



Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors

*President's
Message*

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Well, here we are again apologizing for the late mailing of the September-October issue of *Bottles and Extras*. Believe me everything was done that was humanly possible to get it out on time. Our editor due to illness was totally unresponsive to the needs of the FOHBC and that's enough said about that. We can all thank June Lowry with the help of Martin Van Zant for getting the September-October issue out as well as this issue: a job well done and way beyond her duty as business manager.

Now we have backups in place to get the magazine out in case the editor gets sick or incapacitated in some way unable to get the magazine out in time. We will established a backup program that insures a timely magazine. All stories, articles, ads etc. are to be sent to the business manager and then will be forwarded to the editor. This will insure that at least two peo-

ple will have the information needed to put out the magazine.

I don't know where our economy will be when this message gets out to you, but bottle values are holding their own. I'm glad to have invested in bottles rather than in the stock market and even if they do lose some value, they are a lot prettier than stock certificates. I do feel sorry for those who depend on interest earnings and are fixed incomes. I hope the next administration will lead us out of the mess we are in.

The collectible market, at the top-end, keeps going up. I'm always amazed at the prices things bring, but then again, I've got a window or two of just nice old bottles of little value that put a smile on my face when the sun lights them up.

Members who have issues or comments that want them brought to the board meeting in March should

contact me by email or a phone call. Numbers are in the FOHBC officers list. I will also be at the Auburn, CA, Andersen, CA, and the Las Vegas shows.

Know collectors out there that don't belong to the FOHBC ?? Talk to them, get them to join - there are benefits to belonging to the FOHBC. The magazine alone is worth the price of membership. Find out what's going on around the country. The magazine contains great research articles and a place to advertise your wares and wants. We need to grow the membership - there is strength in numbers.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season.

Be safe and stay well.

Richard Siri – President FOHBC



Richard Siri's Hostetter's display at the York Expo