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**April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the DAY OF THE DONUT !**  
**HOORAY !!**

## Next Meeting Schedule

Our next meeting will be this month, April 22nd. Future meetings will be on June 24, September 23, and November 11. Our Guest Speaker Coordinator, Tom Weber, has arranged for Mr. Chuck Keiser to be our guest speaker for this meeting. Chuck is a member of the Pennsylvania Keystoneers chapter of SCI and is a long-time collector of Westerwald Steins. Chuck's presentation will be on the Evolution of Westwerwald Steins. Chuck is no stranger to the PSS. He attended our meetings both in 2009 and 2010 and was part of the group of Pennsylvania Keystoneers who helped our chapter get started way back in 2008. Let's make this meeting a "full house" and welcome Chuck and his wife Michelle, back to the PSS. Many, many kudos to Tom Weber for his good work in arranging for Chuck to be here in April as our guest speaker. Nice job Tom !!

## Happy Birthday Wishes



## **Happy Birthday To:**

Andy Rosenberger ..... April 1  
Rich Hahn ..... April 16  
GiGi Weber ..... April 17  
Mark Paden ..... April 19  
Tracey Korczyk ..... April 21  
Rick Engel ..... April 24

***May your special day be filled with  
happiness and good health !!!***

## Featured Article of the Month

How many times is the City of Pittsburgh, PA written about in *Prosit* magazine? My guess is, not many.

The SCI International Convention in 2014 was held in Pittsburgh and in the September issue of *Prosit* magazine Jack Strand wrote a very interesting article about mugs and steins which feature the city of Pittsburgh. We're happy to include Jack's article as this month's Featured Article of the Month. I really like the stein shown in "figure 22". I'll be keeping my eyes open for that one.

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### **Tip of the Month**

So, you're taking a stein or two to the PSS meeting for show-n-tell or you've been to a mini convention or the SCI International Convention and purchased a few steins and now you have to get them home. What to do ?? Do you wrap them in bubble wrap and put them in the trunk of your car? Or maybe you put them into your already overstuffed suitcase. How about wrapping them in newspaper and putting them in the back seat of your car ?? I don't think so.

A good and proven way to transport steins safely is to wrap them in a water proof bed protector (blue or beige on one side and white on the other side) and place them in an old wine or whiskey box that has the separators in them (you can get them free of charge at any liquor store). The separators allow for as many as 9 or 12 steins to be transported safely. These boxes are made of cardboard and fit nicely in the car or SUV and will protect your steins until you get them home. Just be gentle when handling the box load of steins, please.

### **Did You Know**

Did you know that Stein Collectors International currently has over 500 active members? It is truly an international organization with members located in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and of course the USA.

For any serious stein collector, there are many benefits of belonging to Stein Collectors International (SCI). To mention just a few; the monthly magazine *Prosit* is full of great articles and photographs pertaining to steins and stein collecting and the mini conventions and the international convention puts you face to face with collectors who have been collecting for 30 years or more and gives you access to 100's of beautiful and sometimes very rare steins.

Joining SCI is as easy as going to [www.stein-collectors.org](http://www.stein-collectors.org) and clicking on the "subscribe" button then following the steps that are clearly laid out OR you can fill out the membership form attached to this newsletter.

Currently the PSS has 20 members who are also members of SCI. The chapter with the most SCI members has 22 members. Can't we get just 3 more members to make us the chapter with the most SCI members ?? Sure, we can !!





## Welcome

A great big **WELCOME** goes out to our newest member, Tim Johnson who joined our stein club family on March 15, 2023 for one year. Tim and his wife, Juanita, live in Youngwood, PA which is just a stone's throw from Greensburg, PA. All you old time football fans may remember that Youngwood, PA is also the home town of NFL Hall of Famer, George Blanda. Blanda was a place kicker and quarterback who played professional football for 26 seasons, the most in football history. Not sure if he collected steins or not ??

With Tim and Juanita joining the PSS, we now have 48 households represented in our stein club. Not too bad, I would say. Hope to see you, Tim, and Juanita, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting Luncheon

As is our custom, whenever we have a guest speaker attend one of our PSS meetings, the lunch served at our April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be a hot buffet lunch consisting of a variety of German fare specialties, all prepared in house by the Teutonia kitchen staff. Even though the price of most food items has gone up since COVID left its mark, we are holding our price for this fabulous, all you can eat, lunch buffet at \$10 for PSS members and \$15 for non-members. This is the best deal in town !! Hope to see you all there to enjoy a great lunch and hear a very interesting guest speaker.

## New Official Logo

It only took us 15 years but we now have an "official" PSS logo (perfection takes time !!). Through the efforts of your Executive Committee and a national supplier of apparel and advertising goods, the logo shown below was developed and selected as our official stein club logo. The logo you see below is shown on a black background, however the actual logo is just the wording and the stein which can be embroidered or printed on any color background and any material. The logo has been digitized and can be used on any item that we desire to have made in the future (more about that on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.). Many thanks to all the Officers of the PSS for their input and final approval of this good looking logo which, in this Editor's opinion, well represents our stein club.



PHOTOS OF THE CONVENTION STEIN OF THE 2014 SCI CONVENTION  
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## PITTSBURGH

by Jack Strand

We look forward to our trip to the 2014 SCI Convention in Pittsburgh. I turned to my steins to try and envision the city during the Pre-Prohibition years. First a visit to the breweries at that time. There were 30 breweries in Pittsburgh and they were particularly important to the large German population.

### Liberty Brewing Company

Their steins featured the pin-ups of the day. To my eye the only provocative feature appears to be the flowers in the hair. The beautiful lady was on the front and the brewery logo on the reverse. (figures 1 & 2)



figure 1

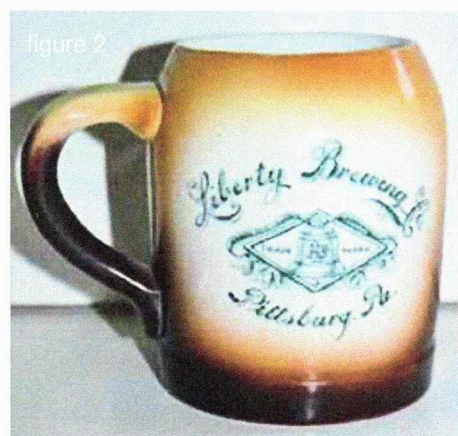


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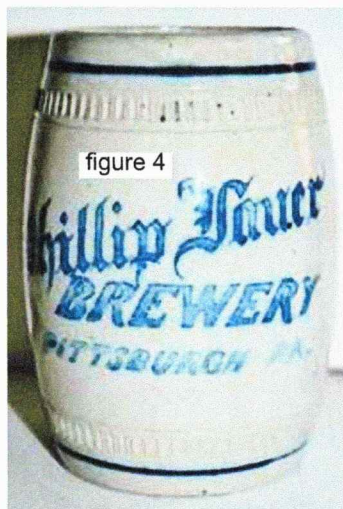


figure 4

Phillip Lauer Brewery (Figure 4)

Pittsburgh Brewing Co.-Swankey & Ober Bros Department, Pittsburgh Brewing Co.

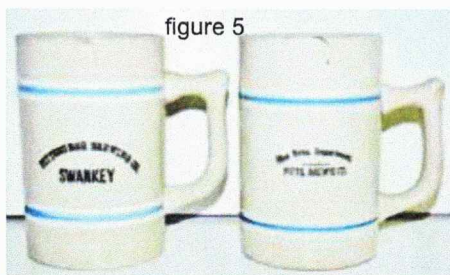


figure 5

In 1899 16 brewery plants were consolidated to form the Pittsburgh Brewing Co. This included Lauer and Ober. (Figure 5)

Wainwright Brewing Co.

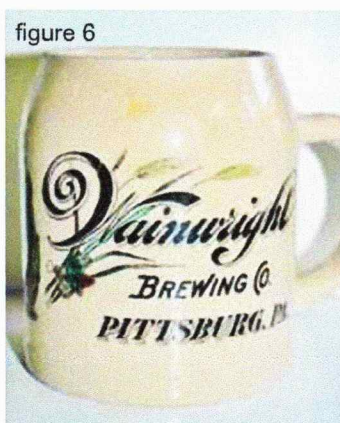


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The oldest and one of the largest breweries in western Pennsylvania. (Figure 6)

