

The Chicago Connection Chapter of the
Pepsi-Cola Collectors Club – Jan/Feb 2006

Hi, fellow Pepsi Nuts! Our past meeting was December 10th at Lenny and Laura's home and, as usual, there was lots of food and Pepsi products for all of us to enjoy. Of course, we also had the opportunity to sample the Jones Soda flavors that are listed in this newspaper clipping –



As you can imagine, the drinks were received with mixed reviews! The names of the flavors were hard enough to stomach. However, the faces that were made by the people that were tasting them were priceless! The drinks were NASTY, to say the least! A couple of them could be tolerated if you were just coming in from the desert after several days in the heat (or if the other choice was Coke!). Anyway, between that and the conversation and show-and-tell, it was a very fun evening. Those present were – Lenny and Laura Vigna, Glenda Dillman, Phil and Amy Dillman, Laura Dillman and Paul Gerrish, Kaye LeMahieu, Jim Petersen, Bruce and Margie Schwartz, Jeff and Beth Schwartz, Larry Woestman, and Bill and Marilee Scott.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Scott's mom, John Hantz' mom and Laura Vigna's grandmother. Our thoughts were with them at the meeting.

I haven't gotten a response from Bob Stoddard yet whether or not there will be a commercial contest at Pepsi-Fest this year. Stay tuned and I'll let you know by the next meeting.

Our elections went the way they usually do...no change. The consensus was, if it ain't broke, don't mess with it! Thus, the President is still Phil Dillman (me), the V.P. and Treasurer is still Larry Woestman (him), and the secretary is still Laura Dillman (her).

We collected our annual DUES at that meeting. They are still the low, low price of \$10.00 per year per family. If you haven't sent your dues to Larry yet, you may send them to Larry Woestman, 14750 S. Karlov Av., Midlothian, IL 60445. If you typically pay him at Pepsi-Fest, please call him (708-385-0646) or drop him a line letting him know that you plan on doing so. This will help the chapter plan for some upcoming activities which, we hope, will help to add a little excitement to the meetings and encourage more of our members as well as visitors to attend. In fact, if you have any friends or relatives that might be interested in attending a meeting, bring 'em along! The more, the merrier!

Through the generosity of several of our members, we had five items that we raffled off

(actually, they were more like door prizes since there was no charge for the tickets and were given out one per member or family) as well as a small ornament of Santa standing next to a Pepsi can which was given to each member or family.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Larry Woestman in Midlothian, IL on Saturday, February 11th, 2006 at 7:00 PM. If you cannot attend, please call Larry and let him know. Otherwise, we will see you at the meeting. Thanks!

Remember, this year's Pepsi-Fest will be the 20th Anniversary, so, you want to take whatever steps necessary to attend! The dates are March 23-25, 2006 and the entire schedule has been moved ahead for whatever reason so try to get there early! We typically get there on that Wednesday so that we don't miss anything. We then leave that Saturday after the last event since we only have a three hour drive home. When you have Pepsi running through your veins, it's worth being there for the whole thing! This year, Larry Woestman and Scott Kinzie will be presenting their Reproductions Seminar to help educate everyone about all of the reproduced or fantasy or "fake" Pepsi and Dew items that are being sold. There are a LOT of those items out there so you don't want to miss this! Those "Repops" will burn you every time!

Contact me with any questions or comments at 708-799-8486 or PD62Pepsi@aol.com.



Found this pic on the Internet! That is a lime going "number one" into the other glass. Pepsi Twist in other countries is with lime instead of lemon.

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