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A Newsletter for Northern
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Stein Collectors

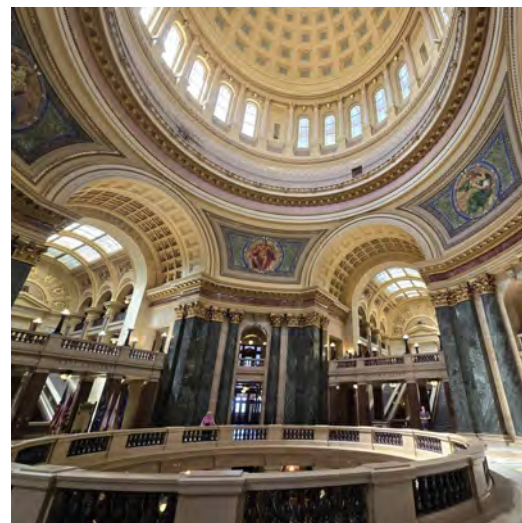
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President's Message

Hello Zechers,

On June 8th, we had our Zecher auction meeting at Jim and Cindi Rutter's home. The auction brought in \$347 to our treasury! A big thanks to auctioneer Ron Fox, who made it a fun event. Also thanks to all who participated in donating and purchasing items.

Later in the day, we followed the "Yellow Brick Road" to Jim's parent's home. We were introduced to Jim's father's amazing Wizard of Oz collection that journeyed us through the World of Oz. On the way to the Oz room, we passed a room with numerous bookcases full of Sherlock Holmes books. A big "Thank You" to Jim for volunteering to host the meeting and Jim's parents who welcomed us into their home. Jim's father's collection was a feast for the eyes and Jim's mom's delicious desserts were a feast for the bellies!



Capitol Building Madison Wisconsin

All attendees had a wonderful time seeing old friends and making new ones at the Madison convention. The SCI awards went to:

- ★ Joanne Ellis - crowned "Miss Beer Stein"
- ★ Dick Strom - Jack Heimann service award
- ★ Chuck Keiser - Jack Lowenstein Editors award for his Prosit article "The Evolution of Westerwald Steins"
- ★ Rickey Thompson (from Australia) - Floyd Dietlein "Gemutlichkeit" award

Remember to mark your calendars for the SCI convention August 11 - 17, 2025 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!

Our September 21st Zecher meeting will be held at the Hughes' in Belmont, with master steinologist Steve Steigerwald speaking on Mettlach steins. I hope you all can make it to this meeting.

Prosit, Julie Hughes, President DGGZ

September 21 2024 Meeting at Dick and Julie Hughes' Home at 12:30 PM

ASAP! Please mail \$25 per person to Julie Hughes to help defray the cost of food & drink
It helps to send checks early so that the host knows how many people are coming

Please mail check for \$25 per person to

Julie Hughes
1532 Desvio Way
Belmont, CA 94002-3623

If you're lost, call 650-593-1261

Approximate Meeting Schedule

12:30 PM Snacks / Social / Stein Sales
2:00 PM General Meeting
2:30 PM More Social / Stein Sales
3:30 PM Presentation
4:30 PM Bockwurst (sausage) Dinner

2024 and 2025 MEETING SCHEDULES

Saturday September 21, 2024

Dick and Julie Hughes' Home

Location: Belmont

Program: Steve Steigerwald on Mettlach

Sunday December 8, 2024

Speisekammer Restaurant (11AM—4PM)

Location: Alameda

Saturday April 12, 2025

Les Paul and TuC's Home

Location: Alameda

June TBD, 2025

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

September TBD, 2025

Bill and Rhoda Fry's Home

Location: Cupertino

December TBD, 2025

Speisekammer Restaurant

Location: Alameda

Pacific Coast Stein Sammler Chapter Meetings in Washington State

Saturday September 7, 2024

Location: Puyallup

Saturday December 7, 2024

Location: Gig Harbor

For more information, email Alain from the
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Conventions with Live Auctions by Fox Auctions

Mini Convention in Maryland

October 18-20, 2024

Main Convention in Pittsburgh

Week of August 11, 2025

Questions? Email Rhoda Fry
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Introducing Speaker Steve Steigerwald

Master Steinologist Steve Steigerwald will be speaking on Villeroy & Boch's Mettlach factory at our September 21 meeting. Steve and his wife Joanne will be travelling all the way from New York and our meeting will be the last day of their West Coast vacation that has been in the works for over a year! Fun fact: the first Stein Collectors International (SCI) Convention attended by the Steigerwalds and the Frys was the 1991 Chicago convention.

