



FOHBC'S PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I would like to apologize for the lateness of the September-October 2010 issue of Bottles and Extras. We have made an editor change as well. I would like to thank Jesse Sailer for stepping in last year when we were two or three issues behind and helping us catch up. He is being replaced by Martin Van Zant, of Danville, Ind., recently elected Midwest Region director. Martin's background as an avid bottle collector as well as teaching graphic arts and having done other publications makes him a good match for this position. With credentials like these, I feel that he will do an excellent job for us. I look forward to working with him and seeing the content and the layout of the magazine improve issue by issue. Martin resigned his newly elected post as Midwest Region director and I have appointed Joe Hardin to fill this spot. As most of you know, Joe was runner-up for the Midwest director's job as well as serving as co-chairman of the 2010 National Show in Wilmington, Ohio. When Jamie Houdeshell became ill in the final weeks leading up to the show, Joe filled in admirably and did a fine job. Thanks, Joe, for a job well done. We made a nice profit from the show and auction and a full report will be in the January-February issue of Bottles and Extras.

We have had an additional resignation as Cecil Munsey quit as Western Region director. I have appointed Dave Maryo, of Victorville, CA., to replace Cecil. Dave is a longtime supporter of the Federation and is currently president of the Los Angeles club. I look forward to serving with Dave and having his input and support. The above appointments were made after much discussion with the Board of Directors. The appointments were approved by board members' votes during a conference call.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to step in and act as the FOHBC webmaster and keep the website updated. If you have expertise in this area, please give me a call and let's talk. In the meantime, thanks to Randy Driskill for working on getting it updated. His plate is pretty full and I would like to get someone who really has the time that it takes to do this important job. Also, we are having a NEW FACE for the website being developed by Ferd Meyer and this should be up within the next month or so.

Next year's National Convention will be held in Memphis, Tenn., the same site as Expo 2004, on June 24-26. Mark your calendar and start making plans to attend right now. There is lots to do here in Memphis and, as Hoagy Carmichael says, see you in "Memphis in June." Young 'uns might not catch that one, but some of you old-timers will.

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Let's remember our troops who are away from their families this time of the year.

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

Gene Bradberry
President, FOHBC

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
Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors