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**September 1993**

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**Jack Heimann Service Award: Pat Manusov**

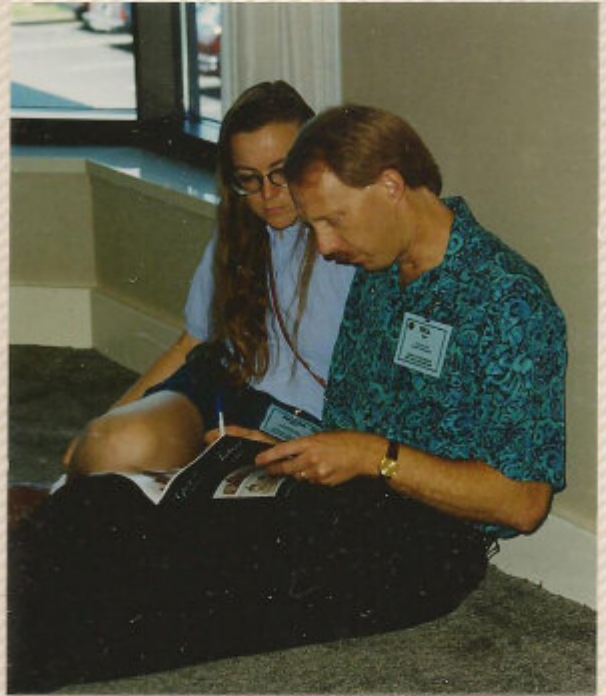
**Jack Lowenstein Editor's Award: Uwe Chr. Finke**

**Miss Beer Stein: Barbara Hoch**





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PAT MANUSOV & TERRY HILL



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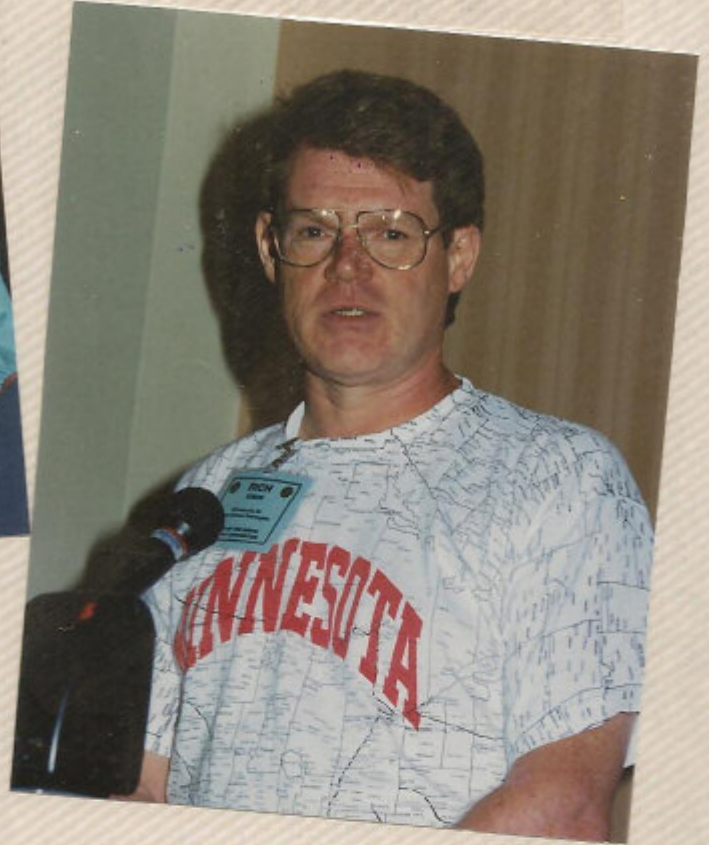
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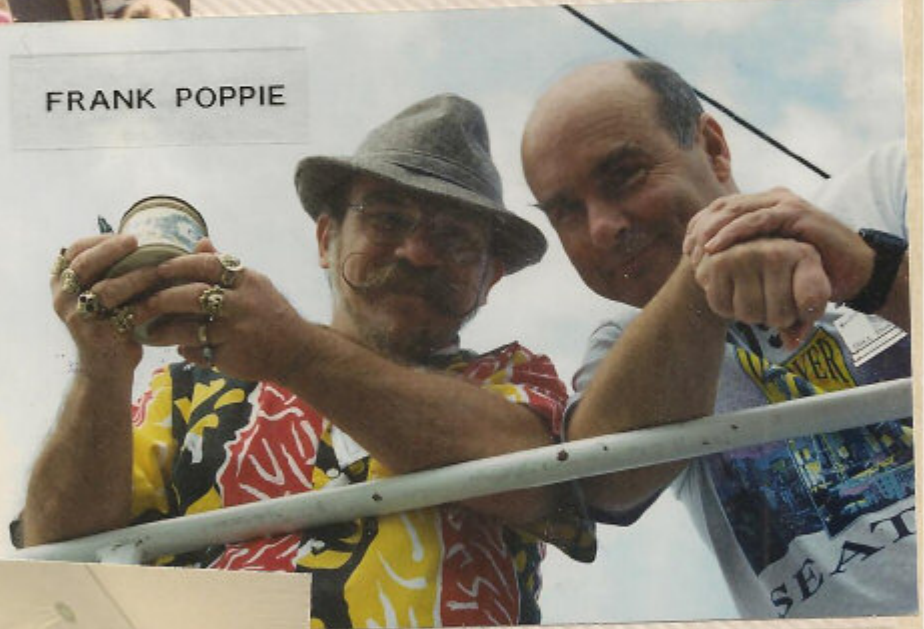


