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NOVEMBER, 2007 Chapter 23 of the Germany Philatelic Society will hold its monthly meeting on: **VETERANS DAY, Sunday, November 11, 2007.** We will meet at the Grace Lutheran Church in Lakeland Florida. Members begin to gather around 2:00 pm for trading, stamp talk and perusing the APS Circuit Books. The meeting officially begins at **2:30 pm.**

Please plan to attend and greet our Chapter President, Fred Meder. Fred has been in the northern climes and has now returned to sunny Florida where he will be with us for the next five months. **WELCOME BACK FRED!!!**

The October Meeting. The Chapter met October 14, 2007 at Grace Lutheran Church. The following members were present: Dick Laux, George Kuhn, Stefan Brown, Priit Rebane, Jim Pullin, Chuck Deeg, John Rini, Leonard Hawkins, John Hayner, Ed Evan. Frank Hills and Charles Deusner. Our guests were: Sue Deeg, David Harison and Bernhard Enice (all the way from Hofheim, Germany). Our attendance was better last month and let's make it even better in November.

Our Vice President, Dick Laux presided at the meeting which was called to order at 2:33 pm. Ed Evan, our Treasurer, passed out a financial report that showed the Chapter was in "good" shape financially in spite of our expenses resulting from the Salon last April. He did report that a number of members (12) have not paid their 2007-2008 dues. Ed suggested that we suspend the Silent Auctions until we determine if our new floor auction procedures are working satisfactorily. This suggestion was approved. Priit Rebane reported on the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta, Georgia. Four members, George Kuhn, John Hayner, Frank Hills and Priit, attended the show. It was reported that the show was a good one, but that it will be remembered mostly for the rather raucous behavior that results when four grown men are packed into one car for several hundred miles. The highlight of the trip was the award (Vermeil) George Kuhn received for his exhibit on the "Postal History of the Nurnberg Rallies" Congratulations, George! Rebane also noted that a new chapter, Chapter 42, has been organized in Tennessee and one is in the making for Denver, Colorado. In both instances Priit has been active in the establishment of these Chapters and he deserves our commendation for this important accomplishment.

George Kuhn surveyed those present concerning their interest with regards to the APS Circuit Books for this year. This will determine the type of material we will receive in the Circuit Books. The Chapter owes George much thanks for supervising the books that we eagerly examine at each meeting. George has also been the keeper of our newsletters. He has kept a complete file since 1970. He "graciously" turned these files over to the current secretary for safe keeping. They represent a history of our Chapter.

The remainders of our cachet covers from the Salon and what to do with them was discussed. Jim Pullin agreed to take some to a philatelic event he will be attending in hopes of additional sales. Some requests for them continue to come in but additional efforts will be necessary in order to dispose of them. We were reminded that our Chapter meeting in December will be held at 1:00 pm, December 1, 2007 at the Florex show in Orlando, Florida. Also the Chapter will continue to meet at the Baypex show in February.

Priit Rebane gave an excellent program illustrating, with philatelic material, the Third Reich's manipulation and use of religious symbols and themes for political purposes. Thank you Priit for a most thoughtful program. The meeting closed with the floor auction. The new auction procedure appears to make for a shorter and more efficient auction.

REMEMBER YOU HAVE THE PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER 11th: IT'S SHOW AND TELL.
Arrive early and have fun.

DUES ARE DUE!