



The Southeast Rag



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2020 -2021 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Jack Hostetler
Vice Chair: Jim Kracht
Secretary: Julie Morlock
Treasurer: Clay Witt PRO TEMP
Chair Emeritus: Mary Ellen Myers

Committee Leaders:

Librarian: Wayne Finger
Membership: Julie Morlock
Newsletter: Mary-Ann Hostetler
Reporter: Howard Sanford
Webmaster: Clay Witt

The Christmas show in The Villages will be the weekend before Christmas.

Chairpersons' Message:



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It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served 2 years as Vice Chair and 3 years Chair for the SE Chapter of MBSI. The work was enjoyable thanks to the dedicated officers of the Chapter who are so very good at what they do.

At the November ZOOM meeting, the Chapter nominated and voted Wayne Myers to be the incoming Chapter Chair. Wayne will do a great job as Chair. He has served as MBSI Trustee. They also voted Bob Yates to serve as Treasurer, replacing Clay Witt who wants to retire.

I intend to continue to work as a member of the Special Exhibit Committee involved with special exhibits in The Villages. I have been doing this with the support of Wayne and Mary Ellen Myers for 10 years, and I think I can continue for a few more years.

My thanks and best wishes to the officers and Committee Leaders and RAG Publisher who worked with me: Mary Ellen and Wayne Myers, Julie Morlock, Judy Miller, Wayne Finger, Clay Witt, Jim Kracht, John Leuenberger, Howard Sanford, and my Mary-Ann. And my best wishes to Wayne Myers for the same very enjoyable experience I have had.

Jack Hostetler

Upcoming Chapter Events.

Dec 17-19th 8th annual Christmas Exhibit at Eisenhower Center The Villages,FL

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**Feb. 4 – 6, 2022
MidWinter Meeting
COAA and MBSI SE at
Hall Estate, St. Cloud,
Fl.
Organized by COAA.**

Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

The fall meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held November 15, 2021 by Zoom. Chapter Chair Jack Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm. Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported that there were currently 98 chapter memberships. Dues notices for 2022 will be sent out starting in December. Julie reported that chapter member Eugene Saboda passed away; a motion was approved to send a donation in his honor to the Endowment Fund. Minutes: A motion was approved to accept the minutes of the last chapter meeting (held March 19, 2021 by Zoom) as printed in the last issue of the Southeast Rag. Treasurer's Report: Clay Witt reported that we had chapter assets of \$4,427.78 in the checking account, accounts receivable of \$101.50, and 2021 table favor inventory (at cost) of \$4,666.14, for a total of \$9,195.42. Chapter losses total \$3,280.90 for the year; this includes a small operating loss of \$138.37 due to having no "in person" meetings and therefore no income for the year; a loss on the remaining Tervis inventory that was donated to National for the annual meeting; and losses on the 2021 table favors that were over budget to produce at \$33.33 each (MBSI reimbursed us for 91 favors given to annual meeting attendees at \$20.00 each; 9 were sold following the meeting). Unfinished Business: Julie Morlock brought up the issue of the traveling display created by George Fryer in 2005. Bill Endlein is currently storing it but had indicated that he would like someone else to take over that responsibility. Mary Ellen Myers reported that she has spoken with him about the display; Bill indicated that he isn't opposed to keeping it, but is concerned that it is not being used. Mary Ellen spoke to Sally Craig about sending it to the American Treasure Tour but they are short on space. Mary Ellen also sent an email to Rob Pollock at National but has not had a response. She will discuss this with the Special Exhibits Committee and will put an article about it in the Journal. New Business: Elections: Mary Ellen Myers, head of the nominating committee, reported that Jack Hostetler has been Chair for three years (serving an extra year due to the pandemic) and that Vice Chair Jim Kracht has only been in office for one year and did not feel ready to move up to Chair, but is willing to stay on as Vice Chair for another year. Mary Ellen thanked Jack for his service, and nominated Wayne Myers to serve as Chair for one year while Jim Kracht serves his second year as Vice Chair. This was approved by unanimous vote. After many years of service as Treasurer, Clay Witt is retiring from that position. Mary Ellen nominated Bob Yates to become Treasurer; this was approved by unanimous vote. Mary Ellen thanked Clay for his service. Mary-Ann Hostetler is no longer able to act as editor for the Southeast Rag in its present form, and the nominating committee was unable to find anyone willing to fill that position. Mary Ellen suggested sending out a simple newsletter with just the list of officers, meeting minutes and information on upcoming events. Mary-Ann Hostetler agreed to send this out until someone can be found to take over as editor. Cotton Morlock moved that, at this point, we change from a newspaper format to a simple email format, with Mary-Ann Hostetler handling it. This was approved by unanimous vote. Jack noted that there we had ten minutes left to complete the Zoom session, and would then resume at 7:30 pm for the Myers' presentation. 2021 Table Favors: Mary Ellen Myers reported that there will be advertisements in the MBSI Journal and the COAA Journal to sell the table favors, as well as exploring the possibility of setting up a mart at the Sarasota Saturday market. Sally Craig suggested getting in touch with the National Carousel Association. Jim Kracht asked if we could sell some at the exhibit in The Villages; Mary Ellen said that The Villages would not allow us to do so, but we could display them to generate interest. Future Meetings: Jim Kracht reported that information on the upcoming meeting with COAA in February will be forthcoming. 8th Annual Christmas Exhibit at The Villages: Jack Hostetler reported that this will be held December 17-19 at the Eisenhower Center. He already has 15 people exhibiting but would like to have as many exhibitors as possible; he expects a big turnout, as The Villages population has grown. He will send out information soon. Marilou asked if there was a report on the recent annual meeting; Although there wasn't one available, Wayne Myers reported that Bronson will do a report in the next Journal. As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Editors note,,,,,,,,, Anyone getting a copy of the rag by computer and by hard copy thru the mail call me at 352-801-6580 so we can remove you from getting a hard copy and saving MBSI money.

The Web Corner By Clay Witt

I hope this edition of the *The Rag* finds you all in good health, ready to experience the joy of the season and ready for a better new year. As was the case with 2020 when the pandemic first came to visit, I can't say that I will be sorry to see 2021 go.

Because our chapter has not been able to meet in person for some time, not much is new on the chapter website (www.mbsise.org). I am hoping our joint meeting with COAA in February will be a go and will provide some new content.

There will also be some website changes coming, I am hoping in the first quarter of the new year. Our current website is designed and, to some extent, maintained with Microsoft's "Expression Web" software, which is now a discontinued product and is less and less useable for site maintenance. It was also really designed more for websites to be viewed on computer or tablet screens. Now as much or more viewing is done on cell phones. This being the case, I will be redesigning the website and rebuilding it, probably using the "WordPress" environment, which is friendly to both computer and cell phone viewing. If you have some features you'd like to see on the new site, feel free to pass them along to me at web@mbsise.org.

Clay Witt, Webmaster



The Library by Wayne Finger

"Your chapter library is active and has some great books available for you. There are currently 68 books available for checkout. No books are out or overdue.

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