

## October 2010 Desert Steiners' Meeting

The fall meeting of the Desert Steiners was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October in Mesa, Arizona. Members gathered around 11:00, bringing with them some recent purchases as well as other steins for trade or sale.

At noon we shared a terrific pot-luck lunch of baked ham, Peggy Wessling's internationally famous baked bean pot, bowls of potato salad, sauerkraut and a large variety of delicious deserts.



About 1:00, President Spencer Wessling called the meeting to order. Much discussion centered around the need for both S.C.I. and our chapter to reach out and recruit new members. After discussing a suggestion by Joe Heater, it was decided that each member would bring a guest to our January

meeting in Tucson. Guests should have an interest in drinking vessels and/or related items.

Next Spencer announced that Secretary/Treasurer Don Scheer resigned. He has taken a new job in Idaho. Persons to take those important positions will be named at our January meeting. Members expressed their appreciation for Don's contribution to our chapter's success over the years he was a member.

The next subject was the acceptance of the "Partnership Certificate" given us by the Alte Germanen chapter of S.C.I. You may recall, the Desert Steiner's and Alte Germanen chapters mutually had agreed this year to become "sister chapters". Our member Al Pabst, as a token of friendship and mutual respect, presented a glass saguaro cactus statuette to Alte Germanen members at their April meeting in Ladenburg, Germany. Alte Germanen members presented a beautifully framed Partner Certificate to Ron Heiligenstein at their September

meeting in Bad Schussenried. Ron, with translating help from Wolfgang Gult gave a very brief acceptance speech, emphasizing the importance of this new relationship. Chapter officers will be honorary members of the sister chapter and will receive the same correspondence sent to chapter members. Chapter members when traveling are also invited attend meetings and see collections.

Wolfgang Gult then declared: *“On our spring meeting in Ladenburg we have received a small glass Arizona saguaro cactus statuette as a gift from the S.C.I. Chapter Desert Steiners of Arizona. This statuette should be the sign for a partnership between the Alte Germanen S.C.I. chapter in Germany and the Desert Steiners S.C.I. chapter of Arizona. Furthermore it should start a partnership of sister chapters between both groups which will be announced today. Ron Heiligenstein, an officer of the Desert Steiners, and our President Eberhard Jursch have already signed a corresponding Partnership Certificate which will be presented now.*

*Furthermore, please take also two bottle of a good Baden red wine with you to celebrate this event with your colleagues in Arizona.*

*Our best Wishes to Ron Heiligenstein and all members of Desert Steiners for a common long friendship.”*

*Wolfgang Gult, 17.September 12010.*

Desert Steiners members Gary Kirsner, Al Pabst and Ron Heiligenstein are dues paying regular members of the Alte Germanen chapter. Anyone with an interest in joining Alte Germanen should contact Ron Heiligenstein.

Joe Heater gave a report on the successful S.C.I. Convention in Myrtle Beach in September. Joe was our delegate to the S.C.I. Board. Details of the board meeting will be available on the S.C.I. web site. Thanks Joe for your efforts on our behalf!

Next Ron Heiligenstein talked about his interesting experiences at the Alte Germanen meeting in September and his travels with Wolfgang Gult to see five important regimental stein collections in the southern half of Germany.

Finally, the ticket for the attendance stein was drawn and won by Joe Heater. Joe was the winner of a very nice, mint condition regimental beer stein. The attendance stein for 2011 is a short, thumb print design glass *kegel* (bowling)

stein, with several brass bowling pins and the owner's name on the lid. Very nice! A photo of this stein can soon be seen on the S.C.I. web site. Click on chapters and then go to Desert Steiners.



**Show & Tell:** Joe Heater

Leon Woods

The January 22nd 2011 meeting will be pot-luck in Tucson at the home of Al Pabst. Directions and details will be provided before the end of the year.

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Chapter Reporter