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President's Message

Allen Di Marco

When you receive this edition of our newsletter, I trust you will begin to read it from the front cover. Also, I hope that after you read my message, that you immediately refer to my "to do" list and react accordingly so that you are able to reserve a room for convention, enjoy the fellowship of other members at our various functions, and plan your stay to optimize your visit to Grand Rapids!

Unfortunately, each year I get numerous phone calls from members at the last minute asking if I will call the hotel and get them the special RS Prussia Convention rate because they neglected to make their hotel reservations by the deadline set forth in our contract. I am happy to assist when possible, but after the cut-off date for reservations, the hotel is in the driver's seat.

Here are the dates and times that are important:

1. Hotel reservations must be made by June 24, 2013 to insure the Club's room rate of \$109 plus applicable taxes.

- a. If you would like a refrigerator in your room, you must request it at the time you make your hotel reservations. A refrigerator has a \$10 one-time fee.
- b. If you would like a display table in your room, you must request it at the time you make your hotel reservations. A display table has a \$15 one-time fee.
- c. Our room rate is for a room with either two queen beds or one king bed.
- d. Full breakfast for two is included in the room rate.
- e. The hotel phone number is 616-957-1770. Be sure to ask for the Club's special room rate of \$109.

2. Please register prior to coming to convention. You received a blue registration form with your April newsletter and again with this issue. Please fill it out and return it with the fees to Mary Lou Bougher. Pre-registration is a great help to Mary Lou and Ken!

3. There are two club meals planned this year. One is an informal barbecue on Friday evening, and the other is our traditional banquet held on Saturday evening. When you register, please fill out the separate forms (banquet on the blue registration form and the white one for the picnic). Since we met the minimum numbers required by the caterers, the deadline for the picnic registration has been extended. Please return the picnic form and your check to Beth Vander Meer **no later than Friday, July 5. Beth's address is on the registration form.**

4. This is our first attempt at having club members open their homes for other club members to visit and view their RS Prussia collections. As stated in our previous newsletter, there are five "open homes" that you are welcome to visit. There is a map provided on page 7 where the homes are located so that you can plan your route if you wish to visit them on your way to convention. Visits are only scheduled for Tuesday, July 16. Each club member wishing to view a collection must contact the hosts directly. Individual phone numbers are also included on page 7. Please do not contact the hosts prior to July 7.

Looking forward to seeing you at convention!

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!

Notes from the Secretary and Treasurer

Ken and Mary Lou Bougher

Important! My email address is Rrsppair@outlook.com not rsppair@hotmail.com. I am not sure how long Hotmail will be recognized since they have changed the name to Outlook from Hotmail.

Ken and I will be attending a business convention in Cancun, Mexico the week before Convention and will not be returning home until the Sunday night before convention. I'm not sure how quickly we will be able to get to convention with getting home Sunday night and the long trip to Grand Rapids. Because of the time crunch, we may be sending part of your convention registration packets through the mail in order for you to have it before you leave for convention. **DO NOT FORGET** to bring your packet and your convention lanyards to convention with you! So, please try to get your reservations in to us as soon as possible.

Reserve your room with the hotel separately. Making a reservation with the hotel does not register you with the club for convention and vice versa. We want to make registration as easy as possible and we will still have registration available at convention for last-minute attendees and new members. Don't forget to add your food choices for the banquet and make your check out for the full amount (food and convention fees). For the barbecue, end your reservations and money to Beth Vander Meer. Be sure to call for reservations if you wish to tour the homes of members who have graciously opened their homes for visiting, but do not call until after July 7.

Now is the time to give your Prussia its yearly cleaning and get ready for convention. We're looking

forward to seeing many of you at convention this year. It's a great place to renew old friendships and to make new ones. You will see more R.S. Prussia and related pieces in those few days than you would probably see in 5 years or more of running to antique shows and malls. It is the best place to learn more about Prussia. There will be hundreds of pieces to see and touch (with permission) and you can ask questions of members with 20, 30, 40 or more years of collecting R.S. Prussia who are always more than happy to answer your questions and to share their vast knowledge. If they don't know the answer to your question, they

will know who you should ask. The education you can get at convention cannot be found in books.

