



## **DAS RUNDSCHREIBIEN**

**APRIL 2008**

**NEXT MEETING**

**13 APRIL 2008**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAKELAND, FLORIDA**

**2: 00 PM**

Our chapter year is drawing to a close. The May meeting will be the last meeting until September. Sooo! Make sure you make the April meeting for "stamp talk" buying, selling and trading. Priit Rebane has planned an exciting program for us. He has entitled his program, "Collecting Philatelic Commemoratives, Sheets/Cards of Germany to 1945." Priit says that he will give an introduction to an area of collecting Germany material that is little known in the United States, but is exciting and very educational. Sometimes when collecting gets stale a new collecting interest is needed. Here is an opportunity for you to learn about a new collecting area. I am sure you do not want to miss Priit's program.

We will have a short business meeting, an auction and time for you to examine the APS Circuit books. So everyone make a sincere effort to make our April meeting.

**HELP NEEDED.** George Kuhn has a great need to use an UV lamp. I am not sure that the Chapter owns one, in fact, I am pretty sure we do not. Therefore, George would like to borrow a lamp and he has promised to return it at the May meeting. If you have a UV lamp please consider loaning it to George for a month. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### **THE CHAPTER MEETING: MARCH, 2008**

Chapter 23 met at Grace Lutheran Church on March 9, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by President Meder. Those present were: Fred Meder, Ed Evan, John Sullivan, Larry diStefano, Frank Hills, George Kuhn, Bobby Parker, Dick Laux, John Hayner, John Rimi., Priit Rebane, Charles Deusner, and Larry Brunke. Our treasurer reported that the chapter's financial condition was good and all expected dues have been paid. He reported on a number of bills that have been paid and our overall financial condition going into next year appears to be sound. The secretary reported on the availability of the Perf Reader owned by the chapter. The reader was loaned out of Richard Laux. President Meder reported that a nominating committee consisting of members, Laux, Seeger, and Rimi is recommending that the same officers for 2007/2008 be the nominees for the year 2008/2009. A vote will be taken at the May meeting. Priit Rebane reported on the GPS Convention which he and Jim Pullin attended in February. Congratulations go to Jim Pullin for winning a VERMEIL award for his exhibit of German inflation philatelia. Those of us who have seen parts of Jim's exhibit know it was an honor well deserved. It was also reported that two new chapters have been added to GPS, one in Omaha and one in Tennessee, and that in both instances our own Priit Rebane had much to do with their organizations. Congratulations Priit.

The program at our February meeting was given by Ken Woodbury of the Melbourne Stamp Club. This excellent program was a survey of the philately of the "Albanian War." This six month war began on October 28, 1940, when Italian forces invaded southern Albania. By mid-November the Greeks had driven the Italian back across the border. Unfortunately this liberation ended when Germany invaded Greece. Woodbury has built an exhibit of mail during this conflict that has won many awards including one in China. Thank you Ken for sharing with us

**SEE YOU ON THE 13TH**