



## Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

President :

### President's Message

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#### January-February President's Message

Another year has passed. The Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors has gained in membership. Our magazine, *Bottles and Extras*, has shown great strides in becoming one of the best hobby magazines in existence and is now published bi-monthly. The time is coming for the bi-annual vote for officers of the Federation. If you have the desire to be on the ballot for any of the FOHBC Officer positions it is now time to volunteer your services. If you volunteer and are put on the ballot by a selection committee you will be eligible to be elected and take part in the operational business of running the FOHBC. All it will take on your part is dedication to the hobby and some of your time. If you desire to run for an FOHBC office, send an email to that effect to me with the office that you desire.

Our National Show at Collinsville, Illinois was a very good one. I have had a great number of members giving me positive response as to the show's location, facilities and the ease of loading and unloading

merchandise. I have heard no complaints of any sort on that show.

The coming year's EXPO 2008 at York, Pa. should be a really good one. There is high interest in the York, Pa. location. It is close to many collectors and the area has been a hotbed of bottle collectors since the annual shows were held in the open barns of the fairgrounds. I fondly remember getting quite a few extremely rare cures at the annual York show. Dates of the Expo are August 8-10, 2008 as can be seen by advertising for the show in this issue of *Bottles and Extras*. Consignments are being accepted for the auction. Contact Wayne Lowry at JarDoctor@aol.com for details. Contracts for tables are available from late December. If you haven't gotten yours yet, contact Wayne also. The host hotel in York, Pa. is the Yorktowne.

If any member has a special item or items that they deem should be acted upon by the Board of Directors please let me know immediately so that I can put it on the

agenda of the next meeting in Baltimore in early March, 2008. This meeting is usually well attended by a majority of the Board members and decisions can be reached. I will need your items in time to alert the Board members so that they can do the research necessary to cast a proper vote.

I will be attending the St Petersburg, Fla., the Sarasota, Fla., the Baltimore, Md. and the DeLand, Fla. shows early in 2008. I welcome any member to stop by my table and let me know how you think the FOHBC is doing and how it can be improved to benefit this great hobby of ours. Your input will be taken into consideration in the actions of your board of directors.

I'll now wish every one of you a Happy New Year. May your collection be increased by some fabulous bottle that you have been seeking. I hope to see you at the shows so be in good health, dig hard or buy wisely and watch your collection grow.

*J. Carl Sturm, President FOHBC*

#### To summarize:

To volunteer to be an officer for the FOHBC, contact J. Carl Sturm at the address, phone number or email address above.

Comments, concerns, ideas, etc.? Send them in time to be discussed at the March FOHBC board meeting to J. Carl Sturm.

Consignments are being accepted for the EXPO auction. Contact Wayne Lowry (JarDoctor@aol.com or phone: 816-318-0161) for details.

Contracts are available. Get yours now!

The host hotel for York EXPO is the Yorktowne.  
Reservations must be made through this link:

[http://housing.yorkpa.org/Accommodations.aspx?EVT\\_ID=5768](http://housing.yorkpa.org/Accommodations.aspx?EVT_ID=5768)

Then scroll to the Yorktowne. The shuttle to the EXPO location from the hotel is free, but reservations must be made this way so the York Tourism Bureau can make their shuttle routes appropriately.