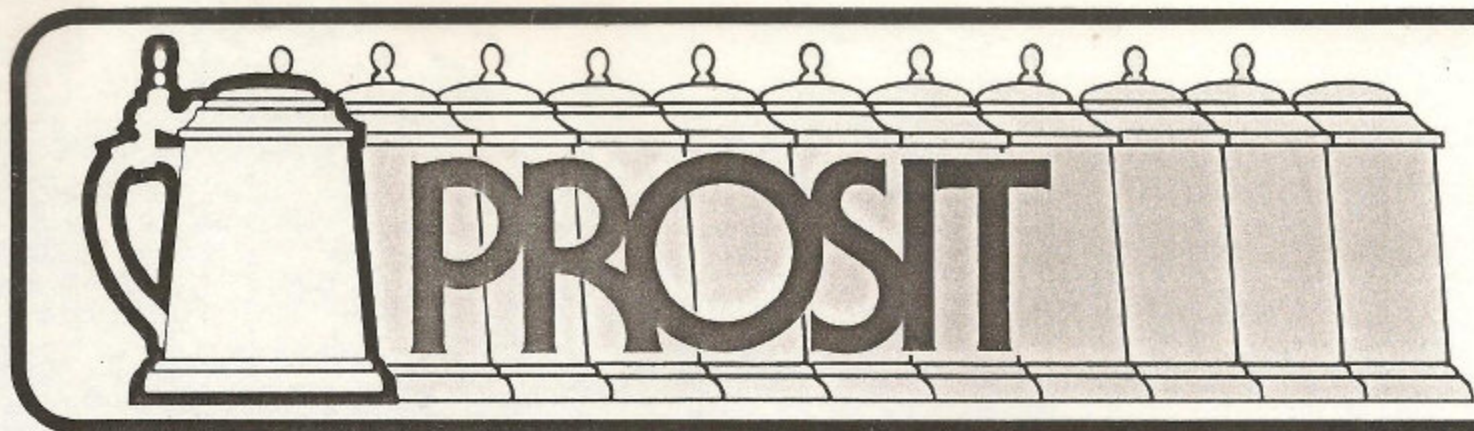










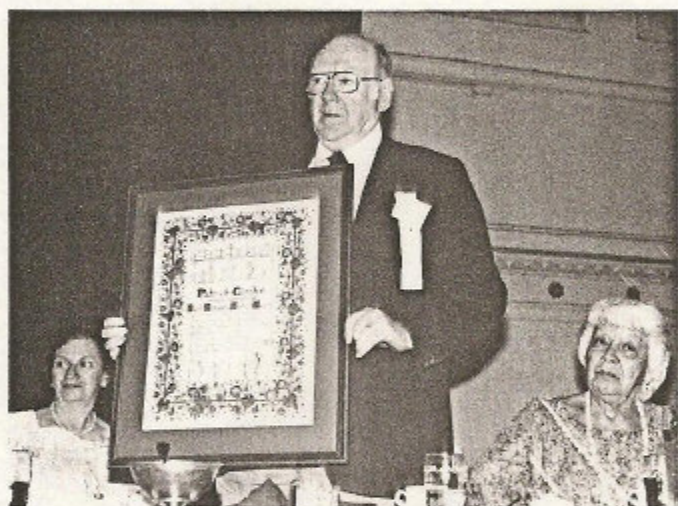


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SCI Honors Its Members at New York City



Pat Clarke, our treasurer, is this year's recipient of the "Jack Heimann Service Award"; wife Bina looks on, at right



Loretta Franz, of the host chapter, is the 1985 Miss Beer Stein, attended by Lee Poppy and Claire Hill. Convention Chairman Ron Fox gives all of them a hand



Special recognition is being given to collector extraordinary, Sigmund Klein, in absentia. Bob Alutin accepts the award from Ron Fox



Mike Wald, author of renown, is the newest of SCI's Master Steinologists. The plaque is presented by Convention host Ron Fox

Well, It's really over. After two years of planning and work all has ended. I have mixed emotions about it now. I am happy that those who attended had a good time but am disappointed at the low turnout, especially from our own local chapter members. There were more attendees from California than from New York. This is a sad fact. Ron Fox, our convention chairman was everywhere overseeing every little detail. He really pulled off the impossible. Through his efforts this convention will be remembered as the "fun & learning" convention. Of course his committee all worked hard getting their jobs done. They all deserve our thanks.

