



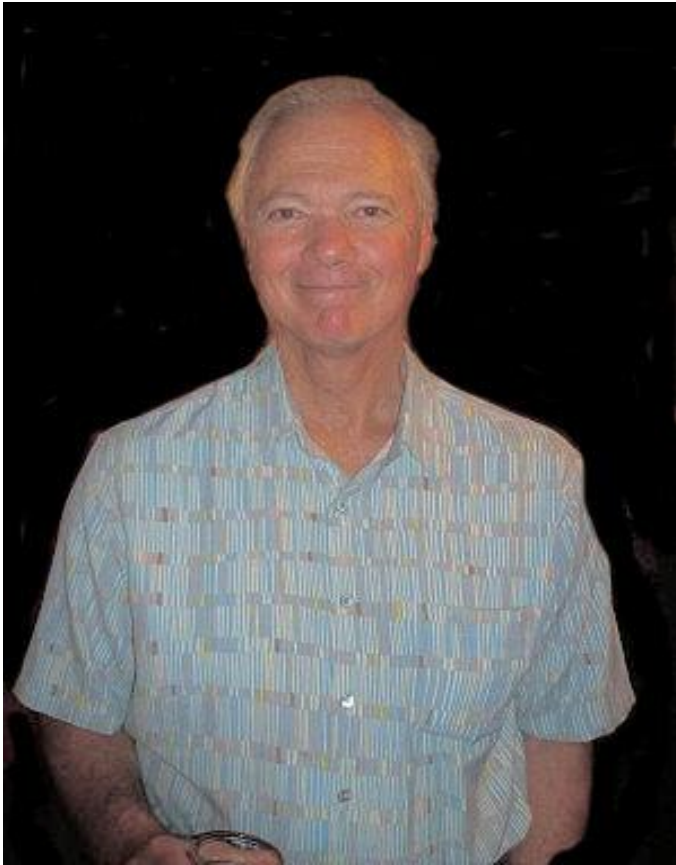
Stein Zeitung

Erste Gruppe, the Southern California Chapter of Stein Collectors International

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EG President Mark Fieger has been unanimously re-elected to serve a second term as our President in 2010. Congratulations Mark on a job exceptionally well done during 2009.

From The President's Desk:

Erste Gruppe enjoyed a cozy meal last weekend with many friends at Jagerhaus. For those who braved the elements and for those who couldn't attend on Saturday, our positive thoughts go out to you and your family for a healthy and successful year in 2010.

Most of our Erste Gruppe members know that we have nominated and installed a new board

for 2010. Again, I want to thank those who have put faith in me to preside over our future meetings and possibly add to a course that has been traditionally steered by our group's leadership. A new wrinkle that we tried in 2009 was a business meeting held at our home in Manhattan Beach. The primary topic was developing a plan to boost new membership. On March 20, 2010, we will try another business meeting which will be followed by a board meeting at a second home in Manhattan Beach (Chris & Janet Gundel). At our February meeting up on the mountain top in Lake Elsinore, we can discuss what we want to talk about that will benefit EG coming out of a business meeting.

The reason for this note is something that has been percolating from some conversations that started at the Poppie's party and were further talked about at the Jagerhaus dinner. In 2010, we want to start a new format for a home and away joint meeting with the Die Golden Gate Zecher chapter. We of EG are considered as the home in 2010, and we will pick a site and coordinate the logistics of the meeting. In 2011, DGGZ will pick a site and coordinate the joint meeting. Dave Lowry is the President of the northern chapter. We have discussed the benefits of expanding the fraternity between our two groups and synergies that can come from a once a year joint meeting. The DGGZ board has come back with a positive response to see if we can get this meeting running. Now for some specifics:

1. We are discussing a possible site of Solvang as our initial site in 2010
2. We will hopefully have a limited stein auction run by Ron Fox
3. We will create space for stein sales tables
4. We will have at least one joint dinner for all to attend
5. We anticipate that Les Paul will participate and bring down many steins to sell

