

My Kind of Town, - Chicago Is!

51st Annual S.C.I. Convention August 29—September 3, 2017



The Meister Steiners, as hosts of the 51st annual SCI Convention, invite you to come to Chicago and experience “Our Kind of Town”, from August 29 through September 3 (pre-convention activities August 29 - August 31 and the Convention from September 1- September 3).

WHERE:

Rosemont, Illinois, a northwest suburb of Chicago with easy access to the city, airports and major expressways. It is located 3 miles from O’Hare International Airport. Getting to Rosemont is easy. You can fly into O’Hare or Midway Airports. If driving, both Interstates 90 & 94 are very close. And, there’s always Amtrak. So many options!

HOTEL:

For those who stay there, the Embassy

Suites, Rosemont offers, free shuttle-service to and from O’Hare airport, free hot breakfast, free cocktail hour with hors d’oeuvres, and a location that is within walking distance to many activities in Rosemont.

Special Convention rates for SCI are obtainable during these dates as well as three days before and three days after. When calling the hotel, make sure you mention Stein Collectors International. If using the hotel’s online link, the SCI rates will already be there.

Rates:

\$119 + tax for a king
 \$129 + tax for 2 double beds
 \$10 a day self-parking with in and out privileges.

Reservation cut off is August 18, 2017 by 5pm central time. Phone number to call for reservations is 847-678-4000.

Online link: <http://tinyurl.com/zxxb4e8>.

THINGS TO DO:

Rosemont is approximately 15 miles from downtown Chicago. A station for the CTA train (which takes you downtown) is 2 blocks from the hotel.

For those of you who prefer to remain closer to the hotel, Rosemont has much to offer. You can walk to MB Financial Park for free outdoor evening entertainment. The Fashion Outlet mall with over 530,000 square feet of retail space is located close to the hotel. Want to try your luck? There’s a casino in Rosemont with a free shuttle door to door. A couple blocks away is “The World’s Largest Public Display of M.I. Hummel Figurines”! The Donald E. Stevens Hummel Museum contains the late mayor’s collection. You’ll find a wide assortment of dining opportunities near the hotel.

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday August 29

Exec. Committee Meeting 7-10pm

Wednesday August 30

Ron Fox Auction

Preview: 9am-12 Noon

Auction: Noon-5pm

Thursday August 31

Home Tours (8am-12:30pm)

You won't want to miss this!

Two of our members are graciously opening their homes to view their beautiful collections of steins, antiques, paintings and a myriad of items. One collection has a wide variety of steins and the other, although varied, has a strong emphasis on American Souvenir and Brewery steins. You'll enjoy it all including a box lunch on your way back to the hotel.

Sanfilippo's Place de la Musique (2pm-7pm)

A visit to Sanfilippo's Place de la Musique is an opportunity of a lifetime! You'll have the chance to tour this 44,000-square foot home located on 57 acres in suburban Chicago also known as the 'Victorian Palace'. It is renowned worldwide for its magnificent collections of beautifully restored antique music machines, phonographs, arcade and gambling machines, chandeliers, art glass, the most spectacular European salon carousel in existence, street and tower clocks, steam engines, and other functional mechanical antiques, displayed within a breathtaking French Second Empire setting. You will see and hear the world's largest indoor theater pipe organ in the three-storied music room. And, you'll stroll through an ice cream parlor and an old-fashioned saloon. Best of all, you'll have a chance to ride on a beautifully restored 1890's French carousel which is 46 feet in diameter and has 36 hand-carved Hübner horses, four ornate rocking gondolas and a spinning lovers' tub. This museum needs to be seen to be believed!

CONVENTION BEGINS

Friday, September 1

The 51st Annual SCI Convention opens with our general meeting. Exceptional keynote speakers will enlighten us on both Friday (2 speakers) and Saturday (3 speakers) with their expertise on topics related to our favorite hobby.