Steve Steigerwald lives on Long Island, New York. He is married and has one grown daughter, a son-in-law and a 15-month-old grandson. He is semi-retired.

Steve has been actively collecting steins since 1989 when he bought his first two steins from a Ron Fox auction. His primary love is Mettlach pieces of just about every manufacturing technique but he has a number of non-Mettlach character steins and early stoneware pieces in his collection. He has been actively involved with SCI for thirty-five years and served twice as its Executive Director. He was also one of the convention chairs for the 2001 and 2022 Conventions. Steve has written several of the "Featured Stein" articles for the SCI website as well as a number of articles for Prosit. He has been awarded the Prosit Editor's Award on four occasions and has been recognized with the Master Steinologist and Jack Heimann Service awards. He has been a main speaker at several conventions, conducted roundtables at others and has given presentations at a number of chapters including one a number of years ago. DGGZ extends a warm welcome to Steve and Joanne!

Munich Brewery Stein Collecting: The War of the Salvators by Rhoda Fry

In the 1600s, it is said that the Paulaner friars brewed a strong beer called “Sankt Vater Öl” (Saint Father Oil), that provided sustenance during their Lent fasting days. Others claim that the beer with extra malt was a feast beer. Nevertheless, after secularization, brewer Franz Xaver Zacherl (1772-1849) bought the monastery from the state, brewed a similar beer and called it “Salvator.” He declared his beer, that was more expensive to make than conventional beers, a luxury product that would not be subject to state pricing controls. By doing so, he cornered the market. That is, until 1865, when the pricing restrictions were lifted. Other breweries started brewing their own version of Salvator beers and Munich’s Petuel brewery even incorporated itself as Salvatorbrauerei.

Zacherl’s heirs, the Schmederer brothers, were furious. They put ads in newspapers saying that their Salvator beer was the only genuine Salvator. And Salvatorbrauerei posted counter-ads. So the case was taken to court. Was Salvator a type of beer or was it a protected name? In 1896 the Schmederer brothers protected the word Salvator and in 1899, they affirmed their brewery’s monastic roots by renaming the Zacherl brewery to Paulaner. The Schmederer brothers even went after a Salvator brewery in the historic town of Schwäbisch Gmünd near a church named Salvator. They lost that battle, but won the war.

By 1899, Salvatorbrauerei changed its name to Schwabingerbräu and most Salvator beer names were changed. Because Spaten had already protected its Salvator brand, it wasn’t until 1907 that it renamed its strong beer to Doppel Spaten and later to Optimator. At first, Augustiner called their beer St. Augustin Fasten bier; later they changed the name to Maximator and kept the logo. Hacker chose a tongue-in-cheek name, Namenloser Fastenbier, which means “nameless.” Pschorr used the name Animator. Löwenbräu initially used the name St. Benno, Munich’s patron saint. Löwenbräu acquired Bürgerbräu, it used Bürgerbräu’s Triumphator name and logo design. Today, most Salvator-type beers have the suffix “ator” and are referred to as double bock. In a twist of fate, even Paulaner calls their Salvator beer a double bock!



Go to Pittsburgh for the 2025 Convention and Stay for the Sights! by Rhoda Fry

The 2025 Convention will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during the week of August 11. I'm looking forward to going because I went to school there at Carnegie Mellon University and haven't been back since. There are places I'd like to revisit and others that I hadn't seen before or are new. We'll be staying at the Wyndham Grand hotel, which is located where the Allegheny River and the Monongahela River meet to form the Ohio River. Pittsburgh has 182 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places! Here are some highlights.

Our hotel offers sweeping views of the river and for a better view, check out the Duquesne Incline, a funicular railway that has operated since 1877! And if you're a big rail fan, you can also visit the 1870 Monongahela incline. Although the downtown area is flat, some neighborhoods are quite steep and that's why Pittsburgh had nearly two-dozen inclines!



It seems that every place in Pittsburgh tells a story. The Highland Park Zoo and Aquarium, which opened in 1898, was funded by the controversial political boss, Christopher Magee (1848-1901) on the condition that the zoo be moved from Schenley Park.

Pittsburgh's sites are a reminder of philanthropy and its industrial past. In the last 18 years of his life, industrialist Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) gave away 90% of his wealth to worldwide causes, especially libraries. In Pittsburgh, where his name is pronounced kahr-NEG-ee, you'll find Carnegie Mellon University along with the former women's college on campus, named after his mother Margaret Morrison (known as Maggie Murph); four Carnegie museums: Art, Science, Natural History, and Andy Warhol; and many libraries. Nine miles from the hotel, you can tour the blast furnaces of Carnegie's Homestead Steelworks, site of the 1892 labor strike.

