



## DAS RUNDSCHREIBEN

### **WELCOME BACK!!**

After a three month hiatus Chapter 23 will swing back into action on **9 September 2007**. The long hot and humid summer is almost over and now we can look forward to meeting with our friends of like interests and enjoying the fellowship that characterizes our Chapter meetings. We gather around 2:00 PM and have time for greeting our friends, examining the APS circuit books and exchanging information before the formal meeting begins at 2:30 PM. There will be a business meeting and a program followed by an auction. So mark your calendar and make plans to be at this first meeting of the year. We need to get started well and your attendance is important for our Chapter's success.

CHAPTER 23  
SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2007  
2:00 PM  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Remember the Chapter meets the second Sunday of every month unless there is a special reason for changing the date. We usually meet at Grace Lutheran Church in Lakeland. Attendance is important.

### **DUES ARE DUE**

Yearly dues for the Chapter are \$10.00. They are due at the first meeting of the year. Let's get this necessary requirement out of the way as soon as possible. Payment of dues is a membership requirement that keeps our Chapter solvent and healthy. See Ed Evan, our treasurer, and pay your dues as soon as possible.

### **NEXT PROGRAM**

The program at the September meeting will be given by Priit Rebane. Priit has developed an important collection of Third Reich material with religious themes. Last years he presented a program based on this collection but did not have time to show all the important items. This will be a follow-up to that program. This collection is an eye opening experience. It shows that nothing was immune from manipulation by the Nazi regime. The collection also demonstrates how religion, in this case Christianity, can be used for evil purposes by devious individuals. This conclusion is as current as today and should give us reason to pause and to contemplate. You do not want to miss this important presentation.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

At our May meeting one of our new members, David Smith, who is the current President of the Sarasota Stamp Club, gave us some suggestions for making a stamp club active and healthy. He said it was important that the membership get to know each other through short biographical presentations at club meetings. It was also important that club members know the "philatelic wants and needs" of other members as they relate to collections and research. Mutual assistance is important. He suggested that the business portion of a meeting be kept to a bear minimum. One interesting suggestion was that individual members could develop circuit books for distribution among club members. Thank you, David, for these suggestions and observations.

Vice President Richard Laux will be presiding at the September meeting. Let's give Richard our support. President Fred Meder will be returning to Florida in October (along with our other snowbirds).

Now is the time to prepare lots for the club auction. You never know what "treasures" you have that other may need. Clean out those closets and see what happens.

If you have information that you would like to place in the newsletter please let Chapter secretary Charles Deusner, know. Meanwhile "happy hunting."

