



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

*President's
Message*

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Writing the President's message well ahead of the time it actually gets into print and into your hands is somewhat of a chore. I don't know if I should write about future happenings because they may not happen. This has been the case with the magazine. I had stated in the Sept.-Oct. issue and in the Nov.-Dec. issue that all was OK and we would be on track to deliver the magazine on time. Many of you are probably scratching your heads, wondering what tree I fell out of. Some have accused me of not doing my job. Well, I hope you're reading this message in July or maybe early August. If so, that means we are really back on track.

The postal service will have a play in the timely delivery of the magazine. Sometimes there is a couple of weeks' difference as to when a member receives his issue when in fact all are mailed about the same time.

The FOHBC has absorbed four postal increases in the last four years and may have to increase membership dues in the future. I can hear it now: haven't been getting the magazine and now this guy is talking increased dues.

If we can increase membership and get more paid advertising, we may be able to keep dues at present levels. If not, we may have no choice but to raise them. We have not

pushed for advertising as the magazine wasn't on time; now, I think we can. We don't want to downsize the magazine. Everyone likes it the way it is. We get lots of compliments about the look and content of *Bottles and Extras*. The research articles are alone worth the price and where would the archaeologist go to get the information about what they dig up?

We still need and always will need a ready supply of articles on hand. Share your knowledge with fellow collectors and write a research article or a digging adventure and send it to us.

The bottle hobby itself is doing fine. Prices are holding steady if not going up. Some good bottles are still being dug here in the West and elsewhere. Interest in general is good. It does always amaze me that thousands of contemporary bottles are sold for décor when you can get the same effect with antique bottles that are not expensive and may increase in value.

Hope to see you at Pomona.

Richard Siri, *President, FOHBC*

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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