



Die Golden Gate Zecher

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President's Message from Julie Hughes

Many thanks to all for coming to our April meeting and participating in the Zecher auction. Every other year, we have a member's auction that raises funds for our club's out-of-town speaker budget and more. Members donate items they no longer need that become treasures for others. And it is incredibly entertaining. This year's auction added \$513.00 to our treasury. Bob Bebermeyer and Bill Fry did a fabulous job stepping up as auctioneers, along with Vicki Guay, who used her expertise to keep track of the buyers. A big thank you to Rhoda Fry for giving a recap of her interesting Zoom presentation on Regensburg steins. Lyn and Janine Ayers traveled from Washington to join in on the fun. Lyn, a Master Steinologist whose home club is Pacific Stein Sammler, brought copies of his new book, *The Artistry of J. W. Remy*. We also had a first time attendee, Jim Rutter, who found out about our club by way of our Die Golden Gate Zechers Facebook page managed by Vicki Guay. Naturally, Jim joined our club on the spot and you can read Jim's biography in this newsletter. Welcome to the Zechers, Jim!

Bill and Rhoda Fry will be hosting our next meeting on September 17. They collect early steins, Munich breweries, carpenter occupationals, and a variety of other things. Our speaker will be Mark Durban who is a second-generation stein collector from Southern California's Erste Gruppe chapter. This will be another not-to-be-missed Zecher meeting.

Your Zecher board is an amazing team who works hard to bring you great meetings and speakers every year, but we can't achieve this without your help. We need to have hosts (and speakers) for our meetings. So PLEASE, don't let your fellow Zechers down and step up NOW and offer to host (or speak at) one of our 2023 meetings (February, April, and September).

(... President's Message Continued ...)

Ten Zecher members attended the SCI Convention in Charleston, SC. Wow! Conventions are always a lot of fun, seeing old friends and making new ones, and, of course, the room hopping, Fox Auction, stein sales room, members auction and many educational stein talks. We'll tell you all about it at our September 17th meeting. See you all then!

Prosit,

Julie Hughes

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September 17 Meeting at Bill and Rhoda Fry's 10351 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino at 1PM

Please mail check for \$25 per person to:

Bill Fry
10351 San Fernando Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

If you're lost, please call: 408-529-3560 or 408-605-8200

Prepare for South Bay Weather: bring a sun hat and jacket

Approximate Meeting Schedule

12:00 PM Board Meeting
1:00 PM Snacks / Social / Stein Sales
2:00 PM General Meeting
3:00 PM Presentation
5:00 PM Dinner

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September 17 Meeting at the Frys in Cupertino

Most of our September 17 meeting will be in the Fry's garden in Cupertino. It could be hot or cool (or both), so please bring a hat and layers to wear so you can be comfortable.

Our speaker Mark Durban is credited for making U.S. collectors aware of Franz Ringer, who was famous for his arts and crafts design work in Munich. Mark also studies and collects works by Heinrich Schlitt, a painter and illustrator best known by stein collectors for his whimsical depictions of heinzelmännchen (brownies) on Mettlach wares. Bring checks/cash for stein-buying and steins for sale/trade.

Additionally, Charles MacDonald, a club member has donated glasses, mugs and steins that you can drink from and take home; a token donation to our club for these is appreciated (\$1—\$5).



Bob as Auctioneer April 30, 2022



Nancy, Dick, and Janine in the shade and others in the sun in Dick & Julie's Yard

2022 Meeting Schedule

September 17, 2022:
Bill and Rhoda Fry, Cupertino
1pm until cows come home

December 10, 2022:
Speisekammer, Alameda - Back by popular demand!
11am until 4pm (must vacate by 5pm)

FYI Hillsborough Antiques Show is at the San Mateo Event Center November 11 to 13 2022

2023 Meeting Schedule is yet to be determined



A Vintage Löwenbräu Sign donated by Aurel Keck was the most popular auction item



Rhoda describing Regensburg-style stein
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Steve Elliott Memorial Plaque on The Rubicon Trail by Rhoda Fry



The Rubicon Trail is a 22-mile long route in the Sierras near South Lake Tahoe that only highly modified vehicles can traverse. In fact, part of the joy in going is getting stuck and unstuck. When Steve Elliott spied Bill's new Jeep after a stein club meeting seven years ago, he invited him to go on his annual multi-day trek to the challenging terrain, stunning views, fresh air, camping, and a pristine lake to catch fish for dinner. There also is an area where people have left memorials for friends and family. Bill had a metal plaque made up for Steve. In July, Bill, his son Justin, and Steve's friends placed it there next to another friend's memorial stone. During the convention, Bill and Justin returned to the site with Steve's two sons.



