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R.S. Prussia
Collectors, Inc.

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Join Us in DUBLIN, Ohio
2009 Annual Convention
July 23 - 25 2009
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Note from the President

Terry Coy

The 2009 convention is almost here. I have visited the hotel and everything is in order. To receive the discounted room rate, you must make a reservation with the hotel



before June 29, 2009, call 614-790-9000. Pets are allowed with a deposit. Also one of the hotel's restrictions is that the sofa cannot be moved because of fire restrictions concerning the sprinklers. Also, if any furniture is moved and not put back in place there will be an added cost. Register early with Karla to be eligible for the drawing for a free-room night. We do have two excellent seminars again. Lee and Carol Marple will be presenting one, and by popular request from last year's convention, Beth Vander Meer and Jon Houserman will be doing the other one. Larry Bazaar will be chairing the round table meeting again this year.

Negotiations have been continuing on two hotels in the St. Charles, Missouri area for the 2010 convention. After eight months of negotiations the convention will be held in

Earth City, Missouri at the Holiday Inn. The other hotel was too cost prohibited for the organization and the individual. Some members may be wondering why St. Louis? The

Board had decided in 2008 to alternate between the St. Louis area, Ohio and Indiana. It has been brought to my attention by Brad Witt and the auction committee that it is now harder for an auctioneer from outside the State of Ohio to obtain an auctioneer's license. Indiana may be just as difficult, we need to look at this further.

I would like to thank Brad Witt and the auction committee for their hard work this year. It has been a trying year for all of them. We may need to let the auctioneer know well in advance of where the convention is going to be and award the auction earlier so that the auctioneer has the ability to put a collection together.

I am looking forward to meeting new members and seeing old friends at this year's convention.

Register today! ★

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 January 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 April issue would be due by March 15th) We look forward to hearing from you!

From the Secretary and Treasurer

Dick and Karla Hartzheim

I can't believe that it is already June. The weather here has finally become spring-like. However, we still have colder days and nights, as well as days that are in the 80s. Wisconsin weather is so unpredictable.

One thing that is very predictable is our 2009 Convention in Dublin, Ohio. I sure hope that many of you are planning to attend. Convention is always a special time for sharing Prussia, Prussia stories, and buying and selling. It is always a special treat to visit with old friends and to make new friendships.

As of today, we have 280 paid memberships. We have 38 families that have sent in convention registrations. Please keep sending your convention registrations to us. It is so important that we know how many are attending, going to the banquet and attending meetings and workshops. As plans are finalized numbers are so very important. We do not want to order and/or ask for more than we need.

Convention registration is \$30 and the banquet is \$28. You have a choice of chicken or pork for dinner. Please get your forms in ASAP. You can send your convention registration forms to:

Karla Hartzheim, Secretary
IARSPC, Inc.
PO Box 583
Mukwonago, WI 53149



There is a registration form in with this newsletter, but if you need another registration form, please send me an e-mail and I will e-mail one to you. My e-mail address is: rhartzheim@wi.rr.com.

Remember, early registration (postmarked by July 1, 2009) means that you will be eligible for a drawing for a FREE night's stay at the convention hotel. Early registration will also:

- Help us to determine the amount of convention materials that are needed
- Help us to pre-stuff envelopes
- Help us to give accurate numbers to the hotel, especially for the banquet and meeting rooms

Thanks for all early convention registrations as they make our life much easier! We're looking forward to another great convention and we hope we will see many of you there.



Nomination Committee Report

Bob Yaklin

The nomination committee would like to thank RSP International members who have volunteered their time and efforts in the past to serve this great organization. This year three (3) board of directors positions will be up for re-election.

The following officers have graciously agreed to run for a second term on the board: Larry Bazaar, Allen Marcus and Beth Vander Meer. If anyone else is interested in running for one of these positions, please contact any one of us on the nominating committee. The three candidates with the most votes will win election.

We need to begin thinking about next year when the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer positions will be available. We need the best people to step up and volunteer to serve. Contact any of the following nominating committee members for help:

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Who Would Have Thunk It?