6. We will hold a joint meeting to discuss how we can expand synergies between the groups
7. We will develop information for side trips for those who want to explore outside where we reside.
8. We want to explore which weekend will work best for both groups to enable the maximum # of attendees from both chapters
9. DGGZ has suggested Carmel or Monterey as possible sites for 2011
10. We are not considering this as a mini-convention *Mark*

From the Assemblers Desk:

Once again I would like to thank the EG members who have made my job easier during the past year by providing articles, constructive letters to the editor and other news worthy information about stein collecting and their travel adventures. Special thanks to Roy and Sue Kellogg for their contributions of the EG meeting minutes, SCI club correspondence, and news about our members. Master Steinologist Dr. Roy De Selms once again provided interesting stein related articles for our SZ readers.

I sincerely appreciate your contributions to Stein Zeitung. Items/articles that may be of interest to our members should be email or mailed to John Mann (see SCI Directory) or Roy Kellogg. *John*

Erste Gruppe Officers (2010)

President and Web Master – Mark Fieger

1st VP – Kevin Kaub

2nd VP – Pat Cunningham

Treasurer & chapter contact – Roy Kellogg (*)
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Treasurer (ALT), Recording Secretary,

Correspondence/Recording Secretary,

Sunshine Lady – Sue Kellogg (*)

Historian – Sharon Cooley

Stein Zeitung Assembler – John Mann
johnmann2@cox.com

EG Board Members

1st year board member - Chris Gundel

2nd Year board member - Tim Peters

Erste Gruppe Chapter meetings (2010)

Feb. 13-Gen.: Kellogg's in Lake Elsinore

Mar. 20-Business/board: Gundel's and Fieger's in Manhattan Beach

May 15-Board: Patel's in Stevenson's Ranch

June 26-Gen.: Poppies in Monterey Park

Aug- 7 Board: Lua Hooper's and Peter's in Camarillo

Sept.- SCI Convention 2010: Myrtle Beach, SC

Oct. 9-Gen mtg: Hill's in Ojai

Dec.-Christmas party: TBA

Erste Gruppe Chapter News

Doug Armstrong is battling his tumor with chemo and radiation therapy. The good NEWS is the tumor is shrinking and he seems to have improved in his walking. The short term memory is the major problem still. People are encouraged to write to them, cards and notes appreciated.

Harvey Goldson has moved east to Colorado. Harvey says, "I will miss my California friends and co-workers but I look at the move as not leaving but as going somewhere else." "I'm not quite used to retired life but will figure out what I'm going to do here after I get settled down." "Meanwhile, Ann will keep working to keep me in the lifestyle I'm used to!" Regards, Ann & Harvey.
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EG minutes from Board Meeting at the Hooper's 7-11-2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Fieger at 6:30 PM.

A large THANK YOU was given to Lua Hooper and Tim and Tony Peters for their splendid job of BBQ'ing and for their gracious hospitality.

Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given and we have \$14,202.19 in our account.

Our chapter has to nominate a representative for the Las Vegas Convention in Oct. It was unanimously suggested that Roy Kellogg be the representative. He graciously accepted.

New business:

Chris Gundel helped with starting a website named beer stein collectors socal.com. This name will appear in periodicals, newsletters, website, etc. The ad for the periodicals runs \$70 for 6 months.

It was brought up that if a person is booked into the Palace Station in Las Vegas for the convention; the price is \$89/night. If one uses the SCI password or code, you will get a discount of \$70/night.

Steve Morris requests that our group put on a 3-5 minute skit for one of the convention nights. We are currently working on that.

Roy DeSelms and Sharon Cooley attended the International Beer Festival in Del Mar and handed out our SCI cards to interested parties. This fair is held annually and the entry fee is only \$7.

Pat Pettigrew Cunningham is currently pursuing a place for the annual Christmas party to be held. So far she only has one prospect and that is the Phoenix club in Anaheim for Friday, Dec. 4. But the cost seems rather prohibitive and it was suggested to her to continue to try to look elsewhere for a site.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Sue Kellogg, Secretary

Minutes from general meeting at Ted Haessler's & Ellaine Eubanks Aug. 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Fieger at 5:30. We were asked to pray and send good thoughts for Doug Armstrong's recent illness. They would appreciate cards and notes but no phone calls, please.