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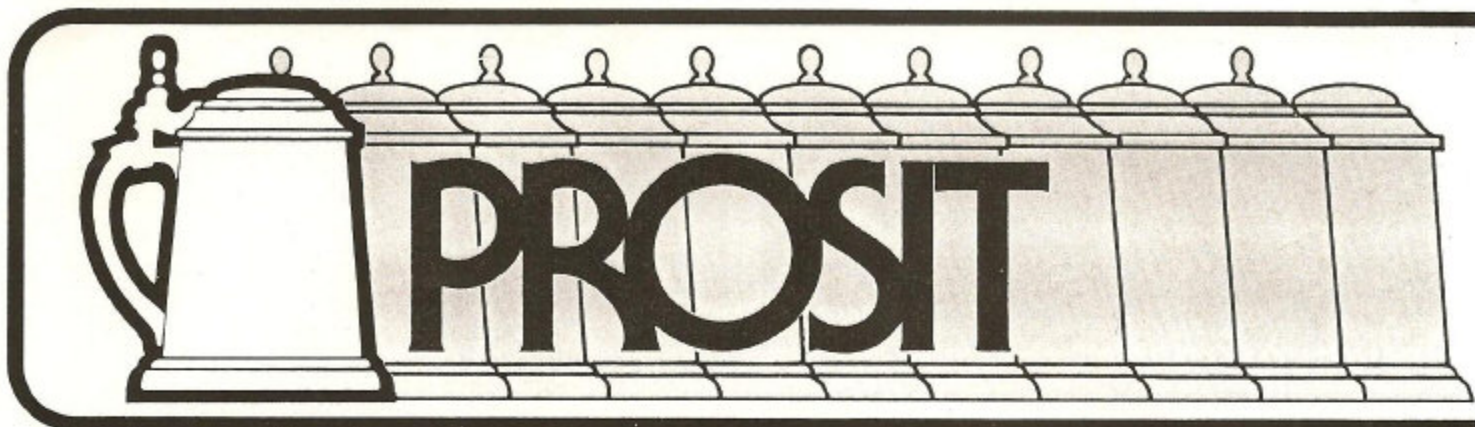
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## Annual SCI Convention

### Star of the North

Bloomington, Minnesota, September 2-5, 1993

Minnesota In September, A Time To Remember

If you've never attended an SCI Convention, this is your best opportunity to find out what all the fuss is about. Why? The time is right, the location is right, and most of all, you'll meet new friends and learn more about the fascinating hobby of collecting drinking vessels.

And for those of you who have been at past conventions, we guarantee you will consider the upcoming Minnesota party to be one of the best ever!

We've worked hard to ensure you have a great time in Minnesota, and at a reasonable price. Check out the costs of attending and you'll smile, especially when you see what you'll get.

