



FOHBC's PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I start this month's message on a sad note as the hobby has lost one of its fine and dedicated members, Barbara Harms of Riverdale, Illinois. Barbara served the Federation for many years as treasurer as well as her local club in Chicago. She, along with her husband Bob, could be seen at shows all around the country supporting the hobby and the Federation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her immediate family as she will be sorely missed.

As I have mentioned previously, we are looking at a set of Code of Ethics and we will be discussing them in the months to come. More on this later.

Our website is looking great and getting better all of the time. I encourage each of you to be contributors to it. You may do so by contacting Ferd Meyer at fmeyer@fmgdesign.com and making your contribution and/or suggestions on how to improve it. We are always open to suggestions.

Remember, member clubs, we will be glad to post your show flyer as well as your contracts and information sheets on our website. What a great way to promote your show. Also remember that FREE liability insurance is available to ALL MEMBER CLUBS. If each club were to purchase this coverage individually it would cost the club \$400 to \$600 and you get it from the Federation for an annual dues of only \$75. IS THE FEDERATION WORKING FOR YOU? YOU BET WE ARE !

Again, just a reminder to all members. Why not start a club in your area? They are great fun and what better way to promote the hobby. Through our local club I met Tom

Phillips, the Federation Conventions Director, when he was just 13 years old. He is now over 50 and has been a consistent collector all of these years. That also goes the same for Ed Provine, the former secretary for the Federation. I met Ed in 1969 and I would be hard-pressed to count the number of shows Ed and I have travelled to together. I could go on and on about the number of lasting friendships that I have developed over the years from this hobby. Fun and fellowship is what the hobby is all about. Oh, by the way, it doesn't hurt to pick up a rare bottle now and then either. HA!

I am looking forward to a great new year in 2012 and I encourage you to get your reservations in for EXPO 2012 in Reno, Nevada. I am looking forward to a great time there. The nominating committee, chaired by Tom Lines, of Birmingham, Alabama, is busily at work getting a slate of officers for 2012-2014. If you have an interest in being an officer you may contact him at Bluecrab1949@hotmail.com. The nominating committee's slate will be printed in the January-February issue of Bottles & Extras and you will have until April 1 to nominate someone if you so desire. A nomination form will be available on the website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always, LET'S KEEP THE FUN IN BOTTLE 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, PO Box 341062, Memphis, TN 38184, 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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