



DAS RUNDSCHREIBEN

Our two thousand and six year was a great year for the chapter. We had excellent attendance at most of our meetings and the programs were good. The high light of the year was the SALON in Melbourne Beach sponsored by our Chapter. It would not have been possible without the hard and determined work of Jim Pullin. Congratulations to you Jim and to all those who helped make the event a sterling success. Our thanks also go to all our officers last year, especially our president Prit Rebane and also our treasurer Ed Evan who kept us solvent under some rather difficult circumstances; thank you for a job well done.

THE CHAPTER MEETING OF 20 MAY 2007

Meeting was called to order by president Rebane at 2:30 PM at the Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida. Minutes were approved as was the treasurer's report. Our guests and new member David Smith were introduced. Brief reports were made by the officers.

Jim Pullin gave an extensive report on the SALON. He thanked the chapter for its work and reported that at least 112 people attended the event's highlight, the banquet with roast pig and all the trimmings. Jim said that the dealer were happy and seemed to do steady selling of their goods. Forty five went on the tour to Cape Kennedy, 27 to Sea World, 22 to Disney World and 35 to Gatorland. Over thirty philatelist from Germany were our guests and the fellowship was outstanding. The Chapter gave Jim a standing ovation.

The chapter recognized the help of Mr. Keith Stupell who contributed in several important ways to make the Salon a success. It was the overwhelming consensus that the chapter should make Mr. Stupell a life time honorary member of Chapter 23 and action was taken by vote of the members to make this official. We are honored to have Mr. Stupell listed in our membership.

George Kuhn reported on the sale of special stamps and covers made for the SALON. Although sales of these items were steady and our expenses were covered remainders are available for future sale. Prices for the remaining items were reviewed and established. Sincere thanks goes to George for an outstanding effort in this regard.

The Chapter elected new officers for the 2007-2008 year: President, Fred Meder; Vice President, Richard Laux, Treasurer, Ed Evan, and Secretary, Charles Deusner. Congratulations to all our new officers. We know it will be a great year for the chapter.

Richard Laux (a frequent winner!) won the fifty/ fifty drawing and the meeting closed with auction in which total sales amounted to \$19.40.

Those present were: Dick Laux, George Kuhn, John Hayner, Prit Rebane, Tom Wall, John Sullivan, Ed Evan, Chuck Deeg, Dave Smith, Charles Deusner, John Rimi, Jim Pullin, and Manfred Seegar. Our guests were: Susan Day and Chuck Graft.

THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE 9 SEPTMBER 2007, GRACE LUTERAN CHURCH, LAKELAND, FLORIDA AT 2;00 PM.

A reminder of our next meeting along with other important information will be sent to you in late August.