Selma Greenberg



Most of our members know Howard and I have been collecting RSP for over 35 years. We love it all, portraits, scenes, swans and beautiful florals. One of my most favorite has been the Swan Raspberry Mold. Being from Ohio, we also call it the Buckeye Mold. Over the years I have collected many of the pieces including chocolate pots and cups and saucers, tea pots and tea cups, berry bowl sets, cake plate sets, creamers and sugars, gravy bowl with underplate and many, many different sized and shaped bowls and plates. The only piece I couldn't find was the mustard pot. I have often asked many of our members to let me know if they find one, even our mustard man, C.L. Riley didn't own one. Finally, the elusive mustard pot appeared on eBay and I was in seventh heaven. Howard knew he had to get it for me. The big joke of the day was my good friend, Scott James, was the seller. I guess I never did ask Scott if he had one. And yes, I did get it. Thank you, Scott. ☆

From the Editor

Linda Titus

Here we are... the last newsletter before convention. It is really coming up fast. I would like to apologize about the convention registration form mailing last issue. With convention coming up so fast it slipped my mind to include the form within your newsletter, so we did a separate mailing for it. But then, for some weird reason, the glue did not stick on some of the envelopes and a few of you did not receive the form. They must have fallen out during the travels within the postal service. Anyway, we hope you have registered for convention. If you haven't registered yet, there is a registration form within this newsletter.

At the last convention, the board decided not to make convention mugs any longer. This decision was made in an effort to balance the budget and "live within our means", so to speak. The board gave me their blessing to take this on as an individual project. The good news is we will

have mugs available again this year. The bad news (which really isn't so bad) is that the mugs will be \$6.00 instead of \$5.00. As we all know, prices are not falling, things keep going up. Those who love their mugs will be happy with the café style mugs in a pretty lime green with white print. The design is very whimsical, making for a nice mug. I think we will be able to have them available at the registration desk when you check in for convention, or at least our friendly Secretary and Treasurer, Karla and Dick Hartzheim, at the desk will be able to tell you where John and I will be with the mugs. There is a limited number available, so if you would like to pre-order by e-mail or phone, feel free to. My e-mail address and phone is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Have a safe and fun summer. We look forward to convention and hope to see you in Dublin, Ohio.



**2009
Convention
Mugs
Available
for only \$6
each**

From the Auction Committee

Brad Witt, Auction Committee Chair

The convention auction committee is pleased to announce that Woody Auction will be conducting the 2009 Convention Auction. John and Jason Woody will present a very fine auction consisting of a large variety of RS Prussia.

Special thanks to both Allen Marcus and Richard Habenicht for their great encouragement as members of the auction committee.

This year has been another difficult year for the auction committee because of the Ohio state auction laws, but we do have a great auction scheduled.

The time of the auction has been changed this year. The auction has been moved to 10:30 Saturday morning. The hotel will sell a sandwich lunch at noon.

Please note the schedule of viewing and auction on this page.

I look forward to seeing you there! ☆

Auction Schedule

Friday Viewing

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Saturday Viewing

9 - 10 am

Auction Begins

10:30 am

Sandwich Lunch

available for purchase

at noon.

Convention Auction 2009 - Woody Auction

We will be selling the collections of Bea Gatewood and Brad Witt, plus two smaller collections from Kansas City on Saturday, July 25, 2009 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Members will be receiving a sale catalog in the mail soon. Below are highlights of this fine offering.



Greetings from a West Coast Collector Marilyn Randall, Washington State



I have been a member of the club for many years, but have yet to be able to attend a convention or meet a fellow member in person. I am hoping some of you will send me an e-mail message and perhaps we can start a correspondence. My information can be found in our directory.

When I first started collecting I did so for the pure beauty of the porcelain. I found that wherever I went searching for treasures, I always ended up picking up a lovely piece of porcelain and it usually was covered in pretty florals. One day while poking around in an out-of-the-way antique shop, a very helpful dealer asked me what I was looking for, etc. and a little later she brought forth a few of the books about RS Prussia and that began my love affair with this magnificent and intriguing porcelain. I soon purchased every book I could find and when I started researching my own items I was amazed to find that most of the pieces I had already picked up were actually RS. Lucky for me, I was able to start searching for items on eBay in the early days and my collection continues to grow until today and now it totals several hundred pieces.

