



FOHBCS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Well, folks, by the time you get this issue of Bottles and Extras, the National Bottle & Advertising Show in Memphis will be history. I am looking forward to a great show and convention as well as a super auction. I would like to personally thank Ron Pevahouse and Tom Phillips for their untiring efforts in setting up the auction. A special thanks goes to Bill Meier for doing the online part of it and to Ferd Meyer for his diligent work on the website and getting the auction on our website, I think it looks great.

Now for a few announcements. As mentioned in our last issue, Wayne Lowry has stepped down as Conventions Director effective at the end of the show on June 26. I have named Tom Phillips as our new Conventions Director. Tom has been a collector and Memphis Bottle Collectors Club member, MBCC President and Show Chairman over the past 40 years. Tom travels the country extensively in his business and can easily meet with and check out many locations in his regular travels. He will be a real asset in this position. He has an excellent working knowledge of shows and their needs.

To replace June Lowry, who is stepping down as Business Manager, I am naming former FOHBC Treasurer Alan DeMaison as the new Business Manager. Alan did an outstanding job as Treasurer and I look forward to him continuing as a most worthy Business Manager as well. To contact him, send all correspondence (e-mails or snail mails) to his address as listed in this issue. He has fully assumed the duties of Business Manager.

Thanks, again, to Wayne and June for their service to the Federation.

Secretary Randy Driskill also resigned and I have named Jim Berry, formerly the Public Relations Director, to replace him. Thanks for your service, Randy. Jim is a very capable individual to take over this most important position as records need to be reported and kept in a factual manner.

The next change is that of Membership Director. Ed Herrold resigned this post the first of April and I have named Jim Bender to the post. He previously held the Northeast Region Director's job and is quite capable of doing a fine job here. Jim and I have discussed several creative ideas to increase our membership and we will be sharing them with you in upcoming issues of the magazine. Ed Herrold is a longtime supporter of the Federation and will be missed. Thanks, Ed, for your service.

All of these appointments were made during a Board of Directors conference call on April 28, with the support,

knowledge and approval of the Board.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Johnnie Fletcher of the Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relic Club as the new Southern Region Editor for that region by Southern Region Director Jack Hewitt. The appointment was made since Bill Baab, of Augusta, Georgia, is stepping down after having served several years in that position. A hearty thanks to Bill for his service, but he is not totally going away. He is going to serve the Federation by helping proof each issue of B and E for the foreseeable future. Thanks, Bill, for your past service as well as your willingness to continue to serve.

We still have much work to do with EXPO 2012 coming up in Reno, Nev. Check out the advertisement in this issue and be sure to get in your reservations early. It promises to be a great show. By the way, we also are working on National Show sites for 2013 and 2014.

I would like to solicit articles for your magazine, *Bottles and Extras*. If you have submitted an article in the past and it never got printed, please resubmit it and it will be given every consideration. We want to hear from ALL areas of collecting. Send your articles to our Editor, Martin Van Zant, whose address is in this issue.

As alluded to earlier, the NEW Federation Website will be up and running by the time you read this. I have seen the preview and it looks really great. Ferd Meyer has done a super job of putting it all together. On the site, you may read about the listed Federation officers as well as check out their photos and biographies. Folks, this site is something that you can really be proud of. IT IS JUST SUPERB! It is your site and will be very user-friendly, as you will see. Again, a hearty thanks to Ferd Meyer and all of those who worked so diligently in getting it up and going.

I really want to emphasize to all of you that we need all members to be involved and what better way than to submit an article for publication. If you have never written one before, just give us a call and we will head you in the right direction and assist you along the way. This is YOUR Federation, YOUR Website and YOUR *Bottles and Extras*. Let's all strive to make YOUR Federation the best we can.

As always, LET'S KEEP THE FUN IN BOTTLE COLLECTING!

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