



# The Doorknob Collector

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## 1986 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

### President's Message

The sixth annual convention of the ADCA was held in Minneapolis at the Normandy Inn, September 19, 20 and 21, 1986. The weather was unusually overcast and rainy but this did not diminish the spirits of the 62 participants from 16 states. We all missed old friends, Florence & Ralph Chelin, Evelyn & Norman Nichols and Florence & Vince Noe who were not able to attend this year.

#### ADCA'S NEW ADDRESS

The Antique Doorknob Collectors of America, Inc. has moved its Secretary - Treasurer's office and the Publication of the Doorknob Collector to Naperville, Il.

The official mailing address is P. O. Box 126, Eola, Illinois 60519-0126

Raymond Nemecek has succeeded Lee Kaiser as Secretary-Treasurer. Ray and Loretta have assumed the responsibilities as Co-editors of the Doorknob Collector from Jim and Lee Kaiser.

The \$20, 1987 membership dues should be sent to ADCA, P. O. BOX 126, EOLA, ILLINOIS 60519-0126.

Thursday evening early arrivals initiated the hospitality room and tried to figure out the Minneapolis skyway system.

Friday was devoted to setting up displays and trading inventory. We were also pleased to find that our dealer members had brought a large selection of hardware. Ed and Flicka Thrall again presented us with their fantastic displays which was set up outside the display room. Non-convention goers passing through the Normandy were astonished by what those "DOORKNOB PEOPLE" were showing. Arnie Fredrick again handled the auction details in fine style. Many excellent items were registered.

Friday afternoon the serious business of trading began. Many cherished knobs traded hands and I suppose many hands cherished trades that did not work, but it is all great sport and patience pays.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (continued)

Florence Jarvis got her red glass knob from the Menchhofer's after three years of dickering. Fortunately for those without adequate trading stock there was enough hardware for sale to enhance their collection.

Friday evening our club chaplain, Fr. Pepper, of Waverly, Iowa, opened the dinner hour with his gracious invocation. After dinner, President John Holland presented Fr. Pepper with a plaque acknowledging our appreciation of his interest in the club. John, announced that the Kaisers are giving up the newsletter and presented us with a fine plaque which contains the club logo designed by Emmet Wiemer and an image of the "DOGGIE" knob, a memento we will always cherish.



John Holland presenting Jim Kaiser with Plaque of Appreciation.

John also announced that Loretta and Ray Nemec have agreed to publish the newsletter. We thank them and wish them well in this, their first issue. John urged members to share their knowledge, experience and education and to seek our collectors not yet aware of the club and the benefits of membership. He also mentioned one of the unique elements of our hobby, "you will never find that last one."

After the president's message, we were treated to a slide presentation by master photographer and terrible joke teller, Bob Phelps, who showed us the variety of seasons in our Metro area and several special events, including the ambitious St. Paul Ice Palace project, colorful 70 foot balloon launchings and all the seasons in their beauty.

Saturday, more wheeling, dealing buying, selling and lots of congenial conversation. Later in the afternoon the display contest award winners were announced. Steve Menchhofer, won the best metallic knob award. Debbie Fellenz won the best non-metallic award and Maude Eastwood won the best of the show award. Brass plated doorknob paperweights were awarded.

The last event Saturday afternoon was a presentation by Maude Eastwood, our eminent educator. Maude assured us that restorationists pose no threat to collectors. The slide show featured architectural design elements by Louis Sullivan who founded the Chicago School of Design.

After dinner, David Kaiser, gave us a concise and forthright briefing on insuring our collections. (A synopsis of his presentation will be presented in the next issue of ADCA.)

After David's talk, we were once again enthralled by auctioneer Col. La Verne Andreessen, who was ably assisted by his wife, Donna. The auction gross was \$2,257.50 and the Club's income was \$392.25. (continued on page 9)



The Auctioneers, Andreessen, Frederick and Leaders.

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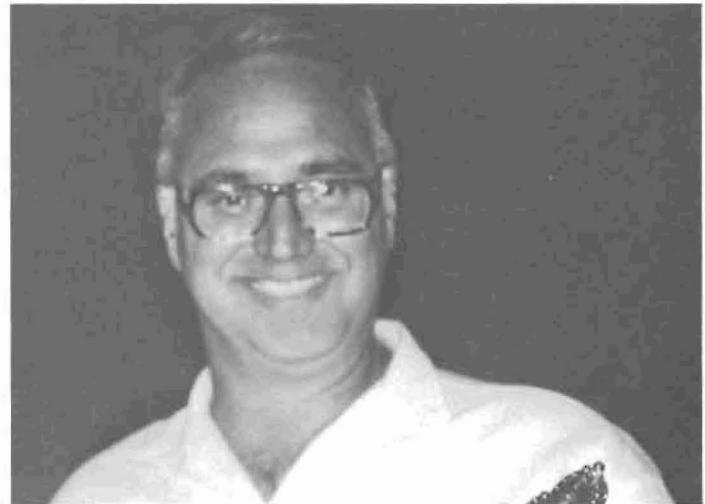
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Charles & Alva Bednar  
St. Paul, MN.