I would like to share with you some photos of a set I have that I am most proud of. It required many years of searching and buying to accumulate this many items, but it has been well worth the effort as it is one of the highlights of my collection today. I have been amazed at the different sizes of items RS produced within the set. When I first started out I thought that if I had one large bowl or berry set, I had it covered. I was very wrong as I soon learned that there are several different sizes of the larger bowls in this set. The gradation of sizes continued in the oval vegetable servers as well as the plates and there

may be more I haven't found yet. There are both the biscuit jar and cracker jar as well (I now know the difference thanks to Allen Marcus's discussion of this item in our March newsletter). I continue to look for the covered butter dish, the pancake server and 5 more coffee cup and saucer sets. I would so appreciate hearing from anyone who has other items that I'm not aware of in this mold and pattern. I am still missing three more of the 8" plates and then I will be able to complete the luncheon serving set.

Being a collector on the West Coast has both its advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are that there are not many others who are searching our antique shops and out-of-the-way junk shops for RS, but the disadvantages are, that there are not many who I can share the joy of collecting with or who have an interest in seeing my own collection, so I have missed out on the social aspect of collecting that many of you back east continue to enjoy.

My husband passed away two years ago and though we had always hoped to make it to a convention one day, that didn't happen. Maybe I will be able to make the trip someday, even if I make it alone, as I would enjoy greatly, meeting others who have the same love and passion for collecting this wonderful treasure of a bygone era. Many of you have been generous with helping me when I've had questions about a piece and I would love to say thank you again to Ron Capers and Lee Marples for the times you shared your thoughts and insights with me. It goes without saying that the great investment of time and energy that some have put into producing books so that we may have information available to us, is invaluable and if I never have the pleasure of meeting any



of you, I extend my sincere gratitude for your efforts. My collecting wouldn't have been the same without the guidance.

As a collector who really loves this porcelain as you do, the only regrets I may have are the items I sold and traded in my earlier collecting days, always thinking I could replace them someday with something similar only to discover that in many cases I couldn't. The few items that I did sell, I continue to miss and wonder if the person who has them loves them as much as I did. If I had it to do again... there are a few that I wouldn't have let go, but such is the learning experience, isn't it?

One final note which I hope will be helpful, especially to the new collectors. Early in my collecting days, I would wait anxiously for a delivery from UPS when I was

expecting a new piece. One very cold December day, a package was delivered and I was so excited to see it that I unpacked it immediately and took it to the sink to begin cleaning it. To my dismay, the warm water from the tap, flowing over the cold porcelain glaze caused the glaze to shatter and there I was holding this gorgeous bowl that had just been ruined. I cried for having been so utterly stupid, but the damage was done and there was no undoing it. I keep that piece as a constant reminder when handling antiques... let them warm to room temperature before cleaning or handling them and this is one rule I follow even when the weather is warmer.

Best regards to all of you and I hope to hear from or meet with some of you one day. ★



Why I Attend Our Conventions

Allen DiMarco

It was in early spring and I believe the year was 1999.

Ralph Schlegelmilch had suggested to my wife, Gay, and me that we should consider attending the RS Prussia Convention. That year the convention was being held in Novi, Michigan. We had talked about doing the trip, but frankly, had known no other club members but Ralph and Eunice and honestly were somewhat intimidated of attending a world convention “on our own.”

Unfortunately, when returning from my son’s wedding in Clarksville, TN, earlier that summer, my father shared with Gay and me that he had developed severe pain in his upper thigh area and asked if we would accompany him to his doctor’s appointment later that week. Obviously we agreed and numerous tests and consultations later we learned that my father had lymphoma. The prognosis was concerning, but the medical team felt that with proper treatment he would be ok.

As it happened, my father had a brother and a sister that lived in the Detroit area. Gay and I thought it might be a good idea to encourage him to arrange a visit—not knowing the outcome of the scheduled treatments. In retrospect, it was a good idea. That was the last time the three siblings were together.

My aunt, who lived in Livonia, was only about a 20-minute drive to Novi. So, why not visit my relatives and attend the R. S. Prussia Convention too? The plans were finalized and we decided to stay at my aunt’s and commute to the convention.

