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President's Message

Allen Di Marco

For the past year I have been communicating with you by the written word. In just a few weeks I will have an opportunity to communicate with you face-to-face at our annual R.S. Prussia Convention in Carmel, IN, during the week of July 30 - August 5.

The convention officially begins on Thursday of that week. However, more and more of you have been choosing to arrive a day or two early. Some have chosen to spend the extra time visiting antique shops, local attractions, shopping, checking out room sales early, but most have just wanted to spend more time with their R.S. friends. A year is a very long time to save a conversation about R.S. Remember, if you choose to come early, the same room rates apply during the whole week!

I have been in contact with our convention auctioneer, Doug Davies, and he has posted photos of the auction items on AuctionZip.com, check it out! Some highlights appear on page 6.

I appealed to each of you in my last message to consider serving as a club officer for the coming two years. We earnestly need you and your expertise as we face new and challenging issues that our club and most other collector clubs struggle with. Your input will be valuable as we collectively make decisions to move our club forward.

Convention is a special time for all of us. It is a time of sharing our knowledge of R.S. Prussia, it is a time of sharing many laughs and friendships, it is a time to relax and reacquaint old friendships, and it is a time to find that one special piece to complete a set or that lid for that pot you bought ten years ago!

I recently completed signing a contract for our 2013 convention in Grand Rapids, MI. Many thanks to Beth Vander Meer, Jon and Sue Houserman and company for all the leg-work in selecting the hotel and assisting with closing the deal.

Your officers have been working diligently to make the 2012 convention the best yet. However, despite all of our efforts, YOU make convention a time to enjoy. See you in Carmel, IN.



Newsletter Policy

This newsletter is the voice of the members of the International Association of R.S. Prussia, Inc. We welcome articles from members. We ask that articles be constructive and contribute positively to the welfare of the club and its members. The newsletter is printed four times a year. Publication mail dates are February 15, April 15, June 15, and October 15. Articles submitted for publication are due to the editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication and are subject to editing. (For example, items for the June issue would be due by May 15th) We look forward to hearing from you!

A Message from the Editor

Linda Titus

At the time of this writing, the convention is just a few short weeks away. If you haven't done so, please pre-register. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter. By now you should have made reservations with the hotel. There are only so many rooms set aside with our special convention rate, so hopefully you haven't procrastinated like I did. Fortunately, I was able to secure a room at the last minute!

I want to remind you to bring your RSP lanyard for your name tag. If you forget it, Secretary Mary Lou Bougher can provide you with a new one for \$3.00. First time convention-goers receive theirs at no cost. Also, for all of you dealers, auctioneers, or those of you that sell on eBay, be sure to get a bundle of membership brochures from Mary Lou to set out at auctions, shows, or to include in an eBay purchase box. These brochures are "hot off the press" and are an excellent tool for recruiting new members. Mary Lou will have them available at convention.

By now you probably noticed that this newsletter is a small one; there was not much submitted this time. We had a couple of board members who did not get their articles sent to me, so I will be reminding them at convention to write something for the upcoming issues. Last issue was a whopper and I received many nice comments about it. I hope we can keep articles coming. It's up to you. The newsletter isn't a newsletter unless we receive something to print.

Our Facebook page is up to 92 members! There are many photos and good information on the page, so be sure to check it out. I believe we have picked up a few new club members from the sight as well.

John and I are looking forward to seeing and visiting with our RS Prussia friends at convention! See you in Indy very soon.

**Remember
to pack
your
lanyard**



To the Editor

Regarding the April issue:

"Linda and Heather, thanks for the job that you do on the newsletter. My opinion is one of the best put out. It was a great idea in what you have done with the roster book. Much easier."