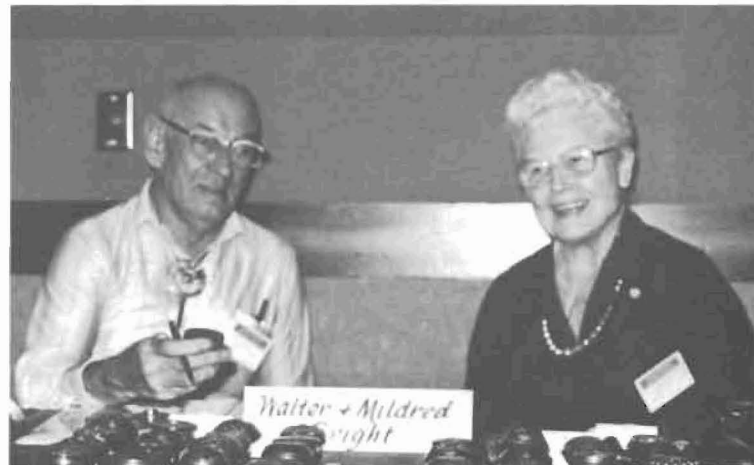
Richard & Lillian Balasa  
Hoffman Estates, IL.



Mark Davidovich  
Carpinteria, CA.



Betty K. Bjornsen  
Glendale, CA.



Walter & Mildred Bright  
Tempe, AZ.



Helen & Bill Byington  
Iowa City, IA.



Dorothy Ann Miller Alice Chadonich  
Omaha, NE.



Carlos & Blanca Ruiz  
Alameda, CA.



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Lois Hatch  
LaCrosse, WI.      Maude Eastwood  
Tillamook, OR.



Debbie & Dolores Fellenz  
St. Louis, MO.



Arnie Fredrick  
Waverly, IA.



Nels M. Nelson  
Minneapolis, MN.



John & Chlorene Holland  
Pheonix, AZ.



Bradley Widseth  
Minneapolis, MN.



Jim & Lee Kaiser  
Minneapolis, MN.



Ardythe & Gerald Leaders  
Dunlap, IA.



Max & Barbara Liesman  
Des Moines, IA.



Florence Jarvis  
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Jim & Beverly Meadows  
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Nixa, MO.



Joe & Martha Mueller  
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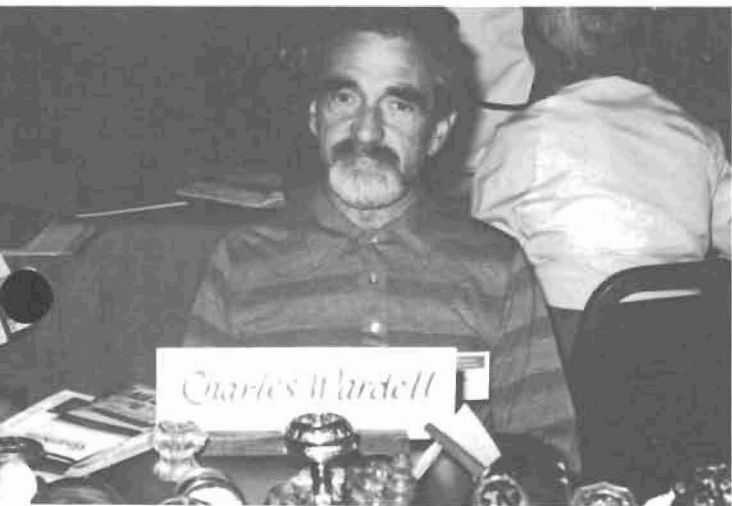
Loretta & Ray Nemecek  
Naperville, IL.



Kae & Ray Zyc  
Janesville, WI.



Ed & Flicka Thrall  
Broad Brook, CT.



Charles Wardell  
Trinity, NC.



Lois & Phillip Warrey  
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Dan & Judy Peterson  
Mazomanie, WI.



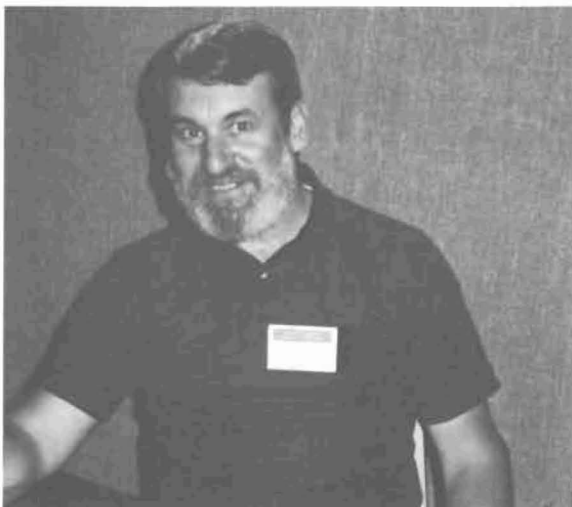
Marjorie & Emmet Wiener  
Sedona, AZ.



Steve & Barbara Menchhofer  
Speedway, IN.



Joe & Julie Mann  
Indianapolis, IN.



Len Blumin  
Mill Valley, CA.



Janet & Al Still  
West Des Moines, IA.



Gene Moen  
Minneapolis, MN.



Fred Magnus  
Fort Myers Beach, FL.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (continued)

Sunday morning, our out-going president, John Holland, conducted the business meeting. The treasurer's report indicated a small gain in revenue over expenses for the year.

John affirmed our appreciation to Dorothy Ann Miller for her splended work in keeping our minutes and maintaining our archieves. I hope you all took time to look at the display of catalog reprints Dorothy assembled. The next issue of ADCA will include an order form for copies of all catalogs available.

After a somewhat prolonged discussion of where the next convention should be, Al and Janet Still broke the stalemate by offering Des Moines, Iowa, as the site of the 1987 convention. Steve and Barbara Menchhofer then volunteered to host the '88 convention in Indianapolis and Dan and Judy Peterson, the '89 convention in Madison, Wisconsin.

Len Blumin, chairman of the nominating committee, placed in nomination the following persons for board membership: Charles Bednar, Jim Kaiser and Ray Nemeč to replace retiring members Len Blumin, John Holland and Lee Kaiser. The new members were elected by unanimous vote.

Subsequently, the board of directors elected the following officers: Jim Kaiser, President; Maude Eastwood, Vice President; Ray Nemeč, Secretary-Treasurer; Dorothy Ann Miller, will continue on as Board Secretary and Archivist.

The ROBINSON knob given to us for hosting the convention was a delightful surprise and a knob that must certainly work its way into our "quality row."

After the business meeting Sunday, all were invited to our home for lunch and to view our collection. We enjoyed this opportunity to share our collecting experience and just to visit. As Maude was overheard to say "WITH EACH PASSING CONVENTION IT SEEMS WE BECOME MORE AND MORE A FAMILY."

Respectfully,

Jim Kaiser



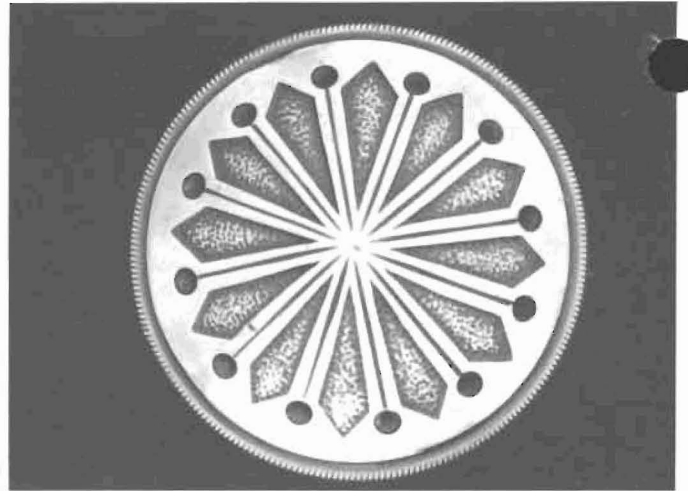
Jim & Lee Kaiser's Home

LETTERS

As the saying goes, "its a small world, because while in Lincoln, Nebraska, parked in front of an antique shop, waiting to see if it would open, I ran into two other people doing the same thing. I found out they know you, as they are Door-knob Collectors and just came from a convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, - Mr. & Mrs. Emmet Wiemer of Sedona, Arizona.

Dick Hill  
Hastings, NE

(Editors Note: Dick Hill is a noted Country Music Historian and has corresponded with the editor for many years.)



"ROBINSON KNOB"



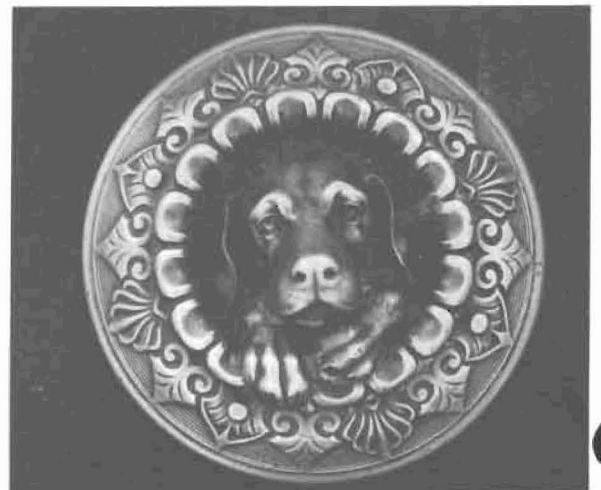
"IRISH SETTER" BY RUSSELL  
& ERWIN  
Patent: October 12, 1886.



Chlorene & Marjorie



Len, Arnie & Steve



"DOGGIE" BY METALLIC COMPRESSION CASTING  
CO. (RUSSELL & ERWIN). PATENT: JUNE 7, 1870.  
DESIGNER: LUDWIG KREUZINGER.