Ron Fox "Photos from the Road" Covering Some of the Rarest and Most Unusual Steins from Collections

Phil Massenheimer "An Introduction to Schafer & Vater and their Bottles Known as Whiskey 'Nippers'"

Arvid Frende "Landsknechts"

Steve Steigerwald "Mettlach Probes, Rarities and Oddities"

Walt Vogdes "Wide Ranging Discussion of Glass"

**Stein Sales Room (2:30-5pm)
& Saturday (1-4:30pm)**

German Night at Hofbräuhaus (6-10 PM)

To top it off, Friday Night is 'German Night' at the nearby Hofbräuhaus. Guess what? No buses needed because it's within walking distance from the hotel. We'll have our own room from 6 pm to 10 pm. After an excellent meal, we have the option to close the room off for conversation or open it up to enjoy the live German band. Don't forget to bring your lederhosen and dirndls. There will be prizes for "The Best Costume".

Saturday, September 2

Saturday continues with more opportunities for healthy fun, education and collecting through water aerobics, three keynote speakers (9-10:15 am; 10:30-11:45am and 2-3:15pm) and the stein sales room (1-4:30pm)! Lunch will be provided at the hotel for all.

Afternoon Tea (1-4pm)

What's a convention without Afternoon Tea? This will be held at the King-Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge with the possibility of some surprise entertain-

ment.

Member's Auction Consignment (5pm)

Bring your auction items on Saturday afternoon prior to the cocktails and reception.

Sunday September 3

Round Table Discussions:

There will be 6 round tables: 2 from 9:30-10:30am, 2 from 10:30-11:30am, and 2 from 11:30-12:30 pm. You can exchange and glean additional knowledge about our hobby from:

Jerry Berg "Linen Marks and Tinker's Dams - what they are, where are they, and what do they tell you about your steins?"

Marty Cameli: "Pigeon Steins and History of the Influence of Pigeons even during the World Wars"

Rich Cress: "Wood Carvings"

Steve Morris: "Character Steins Primarily Schierholz -Its Factory & Wares"

John Strassberger: "The Beer Steins of Martin Pauson & Fate of the Pauson Building"

Members' Auction Preview (12-1pm)

Members' Auction (1pm)

Dinner at Embassy Suite Starting at 6:30

Now the fun really begins! The Sunday evening **Theme Dinner** will be "**The 1950's Sock Hop**". Dig through those boxes to find your best 50s outfit. You may win the prize for best costume. Also, a prize will be given to the person wearing the craziest socks.

If you haven't registered yet, you can on the SCI website and pay with PayPal. Sign on at stein-collectors.org.

Or, you can copy the following registration form and mail it in.

Preliminary Conference Schedule

DAY 1 TUESDAY, August 29	Pre-Convention	
	Executive Committee Meeting	7pm-10pm
DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, August 30	Pre-Convention	
	Registration	9am-12pm
	Ron Fox Auction Preview	9am-12pm
	Ron Fox Auction	12pm-5pm
	Registration	5pm-6pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30pm-10pm
DAY 3 THURSDAY, August 31	Pre-Convention	
	Registration	7am-8am
	House Tours	8:30am-11:30am
	Registration	11am-12 Noon
	Box Lunch for House Tours	Noon-1pm
	SanFilippos	3pm-6pm
	Registration	7pm-8pm
	Dinner	On your own
DAY 4 FRIDAY, September 1	Convention Begins	
	Registration	8am-9am
	Breakfast	6am-9am
	Pool Aerobics	6:30am-7:30am
	Stein Sales Room Setup	7am-9am
	SCI General Meeting	9am-10:30am
	Speaker #1	10:45am-Noon
	Lunch-On your own	12pm-1pm
	Speaker #2	1pm-2:15pm
	Stein Sales Room	2:30pm-5pm
	Cocktails/Reception	5:30pm-6:30pm
	1st timers reception	5:30pm-6:30pm
	Hofbräuhaus - German Night	6pm-10pm
DAY 5 SATURDAY, September 2		
	Breakfast	7am-10:30am
	Pool Aerobics	6:30am-7:30am
	Speaker #3	9am-10:15am
	Speaker #4	10:30am-11:45am
	Lunch at hotel	12pm-1pm
	Stein Sales Room	1pm-4:30pm
	Speaker #5	2pm-3:15pm
	Afternoon Tea	2pm-4pm
	Members auction consignment	5pm
	Cocktails/Reception	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Hospitality Room	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Dinner	On your own
DAY 6 SUNDAY, September 3		
	Pool Aerobics	6:30am-7:30am
	Breakfast	7am-10:30am
	Round Tables	9:30am-10:30am
	Round Tables	10:30am-11:30am
	Round Tables	11:30am-12:30pm
	Members auction preview	12 Noon-1pm
	Lunch	On your own
	Members Auction	1pm
	SCI-various committees meet	2pm-5pm
	Cocktails/Reception	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Theme Dinner - Back to the 50s	6:30pm