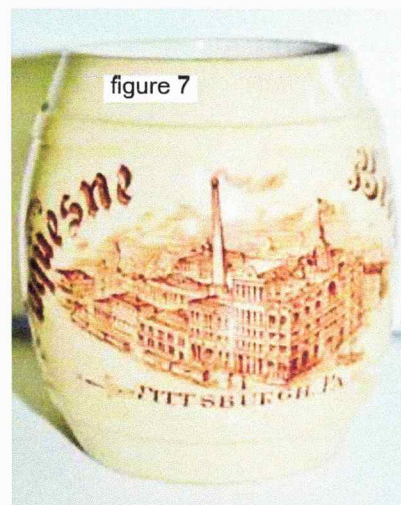


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Duquesne Brewing Co. (Figures 7 & 8)

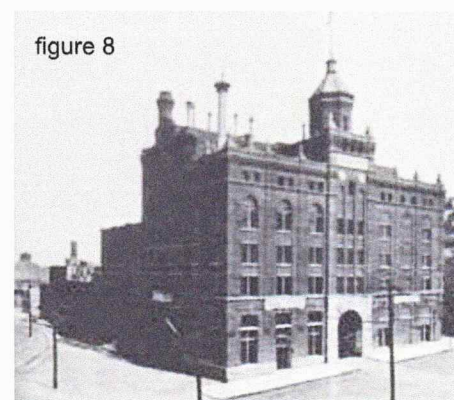


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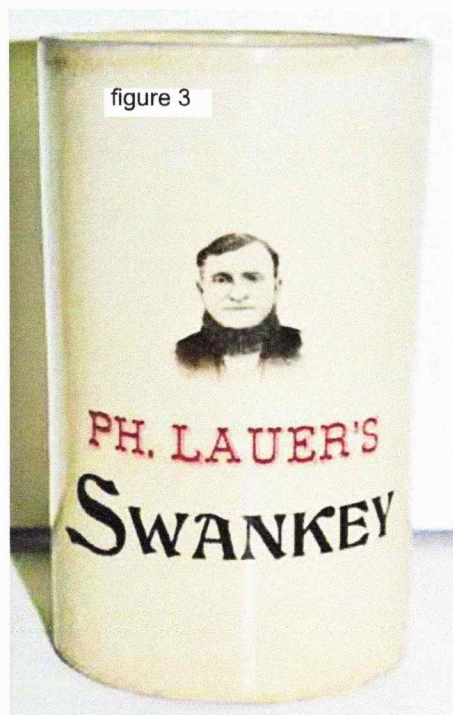


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Ph. Lauer's Swankey (Figure 3)

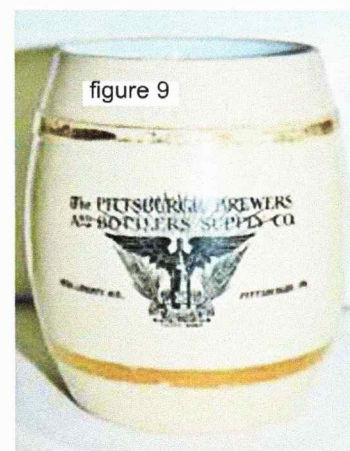


figure 9

And to supply these Breweries The Pittsburgh Brewers & Bottlers Supply Co. located at 1633 Liberty Ave. (Figure 9)



And, where could we drink those beers at that time?



The Bank Cafe (Figure 10 & 11)

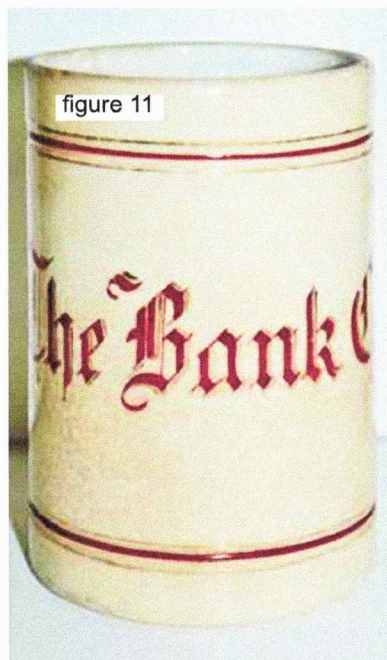
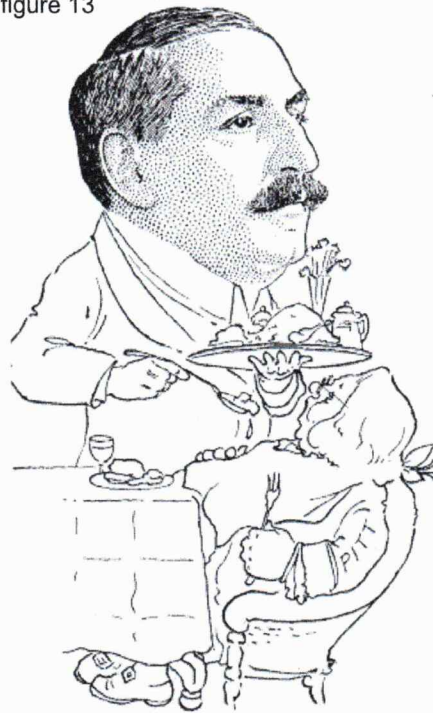


