



## Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors

President :

### President's Message

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#### July-August President's Message

The time to write a new President's Message seems to come quicker every month. It appears that the President's job is a lot more encompassing than it was my previous two terms. Our magazine, *Bottles and Extras* has added to the workload, but I believe it is the best hobby magazine existing at this time. Our membership is growing and it appears mainly because of the magazine. I have been blessed with a talented Board of Directors who are quick to do whatever is asked of them.

By the time this reaches you, our National Show in Collinsville, Ill., will be history. I hope that we will be able to report that it has done as well as we expect it to do at this point. It takes lot of work and organizing to put on a show of this magnitude. We hope that you, the membership, appreciate it.

I attended the National Insulator Association's National Show held in Orlando, Fla. last month. I was the only "Bottle Person" in attendance. I set up a couple of tables and sold enough to pay for the tables. I also signed up two new individual members for the FOHBC and one

club membership. It was good to see some of my old friends whom I had met attending Bottle & Insulator Shows in the past.

If you talk up membership to enough people some of them will join. Talk to your friends and fellow collectors, get them to become members. If your club does not have a membership, remind them that they get FREE insurance for all club functions with their membership. Club membership is \$75 per year and I know that when we held shows here in Orlando our insurance was costing us almost \$300 per show. It's an excellent reason for a club to belong to the FOHBC.

In the next issue, I will report on the annual FOHBC Board of Directors meeting held at the show in Collinsville, Ill. Our schedule of printing will not allow the details to be included in this issue. Assimilation of the material and printing time of the magazine dictate that we have it ready for print at least two weeks prior to the date of the magazine. That ensures that you will receive your magazine close to the first of the month listed on the cover.

I have been watching the prices of

bottles being sold on eBay. The good ones bring good prices with some of them breaking the records when two bidders want the same bottle. A straight-sided Coca-Cola bottle from Orlando, Fla. brought a price of \$987. Now I am checking all the Coca-Cola bottles. One never knows what any individual bottle will bring. Speaking of eBay, be careful as there are many reproductions being sold there by either unscrupulous dealers or neophytes who don't know the difference. I make it a point to notify the seller if I recognize an item as a reproduction. They usually take the info to heart and comment on the item on their sale page. At least, I feel like I am doing my part to possibly keep a newer collector from overpaying for a reproduction.

I will be at the Jacksonville, Fla. show in September and the Savannah, Ga. show in October or early November. Stop by and say hello if you attend either show. In the meantime, dig hard or buy wisely and watch your collection grow.

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