The minutes were read and approved from the meeting at Lua Hooper's in July. The treasurer's report was read by Roy Kellogg and we have \$13,984 in our account. We recently signed up for stein ads in several periodicals.

There was a lengthy discussion about the upcoming Las Vegas convention in October. Room rates were discussed and it was said that we should stay at the designated hotel in order to secure the required number of room nights that were settled on by the host group. There are 155-160 attending so far. There may be one night that a dinner will not be available, to make the percentages needed. There seems to be a great deal of confusion about the schedule of events for the convention. The scheduling of the auction in NJ by Ron Fox is the weekend before the convention... The Stein College is taking place before the convention starts for the early birds who want to attend. There will also be

the annual Oktoberfest to be held at Terry and Claire Hill's the weekend the convention ends.

A great BIG thank you was given to Ted and Ellaine for hosting this wonderful dinner in their lush avocado surroundings. Had a delicious catered meal from a local Mexican restaurant.

New members were introduced as Cheryl and Jim Armstrong, John Hooper's daughter and son-in-law. And joining us for the first time were Don Smith and his friend, Verna. We welcome them into our group.

New Business:

We still do not have a place to hold our annual Dec. Christmas party. We decided to go ahead and have Roy Kellogg try to book the Jaegerhaus restaurant in Anaheim and see if there are any openings left in Dec. Pat Cunningham has been trying to secure a venue but due to her travels and the lateness of the season, she is having no luck.

Our new website is being worked on by Chris Gundel with the help of Roy DeSelms.

Old Business:

Our group has been challenged to put on a skit for the convention and so far there have been no forthcoming suggestions. A sheet of a parody of a song was passed around and several ideas were given. This has to be worked on and we have to come up with something!

Mark Fieger gave a presentation of steins by Franz Ringer and had several beautiful pieces to pass around as he described them, with their guild/occupation symbols.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by Sue Kellogg, Sec't.

Minutes from the Board Meeting at the Patel's 9-19-09

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Fieger at 6 PM. The minutes were read from the Haessler's meeting and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Roy Kellogg and we have \$13,861.44 in our account.

New Business:

It was reported that since we've placed ads in the antique journals and periodicals, we have had 3 inquiries from various states re: steins.

Chris Gundel has finished the website. Needs the author's OK before an article is reproduced. We can send in any information to John Mann for the SZ if it is in PDF form.

The Christmas party will be held at the Jaegerhaus in Anaheim on Saturday, Dec. 12th. A motion was made to get the Jaegerhaus for our party instead of The Grand hotel in Long Beach, near the airport.

The new website: Beer Stein Collectors-So Cal will be our title. It was suggested that when at the Oktoberfest at the Hill's, we do a taping of the archives of Franz Ringer. Maybe tape at the convention also.

Old Business:

A new slate of officers for 2010 was brought up by Frank Poppie. It was suggested that Mark Fieger be retained as the President next year also due to the terrific job he's done in organizing this year. This was widely accepted. The 1st VP will be Kevin Kaub; 2nd VP Pat Cunningham; Treasurer will be Roy Kellogg; Secretary and Sunshine Lady and Recording Secretary will be Sue Kellogg; Historian will be Sharon Cooley and the 1st year board will be Chris Gundel. This slate will be presented at the Oct. meeting for all to vote on.

Convention: We need at least 2 skits for entertainment at one of the evening dinners. Song sheets were passed around by Gene Manusov of the EG song and Sue Kellogg had a parody about growing older. Most of the attending members will sing along with both of these songs. There are currently 188 people attending.

Update on Doug Armstrong: He recently recovered from a blood clot to the lungs after having brain surgery for malignant tumors. He has been started on chemo orally and internally and will start radiation on the 23rd of this month. Cards and letters are greatly appreciated by his family but, no phone calls, please.

A resounding THANK YOU was given to Ravi and Pratibha for hosting this wonderful meeting with the fantastic Indian food. The weather cooperated, and we sat outside, overlooking the Santa Clarita Valley with all its lights and NO fires this time!

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Sue Kellogg

Meeting minutes from the Oktoberfest at the Hill's on 10-10-2009

The general meeting was called to order by President Marc Fieger at 6:20 PM. The minutes were read from the last meeting at the Patel's and were approved. It was mentioned that Doug and Judy Armstrong would gladly accept phone calls

before a visit is planned. Cards and notes are greatly appreciated.

Tim Peters will be a 2nd year board member for next year.

Treasurer's report was given and we have \$13,861.44 in the bank.

Report on the SCI convention: Roy attended the Board of Trustees meeting. John Kelly's newsletter online is wonderful and very informative. SCI membership directory is on line now. You need your SCI number to access it. You can send email to the webmaster using SEMINAR as a password, then click on "New Members Only".

Next year's convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC in Sept. The 2011 convention will be in Providence, RI in July.

We always need new members in SCI. There are many members in various clubs that do not belong to SCI for various reasons, but we need to work on increasing the membership.

Awards were given to Ron Fox for his "Photos on the Road" pieces in PROSIT; the *Gemutlichkeit* award was given to George Schaumburger; Master Steinologist was Phil Masenheimer. Board President will be Phil Masenheimer, Treasurer/CFO, Ravi Patel (membership data base manager); Membership, Carolyn Estep. Miss Beer stein was Suzanne Elliott.

For the skit presentations, EG was tied for FIRST PLACE by our 2 songs we sung! We will be having a new member join our group, named John Matusch from Las Vegas. We all met, for the first time, a new member named Paul Newman, from east of San Diego also.

One of our long time members, Harvey Goldson, will be moving to Colorado this month and we all wish him good luck in his new adventures. We will miss seeing his smiling face at our meetings.

It was brought up that SCI has many speakers available for different groups meetings. We need to take advantage of this and we get reimbursed from SCI.

A calendar for next year's meeting was passed around and filled out for future board and general meetings in 2010.

A note was read from Beverly Webster by Terry Hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 Pm. A talk given by Terry Hill on Richard Reimerschmid followed.

A hearty THANK YOU was given to Claire and Terry Hill on this 40th Annual Oktoberfest at their home.

Submitted by Sue Kellogg, Rec. sec't.

Stein of the Quarter

Hermann the German Revisited.

By Dr. Roy De Selms

One of my hobbies is language and I can get along in German, Spanish, French and Greek in that order. I was struck by something in SCI Master Steinologist Steve Smith's Prosit (p. 2430 Sept. '08) article on "Hermann the German" and the "Winged Helmet".

Many Christian names have evolved from Hebrew for obvious reasons. If an original name begins with a vowel, then it can later be preceded by an "H" and later by a "G" to form derivative names in other languages. For instance: "Ari" (means lion in Hebrew) and evolves to "Harry" in English (but in England pronounced the same as in Ari Fleischer) and then to "Gary" and possibly further to "Gerrie" sometimes used by Brits to refer to Germans. Here's another series: Omar (Arabic meaning "long life, first son, most high"), Homer (Greek), Gomer (Biblical; Old English) as in the comic Gomer Pyle.

Similarly, as shown in Steve's article, "Armin" (Swiss meaning "warrior"), (*Armand* in French) evolved to "*Hermann*" and then to "German" (in English; *Germane/Deutscher* in German; *Germanos* in Modern Greek; *Germanus* in Latin; *Alleman* in Spanish; and *Allemand* in French) , i.e., "Herman(n)" = "German". "Armin" might be referenced as someone coming from Armenia, which is in the region of Persia and adjacent to Georgia. If my recollection of history is correct, the ancient Vikings wandered through the Russias into Persia (modern day Iran). There are tall, red-haired, blue-eyed descendents from the West called Uigurs as far east as Western China. However the Vikings traveled either by boat down rivers on this route or on foot and only had clubs

to fight with at this time, but the Persians were on horseback with metal armor and weapons. So the Vikings cleverly decided that if they couldn't beat them, they would join them and they did at least for a time.

