



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

January 9, 2005

Next Meeting

As usual, we will meet at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, on Sunday, January 9, 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 first meeting of the new year.

The program for this meeting is...**YOU**. This means that we will have a show-and-tell time together. Each member is encouraged to bring one or more philatelic items of any kind and talk briefly about it. We believe that every collector has a favorite item, whether recently obtained or rediscovered from the recesses of a shoe box, about which they want to talk for about 5-10 minutes. Experience has taught that such programs are usually the most popular.

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.

We will decide whether to hold our February meeting in conjunction with Baypex in Clearwater, on February 26 or whether we will meet at the usual 2nd Sunday, February 13.

Last Meeting

- President, George, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.
- Members present were Tom Wall, Frank Hills, George Kuhn, Priit Rebane, Ed Evan, John Hayner, John Rimi, Bobby Parker, Charles Deusner, and Manfred Seeger. We had two guests, Phillip MacGirvin and Emil Owen.. A get-well card was circulated for Jim Pullin who had hip replacement surgery.
- The APS circuits were examined and the two auctions took place. There was some spirited bidding.
- It was noted that member, Don Waker has permanently moved to his northern home. We will miss him.
- Three members are going to attend the Atlanta stamp show, February 18-20. There is room for one more. How about you joining the carpool?
- The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,014 in the checkbook.
- It was voted to donate \$100 to Grace Lutheran Church for expenses.
- Charles Deusner reported that he is working on a revised membership directory to be ready for the January meeting.
- A question: Two books belonging to the club are missing. One is Will Payne's translation of a section of MICHEL SPECIALIZED. The other is Harper's PHILATELY OF THE THIRD REICH. Do you know their whereabouts? Please return them to the secretary.
- John Hayner had a most interesting program that dealt with the collecting of First Day Covers. He showed some rare hand painted covers, and had some hand-outs that explained the history of that area of collecting.
- Our club is going to develop a CD program on the topic of the flag cancels of the German Empire. The project was discussed further, and volunteers were sought.
- After the official meeting closed, many remained in order to talk, swap, and share in the joy of our mutual hobby.

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

- Do you need mounts for the stamps you wish to submit for auction? Priit has some left for purchase.
- **THANK YOU, MEMBERS!** All (except one) have paid their dues for 2004-05.
- The Pinellas County car-pool continues to leave at 12:30 from the back parking lot of Denny's restaurant on the Sunday of meeting. Please notify Ed (727-398-2700) or Priit (727-561-9047) when you will **not** be present. It helps with waiting time.
- The Deutsche Post will begin a new definitive series in January depicting flowers replacing the two series in current use. If you are not currently subscribing to new issues, this might be a good time to begin. Talk to Priit.
- February 4-6 is the Sarasota Stamp Show.(Former SARAPEX)