



Desert Steiners

Our next meeting is in Tucson

Saturday Oct 8,2011

11:00 AM

Our October 8th meeting, starting 11:00A, will be at the marvelous, new Catalina Foothills home of Joe and Sandra Heater in Tucson.

Everyone will be highly impressed with Joe's stein collection and how it's so beautifully displayed in his new stein room. Joe's collection consists of over 300 character, Mettlach and Royal Vienna steins. In addition he has a wonderful collection of KPM plaques. After you've had an opportunity to view Joe's collections, the Heater's will serve food and drinks. There is no need for you bring anything.

Our October 8th meeting will be Spencer Wessling's last as the President of the Desert Steiners. Spencer has served us well for 12 years. We owe him a big thank you for his efforts on our behalf. Spencer has appointed a nomination committee, who will make their report on his successor. It would be most appropriate for all members to participate in this change of Desert Steiner leadership.

John Piet will report on last July's SCI Convention in Providence, Rhode Island. Many good things are happening in SCI, and it will be nice to get a first hand report of what's going on around the country.

In case you are unable to make Desert Steiner meetings and you want to stay informed about chapter activities, you can always go to the SCI web site steincollectors.org and click on chapters, then scroll down to Desert Steiners where you will find "meeting report". The SCI web site is main-tained by our own John Piet who has done a first-rate job as Webmaster. Being Webmaster makes John a member of the Executive Committee, an important responsibility in our organization. If you have any suggestions for improving the SCI web site, you can bring them to John's attention at this meeting.

The program will be a special event in the life of our chapter. Our speaker is Wolfgang Gult. Wolfgang and wife Brigitta, along with their friends Günther and Maria Widmann, are staying with the Heiligenstein's, after touring Northern Arizona. Wolfgang has been the treasurer of our sister chapter Alte Germanen for 25 years and was just named Stein Collectors International's Master Steinologist at the SCI Convention in Providence, Rhode Island last July. Wolfgang had been collecting steins for almost 40 years and has the largest collection of regimental beer steins in the world, over 450 steins. His collection is truly a "museum"! Wolfgang will speak on Collecting Steins in Germany. A picture of Wolfgang, standing in his "museum", can be found on page 44 in the September issue of PROSIT.

Last Meeting: Thank you to Spencer and Peggy for hosting our April meeting at the Pueblo Room in Mesa. Special thanks to our guest speaker Martha!! She spoke to us about growing up in Germany during the 40's in Esslingen and then out by Bayreuth;

Old business: Juanita says thank you for the card; We discussed if we could possibly have three regional conventions a year.

New business: We need everyone to belong to sci if you are a member of desert steiners; Andy Anderson is talking to Brewiana about a sponsorship and maybe have a joint meeting; We discussed about maybe meeting at Gordon Biersch brewery in Tempe for our next Phoenix meeting;

Stein talk: R showed us 4 regimentals including one with a phineal of a rauppen helm for Bavarians, Spencer showed us a picture for retired infantry, a telegraph school stein, and a saxon uhlan and jager zu pferde double regimental. We also had an opportunity to see a schutzenfest target. The target says "given from the zimmerstutzen association, victoria, dedicated from messingschlager in gosberg"; John Piet brought a 4f stein he purchased from German ebay; Leon brought an artillery stein, an Uhlan stein, a pioneer stein, and a gesundheit krug from prohibition; and Albert showed us a stein with his name on it.

Erik Sanders
Secretary