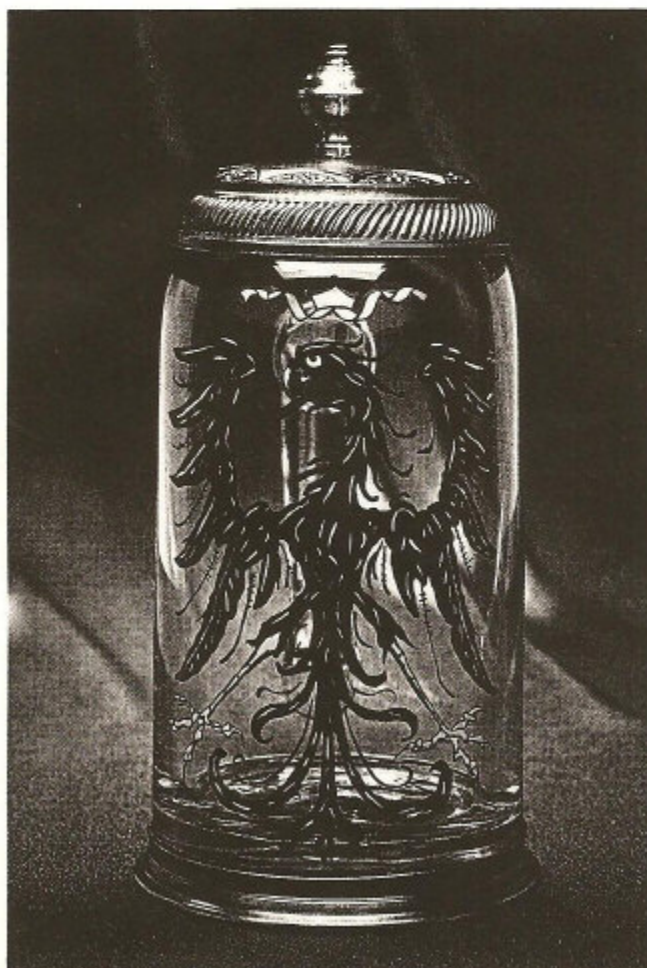
While we don't have the space to give you every single detail, here's an outline of the events that are sure to whet your appetite (and wet your whistle).

Your official headquarters hotel is the *Airport Hilton*. There are other hotels in the area, but it will be hard to find a better room for less than the \$70.00 single/\$75.00 double room rate we have obtained for you at the *Hilton*. And parking is free, with room for campers and motor homes (however, it's illegal to sleep in the parking lot).

With Monday, September 6 being Labor Day, you may want to consider driving to the convention. For those of you flying, *Northwest* is the official SCI carrier for the convention (free shuttle service to and from the *Hilton*). See accompanying *Northwest* box.

#### Wednesday, September 1

Even though your convention doesn't officially start until Thursday, there's no need to wait for the fun to begin. Gary Kirsner will conduct one of his famous convention auctions, which has its preview in the morning.



Not that crazy about attending auctions? Then how about hopping on the hotel's courtesy shuttle bus for a seven-minute ride to *The Mall of America*, the largest indoor mall in the U.S. If you can't find it there, you don't need it!

At 6:00 p.m. we'll board the buses for a quick 10-minute ride to Rich' and Linda Cress' home for our *Early Bird Dinner*, including entertainment.

Never been to an SCI Convention before? Not to worry - all first-time attendees will get together at the *Early Bird* for a special meeting, where some of the old-timers will show you all the ropes. You'll feel right at home as you get acquainted with this group of friendly folks.

#### Thursday, September 2

Your 1993 SCI Convention begins with our General Meeting at 9:00 a.m., followed by two lectures (of course, we'll have breakfast first, as we will every morning). Lunch on your own (each day).



Mississippi River Cruise

Your afternoon is free. Stein sales and hospitality rooms are open at 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm; visit with friends; or check out the Mall.

At night we take a short bus ride to dinner, on the *Jonathon Paddleford*, cruising the Mississippi River.

**Friday, September 3**

Lectures from 9 am until 11:00 am. From then until 2:00 pm, both the stein sales and hospitality rooms are open.

At 2:00 pm the buses leave for our German afternoon/evening at *Schoene's Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter*, about an hour away in the countryside. Wear your Ger-

man costumes and bring your talent for contests in both. Plus, our traditional chug-a-lug contest. We get back to our hotel early in the evening, and the *Hilton* will provide us with more goodies in their bar.

**Saturday, September 4**

Something brand new: Roundtable discussions on several stein topics, including regimentals, early steins, Mettlach, glass and more. Bring your questions to the table(s) of your choice. Stay at each table as long as you like and join in as many discussions as you care to.

At 11:00 am, stein sales, and at 12:00 noon the hospitality room opens. Our Member's Auction begins at 2:00 pm.

In the evening we'll have our dressy dinner/dance, with a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00. Dancing until 9 p.m. Say "auf wiedersehen" to both your old friends and the new friends you have made in Minnesota.