Terry Coy



"Linda, I got my newsletter today and couldn't be Happier!!! The Articles and pictures are so interesting! Thank you for the expertise you used in presenting the article I sent. It makes me feel so special seeing the chocolate pot on the cover & seeing the article in the newsletter! I'm on cloud nine right now! I encourage everyone on Facebook to Join the National Club if you are not already a member! You do not want to miss out on these Newsletters! The Web is nice, but there's nothing that compares to a publication like this that you can hold and enjoy!!! Reading the newsletter also energizes me even more for the convention. I hope we all get to fellowship and enjoy each others company in August!"

David Mullins

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Notes from the Secretary and Treasurer

Ken and Mary Lou Bougher

Please get your registration and banquet reservations in as soon as possible. July 1 was the deadline to get your name entered in the drawing for a free room night. If you didn't meet that deadline, go ahead and send your registration until week before convention so we can get your packet ready for you. This will be a great help to Ken and me at convention.

We should have a wonderful banquet this year, so please consider attending. The cost of the banquet counts toward our minimum hotel spending at convention. Otherwise, the club is fined if we don't meet our minimums. You have your choice of Beef Top Sirloin or Atlantic Salmon. Be sure to let me know your choice when you send your registration.

We just received another new member. As of June 1 we have 232 families. We hope more will rejoin by convention. We also hope to have more new members by then.

If you need membership brochures to give out at auctions or shows you attend, please see us at convention. Never go to an auction that has Prussia without a few membership applications in your pocket.

Check out the Prussia Facebook page started by David Mullins. We are attracting new collectors and it has lots of information you need to see.

We have had several members just pay their dues so be sure to add them and our new member to your roster book. Let me know of any errors so we can get them corrected.

Ken and I just got back from a week in Las Vegas. The only gambling we did was to gamble that our helicopter pilot who took us on a trip 3500 feet down to land in the Grand Canyon on a small rocky plateau (1500 feet above the canyon floor) would get us up and out and back to the airport. We sat in the front seats with nothing but glass in front of us and below our feet! What a view and a fantastic trip!

We topped off our trip with a visit with Georgia Stewart of Las Vegas where we saw her beautiful home and fantastic Prussia collection.

Bring a friend and see you at convention!

Musings from the Past President

Terry Coy

There has not been much Prussia activity of any significance in my part of the country, either at auction or at antique shows, but every once in a while you may see a piece here or there. eBay isn't worth mentioning either. All we have heard for the last several years that the prices are down, as is with all antiques. But have you seen some of the prices on eBay recently? Some of the items have been listed over and over again because of the high prices. Prices may not rebound for years, but we as collectors are still buying because of the passion of the hunt. As of this date there has been only one major R.S. Prussia auction. That auction was held by Jim Wroda in Ohio. So most of us are anxious and looking forward to this year's convention. We will have the opportunity to purchase from the Room-to-Room sales or at our convention auction. Also, we will have the Howard Greenberg "Do It Yourself Auction" where you can purchase items and have a great time. Don't forget to bring something for the "Rare and Unusual Seminar" hosted by Beth Vander Meer and Jon Houserman.

The Gibson Girl from Wilmington

Harold Dodds Jr.



I frequent the antique shops of Wilmington, N.C. every couple of months. I tend to see the same things in the shops each time and I hadn't found any R.S. Prussia there in many years. After a recent trip where I once again found nothing, I decided to stop into a large consignment shop right before I left town. I was surprised to see it was a high-end shop that had many antiques and some antique porcelain. I was looking in some cases near the back of the shop and noticed a lemonade pitcher with a woman on it. I looked at it for a few seconds before it registered what I had just seen. I had never seen a Gibson Girl lemonade pitcher and didn't even know they existed. I quickly went to find the woman with the key to the case and got a closer look at the lemonade. It was unmistakably R.S. and was unmarked, which is probably the only reason it had made it this far unrecognized. It was also large: 6 ¼" tall and 9 ¼" from spout to handle. This wasn't a glorified milk pitcher, it was a lemonade. I learned that day that consignment shops aren't necessarily a waste of time. Good ones often are as good (if not better) to frequent than the average antique shop. Consignment shops get new inventory in on a daily basis, which is the main problem with antique shops. They tend to have the same inventory for 6-8 months at a time. Consignment shops seem not to have the higher mark-up like antique shops since moving merchandise quickly is the name of the game. The next time you drive past your local consignment shop (that you always thought about stopping at but never have) give it a try. You may be surprised by what you find inside.

