

Das Rundschreiben

December 12, 2004

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Chapter 23 will be on *Sunday, December 12, 2004 at the usual meeting place, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland. Time: 2:00 PM.* Come early if you wish, and bring material for the silent auction book as well as for the floor auction. The usual APS circuit books will be available for perusal.

John Hayner will have an interesting program that looks at the future of philately. His illustrated talk will deal with collecting First Day Covers.

Be thinking about where we will hold our February meeting – in Clearwater in conjunction with PAYPEX or regular time in Lakeland on February 13. We will need to make a decision.

LAST MEETING

Present were **George Kuhn, Frank Hills, Tom Wall, Larry DiStefano, Larry Brunke, Jim Pullin, Manfred Seeger, Dick Laux, Ed Evan, John Hayner, John Rimi, Walter Parker, Stefan Brown, Bobby Parker, and Priit Rebane.** Guests in attendance were **Joseph Mason, Harold Meininger, Chuck Graf, and Jean Brunke.** It was good to welcome back a couple of our members who had been away for the summer.

Jim Pullin presented an illustrated program about the recently held German/American Salon in Berlin. His comments were interesting and informed. Spirited discussion followed about the important role our chapter has in planning for the next Salon to be held in Melbourne, Florida, April 11-18, 2007. He also informed us about the problems associated with our national magazine's, *The German Postal Specialist*, change in editors.

If you want to borrow a short wave radio for a time, please see **Bobby Parker.**

The "big jar" filled with on/off paper stamps is always looking for more contributors. It will be auctioned off in March or April.

Priit Rebane encouraged members to bring silent auction material. He still has a small supply of mounts that members can buy for that purpose.

It was decided that our December meeting will NOT be in conjunction with FLOREX in Orlando this year. The show was held on December 4-6.

Our annual social event will be held on *Saturday, April 2, in a restaurant in Lakeland.* **Priit, Doug, and John** are the planning committee. It was felt that a spring date is less hectic for everybody. There will not be a December social event.

Dues of \$10 are due *before the end of the year.* Please bring or mail your check to **Ed Evan, Box 4130, Seminole, FL 33775-4130.** Our dues year is from September to August.

It was decided that our club will produce another philatelic program to premiere at the GPS/BUND 2007 Salon. **Jim Pullin and Frank Hills** will be in charge. A number of possible topics were discussed, but the one receiving the most favor was a program based on **Doug Warren's** Flag Cancels of the Empire.

The annual APS winter stamp show will be held in Atlanta on February 18-20. **George** will exhibit there and four of our members are planning to attend. Any others? Since our Chapter 23 is now a member of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, it will be of great interest for us to attend.

Do you want to learn to create your own pages? **Frank** can tell you more about it. For \$20 a web site is available for downloading any countries' pages while giving you the opportunity to pick and choose according to your own interest.

Five door prizes were awarded. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Walter Parker**. A spirited floor auction was held. The November silent auction book was retired with many of the pages sold to successful bidders. The December loose leaf book will be closed at the end of the December meeting.

The meeting concluded with many members remaining to buy, sell, swap, and learn from each other about philately.

JOTS AND TITTLES

Our chapter 23 of GPS is now live on the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs' web page. Just go to the club page at [www.http://stampclubs.com](http://stampclubs.com) and click on our link. Our "Rundschreiben" is posted (or soon will be) under News Link. You will be able to view online or down load pages to your system.

In 2006 is the big event. Washington 2006 has newly redesigned its web site. Go to www.washington-2006.org for up-to-date information.

Our prolific author, George Kuhn, has an article published in the November issue '04 of the *American Philatelist*. "Corollary Cancel Collecting."

SEE YOU ALL ON DECEMBER 12