So far this year, we have 15 new members and we have at least one more person

offering to sponsor a new member. This is a great way to get someone really interested in the club. Sponsoring a new member just means you are offering to pay for the first-time member's first year reduced dues of \$30.00 as a kindness and a way to introduce them to the club. It is not necessary to be sponsored to become a member. Membership is open to all, but sponsoring a member is a measure of a friend wanting a new member to share in the adventure, to share the pleasure of collecting RS Prussia and to share all the benefits of being an RS Prussia club member. We now have 240 members.

A note from the Treasurer. The current balancer in our account is \$25,273.15



Remember to pack your lanyard!

Welcome New Members

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clarkw65@gmail.com

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Richmond, KY 40475
859-582-2993
broadusm@msn.com

Crisell & Nate Seguin
15015 Kamputa Dr
Centreville, VA 20120

Wanted



Ida Parrott's friends are looking for a matching teapot to go with their cup & saucer, creamer (pictured above) and sugar set. Contact Ida Parrott at 559-255-3582 or email marian937@comcast.net.

A Message from the Editor

Linda Titus

This will be our last issue before convention so take advantage of the enclosed forms and get your registrations in for the convention and for the picnic if you plan to attend. Convention is much earlier this year, so do not put it off any longer. Call the hotel NOW if you want the club room rate. The hotel cutoff date is June 24 which is probably sooner than you think! Our secretary Mary Lou Bougher has indicated that she will be away the week before convention giving the registration even more urgency. There are many events planned so be sure to act now.

Walt Krzycki has submitted an article (page 5) in which he asks club members to be on the lookout for new convention goers/new members and to try to encourage them by helping them learn about R.S. Prussia and if possible give them the opportunity to buy some entry level pieces at affordable prices. I think this is a grand idea, especially since Mary Lou has reported that we have 15 new members and there is a possibility that these members will attend convention. We had several Facebook group people sponsor new members. I got in on this sponsorship and found it to be a fun thing to do. Any first-time member can join or be sponsored for the reduced rate of only \$30.

David Mullins sponsored a new member and last issue he submitted an article introducing his newly sponsored member and museum curator, Richard Wittke from Tillowitz. It is always interesting to read about the lives of other people who happen to share our interest in RSP.

We have several other newly sponsored members, but there is one new

member in particular that I would like to introduce to you. Her name is Taylor Hoffmann. Taylor is a 23-year-old college student, majoring in accounting with a minor in criminal justice. She occasionally helps out in the print shop. One of the jobs she has helped out with is our R.S. Prussia newsletter. Her exposure to R.S. Prussia has been seeing the beautiful photos of R.S. porcelain, convention photos, submitted newsletter articles, and she has also seen my collection of R.S. in my china cabinets.

Recently, Taylor started perusing garage sales, second hand stores, consignment shops, and antiques shops looking for the elusive R.S. Prussia pieces. When she told me that she had been looking, I was actually quite surprised as many young people could care less about antiques and antiques “dishes.” She also joined the Facebook group and has been learning from the photos that members post and she has also visited the club website and studied the photos. I have extra RSP books, and as soon as I can dig them out of my attic, I plan to give them to her.

Recently my neighbor Cherie had a garage sale and I knew that Taylor would be going to the sale, so I “planted” some RSP items to see what she would do. I could see her from my kitchen window and could hardly contain myself. She did pick up the pieces and she examined them very carefully. Taylor asked questions about the items and Cherie played “dumb” about what they were and where she had found them! I finally went next door and revealed my “secret.” We all had a good laugh and she walked away with some nice pieces of RSP.



Taylor Hoffmann

Shortly after she wrapped up her “finds” she walked back to me and said she had a question about one of the items and suddenly she dropped the bag. Everyone gasped! I said, “Oh no!” She picked the bag up off the ground and you could hear the rattle of pieces. She had a funny look on her face and she opened the bag to show me it was an old coffee cup that she had in her car. She got me back on that prank!