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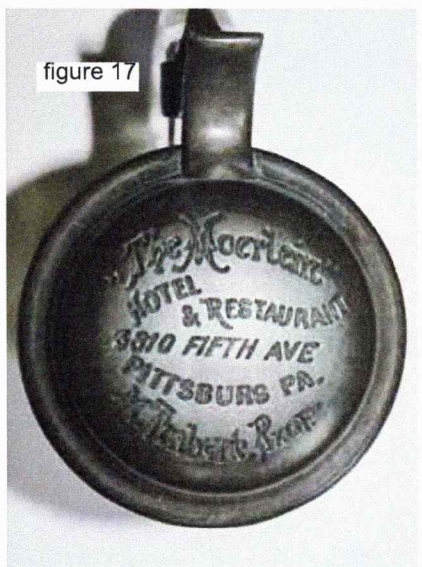
Bongiovanni's Cafe-Restaurant An Italian eatery opened in 1906 and owned by the well-known Frank Bongiovanni. (Figures 12 & 13)



Hammel's Cafe Located in the Jenkins Arcade Building in downtown Pittsburgh. (Figures 14 & 15)



The Luxembourg (Figure 16)



"The Moerlein" Hotel Restaurant Located at 3810 Fifth Ave., M. Traberg, Prop. (Figure 17)



## Union Restaurant



figure 18

Located in the basement of the Frick Building at Grant & Diamond Streets. (Figure 18)

After visiting the breweries and drinking establishments, some sightseeing of the downtown area is in order. On the two Fraternal Order of Elks relief steins - both identical except for the coloring - there is the New Carnegie Library on one panel and the County Court House on the other. (Figures 19, 20 & 21.)

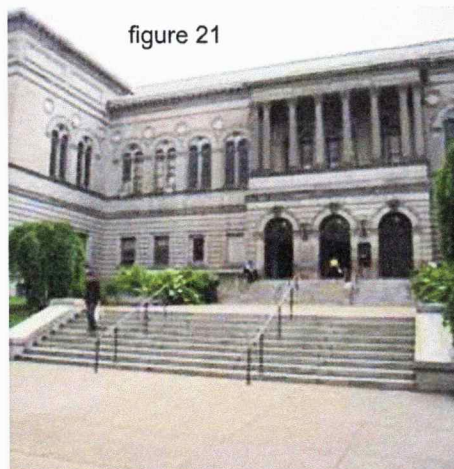


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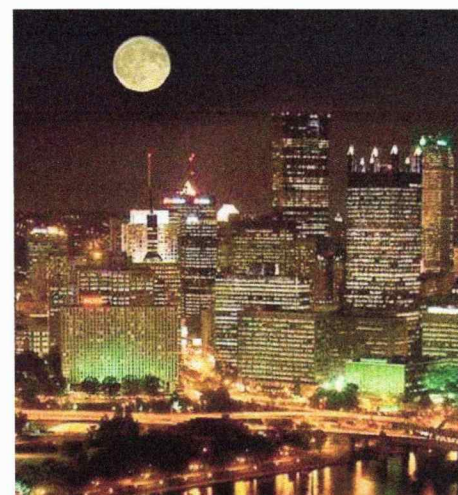
Allegheny County Court House,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

figure 22



figure 22

Fraternal and Masonic Orders were prevalent during this period. Another stein believed to be the Knights of Templar Chapter with the Pittsburgh city logo is pictured in figures 22 & 23.



I am sure that we will find Pittsburgh just as interesting today as it was at the turn of the last century. This photo sure makes this city look appealing.