



DAS RUNDSCHREIBEN JANUARY 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LET'S ALL START THE NEW YEAR BY ATTENDING OUR NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2008

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

FESTIVITIES BEGAN AT 2:00 PM

OFFICIAL MEETING 2:30 PM

APS Circuit Books will be available and there will be a floor auction at the end of the meeting. As usual items are needed for the auction. It's a new year so clean out the closets and bring some "treasures" to the meeting. Our new auction format seems to be working well and the process moves along more rapidly.

One item which should be on our agenda for this meeting is the status of the silent auctions. Should they be continued? If so, how do we get more participation by both buyers and sellers? Bring your thoughts on this important matter to this meeting.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The December meeting was held in Orlando at the Florex Show on December 1, 2007. Those present were: Jim Pullin, Charles Deusner, Dick Laux, John Rimi, Fred Meder, John Hayner, George Kuhn, Frank Hills, Charles Deeg, Ed Evan, L. Hawkins, and Rudy Lupp. Our guests were: Susan Deeg, David Harrison, Brittney Dunavent, Dianne Lupp, Elaine Meder, and Jim Graue.

The business portion of the meeting was very brief. The Chapter voted to send our annual donation of \$100.00 to Grace Lutheran Church for their willingness to allow us to use their facilities for our meetings. Several surplus items held over from the Salon were sold. The Michel Specialized Catalog was sold. Our treasurer, Ed Evan, reported that the Chapter was solvent and able to meet its obligations.

The program was given by Jim Pullin and as always he made an interesting and fascinating presentation. Jim discussed the famous "Hand Overprints" used in Germany after WWII and the gap between the use of old stamps and the new issues after the War. He displayed several items to illustrate the topics under discussion. Thanks Jim, for another great program.

Enclosed with this newsletter is important information concerning a new issues service for Germany. Heads up!