Taylor is a very outgoing and smart young lady. She does not let her handicap interfere with her goals in life and she has a very determined attitude. I am bringing her to convention with me this year. She is pre-registered and has her hotel room already reserved. I hope you will greet her with as much enthusiasm as she has for RSP. She has been saving her money to spend at convention so let’s all help her get her collection off the ground by giving her the opportunity to buy some entry level pieces at affordable prices and who knows, she may someday help the next new member out by “paying it forward!”

See you in Grand Rapids very soon!



Convention Raffle

Carl and Norma Tackett have generously donated these three items for a FREE raffle for those who attend the Convention. Each paid registration will receive a raffle ticket in the welcome packet. Fill out the raffle ticket and drop it off in the raffle basket found in the hospitality suite. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday.



Let's Pay it Forward

Submitted by **Walt Krzycki**

A good many of us probably started our R.S. Prussia collections with floral and less expensive pieces, and then somehow we discovered the Club through antique publication ads, show dealers or friends. We then found our way to attend our first convention. Weren't our eyes opened with the amazing things we saw in the rooms and at the convention auction? We saw the many great room displays for show and for sale. Older collectors had items that we could not find in our areas or the show prices were way out of our reach.

At our second convention we attended in the late 80s at West Port in St. Louis, MO we found a pink Mill Scene bowl in one of the rooms. We discussed it and then decided to buy the bowl. We later went back to that room and much to our disappointment, the bowl had been sold! Sound familiar? We did find out later who purchased the bowl...two very good friends of ours from Ohio. Some years later we were asked if we would like to purchase the bowl as these friends were selling some pieces. We said yes! The lesson behind this is, "the best time to buy a piece of R.S. Prussia is when you see it!"

Now days, new members and new collectors come in from eBay, the club website, Facebook, and still others come in with friends or family sponsorship. Some might be seasoned collectors, but others are very "green" or "newbies." This year at convention, be on the lookout for beginning collectors and give them the opportunity to add some great pieces to their collection and help them to maintain their interest for years to come. They in turn can "pay it forward" by eventually giving the same opportunities to those new collectors coming into the club.

One more thing, let's support all of the activities at this year's convention in Grand Rapids. New this year is the garden tour, home visits and the Friday night BBQ. The Michigan club has invested their time and hard work to make this convention a memorable experience. See you at Grand Rapids!

20th Anniversary of the Do-It-Yourself Auction

Submitted by
Howard Greenberg

The 20th DIY Auction will be held Saturday, July 20 at 9:30 am. Please plan to attend. I have received emails, letters and calls from members getting ready to donate and auction off some beautiful RSP. Selma and I will be donating two RSP Hidden Images to start the auction. The one is a 9-inch relish with a circular cobalt trim. It is one of the rare Hidden Image relishes with cobalt. The other is a beautiful RSP Hidden Image bowl.

We can hardly believe almost 20 years of DIY auction have gone by. It's been great times with lots of fun, hearty laughter and many memories. So let's keep the good times rolling and make some money for the club. See you there!



The Unbreakable RSP

Submitted by
Selma Greenberg



Many, many years ago (about 50) Howard and I were out and about going to his office and on the way I spotted a house auction that was in progress. Having never been to one and against Howard's will, I made him stop. I saw a pitcher that was really filthy, but looked interesting. Howard couldn't understand why I wanted it, but didn't gripe too much when I got it for \$6. Of course I didn't know what it was, but it was beautiful.

To make a long story short, we had four kids. Our daughter Susan, whom many of you know, loved to have lemonade stands in our driveway. Of course she used "the pitcher." Amazingly she never chipped, cracked, or damaged the pitcher in any way.

Years later, at an antique show in Cleveland, we stopped at a booth and saw similar pieces resembling our pitcher. We asked the booth owner if we could bring our piece back for identification.

We brought it back and as the dealer opened the box she said, "Of course, this is an RS Prussia lemonade pitcher." That was the beginning of our many years of collecting Prussia. Incidentally, we bought many pieces from the "booth lady."

The "unbreakable" lemonade pitcher will be on display in our room at convention. Please come and see it, but handle it with care!

