



# Desert Steiners

## Our next meeting is in Phoenix

**Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**11:00 AM**

### **THE DESERT STEINERS' 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY AGENDA**

Hello and Happy Holiday Season to everyone. The next Desert Steiners Meeting will be in Phoenix at the OHSO Eatery and Brewery (formerly known as the German Corner) in Phoenix. The meeting will be at 11am as usual, please see the agenda and directions below. The Guest Speaker will be Brian Sanders who will be discussing steins from the Kaiser's Last Hussar Regiments.

#### **Directions to OHSO**

O.H.S.O. EATERY AND BREWERY

(Formerly the German Corner)

1. Exit I 10 on to Rt. 143 (Hohokam Expressway) continue north toward Phx.
2. Continue north and exit right on to McDowell Road in Phx.
3. Short distance to 48th st. and turn left
4. Continue North on 48th st to E Indian School Road and turn right for 1 block to(49st)
5. Look for German Sausage Co.north side of road.
6. OHSO is adjacent to the Sausage Co.

#### **AGENDA:**

11:00A – Gathering of the Desert Steiners.

12:00N – Order lunch off the O.H.S.O. regular menu

1:15P – Welcome any new members and guests – Joe Heater

1:30P – Business meeting – Joe Heater

A “a new membership initiative” – Al and Eric Pabst

Promote 2012 SCI Convention in Annapolis – Joe Heater

Treasurer’s report – Erik Sanders

Next meeting location (Tucson) – Ron Heiligenstein

2:00P – Show and tell – Joe Heater

2:15P – Erik Sanders will introduce Brian Sander’s presentation:  
“The Last Hussar Regiment in the Kaiser’s Army.

3:00P – Adjourn

**Last Meeting:** Shortly after noon, a buffet of gourmet sandwiches and copious quantities of German beer were offered. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed the bountiful spread. A heartfelt thank you goes to Sandra and her sister Sara, who spent several days preparing for this event.

Around 1:30PM, Chairman of the Nominating Committee John Piet, began the business meeting. John first announced the resignation of President Spencer Wessling who could not attend due to Peggy’s health. Spencer served as the Desert Steiner’s President for ten years, performing admirably. No one gave more to the club during those years than Spencer, for which we all expressed our appreciation. We certainly hope Peggy’s health improves and that they will be able to join us at our meeting in January.

John Piet then gave a report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee nominated Joe Heater for President and Ron Heiligenstein for Vice President.

Hearing no other nominations, the members supported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Erik Sanders, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the club was slightly solvent.

Special thanks to Wolfgang Gult who came all the way from Germany to be with us. Herr Gult is a newly elected S.C.I. Master Steinologist and personally thanked all the Desert Steiners for

nominating him for that prestigious award. He then gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation entitled "Collecting Steins in Germany".

Wolfgang began by showing several photos of Günther Widman's outstanding collection of Durlach faience drinking vessels. Durlach is probably one of the most sought after types of old faience. Wolfgang then showed us some photos of his fantastic collection of regimental steins, over 450 in all. He concluded his presentation with pictures and commentary on an area of special interest to him, regimental steins named to the Garde-Füsilier-Regiment – the so called Maikäfer Regiment.

Wolfgang's presentation was certainly one of the best we've had in the fifteen years of our chapter's existence. Although our meeting officially ended about 3:00PM, some stayed another couple hours to more closely examine Joe's great collection of Mettlachs and character steins.

Ron Heiligenstein

Chapter Reporter

**Old business:** Congratulations to Gus Reifenkugel the drawing was held for the 2011 attendance stein and Gus Reifenkugel was the lucky winner.

**New business:** It is a new year and dues are \$10.

Erik Sanders  
Secretary