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A Collection of Carpenter Occupational and Construction-Related Beer Steins

by Rhoda Fry

A sub-category of beer-stein collecting is collecting occupational beer steins. When we think about these steins, the first thing that comes to mind are the porcelain stein bodies that are found on reservist (or regimental) beer steins made between the late 1800s until the outbreak of WWI. Just like a reservist Stein commemorates the completion of training, a tradesperson might receive a stein when attaining their journeyman status. The stein contains artwork pertaining to the trade, a laudatory saying about the trade, the name of the tradesperson, and possibly a date. Some collectors find breadth in their collecting by finding steins of many trades, such as beer brewer, butcher, farmer, and so on. Steins with less prevalent occupations are more sought after than common occupations.

Bill Fry has a small collection of occupational steins. Instead of collecting multiple occupations, he seeks carpenter-related items, having worked for many years as a union-trained journeyman carpenter. Consequently, he has branched out beyond the typical porcelain stein and discovered a broad spectrum of materials, manufacturers and dates. While some items were made for a specific person, others commemorate an event or celebrate the trade.



The first occupational stein is a typical porcelain body with a lithophane on the bottom that you might find on a reservist stein. The central scene features a proud framing carpenter and the side scenes depict lumber being milled. The stein is dedicated to Ludwig Huber and has no date. It has the typical saying "Hochlebe der Zimmermann" or Cheers for the Carpenter. A rhymed saying "Eher soll die Welt verderben Als vor Durst ein Zimmermann sterben," means "the world should sooner perish than a carpenter die of thirst."

The next stein is made of stoneware and features a wraparound scene of carpenters framing a wood building. Like the previous stein, it bears the inscription "Hochlebe der Zimmermann." This stein is dedicated to Engelbert Schöner and memorializes his time as a student from 1904—1905, "Zur Erinnerung an meine Studienzeit." The pewter lid with a Munich scene and a large Munich Child thumblift appears to be original.



These three pewter occupational steins are dated 1797, 1826, and 1840 and likely represent the dates when the recipient became a master carpenter. Since the surname on the first one is Frey, which is the historical spelling of Fry, Bill had to add it to his collection. Each illustrates carpenter tools and the name of the carpenter.



Here is a pewter lid with a heavy brass relief insert from a glass stein that Bill takes to some meetings. The insert depicts many of the tools that a carpenter would take to work.

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Carpenter Beer Steins, continued . . .



These stoneware steins are not carpenter occupational steins; they were made to celebrate events. The first is for a multitrade building event in Munich in 1901 that included master carpenters. The second is from a 1912 tradeshow that also took place in Munich.



These two final steins date from the late 1700s and are made of faience. The first was made in the town of Erfurt. It features a carpenter with an ax flanked by an oriental landscape motif that is often on tankards made by this workshop. Originally, it would have had a pewter footring. The second stein was made in the town of Dresden. The central cartouche, flanked by rampant lions, features carpentry tools and the date 1791; the lid is dated 1815. Perhaps the lid is not original; the original lid might have included its owner's name.

As you can see, focusing on a theme rather than a specific manufacturer provides for an eclectic collection. I wonder what Bill will find next.



These are three Mettlach steins, the first celebrates architects, the second is handpainted, and the third depicts a master carpenter with his apprentice. Mettlach made a dozen occupational motifs in the last body style and are numbered 2719 through 2030.



More than two tables of treasures at our April 30 2022 members' auction

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Zechers Welcome New Member Jim Rutter

by Rhoda Fry

Photos by Annie Barnett Photography



Jim Rutter's affinity for all things German and collecting hobbies was inevitable. His great-grandfather from whom he inherited a few dozen steins, was one of seven children born to Bavarian parents in Alameda, California. His family legacy endures in over 300 of Alameda's Victorian homes designed and built by the firm Marcuse and Remmel. Jim's father has one of the largest collections of Wizard of Oz literature and memorabilia worldwide. Jim and his father share a passion Sherlock Holmes literature and memorabilia. Jim also followed in his father's footsteps by attending Stanford University; he is a fourth-generation graduate.

Jim has expanded into other collecting areas such as sports, trading cards, military history, pop culture, vintage toys and games, beer coasters, musical theater, and a large collection of vinyl LP records, approximately 50 of which are Oktoberfest music - enough for a multi-day party!

Although Jim's roots are firmly embedded in the Bay Area, he explored his German heritage by taking three years of German language at Menlo-Atherton High school along with a gap year in Austria where he perfected his German-language skills, played basketball, and cemented his love for all things Germanic - culture, music, food and beer of course. When Jim returned home, he obtained a B.A. in International Relations and German Culture at Stanford. He continued his studies at Georgetown University where he earned a Masters in International Trade and Finance which led to a stint at the U. S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria. He finally settled back in the Bay Area for a career in banking.