Convention Auction Preview

Woody Auction • Saturday, July 20, 1pm

Woody Auction is proud to offer this exciting collection at this year's R.S. Prussia Convention. As with every Woody Auction, this auction is open to the public, but has the added benefit of being surrounded by an incredible knowledge base. Nearly 225 lots are featured in this auction



Open House Hosts and Map

1. Janet & Dr. James Shetlar

741 Maplecrest Dr
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
989-652-0098

2. Bob Yaklin

17271 Lincoln Rd
New Lothrop, MI 48460
810-919-9250

3. Carl & Norma Tackett

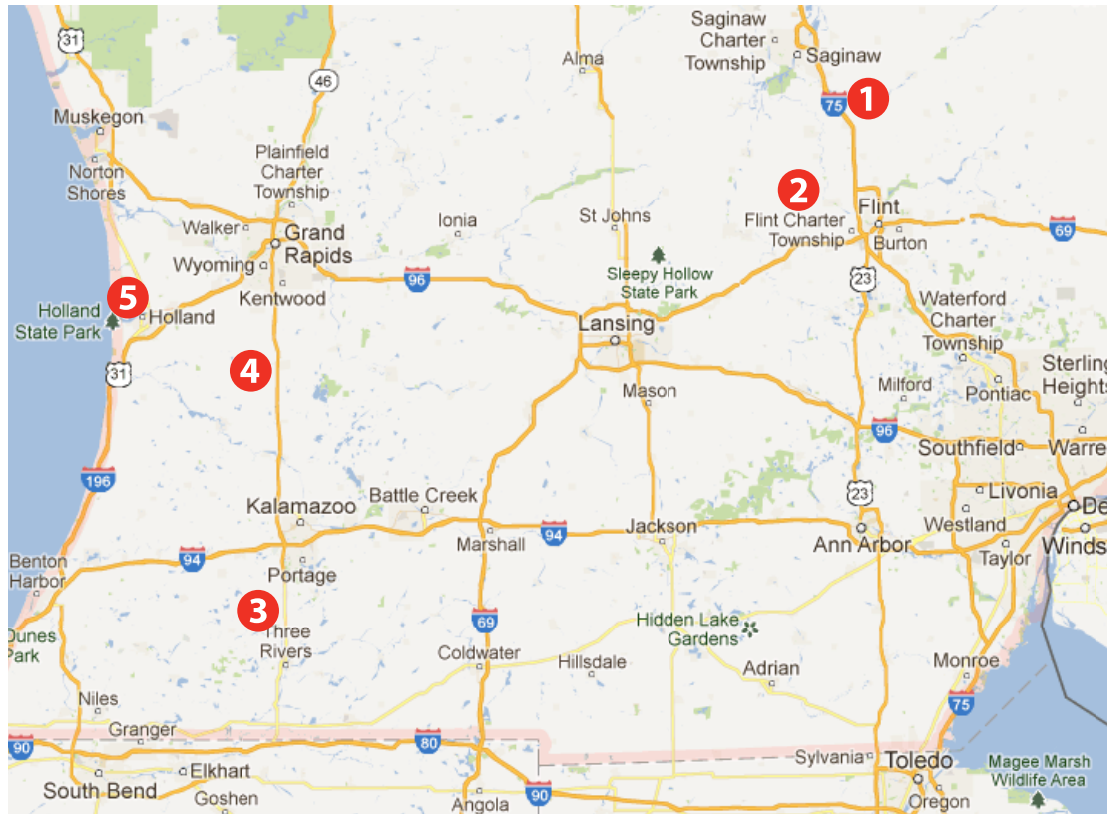
231 Grand
Schoolcraft, MI 49087
269-679-4030

4. Rick & Beth Vander Meer

3981 12th St
Wayland, MI 49348
269-792-9284

5. Ed & Freda Mott, Holland

74 W 24th
Holland, MI 49423
616-494-9916



Grand Rapids, Michigan

2013 Convention • July 16-20 Tentative Convention Schedule

Thursday, July 18

- 9 - 11:30 am **Registration**
- 9 am - 2 pm **Room Viewing (By chance)**
- 12:30 - 2 pm **Board Meeting (Part 1)**
- 1 - 2 pm **Roundtable Discussion**
Hosted by Larry Bazaar
- 2:15 - 3:15 pm **Seminar, RSP Facebook Page**
*Hosted by Allen Marcus, David Mullins,
Gary Marshinski and Jerry Nodeen*
- 3:15 - 3:45 pm **First Timers' Meeting**
- 3:15 - 5:30 pm **Room Viewing (By chance)**
- 7 - 8 pm **Ice Cream Social**
- 8 - 9 pm **Registration**
- 8 - 10 pm **Room Viewing (By chance)**