The Top 10 Reasons To Go To Convention

Mary Lou Bougher

10. There is no other place you can go to see, hold, and buy as much R.S. Prussia in one place.
9. You get to attend an old fashioned ice cream social with yummy ice cream and special cakes.
8. You can purchase a piece of Prussia and not have to pay postage to send it back because the seller failed to mention it had a 6 inch crack in it.
7. You get to laugh a lot. (See Do-It-Yourself auctioneers) and get lots of exercise walking the halls to see what is in the rooms.
6. You always learn something new whether you have been collecting for 3 months or 30 years.
5. You can take your own items to sell from your room so you will have more money to buy more Prussia.
4. You can see unfamiliar marks as well as marked and unmarked pieces you have never seen before and didn't know existed.
3. You can attend a wonderful Prussia auction with a professional auctioneer who has selected pieces especially for our auction purchases.
2. You'll meet collectors from all over and make new friends as well as connect with old Prussia family friends.

And the number 1 reason ...

It's the only place you can go and talk about Prussia until 1 a.m. and no one looks at you like you're NUTS!!

See you at convention!!

Convention Auction Preview Davies Auctions • Saturday, August 4 Noon

275 lots of quality R.S. Prussia items including several season, portrait, cobalt, Melon Eaters, Dice Throwers, rare Black Swan plate, rare Snow Bird Scene miniature shoe and much more. Go to AuctionZip.com for more information.



2012 RS Prussia Convention Indianapolis, IN Tentative Schedule

Wednesday	Noon – 5:00 pm	Early Birds, Rooms Open
1 August	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Registration
Thursday	9:00 – 11:00 am	Board Meeting
2 August	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Registration
	2:15 – 3:00 pm	Seminar TBA <i>Ken Bougher</i>
	4:30 – 5:00 pm	Registration
	6:30 – 7:00 pm	First Timers' Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Room Viewing
Friday	8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
3 August	8:30 – 10:00 am	Welcome/Business Meeting
	10:30 am – Noon	Do-It-Yourself Auction <i>Howard Greenberg</i>
	1:15 – 2:00 pm	Seminar TBA <i>Dannie Chandler</i>
	2:15 – 3:00 pm	Rare & Unusual Seminar <i>Beth Vander Meer and Jon Houserman</i>
	3:30 – 5:30 pm	Auction Viewing
	5:00 – 5:30 pm	Registration
	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Room Viewing (organized)
Saturday	8:00 – 9:45 am	Board Meeting
4 August	10:00 am – Noon	Auction Viewing
	Noon	Auction
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Room Viewing
	6:00 pm	Banquet
	8:00 – 10:00 pm	Room Viewing

Prussia Funnies Allen Marcus



With Sympathy

It is with extreme sorrow that I notify R.S.P. Collectors, Inc. of the passing of my husband, **Marion Hiett**, on February 26, 2012. We had been members for several years.

Barbara Hiett

Our friend **Dee Hooks** (Vivian Dolores Hooks) died May 11, 2012 in Percy, Illinois. She was 90, having been born 3/7/1922.

She was an early member of the R.S.P. organization and was a collector and dealer who sold us some of our first pieces of Prussia and some very unusual ones at that. She also introduced us to Royal Bayreuth. She was a primary resource for pricing items in Schroeder's Prussia and Bayreuth listings. She and her now deceased husband were instrumental in introducing us to fine cuisine and fun shopping in St. Charles, Missouri. We already miss her!

Annette and Grady Hite