What a marvelous time we had! In fact, we haven’t missed a convention since our first visit. Why have we returned? What made our visit so special?

The answer to the above two questions is very simple — the members! At first, we were like leaderless geese. We had no idea what to do, how the room displays worked, what the seminar topics were, and how important it was to be at the convention and to stay at the hotel.

Our colored badge identified us as first-time attendees. Soon after arriving and moving through the Registration Desk, we encountered three pairs of angels: First we were greeted, welcomed, and introduced to George Kandel. He sat with us and explained the protocol and the do’s and don’ts of room visitations and how the format of the planned activities of the three days were organized. George checked back with us at least three times that first day to answer questions and to be sure we were comfortable and to introduce us to many of the members in the rooms, hallways, and at the hospitality room. When George wasn’t

bending our ear, Harold and Joeleen Passow were giving us hints on what was hot, how to evaluate potential purchases, and sharing advice on what made a purchase an investment and not just another piece on the shelf. Ken and Theresa Newcomer recognized that we were from Pennsylvania and as soon as their duties at the registration desk were completed also quickly found us and were very helpful in providing hints and directions for an enjoyable convention. They, too, checked with us numerous times each day to make us feel comfortable. There were also many wonderful people who shared their hospitality with us in their “flagged” rooms and answered our trivial questions and shared their knowledge about R S., the conversations of the original members that we overheard and those we participated in as we ate munchies in the Hospitality Room. I can still remember Starvin Marvin’s fresh raspberry jelly!

The purpose of this article is to encourage each of us to reflect upon what “hooked” us, why we are still with the Club and why we continue to return to the convention each year. I am confident that each of us can remember some special moments—new friends, a special purchase, the yearly auction and a rendezvous with old friends. Each year we discuss how to encourage new members and how to increase our membership. We have talked about ads in publications, the Web page, the internet and

a variety of other options. It wasn't one of these listed ideas that "hooked" us, it was you!

To this point, much of our discussions and interest has centered around getting new members. Perhaps we need to spend an equal amount of resources in reflecting upon what really matters to potential members. We need to stress our people skills, our love of RS, our hospitality and our willingness to make every potential member feel welcomed. We need to send the message that you are new, we value you and we will do everything we can to make ourselves available to you to answer questions and to give you advice. Just getting new members to the convention is the easy part, how to provide an enjoyable, learning experience for each of them so they will want to return is equally important.

I have a suggestion: I am asking each of you to submit just a short paragraph or two on what hooked you. What special moment can you remember? What special treasure can you recall? What special new friendship did you foster?

Won't it be fun to have Linda start a column or a special page to list all those special times and people that make our conventions so special and won't it be neat to hear from those of you who have not done an article but have so much to offer! You can always e-mail Linda or just send her a handwritten note.

See ya at convention! ☆



A DIY Donation in Celebration of 60 Years

Selma and Howard Greenberg

In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary, which we will be celebrating July 4, 2009, we will be donating a beautiful 10¼" colbalt bowl to the Do-It-Yourself Auction. The bowl is in excellent condition. Be ready to bid on the bowl, as you will be helping us celebrate the big 6-0 and giving a generous gift to the club. We look forward to seeing you at the Do-It-Yourself Auction. ☆

Rare & Unusual Seminar

Dale Rothrock

Andrea and I were very excited to read that the Rare and Unusual Seminar, or "What the heck is it", will be part of the schedule at the 2009 convention in Dublin, Ohio. It was a pleasant change to have something different which was educational about Prussian items and also some of the commentary was amusing.

I personally learned that a beautiful piece of Prussia was designed into a metal frame and used to cover an unused stove pipe vent or portal. What a wonderful find and the history of the purchase was hilarious.

As of this writing, I have not heard from anyone who attended the seminar whether they have any paisley E.S. Prussia pieces. There must be other paisley items somewhere or as one person stated "they all may have been shipped to Great Britain whose citizens love its paisley patterns from china to cloth." We know that the E.S. Prussia company did not produce



only one! If you have any items or information, please check the membership roster for my home address and e-mail in order for you to send me a message and/or pictures.