Friday, July 19

- 8 - 9:30 pm **Board Meeting Part 2 (If required)**
- 10 - 11:30 pm **General Membership Meeting**
- 11 am - Noon **Registration**
- 1 - 2 pm **Seminar Hosted by Jason Woody**
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm **Rare & Unusual Seminar**
- 4 - 6 pm **Auction Preview**
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm **Barbecue**
- 8 - 10 pm **Room Viewing**

Saturday, July 20

- 8 - 9:30am **Board Meeting**
- 9:30 - 11am **Do-It-Yourself Auction**
- 11am - 1pm **Auction Preview**
- Noon - 1pm **Registration**
- 1 - 4pm **Convention Auction**
- 4 - 6pm **Room Viewing (By chance)**
- 6 - 8pm **Convention Banquet**
- 8 - 10pm **Room Viewing (By chance)**

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Grand Rapids Michigan

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Lift Your Spirits with a Craft Beer Tour

Submitted by
Beth Vander Meer

For those who are driving and are interested in some different wine and beer varieties, southern Michigan has a lot to offer!

You can also vist:

www.michigan.org/interactive-map/

to plan your places of interest for breweries and/or wineries on your way through southern Michigan.

Coming up from Ohio?

www.pioneerwinetrail.com/map.html

For those coming up from Chicago

or Indiana:

www.lakemichiganshorewinetrail.com

GRAND RAPIDS (within 20 mins.)

- 1 Founders Brewing Co.
235 Grandville Ave. SW
616-776-1195
foundersbrewing.com
- 2 HopCat
25 Ionia Ave. SW, 616-451-4677
hopcatgr.com
- 3 Grand Rapids Brewing Co.
1 Ionia Ave. SW, 616-458-7000
www.grbrewingcompany.com
- 4 B.O.B.'s Brewery
20 Monroe Ave. NW, 616-356-2000
thebob.com
- 5 Harmony Brewing Co.
1551 Lake Dr. SE, 616-233-0063
harmonybeer.com
- 6 Brewery Vivant
929 Cherry St. SE, 616-719-1604
breweryvivant.com
- 7 The Mitten Brewing Co.
527 Leonard St. NW, 616-608-5612
mittenbrewing.com
- 8 Perrin Brewing Co.
5910 Comstock Park Dr. NW,
616-551-1957
perrinbrewingco.com
- 9 The Hideout Brewing Co.
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- 10 Schmozh Brewing Co.
2600 Patterson Ave. SE
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schmozh.com
- 11 Jaden James Brewery
4665 Broadmoor SE
616-656-4665
jadenjamesbrewery.com
- 12 Rockford Brewing Co.
12 E Bridge St., Rockford
616-951-4677
RockfordBrewing.com
- 13 Michigan Beer Cellar
500 E. Division, Sparta
616-883-0777
michiganbeercellar.com

- 14 White Flame Brewing Co.
5234 36th Ave., Hudsonville
616-209-5098
whiteflamebrewing.com
- 15 Pike 51 Brewing Company
3768 Chicago Drive, Hudsonville
616-662-4589
pike51.com

LAKESHORE (30-45 mins. from GR)

- 16 Old Boys' Brewhouse
971 Savidge St., Spring Lake
616-850-9950
oldboysbrewhouse.com
- 17 New Holland Brewing Co.
66 E. 8th St., Holland
616-355-6422
newhollandbrew.com
- 18 Saugatuck Brewing Company
2948 Blue Star Highway, Douglas
269-857-7222
sbrewing.com

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- 19 Walldorff Brew Pub & Bistro
105 East State St., Hastings
269-945-4400
walldorffbrewpub.com
- 20 Bell's Brewery
355 E. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo
269-382-2332
bellsbeer.com
- 21 Arcadia Brewing Company
103 West Michigan Ave.,
Battle Creek
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