

RMDGS Minutes March 21, 2018

President Lois Gould called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The RMDGS members were pleased to welcome guests from the EAPG club, the American Cut Glass Association and the toothpick collectors' club, who were excited to hear Judy and Ron Knoshaug's presentation on the Dorflinger Museum and glass they produced. Thanks to the presence of our guests our attendance doubled.

Guests were: Bill Evans, Danny and Beverly Trbovich, Jane Wainwright, Cathy Gunderson, Audrey and Frank Blosser, Dolly and Ken Gray, Debbie and Mark Geist, Bill and Linda Pirie, Brian Sulley, Alex Kisewski, and Jan Ramsey.

In the absence of club treasurer, Jo Ellen Winther, club secretary, Martie Grubenhoff reported on the club's finances as of 2/28/2018. Checking account balance: \$9917.74; savings: \$10,566.64. There were no expenses. Jo Ellen will pay the 2nd quarter church rent.

Club secretary, Martie Grubenhoff, read a thank you note from Harold and Carole Keller's daughter, Diane Keller Koblenz, for the donation made in memory of her husband who passed away.

Tom Cotter noted that the Kirkland Museum has reopened and he and Mike Horine are working on a visit for RMDGS club members as well as a tour for dealers who will be doing Jodi Uthe's show September 29, 30. There will be a club booth at the September Show at the Ranch in Loveland. Members may sell American made glass, pottery and china. Tom noted also that Barb Garrison is liquidating her collection. There will be a show in Castle Rock run by Heritage Antique Events April 27-29 and July 14-15 in Loveland. There is another antique show July 20-22 at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs located at 8th and Cimarron. The Duncan & Miller and EAPG conventions are also July 28 & 29. Alex Kisewski also announced that Tom Roth is selling his extensive collection of cut glass through Woody's Auction, March 24-25.

Tina Borderson reminded the members of the club website. <http://www.rmdgs.com>. She is happy to add photos, information, articles that members might want to submit.

Judy and Ron Knoshaug attended the American Cut Glass Association Conference in White Mills, PA. They toured the museum and saw a glass worker demonstrating cutting glass. Their Power Point presentation showed the lovely rolling hills where the museum is located along with the Dorflinger-Syndam Wild Life Sanctuary which is on the 600 acres Christian Droflinger had acquired during his glass making career. Dorflinger emigrated in 1846 to the US from Lorrain,

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France, at age 18 having completed a glass blowing, cutting and engraving apprenticeship that he started at age 10. He started his glass business at age 24 after working a few years in New Jersey and New York. By 1852 he started his own business which flourished enough that Mary Lincoln Todd ordered a set of glassware for the White House. He produced everything from glass lamp chimneys to blown glass pieces that were intricately cut. A factory fire in 1892 only temporarily stopped production. Business flourished until his death in 1915 when his three sons took over. WWI and Prohibition were not kind to glass producers and Dorflinger ceased operations in 1921. Judy and Ron shared pieces of their collection of cut glass including a prized flower center vase and goblets. Bill Evens showed off a cordial, a piece of colored cut to clear, a master salt and several other pieces. Thanks to Judy and Ron for a special program.

Refreshments were provided by Ken and Martie Grubenhoff.

Show and Tell included: a pottery teapot by Roberta Hankins; Cathy Gunderson a green, Indiana Glass Co. leaf dish; a pink Floral (Pointsettia) sherbet and liner and a green Blenko pitcher; Danny Trbovich cut glass bowl; Alex Kisewski a Tiffin 50's modern pink oval paneled bowl...Alex was trying to determine which color pink his bowl is.

Roberta reminded the members that the meeting on April 17th will feature lamps.

The door prize was won by Audrey Blosser.

We welcome Bill Evans who joined the club.

The meeting ended about 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martie Grubenhoff
Secretary