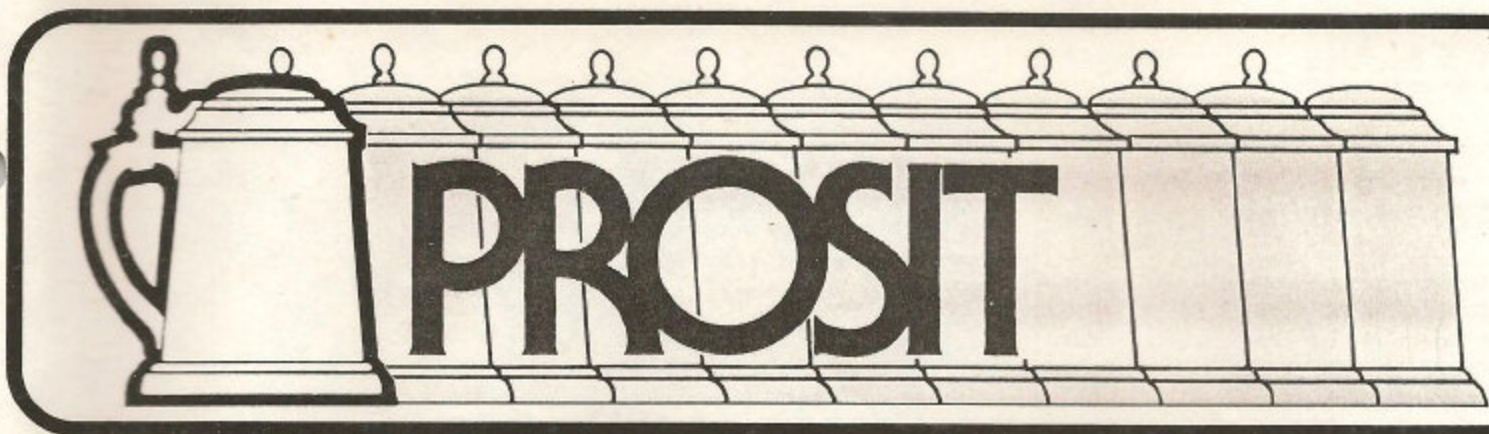
As you can see from the above outline, there's something for everyone in Minnesota in September. Make your plans today, so you'll have "a time to remember." Fill out your Convention registration form and your hotel reservation form now. You'll save \$\$ by registering before July 15th.



Mall of America  
(Photo by Bob Perzel)



Minneapolis Zoo



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## SCI Salutes Jack Lowenstein

Mr. Jack Lowenstein has achieved an unprecedented milestone within SCI. The June, 1993 issue of *Prosit* was the 60th issue that Jack edited. Through his leadership and efforts, our magazine has become one of the finest collectibles publications.

Jack was elected Executive Secretary and Editor of *Prosit* at the convention in Mettlach, Germany in 1978. For nine years he served in this dual capacity. All told, Jack has served SCI admirably for the past 15 years in these posts. In addition, he was the 1974 New York Convention Chairman. He is a charter member of SCI and has attended all but one convention.

SCI has acknowledged Jack's efforts by awarding him the "Master Steinologist Award" in 1975 and the "Jack Heimann Service Award" in 1981. The first person ever to receive both of these prestigious honors.

Jack's quest for knowledge on the subject of beer steins began in 1950. This has led him to write numerous articles for many other hobby and antiques magazines. His particular expertise can be found in several areas — Westwald salt-glazed stoneware, Kreussen stoneware; and of course, the history of the

Munich Child which is the symbol of the City of Munich.

Jack retired last year from his 37-year-career with a Fortune-100 firm as the Director and Administrator of the firm's chemical R&D center. He served in both the U.S. Army and Navy and was active

in the Naval Reserve. Besides steins, his other hobbies include photography and model railroading. Jack's family includes his wife Netty, their three children and four grandchildren.

These are the facts of Jack Lowenstein's life! But, they do not describe the person nearly as well as the long list of individuals who have come to respect and admire this man. He has given of himself freely to everyone who has come to him to learn about some aspect of our hobby. For those who have worked with him on the SCI Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee, we have come to know his deep paternal feeling towards our organization. Surely, if George Washington is known as the "Father of Our Country," then perhaps Jack Lowenstein should be known as the "Father of Stein Collectors International"!