Hopefully, someone will bring their most unusual tapestry pieces to the 2009 convention. I keep looking for different and unusual Prussia pieces. ☆

Convention 2009: Show and Sell

Harold Dodds

My favorite part of the R.S. Prussia Convention always used to be going around from room to room and seeing what great stuff the other members had found over the course of the year and had brought to sell and share. I used to see things every convention that I had never seen before and it made for a fun and educational time. Club members would walk the floors hoping that this was the year someone had brought that fourth plate they needed to complete their set or that sixth cup and saucer they so desperately wanted. Members like Danny Chandler and Paul Fischer and the late Joyce Williams put on outstanding room displays year after year and continued to help make the each convention special.



Unfortunately, over the past 10 years the number of people who bring things to sell and display has steadily declined. Without people bringing R.S. Prussia to sell and share the hallways are just a bunch of closed doors, free of flags and all signs of life. Back in the day, the convention was the place that you would bring all the best stuff you had found over the course of the year to sell to the biggest group of R.S. Prussia enthusiasts under one roof anywhere. Room-to-room viewing on Saturday was quite an event and rooms were packed shoulder to shoulder with club members seeing what the sellers had to offer and to see if the piece they wanted was still there. Selling at the convention was the reason my dad and I would pound the pavement at antique shows and shops over the course of the year hoping to gather enough good Prussia to make for a decent room display.

Today, with eBay and other auction sites available, people have additional outlets where they can reach far more people to sell their R.S. Prussia and therefore don't bring it to the convention to sell anymore. Other people feel they will be tied down to selling in their rooms and miss out



on all of the other activities. You are not obligated to sell from 9 to 5 every day in your room. You are free to sell during the hours you want to sell and make the most of your convention experience. I have had more fun essentially selling and letting the convention come to me in my own room than almost anything else. I have been introduced to many members for the first time when they came into my room to view. Your room becomes a meeting place for conversation over those three or four days. Since you're going to be at the convention anyway why not bring a few pieces to sell and at least cover the cost of your room? Whether you bring 10 pieces or 100 pieces, selling from your room is a fundamental part of the R.S. Prussia Convention experience. I hope all who attend the 2009 Convention will participate. ★

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites

Columbus - Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
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Tel: 614-790-9000

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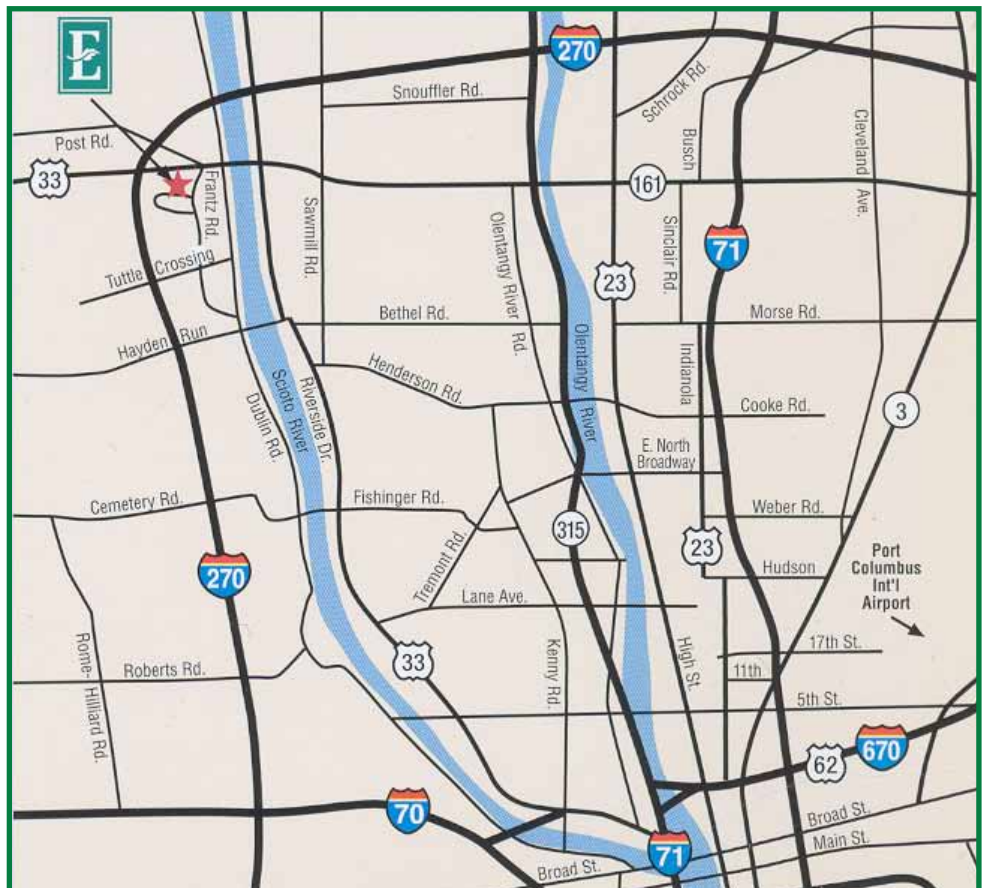
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- A walking track
- In-hotel Fitness Center featuring cardio theater equipment by Precor®
- Complimentary local area transportation, within a five mile radius
- Hotel indoor/outdoor pool and a whirlpool
- Recently completed \$6.5 million renovation.
- Business center with complimentary services; including faxing, copying and remote printing.
- Complimentary high-speed wireless internet throughout the entire hotel.