Jim resides in Redwood City with his wife Cindi and their two children and continues to expand his interests in sports and history by heading up a sports-related social networking program along with his work as an archivist and historian for Stanford Athletics. His keen wit is evident through his selection of his favorite stein, the Schierholz sad radish." With so many interests, you'll surely find something in common with him at the next club meeting!



Jim and his father with Oz and Holmes items

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Board Meeting Notes April 30, 2022

by Vicki Guay

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 12:25 pm by President Julie Hughes. Present: Pres. Julie Hughes, VP Bob Bebermeyer, Treasurer Dick Hughes, Secretary Vicki Guay, Newsletter Editor Rhoda Fry, Board members Nancy Morris, Chuck Schoppe, Guests Karl Lofthouse, Peggy Schoppe

2. OFFICER REPORTS

President – Julie: Thank you to all serving on the board. Clarification on monies president can spend. According to our club by-laws the president may spend up to \$200 for club expenses without board approval. The VP expenses include monies given to speakers outside our club. Need to check on current SCI policy for speaker reimbursement. Vicki volunteered to do this. The following items were approved unanimously:
a) Raise future meeting fees to \$25 per person
b) Order flowers for Steve Elliott's memorial.
C) Donate \$100 for SCI convention door prizes.

Vice President – Bob: Calling/emailing members to encourage attendance at upcoming meetings. Next meeting Sept. 17, 2022 at Bill & Rhoda Fry's house in Cupertino. Holiday party in early December. Julie will check with Les about Spieseckammer. Everyone enjoyed having it at lunchtime last year. Also working on meetings for 2023. Will check with Les about hosting a meeting and considering meeting in Monterey.

Secretary – Vicki: No new minutes as the last meeting was back in September. Thank you to Rhoda for organizing as well as speaking at the February Zoom meeting. It was so great to have people from other states join us.

Treasurer – Dick: We have 47 members. Unanimously decided to have club cover Suzanne Elliott's dues this year in memory of Steve. Vicki volunteered to contact Suzanne.

Chapter Contact – Les: Out of town.

Newsletter Editor – Rhoda: Need volunteers to write articles! Chuck offered to write an article about the Charleston Convention in August in time for the September newsletter. Need to send an email blast for key club dates including

Board Meeting Notes . . . continued . . .

upcoming meetings, deadline dates for newsletter and upcoming SCI conventions.

Historian – Still vacant.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Need volunteers to host 2023 meetings.

4. Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm by Julie

General Meeting Notes April 30, 2022

by Vicki Guay

Moment of silence for Steve Elliott and Guenter Morawietz

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

at 2:20 pm by President Julie Hughes.

Guests: Deb Hanson-Monterey, Jim Rutter- Redwood City (became a member at the meeting)

New member: Sam Huntington-Pacific Grove

Out of town members: Lyn & Janine Ayers

2. OFFICER REPORTS

President – Julie: Following votes at the board meeting earlier the cost of meetings will rise from \$20 to \$25 starting in September 2022, GGZ will donate \$100 to SCI for this year's convention door prizes, the club will send flowers for Steve Elliott's celebration of life. Because of the venue, there is limited space so it is by invitation only.

Vice President – Bob: Today's speaker will be Rhoda Fry followed by our club auction. Next meeting Sept. 17, 2022 at Bill & Rhoda Fry's house in Cupertino. The speaker will be Mark Durban. Holiday party in early December. Need hosts for 2023 February, April and September.

Secretary – Vicki: No new minutes as the last meeting was back in September. Thank you to Rhoda for organizing as well as speaking at the February Zoom meeting. It was so great to have people from other states join us.

Treasurer – Dick: 47 members -7 owe dues. Board voted to cover dues for Suzanne Elliott this year in memory of long time member Steve.

Chapter Contact – Les: Out of town.

Newsletter Editor – Rhoda: Need members to send her articles.

Historian – Still vacant.

3. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm by Julie

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Charleston, South Carolina Convention
Photos by Chuck, Vicki and Christy
(compiled and cropped by Rhoda)



Bernd and Suzanne on Steve's bear bench



GGZ brought a large crowd to convention!



Food and Munich Child (Celia) with Jim



(convention photos continued . . .)



So many sights to see. Oldest steam train in America and historic buildings.



Julie, Vicki, Nancy and Dick



Learning Opportunities in beautiful hotel

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... FRIENDS ... FOOD ... FUN ... at the Convention



Ladies Tea Time



Les as Barmaid



Peggy, Chuck and Nancy



Presentation on Electroplating

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IF YOU WANT MORE
PHOTOS OF YOUR-
SELVES, YOU NEED
TO SEND THEM TO
YOUR EDITOR!

ALSO, PLEASE
SUBMIT ARTICLES
FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER!!!

THANK YOU



Touring the Drayton Plantation



Sue, Joann, Nancy, Vicki, Julie