It all began in earnest on Tuesday when Ron made many trips into Manhattan with the rented van picking up the many cartons of steins for the exhibit, the convention steins, the goodie bags, and all other necessities for the convention. All of these items were stored in a hotel room overnight. It was my honor to stay over guarding all of the treasures. There were so many cartons that I could barely find the bathroom. But early Wednesday morning a battery of workers convened at 7 AM to bring everything down to the Oval room where a guard was on duty watching over all of the cartons. The display cases arrived an hour late, but now the first major job began. All of the display steins were unpacked and the display cases were set up. A few hours later all nine cases were alive with the best we had to show. Looking back at the finished display even impressed me. Over 600 pieces adorned the room. Many of the cases were specialty cases. We featured HRs. J.W. Remy's, beakers, early pieces, glass, characters, American made steins plus other oddities. The exhibit catalog given out to the conventioners pictured over 400 of these display pieces.

Next the dealers tables were set up and the room was ready. During this time the registration committee was busy registering the members as they arrived and selling the convention steins which were well recieved.

Wednesday evening the chartered busses whisked many of the early birds downtown to the South Street Seaport. This evening seemed to start off the convention with a bang. I skipped this evening to relax and rest up for the official start Thursday morning.

The first order of business Thursday morning was the General Membership meeting. The full slate of officers selected by the board of directors was elected unanimously. Terry Hill whetted our appetites for next year by showing us a running slide show while describing the activities to take place next summer in San Diego. Jim DeMars brought us up to date on the mini-convention which is scheduled for Late January 1986 at Epcott Center in Orlando, Fla. Sam Brainard was awarded a mini-television as the SCI member who brought in the most amount of new members for the year. Bill Bosworth was second. Of course Ron Fox & Gary Kirsner, through their auctions, brought in the most. Our thanks to all of them for helping SCI grow.

The first speaker, a personal favorite of mine, was next on the program. Johnnie Ey enticed us all with a thorough lecture on marriage beakers, or wedding cups as they are sometimes called. Johnnie led us through the history of these vessels and through examples that he brought with him plus slides he taught us all about this little-known subject. He showed us examples made of silver, glass, etc. and even showed us miniatures. He ended his lecture by having a couple demonstrate how they were used. We were all invited to come up and examine the pieces on display.

There was barely enough time for a quick lunch (although most of us were still full from a smorgasbord breakfast) before the opening of the Oval room and the first look at the stein exhibit and the stein-filled tables. There were 28 tables overflowing with goodies and the action was very brisk. The display was also very well received by the attendees. The catalog depicted many of them and also described what they were seeing. This was also a great opportunity to meet with other collectors from around the world and talk about our mutual hobby. I enjoy this most of all. Before we knew it Thursday evening was upon us. Officially dubbed "fun night" the evening was just that. Costumes, lederhosen and fancy decorated hats were all around us. Many of the Thirsty Knighters were wearing special T-shirts with our logo on it. Many were drinking their favorite brew from their newly acquired convention stein. I even saw one member drinking from an etched Mettlach, but that was what it was made for. The food was excellent from the quiche lorraine, beef brochette, down to the chocolate mousse dessert. Door prizes were won which included free room nights and talent contests, Alpine hat contests, best dressed contest, and the Miss Beer Stein selection which turned out to be our own Loretta Franz. From there on she always was seen with her crown made from a Stroh's beer can made by Claire Hill. These festivities really set the tone for the rest of the convention.

