



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.

March 13, 2005

Next Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2005

For our March meeting we are once again "back home" at Grace Lutheran Church in Lakeland. Even though we officially begin at 2:00, please come early and enjoy the conversation and swapping/buying/selling. Frank Hills will have the program.

Last Meeting

George called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM in the upper room of the BAYPEX show area in Largo. He introduced a number of visitors and guests present. Members present were: Kuhn, Deusner, DiStefano, Tosdevine, Bobby Parker, Sullivan, Walter Parker, Laux, Adams, and Hinds. (Jim Pullin, Priit Rebane, and Ed Evan, officers of the chapter, had previous commitments and were not in attendance) Visitors were Harold Meininger, Ray Murphy, Charles and Susan Deeg II, Phil Macgirvin, John Balcomb, Gari Muller, and Jim Morro.

APS circuit books were examined, but due to the change of meeting places the normal auctions and 50/50 drawing were not held.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Attention was called to the fact that the club owns and has available for borrowing to members: Alf Harper's "Philately of the Third Reich," Will Payne's English translation of parts of the Michel Specialized Catalog, and an electronic perforation gauge.

Old Business: George announced that there will be a meeting of the committee to develop a "slide talk" on Empire Flag and Crown cancels at 1:00 PM before our regular meeting on the 13th of March. Committee members are: Jim Pullin – chair, Doug Warren, Frank Hills, and George Kuhn.

The nominating committee will announce nominees at the April meeting. Election will be in May. Please let Priit know of your interest in serving.

Jim Pullin and Priit Rebane were nominated to run for membership on the national GPS Board of Directors. Jim is currently serving on that board. The secretary of GPS was officially notified of that action. American Philatelic Society elections are also imminent, and all members were asked to read the next issue of the "American Philatelist" for details and biographical sketches of nominees. Our club can then more intelligently "second" any nominations to the various offices.

George stated that the GPS national Board had decided to provide each GPS member with the about-to-be published German-English Philatelic Dictionary free of charge in order to "make it up to members" for the missed "Specialist" issues.

George quoted from a letter to the editor which Ed Evan had written to "Linns", and he also gave a brief report about the show in Atlanta which he, Priit, Frank, and Jim attended. Charlie Deusner shared some impressions he had on a recent trip to Cuba and his stay in Matanzas. He visited a small stamp shop there.

A very fine program was presented by Ray Murphy of the St. Petersburg Club, introduced by our own Dick Hinds. They talked about alternate ways of collecting as a way to have fun and expanding one's interest in areas other than standard postage stamps.

Jots and Tittles

- "Sophie Scholl – The Final Days" won two major awards and the coveted "Golden Bear" award at the Berlin International Film Festival. Scholl was one of the eight people depicted on Scott 883-890 as a resister to Nazi terror who was executed right before the war ended.

- For our valued visitors: If you need driving directions to our Lakeland meeting place, please contact Priit at priit@rebane.com or phone 727-561-9047

- There are two FREE Publications in English dealing with information from Germany and about Germans "The Week in Germany" is available from the German information Center, www.germany.info/gic

The other is a free print newspaper, "The Atlantic Monthly." For a free subscription go to www.atlantic-times.com

- Bring your extra Stamps to the meeting and help stuff the huge stamp jar to the brim. It will be auctioned to raise funds for the German/American Salon.

- Dan Brown's "Sacred" (The DaVinci Code) is still the number one bestseller in its German translation. Will that book be ever deposed?

- The World Cup will Begin play on June 9, 2006 in Munich. The average soccer fan cannot get a ticket- all are already promised to big shots.