At this point I'm not sure if the Vikings brought horses and metal weapons and armor directly back to the North from Persia or if the metal tools of war came the other way around thru the



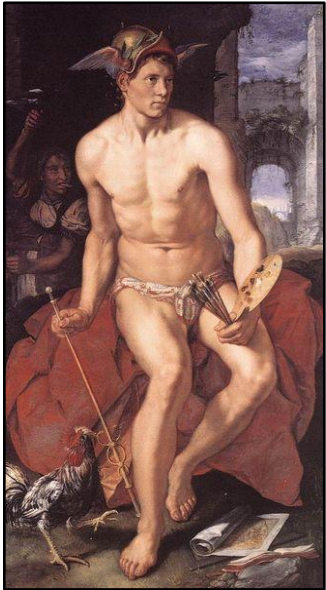
Mediterranean by long boat, since Arabs, Greeks and Vikings (and Normans) coming by long boat, all inhabited Sicily and parts of Italy in various ancient times. Persian silver coins have been found in Viking graves in Scandinavia. What I do know is that English (and German) is classified as a Teutonic language and came from Old Norse. French and other languages were mixed in later.



1/2L Stein, Horned and Winged Headdress.

"While it is generally accepted that Vikings were not Germans (and vice versa) and that horned and winged helmets were used ceremoniously and not generally in battle, it was common for women to go into battle with their men and the name "*Hildegard*" means "battle guard" and "*Brunhilde*" means "ready for battle" from old High German as noted by the prominence of the woman carrying the sword on the 1/2L Stein shown above."

Winged helmets are not unique to Northern Europe. There is a famous myth that originated in ancient Greece in South Eastern Europe.



The myth is that of Mercury, messenger of the gods, with a winged helmet and winged feet. *Mercurius* is the Latin word for Hermes (English) or "Ermaion" (Classical Greek meaning godsend or windfall) and when "H" is added as a prefix, sounds suspiciously like "Hermann" which might have evolved to "German with a Winged Helmet".

Mercury (*Mercurius*)

Furthermore, horned helmets or headdresses also are not unique to Europe. The Vikings led by Erik the Red, headed west to Iceland and Greenland. Then, as the *Nibelungenlied* story goes, Erik's son Leif extended the voyage (possibly down the St. Lawrence River into Lake Ontario) to a place called "Vinland" (Upstate NY wine country) where native American grapevines (Concord grapes, good eating - mediocre wine) were found and possibly had contact with American Indians, all well before Columbus reached the Americas.

Further west the Plains Indians honorary headdresses were horned like the Vikings. Later Indian head-dresses had horns and feathers and gradually only feathers like we see today. So it's possible that the "Horned Helmet" came to Northern Europe from the American Indians, and might provide indirect evidence that Vikings in fact did meet American Indians.



Sioux, White Man Runs Him, ca 1906

: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on. Now you know!

SCI Officers & Committees (2010)

President - Phil Masenheimer	2011
Executive Director - David Bruha	2010
1st VP Conventions - Ralph Joyce	2010
2nd VP Membership - Carolyn Estep	2011
Treasurer - Ravi Patel	2010
Editor of Prosit - Walt Vogdes	2011
Museum/Library Director - Lyn Ayers	2011
Chapter Development - John Kelly	2010
Internet Director - John Piet	2010
Secretary - John Strassberger	2010
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Convention Updates

2009 SCI Awards:

- Master Steinologist - Phil Masenheimer
- Jack Lowenstein Prosit Editor's Award - Ron Fox
- Jack Heimann Service Award - Steve Steigerwald
- Gemütlichkeit Award - George Schamberger
- SCI Service Recognition Award - John Mertz
- Miss Beerstein - Suzanne Elliott

Future Conventions:

- 2010-** Sep. 9-11 Myrtle Beach, SC: Hosted by The Carolina Steiner's
- 2011-** Portsmouth, NH, was Providence, RI: Hosted by the New England Steiner's.



That's all folks, Prosit