



## Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

President :

### President's Message

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#### March-April President's Message

Everything seems to be going well for the Federation. We have increased our membership about 100 members from a year ago. I personally think that our magazine, *Bottles and Extras*, is probably the main reason. I carry copies of the magazine to every show that I attend and show it to as many people as will look at it. Most of them are surprised at the both the content and the look of the magazine. I have had several say "It's the best hobby related magazine that I have seen". This speaks well for the Federation in general, our Editor Kathy Hopson-Sathe and all of the writers that take the time to put their research to paper. I would like to thank all of them as well as our Business Manager June Lowry who found our printer and oversees the addresses and posting of the magazine in a timely manner.

I attended the St Petersburg, Florida annual bottle show a couple of weekends ago. As usual, the Armory was filled and a small room had to be opened to make space

for all the dealers. There was at least one dealer from west of the Mississippi river this year. This show is a Friday evening set up and a Saturday, Sunday show. Foot traffic is always much slower on Sunday but many people were seen carrying out packages to their cars. There were a lot of excellent good quality bottles to be found as well as bottles of lesser value for the newer collectors. All in all, it appeared to be a well run, well attended show. I have not missed one of their shows since moving to Florida in 1973.

I will be in attendance at the Expo in York, Pa., August 8-10, 2008. It looks as though this will be a very well attended show as the interest is very high at this early stage. If you need the paperwork for a table or information, contact Wayne or June Lowry. Their telephone numbers and emails are listed on the Federation Officers page in this magazine. We are looking forward to a super EXPO this year. Come and take part in it.

If you come to the Mansfield, Ohio show

in May, I will have a table in the center of the main hall. Stop by and say hello. There are many members that I have not met. If you want to complain or praise anything about the Federation, I am the man to see. We never know if we are having problems unless those of you who are affected tell us about them. Many little irritations can be resolved quickly if they are brought to light. We, your Board of Directors are dedicated to having a smooth running organization.

By the way, we will be having an election again in 2008. If you want to run for any office, please make sure that one of our board members knows of your desire.

Remember, dig hard or buy well and watch your collection grow. In a few short years you will be amazed at the size and value of these collected items. Winter is almost passed, have a safe, fun filled spring and I'll look for you this summer at York, Pa.

*J. Carl Sturm*

## John & Jason 'Digger Dudes Inc.'



Want to hear something really funny?  
Ya know how we drove all night to get here for an early setup?  
Well, the bottle show ain't til NEXT weekend.