

Mid-Winter Desert Steiners' Meeting January 22, 2011

Twenty-four Desert Steiners and friends from Phoenix, Tucson and Sierra Vista met at the home of Dr. Alfred and Astrid Pabst in Tucson on a warm, sunny January 22nd. New member Andy Anderson was also in attendance.



Steiners began arriving around 11:00 and were greeted by a table of steins, mostly regimentals from Dr. Al's collection. Around noon, we were treated to a luncheon of cold cuts and cheese, assorted salads and grilled bratwursts, prepared using a secret formula known only to Eric Pabst, Dr. Al's son. Boy, were they good!



After lunch President-For-Life Spencer Wessling announced that our chapter had a new Secretary-Treasurer, Erik Sanders. Erik, originally from Indiana and son of Brian Sanders, who spoke at the Myrtle Beach S.C.I. Convention last year, now works and lives in Tucson.

Erik showed and told us about his father's new book Regimental Steins from the Kaiser's Cavalry.

Next, the Steiners discussed possible nominees for 2011 Master Steinologist, selecting a well qualified person known to several of us. Ron Heiligenstein will complete the nomination form and send it in to the Master Steinologist Committee. No nominee was recommended for the Jack Heimann Award.

Spencer Wessling announced our next meeting would be in Mesa on April 16th. The fall meeting will be back in Tucson on a date yet to be determined.

Next, several members showed the group some interesting steins from their collections during the regular show and tell. It was easy to see the pride the presenters each took when talking about their respective steins.



Joe Heater,



Art Montemayor,



Andy Anderson

Finally, our featured speaker, Desert Steiner member Gary Kirsner, talked about recent trends in stein collecting, specifically what has been going on with Mettlach, regimental, character and glass steins. He also briefly touched on student society and occupational steins. Gary's presentation elicited quite a few questions, which made his talk most informative.

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