

# St. Louis Gateway Steiners

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



### COMING NEXT, STEINERS STEIN SHOW & SALE

Sunday, November 6th, 2022  
Open to public 1:00 P.M. 'til 4:00 P.M.

Kirkwood Community Center, 2nd floor, Rm. 201 A/B  
111 S. Geyer Road,  
Kirkwood, MO 63122

**We are back to Kirkwood Community Center** for our 2022 Show & Sale. As in the past, we have access to our space from noon until 5 P.M. for set-up and breakdown. **Tables are provided but do require setting up and storing which requires able bodied help.** Please arrive early so as to assist in this step of opening/closing the event.

As in past years the club will follow our agreed upon policy: All steins purchased from visitors will be set out and offered to the members at the event. If others would have interest in a stein, a drawing of names will take place, the winner to pay the purchase price paid. No other interest, the buyer keeps the stein.

Most important at this event is to have a good membership attendance on hand to talk to visitors, answer their questions and encourage interest in collecting steins. Steiners membership is always suggested should interest is shown. Martin Dietrich will be on hand to appraise steins brought in for evaluation.

So bring along a group of your favorite steins to share with visitors and also steins available for purchase. That will help make the event fun for all!

## AUGUST STEINERS MEETING

A good turnout for the August Steiners meeting made for an enjoyable afternoon. Ted and Debbie Ball hosted the meeting at their home. The weather was great allowing attendees to visit both outside in the cool shade and also inside to enjoy Ted's impressive Stein Cave. Ample food and snacks were brought in for all to enjoy.



Following a brief business meeting, Pat Goertzen delivered a very interesting PowerPoint program on "Shultz and Dooly Steins," character steins used by the Utica Brewery as "Spokesmugs" in their commercials.



These steins were new to most of the club and was very entertaining and well received by everyone. Pat did a great presentation. To read the background of these steins, go to: [chuckthewriter.com/Schultz.html](http://chuckthewriter.com/Schultz.html) ■





## NEXT, IT WAS OKTOBERFESTZEIT AT DONAU PARK



**Sunday September 11th began** cloudy, chilly and a little wet, but Karl Schmidt was there by noon to set up a nice display of steins to promote stein collecting and also advertising the Gateway Steiners. Doris Ogrowsky also was there and provided these pictures. Paul Hillyard was there with family to enjoy the music, food and beer. No other members ventured out that day, so our thanks go out to Karl and the others for being there. Eventually, the sun came out and day ended up sunny and comfortable. ■

## FINALLY, OUR RECENT OCTOBER MEETING AT FERRIS PARK

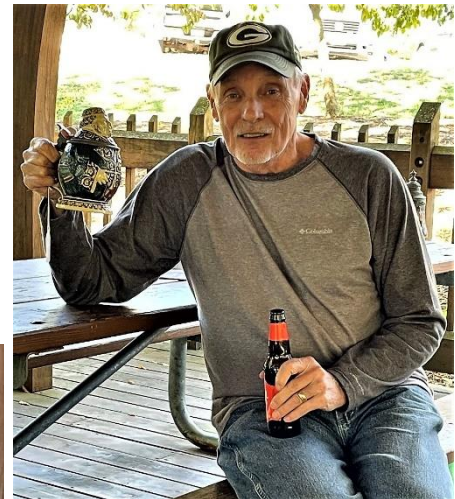
Our next meeting took place Saturday, October 1st on a beautiful fall day at Ballwin's Ferris Park. A dozen members were there to enjoy the day, but several regulars were kept away by other obligations. Several people brought in treats - White Castles (yum-yum), pretzels, popcorn, to share. A business meeting was held to bring everyone up to date on things. Ted mentioned that Bob Moushon, Washington, IL notified him that he will not be continuing his membership, because of health problems and the difficulty to attend meetings. Bob and his wife Lynn will be missed. There were always supportive of the Steiners by his membership,

An ample supply of half-size handout flyers advertising the upcoming Kirkwood Show & Sale were printed and made available at the meeting. Several people took a supply of these for placing in various antique mall locations around the area. Some flyers may still be available. Contact Ted. Martin Dietrich also arranged for several free postings advertising our event. Color ads are also coming out in both the Webster-Kirkwood Times and Call newspapers. With our advertising the Stein Show & Sale as has been done, we are optimistic that about the ad exposure will bring in a good crowd on November 6th, along with lots of steins. **OUR PART IS TO PARTICIPATE.**





