



# FOHBCS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I would first like to apologize to the members for the lateness of the last issue of the magazine. We are going to get this magazine out on time if it is the last thing I do, (and that may be the case the way things are going). I am the President and I take full responsibility for it being late. This magazine should be in your hands on or before January 1st, 2011 or I will let some others do the explaining. It is kind of like if you are going to take a trip and it takes you three days to make the trip. You leave early enough to arrive on time or don't go. You don't leave one day out and expect to make it on time. We are backing all of our dates up with the expectation that this will solve the chronic problem of lateness.

We are currently trying to get our website updated and hopefully by the time you read this it will be done. Ferd Meyer has been working on a NEW LOOK for the website and it should be in place pretty soon.

One of my goals as Federation President is to increase our membership several times over. I am currently working on a several pronged plan to get our name out to the public and let people know what we are all about. This is going to take cooperation from many of our members and an ongoing effort to accomplish this goal. I will be setting out specifics in the coming months and anyway any of you can plug in and help it will be greatly appreciated. I will be discussing these with our Board of Directors and enlisting their support.

I appreciate the effort our new magazine Editor has put forth and I will be working with him on content over the next year to improve it even more. Any comments or suggestions any of you might have to improve our magazine please feel free to email me at genebsa@comcast.net or give me a phone call. I am open to all suggestions. We think we have a great magazine and hope to make it even greater. We can only do this with your support and input.

As most of you know by now, Norman

Barnett passed away Monday, October 25, 2010. He and his wife Junne were long time collectors in our hobby and both had served as officers in the Federation, Norm having served as President. They have been long time friends of mine and were very supportive the years I previously served as President of the Federation. They came to all Federation events and were very active in the Federation for many years. Norm would always rise to the occasion when called on and I recall back in 1993 I was just starting to make our annual meeting not only a convention meeting but an annual show. I asked him to be the show chairman and take reservations for our National Show (we had held the first one in Memphis in 1991) which we held in Richmond, VA. Norman stepped up and did a fine job even though he was from Indiana. He and Junne made a trip to Richmond and met me and several other officers to make plans for the show. That was just one of many things he did for the Federation unselfishly. I recall some humorous things as well. As most know Norm would always have a joke or two to tell you. I recall that back in 1978 we hosted the National Convention in Memphis and he was staying at a local hotel

near the show and he related this to me the next day. It seems that Norman was riding the elevator and a certain young "LADY OF THE EVENING" approached him and asked him if he would like some company. And Norman, being the gracious person he was, replied, "NO THANKS " and with a smile on his face continued on his elevator trip. We joked about that trip for years. I have always wondered if that encounter wasn't also just a little ego boost for Norman as well. It probably would have been for me. I could go on for hours recounting the many fun times we spent together but space doesn't allow. Our condolences go out to Junne and family. NORM, YOU WILL BE SORELY MISSED, THE HOBBY HAS LOST A TRUE FRIEND !

Some clubs are sending me newsletters and I really appreciate it. I read them all and this gives me a little idea of where we need to tweak certain things we are doing to better serve the hobby. You can send them to me at Gene Bradberry, P.O. Box 341062, Memphis, TN 38184.

As always, "LET'S KEEP THE FUN IN COLLECTING".

Gene Bradberry  
President

## *Where there's a will there's a way to leave Donations to the FOHBC*

Did you know the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors is a 501C(3) charitable organization? How does that affect you? It allows tax deductions for any and all donations to the FOHBC.

You might also consider a bequest in your will to the FOHBC. This could be a certain amount of money or part or all of your bottle collection. The appraised value of your collection would be able to be deducted from your taxes.

(This is not legal advice, please consult an attorney)

I give and bequeath to the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors, 401 Johnston Ct, Raymore, MO 64083, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used as its Board of Directors determines.

The same type wording could be used for bequeathing your collection or part of it, however, before donating your collection (or part of it), you would need the collection appraised by a professional appraiser with knowledge of bottles and their market values. This is the amount that would be tax deductible.

Thank you for considering us in your donation plans.

Gene Bradberry, President

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