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ISSUE 2

### From the Barstool of the President

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Dear Fellow Collectors



I am so sorry for cancelling our February meeting. This Corona-Virus has been devastating, not only for the country, but especially for small clubs like ours. It seems that people in our age group are aware of the facts. That is, we are more susceptible to the consequences of the virus. It now appears that we are in a period of reduced risk, therefore we will once again resume quarterly meetings. The next being Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM, at the German-American Club on Lincoln Avenue in Louisville.

I want to start out by thanking the membership for the tremendous turn-out at the meeting in November. For a while, it was a toss-up as to go forward or to shelve it. Thanks to all who came, it was a true success.

Looking back at a May 2015 Newsletter, it started off by saying "This past winter has been brutal" fewer words have never been spoken. But now as we approach Spring, it

brings a sigh of relief and comfort as we look forward to a new beginning.

As usual, I like to throw in my opinion as to the values of "Collectable Steins". The fact that many of SCI collections are still coming on the market is keeping over-all prices down. The auctions of Ron Fox and Andre Ammelounx reflect this. They have lowered their opening bids. Quality pieces draw multiple bids bringing historic highs. You still can purchase a great many of these steins, cheaper than you can purchase them on Ebay. I check Ebay almost every day, just to keep tabs on the market.

Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, snack tray or dessert. Doors will open at 11:30 AM for set-up of stein sales which will be held before and after the meeting. Lunch will be at 1:00 PM.

I hope all of you will plan to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you. If possible bring a guest or two, we are in need of new members. If bringing guests, please call me, so we can judge the amount of food needed. A "Show and Tell" segment will be added to the meeting, so bring your favorite.

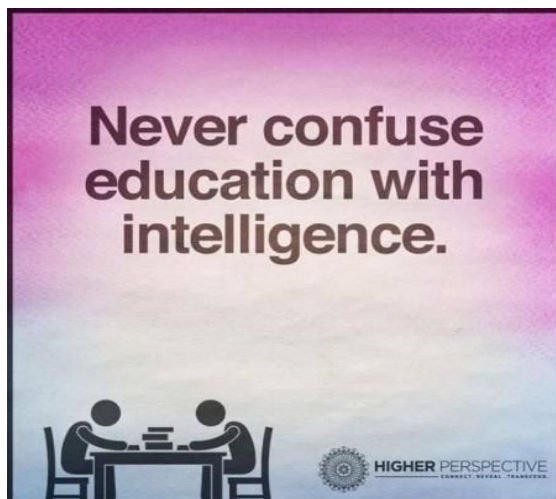
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## Financial Report

Jan 31, 2022	\$3,828.33
Receipts	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Balance Mar. 31. 2022	\$3,828.33

Submitted by  
Bruce Zimmerman, Treasurer

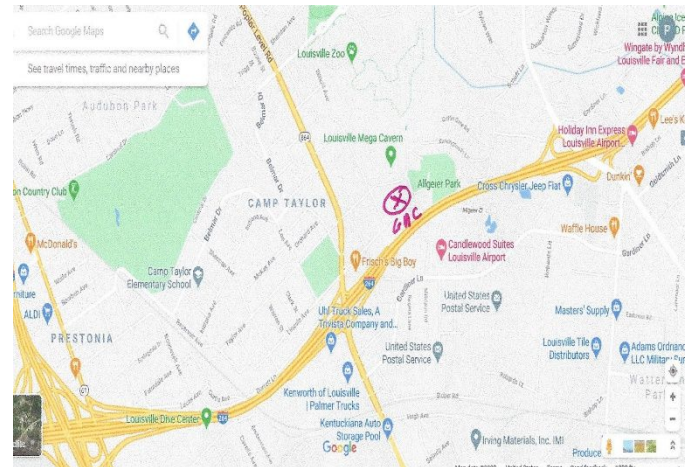


**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
**German-American Club**  
**1840 Lincoln Ave.**  
**Louisville, KY 40213**  
**gaclouisville.com**  
**502-451-3100**  
**Arrive 11:30 to set up**  
**Stein Sales**  
**Lunch 12:00 – 1:00**  
**Meeting 1:00 pm**  
**50/50 and Show N Tell**  
**Bring appetizers or desert**  
**Call Lee with number of guests**

## DIRECTIONS:

**I-65 N&S take 264 E to Poplar Level Rd. Go left at exit and first street on right toward Frische's. Go to end of road (Lincoln Ave.) to German Club.**

**I-64 E&W take 264 W to Poplar Level Rd. Go**



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## Mettlach Faience Steins

by Lee Oberhausen

In their constant quest to revive the beauty and quality of Renaissance and Baroque ceramics, the V and B craftsmen worked to copy faience steins of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Faience steins had been a European tin-glazed product meant to simulate the Oriental porcelains that were so popular and prohibitively expensive. The decorations on the Mettlach faience steins were primarily hand painted, with a few possible exceptions. One of the most outstanding characteristics of these steins, especially the 1.0L versions, is the use of fancy and beautiful pewter mountings, i.e., the lids and foot rings. This pewter work greatly enhances the authentic appearance of these faience steins. The designs are probably not exact copies of designs on earlier steins, but there are distinct similarities to original designs. These similarities were such that the styles of several of the Mettlach items can be associated with particular faience factories. Mettlach produced a number of other types of faience wares, but the steins seem to have been the most popular.

Looking at the bottoms of the steins in my collection, it must be noted that in the Mettlach Book of 2005. A few of the 1.0L steins have embossed numbers of 5019, then decorated and renumbered. I believe that the 5019 number was a plain white stein, listed in this book for 800-1000. It should also be noted that if the foot ring is missing, the value should be reduced by at least 30%. All of the faience steins are numbered in the series of 5000. In the book they show 19 1.0L steins, here are a few.

All of this article was taken from two Mettlach books written by Gary Kirsner. In my opinion they are the bible for Mettlach collectors.

Lee Oberhausen



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



# Photo Gallery

## SCI Mini-Convention

### Wilmington, DE