Directions

Take I-270 to Exit 17A Dublin/Rt. 161. Turn right on Frantz Rd., go one block to Upper Metro Place. The hotel is on the right.



2009 RS Prussia Convention Dublin, Ohio Tentative Schedule



Wednesday	3 – 5pm	Registration
22 July	Early Birds – Rooms Open
Thursday	10 – 11:30 am Boardroom 3 2nd Fl.	Board Meeting
23 July	1:30 – 3:00 pm Salon 1	Round Table Meetings <i>Larry Bazaar</i>
	3:30 – 5:30 pm	Registration
	7:00 -7:30 pm Salon 1	First Timers Meeting
Friday	8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration
24 July	8:30 – 10:00 am Salon 1	Welcome/Business Meeting
	10:30 am - ?? Salon 1	Do-It-Yourself <i>Howard Greenberg</i>
	1:15 – 2:00 pm Salon 1	Seminar <i>Lee and Carol Marple</i>
	2:15 – 3:00 pm Salon 1	Seminar <i>Beth Vander Meer and Jon Houserman</i>
	3:00 – 4:30	Registration
	3:30 – 5:30 pm Salon 2, 3, 4	Auction Viewing
	7:00 - 9:00 pm.	Room Viewing
Saturday	8:00 – 9:00 am Boardroom 3 2nd Fl.	Board Meeting
25 July	9:00 – 10:00 am	Registration
	9:00 – 10:30 am Salon 2, 3, 4	Auction Viewing
	10:30 am –? pm Salon 2, 3, 4	Auction
	After Auction.	Room Viewing
	6:00 pm To be determined	Banquet

RSP Michigan Water Wonderland Group Meeting

Sue Houserman, Secretary

The spring meeting of the R. S. Prussia Michigan Water Wonderland group met on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Uccello's Ristorante in Wayland hosted by Beth Vander Meer. Twenty four members were present. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner along with good conversation and fellowship.

New finds and unusual R. S. Prussia pieces were shown for all to see. Among the pieces shown was a Slag finish vase, a Strawberry bowl, early stamp holders and an early demitasse cup and

saucer. Various non-Prussia items included a necklace, compact and porcelain picture with images of LeBrun 1 and 2 and a plate with a mythological image and medallion pictures around the rim.

Beth invited all to come to her lovely home to view her collection, for coffee and dessert and for the business meeting. A brief business meeting was held. The minutes of the May 18, 2008 meeting were passed around by Secretary Sue Houserman. One correction was noted. The framed plate Grace

Pressler presented was identified as a flue cover at the convention. The minutes were approved with the correction. With the unexpected and sad passing of Bea Gatewood, Sue Houserman acted as interim treasurer. Beth Vander Meer volunteered to become the new treasurer. Sue Houserman will close out the account at Chase Bank and turn the funds over to Beth. Beth will open a new account at a bank near her.