Mellon is another name you'll hear in Pittsburgh and it comes from Mellon Bank, founded by Thomas Mellon (1813-1908). His son Andrew William Mellon (1855-1937), initially avoided charitable causes as had his father, but ultimately donated money to many causes, including the University of Pittsburgh. The Mellon Institute of Industrial Research later merged to form Carnegie Mellon University. Thanks to his philanthropist colleague Henry Frick, Andrew Mellon collected art, which led to the formation of the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Other members of the Mellon family were also noted philanthropists. Sarah Scaife (1903-1965), was Thomas Mellon's granddaughter; her heirs decided to leave out her maiden name, Mellon.

Henry Clay Frick (1849—1919) obtained his wealth through his H.C. Frick Coke Company, which provided fuel for Andrew Carnegie's steel company. After a falling out with Carnegie, he moved to New York City where he built a mansion which became the Frick Collection museum. A tour his Pittsburgh home, now called The Frick Pittsburgh Museums and Gardens, with its own art collection, car collection, and greenhouse, provides an unvarnished view of the gilded age. Frick built the William Penn hotel to rival those of Europe; it remains to this day as one of Pittsburgh's grand historic hotels. Upon his death, Frick bequeathed land for Pittsburgh's Frick park.

Henry Phipps Jr. (1839-1930) also worked with Andrew Carnegie and he donated the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in 1893. It is about 4 miles from our hotel in Schenley Park. The park was founded in 1889 through a donation by Mary Schenley, who inherited the land from her maternal grandfather, General James O'Hara, a prominent businessman.

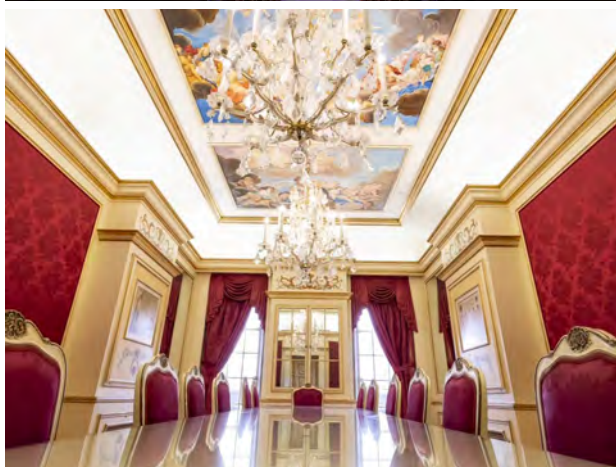
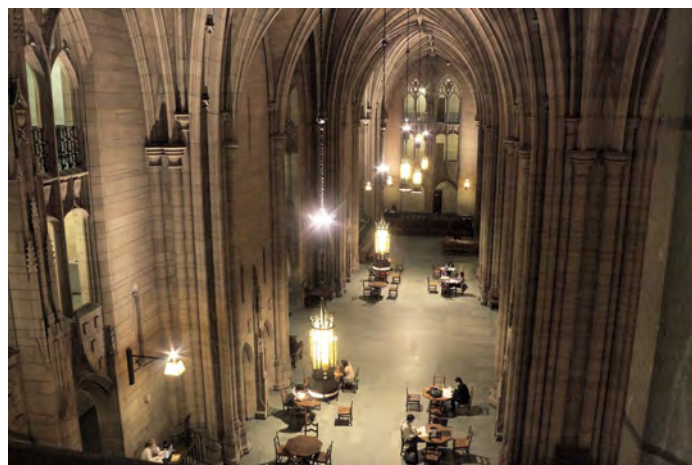


You'll also see the name Heinz in Pittsburgh, which started with the H. J. Heinz Company, a food processing company founded by Henry John Heinz (1844-1919) in 1869. The Pittsburgh Symphony plays at Heinz Hall. Pittsburgh's other famous hall is the 1928 Stanley Warner Theater (a division of Warner Brothers). Following renovations in 1987, it was renamed to the Benedum Center for Performing arts thanks to funding from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The foundation is named after oil and natural gas magnate Michael Late Benedum's (1869-1959) only son, who died in 1918 during the Spanish flu pandemic.

