



# Das Rundschreiben

A Newsletter For the Members and Friends of Central Florida Chapter 23 - G.P.S.  
MISSION STATEMENT: Chapter 23 of the Germany Philatelic Society will enhance members' enjoyment of philatelic activities, with emphasis on the collecting of Germany

MEMBER: Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs

May 15, 2005

## Next Meeting

As usual, we will meet at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, on Sunday, May 15, 2005. The meeting begins officially at 2:00 PM. but all are encouraged to come earlier for some conversation and sharing of philatelic material. Let's have a good attendance for this last meeting of the year.

The program will be presented by Priit and is entitled *Martin Luther: His Life As Depicted On Early Postcards*. Most philatelists also have a special love for deltiology, and one can easily identify a stamp collector at any postcard show as they are the ones also interested in the "wrong" side of a card as they are in the picture side.

Additionally, we will have the usual floor auction and silent auction books will be available for your examination and bid. APS circuit books will also be available. Who knows, you might also be the winner of a door prize and the 50/50 drawing.

Election of officers for the activity year September, 1 '05 through August 31, '06 will take place. The nominating committee has a slate of officers to propose. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

## Last Meeting

- President, George, called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.
- Members present were Tom Wall, Frank Hills, George Kuhn, Priit Rebane, John Hayner, John Rimi, Charles Deusner, Richard Laux, Jim Pullin, Harold Meininger, Larry Di Stefano, Larry Brunke, and Manfred Seeger. We had two guests, Jean Brunke, and Priit's friend from Berlin Herbert Ball.
- Last meeting's minutes were amended to indicate that the spring social dinner meeting did **not** have a program as indicated in earlier publicity.
- The APS circuits were examined and the silent auction books were introduced.
- Our club is going to develop a CD program on the topic of the flag cancels of the German Empire. The project is well under way as reported by Jim Pullin.
- President George shared information about the upcoming American Philatelic Society elections. APS members were reminded to vote when they receive the ballots. (Are you supporting APS financially? It is a good thing to do. We have a member listed as a donor in the \$100-249 range in the April issue of the APS Journal. -Editor)
- Jim Pullin asked members to keep in mind the mega stamp show, **Washington '06**, and the need for volunteers to staff the GPS table at that show. He also brought everyone up to date about our preparations to host the "07 German-American Salon." A reminder: The GPS national convention in '05 will be in Baltimore, in '06 in Chicago, and of course in '07 in Florida.
- George had a brief program about the good ol' "greenback", the dollar bill. John Hayner talked about and showed some interesting hand painted FDC.
- After the official meeting closed, many remained in order to talk, swap, and share in the joy of our mutual hobby.

## Jots and Tittles

Here are some happenings and notices of interest for our chapter:

**GPS members:** Please do not forget to vote when your ballot arrives. Please vote for Priit and Jim for the national Board of Directors.

If you are interested in buying the new **MICHEL "Germany Specialized" catalog now in color**, or other catalogs, Priit can give you an address in Germany where you can get them even a bit cheaper than mailed by a personal friend from Germany.

**Are you going to BALPEX in Baltimore over Labor Day weekend?**

The **Southeast Federation of stamp clubs**, of which we are now a member, is planning a general meeting in conjunction with an Autumn stamp show late in September. The venue is said to be in the same general area as the recent APS show in Atlanta. It will be fun to attend.

**Fifty years ago: Lufthansa takes off.** On April 1, 1955, a silver-gray two-motor Corvair 340 took off from the Hamburg airport and landed four hours later in Munich. A second flight started at the same time, taking off in the opposite direction. They were the first two Lufthansa flights after the end of WWII.

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