Friday morning, after a hearty breakfast, we headed for the lecture room with eager anticipation for the talks scheduled. First on the agenda was Kurt Sieman who spoke about Jaeger regimental steins. Kurt is an excellent speaker and his insights into this area of collecting were most fascinating. Glass specialist John Stuart was next up and taught us about an area of steins that I knew little about. Through an excellent slide show he was able to explain the different types of glass and how each was made. I really learned much about glass from him as he came across in a manner which was easily understood. Now it was my turn to carry up the rear. I didn't want to follow these two great speakers but I did my best. My subject was character steins made by Ernst Bohne. Through a slide show I introduced the audience to the "other" porcelain character stein maker. I am happy to say that the talk was well received and many learned from it. They learned that "Musterschutz" steins were not the only kids on the block.

That afternoon the stein room flowed with activity again. Conventioners were able to spend more time examining the stein exhibit and dream of someday owning some of the choice beauties. Many more deals were made and friendships flourished. Of course, many a stein tale was told. A fun day.

Friday evening was the social highlight of the convention, the dinner boat ride. We all boarded busses which took us to the Hudson River where we boarded the luxury yacht Riveranda. This is the same yacht that Billy Joel got married on. The weather was ideal. The cruise was breathtaking, even for a native New Yorker like me. The sitdown dinner in the air conditioned dining rooms was first rate. It started with hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. The main course was chicken condon bleu and all was great. But it was now time to go out on deck and watch the magnificent sights pass by. There is no greater show than Manhattan at dusk, For 4 hours I enjoyed mingling with and meeting the many collectors. I tried to point out those sights that I knew. We saw the South Street Seaport from the water, the Statue of Liberty being refurbished and hundreds of other sights. For those of us who were on the committee and busy a good part of the time it afforded us an evening to relax and unwind.

Saturday morning, after another filling breakfast, we headed straight for the stein auction preview. We examined the over 400 items that were being auctioned off later that day. Just seeing so many steins that I never saw before was worth the day. Ron and Gary really outdid themselves putting together this collection. The auction itself was something else. The 406 lots took all afternoon to be auctioned off. Bidding reached a fever pitch and there was much competition for the choice pieces. Lot #92, a Mettlach plaque #2013 brought the highest price, \$17,600. A character salt & pepper set, lot # 124 sold for \$990. The prices were generally high, especially for the better pieces, but there were bargains to be had also. I was happy that I was able to acquire the one stein I wanted. I am told that 70% of all of the lots were sold to bidders in attendance. After the last lot was hammered down we barely had enough time to get ready for the evening's activities. The cocktail hour whetted our appetite for what was coming. The main meal was prime ribs and was delicious. It was topped off with a dessert of baked Alaska. I went off my diet for this.

Next came the formal ceremonies and awards. Jack Lowenstein presented Chairman Ron Fox with a certificate in appreciation for a job well done. A special Thirsty Knight award was presented to our own special member Sieg Klein. Even though he could not be with us he will always know how we feel about him. He is truly one fine human being and is loved by all of us. Werner and Rosemarie Sahn were awarded lifetime membership in our chapter for all their help and cordiality they have shown us over the years. Another favorite son, and I do mean favorite, Pat Clarke was awarded the Jack Heimann Service Award. His selection was a very popular one and he is most deserving. His continued dedication to SCI as Treasurer is unequalled. Each of the 4 speakers was presented with a personal plaque for their efforts. Personally I am especially pleased with the care taken in preparing my plaque. Gary Kirsner presented the lucky winner of his auction drawing with a \$500 certificate good for the next convention auction in San Diego. President Don Franz presented chairman Ron Fox with a special plaque of appreciation from the convention committee for his magnificent effort. Tom McClelland, although absent, was awarded as our founder in this, our 20th year. Without him we would not be here.

