



*Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors*

President :

## *President's Message*

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I would like to thank those members who took the time to complete and return the ballots which were enclosed in the last Federation newsletter. Your involvement is critical to our organization! The Federation continues to have a number of important matters of business that the board has been addressing, including those amendments to the bylaws presented at the general membership meeting in August at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Preliminary results of the ballots, (final results will be published in the next newsletter), have been overwhelmingly in favor for each of the proposed By-Laws changes. In addition to the ballots, some of you included comments and suggestions and I thank you for taking the time to do so. We welcome your comments, opinions and feedback to help guide the board and steer the future direction of our organization.

The Federations' primary publication, *Bottles and Extras* continues to receive very positive feedback. The board, and in particular, Kathy Hopson-Sathe and Ralph Van Brocklin, have put a great deal of time and effort into maintaining the quality and continuing to improve on each issue. The Federation has been blessed with so many people who have contributed their time, knowledge and writing talents to provide interesting and varied articles for this publication. At this time, I would especially like to thank Ed and Lucy Faulkner for their many years of service. In early 2003, with the advent or perhaps I should say "rebirth" of the Federations' new, enhanced and enlarged Quarterly publication, Ed and

Lucy began writing a very popular column, "Let's Talk About Ink." Over the past three years of writing this column on a regular quarterly basis, they have always managed to keep it interesting and informative while covering a wide range of ink related topics. Unfortunately, I was recently informed that Ed and Lucy have decided that it is time for them to take a break. This will more than likely be the last issue for their regular column. We certainly appreciate their dedication to this organization and to the hobby. Their informative and interesting articles will certainly be missed.

On a related note, At the FOHBC annual board meeting in Grand Rapids, a publications committee was formed to assist Kathy Hopson-Sathe with various responsibilities including the procurement of articles for *Bottles and Extras*. There is an opportunity for you to help as well! We are again in search of folks who would be interested in sharing some of their passion and expertise by writing an article or perhaps a series of articles for *Bottles and Extras*. Whether you choose to write a single article or are interested in contributing to a regular quarterly column, we would love to hear from you.

There are a couple of additional items that I would like to encourage members to look ahead to. It is amazing how time passes so quickly. By the time this Winter Issue is being delivered, it will already be a year and a half into my two year tenure as President. Elections of officers for the next term of office which will be effective August, 2006, will need to take place in the not too distant future. I would like to invite anyone who may be considering

running for a board position to jump in and get involved! No prior board experience is necessary. Being on the board is certainly a rewarding way that you can give back to the hobby and help to ensure the future of the organization. Please consider your talents and interests and how you may contribute. If you would like information about any of the board positions or would like to be considered for a board position and to have your name included on an upcoming ballot of officers, please contact either myself or FOHBC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gene Bradberry. In order to ensure time for the ballots to be prepared and the appropriate timing of the elections, please indicate your interest in writing to either myself or FOHBC Secretary, Ed Provine, prior to April 1, 2006.

Another important event that I would like to encourage members to begin thinking about is the 2006 National Show, August 18-20, Reno / Sparks, Nevada. This promises to be a very exciting event. It has been seventeen years since a Federation National or EXPO Show has been held west of the Rockies (Las Vegas, 1988). I know that Show Chairman, Wayne Lowry and others have been working hard on the plans for this show (see additional information within this issue and much more to come in the 2006 Spring Issue). It is not too early to begin making your plans. The Reno area and Western Nevada have much to offer and Sonoma Valley, California and many other interesting vacation areas are within an easy drive. Please put these dates on your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you in August!

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