From the Librarian



As Librarian I have been cataloging the back issues of Prosit that are in the library. What should be obvious is they don't do anyone any good just sitting stacked on the floor of the library awaiting disposition.

So here's the deal: if any chapters want miscellaneous back issues for only \$1.00 per issue plus the cost of shipping, send me an email. I will box up as many as you want and ship them the cheapest way possible—Media mail. I will then advise you what the shipping cost is plus a rough overview of the selection of issues.

Just to set expectations, we don't have any extra issues from the 60s, 70s, or 80s. Some later years have none and for other years there are tons (not really tons, but bunches.)

If your chapter has a library or needs door prizes at meetings or for welcome gifts for new members or for shows or for just perusing, back issues of Prosit might be the ticket. Contact me at layers@wa-net.com and let's get some use out of them!

On the other hand, if you are an SCI member and you would like a handful to complete your collection, again let me know and I will ship them for \$1 apiece plus shipping costs.



REGISTRATION FORM

Stein Collectors International 2017 Convention Chicago, IL
 Embassy Suites -Rosemont • (847) 678-4000, 5500 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018
 Pre-Convention August 29, 30, 31 – SCI Convention September 1, 2, 3

First _____ Last _____ Name for Badge _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ ZIP Code _____ Country _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 SCI Member # _____ SCI Chapter _____ 1st Convention? Yes ___ No ___
 Spouse/Partner: Name
 First _____ Last _____ Name for Badge _____
 Guest 1: Name
 First _____ Last _____ Name for Badge _____
 Guest 2: Name
 First _____ Last _____ Name for Badge _____

Includes ONE Convention Stein Convention Stein	Registration 3-1-17 to 7-31-17	Late Registration After 08/1/17	Quantity	Total
Single Price	\$295	\$320		
Couple Price	\$535	\$560		

Extras	Description	Date/Time	Cost	Quantity	Total
Trip 1: House Tours	2 homes open with large collections of steins and antiques. Box lunch.	Thur. Aug.31 8am-12:30pm	\$47 per person	_____	_____
Trip 2: SanFilippo Estate	44,000 sq. ft. estate with the largest collection of automated musical instruments in the world.	Thur. Aug.31 2pm-7pm	\$47 per person	_____	_____
Afternoon Tea	At King Bruwaert House. Possibility of some surprise entertainment.	Sat. Sept.2 1pm-5pm	\$45 per person	_____	_____
Stein Sale Table	Full Table	72" x 30"	\$30	_____	_____
Stein Sale Table	Half Table	36" x 30"	\$15	_____	_____
Additional Stein	Each	While Supply Lasts	\$45	_____	_____

TOTAL _____
50% DEPOSIT _____
BALANCE DUE _____

Refunds per SCI by-laws, rules & regulations.
 Make check or money order in US dollars, Payable to: SCI Convention
 Mail to: SCI Registration Committee • 418 Glendale Ave. • Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Mailed Registrations must be received by August 23, 2017 due to travel requirements of registration committee! After that date you can register online or at the convention.
 Register online with PayPal at www.stein-collectors.org
 Online Hotel reservations can be made at: <http://tinyurl.com/zxxb4e8> or by calling 847-678-4000. Mention Stein Collectors International.
 Room rates: \$119 for a king, \$129 for 2 double beds. Room rate cutoff August 18th or when group block is sold-out.
 Questions? Call Nancy Strand– (708) 383-4220 or Email Carolyn Estep at SCIConvenReg@comcast.net
If you have any dietary needs or physical requirement, please let us know...