



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

*President's
Message*

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Well, here we are, a new year. Boy, I hope it's better than '08. However, here in the west, the Auburn, California show on the first Saturday in December was sold out on sellers' tables and there were more early lookers than in 2007. Dealers said they had OK sales - maybe a result of the dramatic drop in gas prices?

I asked everybody who stopped by my table if they belonged to the FOHBC. I was somewhat shocked by the numbers who didn't belong. Hopefully, some that took applications will pony up and join.

One longtime collector recently asked me where I thought the hobby was heading. I told him the hobby is

changing somewhat because digging bottles is getting harder and harder to do. There are still a lot of bottles in the ground, but getting permission to dig on private property is hard and digging on public property can get you a room in the crowbar hotel. I then asked him if he was a member of the Federation. He said he was not. I asked him why he wasn't, but he couldn't give me an answer and just shrugged his shoulders.

I then proceeded to tell him that the hobby is going where the collectors take it. If you support it, it will do well; if you depend always on others to keep it going, watch out. Some of us are getting older and new blood is

needed in most clubs. If officers had term limits, bottle clubs would be history. So if you never held an office in the club you belong to, step up. It's not hard and don't forget to talk to your collector friends who don't belong to the Federation to sign up and start getting this great magazine.

Plan on going to the L.A. National this year. We need your help in stimulating the economy for a quicker recovery.

Be safe and stay well.

Richard Siri – President FOHBC



Dr Hostetter's
Stomach Bitters
with original label
and applied top
8 3/4" tall

Where there's a will there's a way to leave collections to 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.

An example of a bequest would be:

(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.

Richard Siri, President

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