In recognition of his many contributions to SCI, the Editor's Award which has been presented to individuals who have written the very best articles for *Prosit* shall henceforth be known as the **Jack Lowenstein Editor's Award**. In addition, this issue of *Prosit* is officially dedicated to Mr. Jack G. Lowenstein!

Please lift your steins high and join in congratulating Jack as we wish him a hearty **Prosit!** (To Your Health!)



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**NOTE: The deadline for the December 1993 issue is October 3, 1993**

**EDITOR RESIGNS....**

The following letter of resignation was received by the Executive Committee. Those of us who have had an the opportunity to work with Jack Lowenstein will sorely miss his wisdom and counsel not to mention his professionalism in producing one of the finest hobbies magazines.

To: Patricia Jahn, Executive Director, and the SCI Executive Committee (EC)

Dear Pat and EC members:

It is with truly enormous regret that I resign from my position as Managing Editor, *Prosit*, effective immediately. Unfortunately, my deteriorating health makes it impossible to continue.

Actually, it's not a bad idea to get a new editor for *Prosit*. During my 15-year "stewardship" of our little magazine I have published 60 issues, almost 2000 pages of steinology. During that time I've seen SCI grow into a vital, vibrant and wonderful organization — and I can only hope that the editorship and contents of *Prosit* had something to do with that! But now it is time to infuse new, innovative ideas, to take aim at newer, loftier vistas, to boost SCI to new heights.

I recommend that the new editor be erudite, knowledgeable, intelligent, friendly, outgoing, curious and innovative, never hesitant to try something new, to make changes or to be on the cutting edge — in other words, someone like me! (A sense of humor doesn't hurt either.)

I love SCI dearly, and I love all of you. SCI has been a major part of my life for 27 years and it will continue to be, even if I can no longer assume a position of leadership. *Prosit* is a fine publication, a major aspect of SCI, an important archive of beer stein lore and information; Please treat it with love, as I have always tried to do. Thank you.

My warmest regards to all of you.

Cordially,

*Jack*

Jack G. Lowenstein

This issue of *Prosit* was edited by the SCI Executive Director. An editor will be elected this month during the convention in Bloomington, Minnesota.





## A Tribute to Jack Lowenstein

by S.J. Brainard

Never did a man rise to fame  
With such an appropriate name  
If beer steins were to be his game  
Than did Jack Lowenstein.  
Jack was born where steins are made  
And might have taken up the trade  
Were it not for an anti-Jew crusade  
Too horrible to define.

A young Jack came to the U.S.A.  
And stein collectors bless that day,  
A true miracle one could say  
For Jack has led us all.  
Jack served our country as a teen,  
In Navy Blue he looked quite keen  
And made more than one battle scene,  
His medals fill a wall.

Jack went to school on the G.I. Bill  
And found a hobby as young men will,  
Buying steins he'd sometimes fill  
With good old German beer.  
When Jack began to specialize  
The Munich Child caught his eyes  
And only it did he prize  
For what's been many a year.

When Jack joined S.C.I.  
A passion grew that would not die  
To research steins as time went by  
And write his knowledge down.  
Jack was published far and wide  
And every word was done with pride,  
So he was praised by every side  
As he wore his Kindl gown.

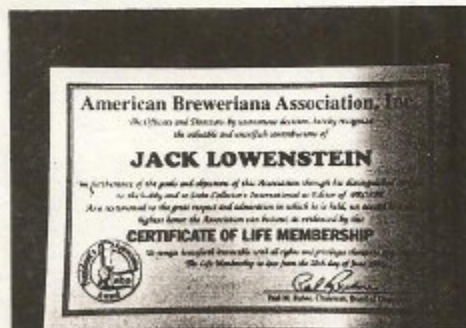
Exec Director for nine years  
With times of smiles and times of tears  
Jack made us all forget our fears  
And think Gemutlichkeit.  
For fifteen years of editor  
He published issues of three score  
and opened wide the "Prosit" door  
Inviting us to write.

I would hate to be the man  
To take Jack's place as no one can.  
Hear this from his greatest fan,  
Lowenstein made our day.  
Steins will come and steins will go,  
Our knowledge of them will still grow,  
But in our hearts we'll always know  
That Lowenstein led the way.



## ABA Honors Jack Lowenstein

The American Breweriana Association presented Jack Lowenstein with the ABA Life Membership plaque.



Jack was cited for his unselfish service, for indexing the ABA Journal's first four years, and numerous articles written for their Journal.

Congratulations, Jack!