



Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

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President's Message

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July-August President's Message

There are important items covered in this month's President's Message

Please READ and HEED

There is a tendency for members to be late in renewing their membership and they always want to make sure that they do not miss a magazine. In many cases this requires sending the latest magazine separately from the bulk mailing. This requires extra postage that is costing the Federation money. The bulk mailing cost per magazine is in the 39-cent range while a separately mailed magazine's postage is \$2.02; therefore, it would cost us \$1.63 additional per magazine. While this doesn't seem like much, it is not cost effective.

From this point on dues are to be paid by the 10th of the month following your last issue notice on your magazine. That is, if your magazine says "last issue," you will have to pay your dues prior to the 10th of the following month. If the July/August issue is your last one; payment should be made prior to August 10. This enables the Sept./Oct. issue to be mailed with the bulk mailing. Missed issues may be purchased at the regular price of \$5 per issue. As you can see, renewing on time will save you money and ensure timely receipt of *Bottles and Extras*.

You should all have your Membership Directory by this time. It should make it easier to find members with whom you have lost contact. That is, unless they have opted to not be included in the directory. Some members do not desire to have their address or phone numbers published.

The National Show August 17-19 in Collinsville, Illinois is shaping up. Be sure to get your table and banquet reservations in early. The guest speaker at the banquet

is to be Greg Hawley, who will speak on the excavating of the Steamship Arabia with all of its intact bottles and cargo. The ship was sunk in 1856 and uncovered in the late 1980s. It should be a very interesting talk. Federation T-Shirts went on sale at the Mansfield show and appear to be a hit with the colorful picture on the back.

Our Life Members paid their dues before we were publishing *Bottles and Extras*. Therefore the cost of the magazine was not factored in the amount they paid. I would like to thank the following life members for their cash contributions to the FOHBC which greatly help cut down on the magazines losses. Contributors this year were: Phoebe Adams, Mary Ballentine, Gary Beaty, Steven & Monica Benko, James Bray, Chick Bukin, James Chebalo, Madelyn Cox, Howard & Lillian Dean, Bob & Connie Ferraro, Donald L. Garrison, Robert S. Hagge Jr., Ed & Jianne Herrold, Tom & Mabel Hicks, Steve & Chris Ketcham, Ralph & Terry Kovel, Mike & Anne Larson, Clayton & Jackie McCrae, George & Dorothy Oglesby, John & Claudia Panek, John Schlutz, Richard & Beverley Siri, Kevin & Carla Sives, Mark & Laura Smith, Robert Strickhart, William VanderVeen, Ray & Esther Weimer, John & Mary Wolf and Don & Betsy Yates. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

If any of you members out there have any suggestions or gripes about the Federation, I would like to hear them. We have a FOHBC Board meeting coming up in August at Collinsville and I expect most of the Board members will be present. Any

suggestions or comments can be placed on the agenda for discussion and clarification at that meeting. Some business of the Board can be accomplished by use of the internet, but general discussion of a subject is better handled with all members present at one sitting. The modification of the Hall of Fame guidelines was recently finalized by an E-mail vote. It will be published in *Bottles and Extras*' Sept./Oct. issue.

I hope that you are all as pleased with the work of the new printer of the magazine as I have been. The May/June issue was the first with this printer and there were fewer problems than ever before. Their turnaround time from when we submit the issue for printing and when the magazine is ready for mailing is the fastest we have ever had. This ensures getting the magazine to you in a timely manner. I believe that our *Bottles and Extras* is one of the top hobby publications on the market. The writers and our editor, Kathy Hopson-Sathe, are doing a top notch job.

Since the last issue, I made the trip to the Midwest and attended the Mansfield, Ohio annual show. The weather was the best for that area in quite a few years. It seems that it is usually chilly to cold and always rainy. This year it was warm and sunny. The outdoor sales tables were the most I have seen. The two and a half fair grounds buildings and many outside dealers make this show one of the largest in the country.

Hot weather will soon be here, so remember to use sun screen and drink a lot of liquids. If you live in an area where hurricanes are a problem, think of how you can protect your collections, but remember your health and life come first. Dig hard or buy wisely and watch your collection grow.

Until next issue, stay healthy,
J. Carl Sturm, President