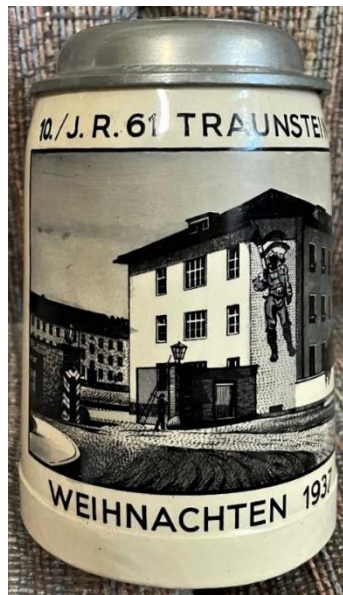
Martin Dietrich presented the afternoon program: "Relief steins that tell a story." Others also brought in a number of examples to add to the program. The subject generated a great deal of discussion resulting in an active, enjoyable Steiners gathering. Later, as a follow-up, Martin will provide additional information on the "Prince Electors of the Holy Roman Empire" that appeared on several of his steins. Comical fellows, we can look forward to more on this. ■



***You've heard it before, but the end of 2022 also brings the end of your officers' 2-years in office. A break from some of these duties would be refreshing for some of those holding these positions for many terms. With 30-plus members, someone must be willing to volunteer to step forward and offer to serve for a while. TRY IT, YOU'LL ENJOY IT!***



## INTERESTING SIDE HISTORY UNCOVERED



This stein was purchased at our last meeting, but from Martin. I liked that it was a *Weihnachten 1937* stein with an interesting barracks scene pictured on it, and it was affordable. The regimental markings 10./J.R.61 however, confused me. Also, I incorrectly thought it a Weimar period stein. When in need of help, Peter Meinschmidt usually comes to my rescue.

Peter explained (paraphrased): Your "Weimar era stein" of the 61st Infantry Regiment is actually a "Wehrmacht stein" (Wehrmacht, the Germany Army under Hitler in WW2), as it was established in



1935 when the Reichswehr no longer existed and had been replaced by the Wehrmacht." He went on to explain that these unit designations changed after the Imperial days of the Kaiser. "By 1942 the regiment was renamed 'Grenadier Regiment 61.' It was based in Traunstein, Germany in the so-called 'Badenweiler Barracks.' After 1945 some US units were based in Traunstein about which I could NOT find any info on German internet. At a certain time these barracks were occupied by the post WW2 German Army (Bundeswehr) with the barracks renamed "Prince Eugen Barracks". The picture of a medieval mercenary (as I would interpret it) which is depicted on one of the barracks buildings still existed after WW2. The barracks were torn down in 2002."

The small picturesque town of Traunstein is located in southeastern Bavaria. What seems to be its main military history is that it based Infantry regiments there in the Badenweiler Barracks pictured on this stein. However, I did find it quite fascinating to learn of a two known people likely stayed at these barracks.

It turns out that Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger, born 1927), spent much of his early childhood and teenage years living in Traunstein and with his brother Georg attended the St. Michael Seminary in the town. When he became of age he was pulled into the army and eventually became an infantry man, stationed in Traunstein around 1943 before he was discharged. (It is fascinating to read of young Joseph Ratzinger's military years, on-line.)

Earlier, during WWI, a far different person, Infantryman Adolph Hitler was a guard at camp in Traunstein for captured Russian soldiers. He too must had stayed in these barracks. So while this history is just a side story, it is interesting to learn of. RH ■

## MARTIN PAUSON PEWTER MARKS



Karl Schmidt has owned these two *Schuetzenliesel* Target Girl steins for quite a while. I expressed interest in these in the past, should he ever decide to part with them. That time finally came. He brought them to the October meeting, and now they are mine. Thanks Karl! *Schuetzenliesel* has been discussed at length at of earlier meetings. The two steins are quite attractive, the larger being 1L size is stoneware, whereas the smaller, 0.4L stein is of highly glazed pottery.

Once back home while examining these closely, I realized that both thumblift shanks were stamped "Paulson Münchin."

Recalling that Ted Ball gave a short talk about Martin Pauson marks on pewter back in October 2019, I asked him where he found this information. He quickly got back to me, directing me to a very complete bio on Martin Pauson available on [Steinmarks.co.uk](http://Steinmarks.co.uk). Several previous Prosit articles were also found on SCI's Members link.

End results shows that the company were decorators and finishers of steins, but were also makers of pewter. I'm not sure how significant this this is other than that Paulson Company had a hand finishing these lovely and interesting steins. RH ■