The final award was that of Master Steinologist. Only two people knew who the recipient was, Ron Fox and myself as we were the selecting committee Ron was the presenter. As we all waited anxiously for the selectee I noticed that something was amiss. He was not talking about the person that we so carefully chose. It was soon apparent that I had been duped as Ron was talking about me. As Ron called me up to the dais, I was surprised and delighted. I was a little apprehensive as I did not want this to look like a favorite son award. My apprehensions were quickly dispelled as I walked up to accept the award. Everyone in the room rose and applauded. My composure was quickly shot and I lost my composure completely. For the first time in memory I was speechless. It was a very emotional moment that I shall never forget. Afterwards so many members came over to offer their congratulations, it was very heartwarming. I want to personally thank everyone who supported me for this award. I am in very select company indeed. For me the convention was thrilling.

Sunday morning featured our "last chance" stein sale. Here we made our last deals, said goodbye to all of our newfound friends until next year, and wondered how it could be over so fast. All that was left was to pack up our steins, go home and collapse.

I think everyone enjoyed the convention and that 1986 will be even better. Until next year.....



REPORT ON THE 1985 SCI CONVENTION IN MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

SPEAKERS. John Ey gave a fascinating presentation on Wedding Beakers, including slides and examples that featured pieces made of silver, glass and wood. His talk concluded with a demonstration - without spilling a drop - by a couple on how a wedding beaker is used.

John Stuart's erudite talk on Glass Steins was illustrated with a variety of beautiful pieces, many quite unusual.

Kurt Sieman captivated the members as he talked on Jaeger Regimental steins, dwelling on the background, uniform, organization and prestige of this special military group.

Mike Wald's talk on Character Steins by E. Bohne reminded us that Bohne made many fine steins other than the skulls and devils with which we usually associate his name.

STEIN DISPLAY. Nine lighted glass cases lined one side of a room as they displayed 416 pieces. Featured were HRs, J.W. Remy's, beakers, early pieces (Annaberg, Kreussen, Muskau, Faience), glass, characters, American, and several oddities.

STEIN SALE. The sale, as usual, contained a large assortment of fine steins and plaques that were somewhat overshadowed by the outstanding stein display and the auction.

AUCTION. The 406 pieces comprised the finest assembly ever auctioned at an SCI convention, or at any other auction to my knowledge. When the auctioneer's gavel went down on the last item, he had sold \$331,935 worth of steins and other pieces dear to the hearts of the collectors. It included a Mettlach plaque #2013 at \$17,600.

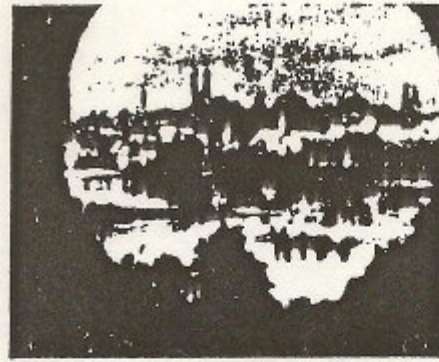
TRIPS. The Wednesday early-bird trip to South Seaport on the East River was fascinating, with its ships, shops and crowded side-walk restaurants. The sea food was excellent, and the mall was jammed with office workers enjoying an extended early evening happy hour. Stretch limousines lined a side street curb as corporation guests sampled the unique atmosphere.

The Friday evening cruise on on the luxury yacht Riveranda was superb. The cuisine was excellent and the bar was stocked with anything of your choice. A 5:30 P.M. departure from Pier 23 on the Hudson River took us seaward past Ellis Island and the Statue of Libert. A turn up the East River, and then a retrace of our course in early darkness on a beautiful evening, brought us past Manhattan's skyline of lighted skyscrapers. It was a once-in-a-lifetime cruise that even awed many of the hometown collectors who had never before witnessed this beautiful sight.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS. A large part of the meeting time was given to discussion of the committee report on Convention Procedures. Its two controversial items were: a) Funding and control by SCI of convention costs. At present the host chapter sets convention costs with minimum intervention by SCI. This item is becoming crucial as convention costs increase. b) Convention auctions. This was exacerbated by the 1985 auction being conducted by the two leading dealers within SCI, without any allowance for other members to put steins up for auction (as in the past), and by making the auction open to the public. The report was remanded to a committee to revise those sections of the report on which the Board could not agree.