The most recent Heinz landmark, about a mile from the hotel, is the Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The history museum also operates the Fort Pitt Museum, which is next to our hotel. Separately, if you enjoy military history, check out the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall; it is the largest memorial in the U.S. dedicated to honoring all branches of military veterans and service personnel.

In 1914, Henry J. Heinz, funded the nonsectarian Heinz Memorial Chapel in his mother's memory at the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt is about 3 miles from our hotel). The 1938 neo-Gothic chapel was designed by Charles Klauder, who also designed Pitt's 1931 Cathedral of Learning. One of the highlights of the 42-story Cathedral of Learning is its 31 nationality rooms that you can visit if you go on a tour. Pittsburgh is also known for its many places of worship, among them, the First Presbyterian Church has Tiffany windows; St. Anthony's Chapel has the greatest collection of relics outside of the Vatican; St. Paul's Cathedral was inspired by the Cologne Cathedral and there are two Polish Catholic Churches.

Top left: Chapel, Top right: Cathedral of Learning, Bottom Left: Austrian Room, Bottom Right: German Room



If you're a music box fan, you might enjoy an excursion to the Bayernhof Music Museum, which is 8 miles from the hotel. It is in the former 19,000 square-foot home of the late Charles B. Brown III (1937-1999), CEO of Gas-Lite Manufacturing (now American Gas Lamp Works). The rooms in the home, which opened to the public in 2004, are based on King Ludwig II of Bavaria.

And finally, if you're a baseball fan, you can watch the Pittsburgh Pirates vs Cincinnati at PNC Park on Sunday August 10. The 2001 ballpark is steps away from our hotel. Like many ballparks, it has been named through licensing and PNC is a banking and financial services company. The Pirates previously played at a nearby multi-purpose stadium that was aptly named Three Rivers Stadium. See you in Pittsburgh!

Photos from the June 8, 2024 Meeting at the Rutter Home



Here are Dick and Julie in a photo-op in Aurel's Bavarian guard house that has found a new home with Jim Rutter.

Thanks to Ron Fox who was our members' Auction Auctioneer and helped us raise nearly \$350. We also enjoyed the sweeping views.



Photos from the Convention in Madison, Wisconsin

As usual, Die Golden Gate Zecher had a large presence at the convention. Vicki, Nancy, and Julie worked in the hospitality room, Ron Fox gave a presentation on American Indians on beer steins and ran a fantastic auction, Bill and Rhoda Fry did a roundtable on Munich Brewery Steins, Les Paul had the biggest stein-sale table, Bernd Hoffman won best dressed at German night, and Vicki, last year's Miss Beer Stein, crowned this year's Miss Beer Stein, Joanne Ellis, who is also a Zecher. Twenty Zechers shown in group photo except Ron Fox.



Die Golden Gate Zecher Board and General Meeting Summary Saturday June 8, 2024 Redwood City by Vicki Guay

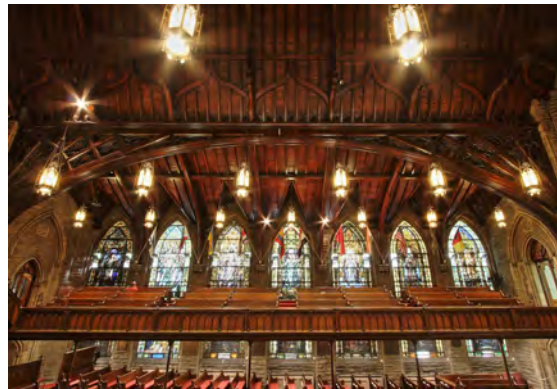
Thank you to Jim Rutter for hosting and Cindi for letting him. Also a big thank you to Jim's parents for letting us view their incredible collections. We will trial the September board meeting on Zoom, on an earlier date, to allow board members to join the entire in person meeting. Julie stated we are fully re-chartered in SCI. We have 19 home chapter members and 49 members total and are one of the stronger chapters in SCI. We discussed new ways to add new members. Please send us your suggestions. Rhoda is always looking for members to send her articles for the newsletter. Official meeting minutes are available from Vicki or Julie. The fun biennial auction raised \$347 for the club.

DGGZ Member Directory

Rhoda Fry is putting together a DGGZ Member Directory. Presently, only the board members have access to the membership list. In order for members to contact each other, Rhoda is putting together a directory that includes information that each member wishes to share, such as name, email, phone number and city. If you want to be in the directory, please contact Rhoda at fryhouse@earthlink.net.



St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburgh



Windows at First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh



Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, interior and exterior

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