SIDELIGHTS. (not part of the convention) One was a visit to the Forbes Museum which opened in February 1985. The display includes 11 of the fabulous Faberge eggs. The eleventh was purchased by Malcolm Forbes in May 1985 for \$1,600,000 when he outbid the Russians whose collection in the Hermitage includes only 10 of these famous works of art. The Forbes Museum also includes a display of 10,000 toy soldiers (from a collection of 100,000); model ships, many of which are working models of famous vessels of all eras; manuscripts from world leaders, including a delightful salty leader written by President Harry Truman; and a room full of marvelously graphic, but beautiful, paintings of military action.

U.W. Boresch



Here are two more examples from the Les Paul lithophane collection (these lithophanes are in the bottoms of some of Les' character steins): On the left, a view of the Hofbrauhaus beer garden, complete with barrels, building facades and merrymakers. On the right, a view of old Munich, as seen from the Isar River.

Noteworthy SCI News—

STEIN COLLECTORS INTERNATIONAL

Minutes of Board Meeting— July 17, 1985, New York, N. Y.

The Annual Board Meeting of Stein Collectors International was called to order at 12:10 P.M. at the Roosevelt Hotel by Chairman Johanna Scott.

1. Credentials Committee Chairman, Ron Fox, reported that in the absence of complete data from some of the chapters, he assumed that the chapters accredited last year were still accredited this year. The *Central Ohio Stein Club* and the *Reich Steiners* did not have enough members to qualify.
2. A roll call by the Secretary showed the following attendance:
 - Chairman Johanna Scott
 - President Therese Thomas
 - Vice-President... Lawrence Beckendorff
(absent)
 - 2nd Vice-President Jim DeMars
 - Secretary Urban W. Boresch
 - Treasurer Patrick J. Clarke
 - Executive Director... Jack G. Lowenstein
 - Parliamentarian Deszo Ladanyi
 - Alte Germanen [Not represented]
 - Buckeye Stein Verein... Frank P. McDowell
 - Buergermeister George G. Misch
 - Erste Gruppe Pat Manusov
 - Gambrinus Stein Club .. Don Daugherty
 - Gateway Steiners [Not represented]
 - Golden Gate Zecher... Robert Faussner
 - Lone Star Paul Laffen
 - Lustigen Steinjaegers. [Not represented]
 - Meister Steiners Martin Jahn
 - Mettlach Steinzeug Mary Durban
 - Michisteiners Urban W. Boresch
 - Penn Keystoneers John P. Mertz
 - Schnapps und Hops... [Not represented]
 - Studenten Prinz... Arthur Chapman, Jr.
 - Sun Steiners William L. Lewis
 - Thirsty Knights Robert C. Alutin
 - Upper Midwest Dorothy Schardin
3. The Board accepted the Minutes of the 1984 Board Meeting without a reading, since it had been distributed to all members in advance and there were no corrections.
4. Treasurer Patrick Clarke presented the financial statement for 1984, and reported a balance of \$70,171.35 (checking account and certificates of deposit) as of July 17, 1985, with no outstanding bills. He reported that cash advances to the 1985 convention totalled \$6,400. The report was accepted as presented.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. The Chairman of the Membership Committee, Jim DeMars, reported a current membership of 1435. The decrease from 1523 in 1984 is believed due partly to the loss of those who joined only to be eligible for the 1984 convention in Germany, and does not reflect the diligent efforts of many who recruited 211 new members for 1985.
 - b. Johanna Scott, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the *Jack Heimann Memorial Service Award*, pursuant to recommendations from the chapters, presented the names of Patrick J. Clarke and Jim DeMars as candidates. The name of Ridge Scott, who was also a candidate, was withdrawn by Johanna Scott because of his death. The Board selected Patrick J. Clarke. Terry Hill moved that a procedure be established for selecting the recipient of the *Jack Heimann Award*. The motion, amended to include a time table, was adopted by the Board, as follows: The December PROSIT will contain a notice that chapters should send

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