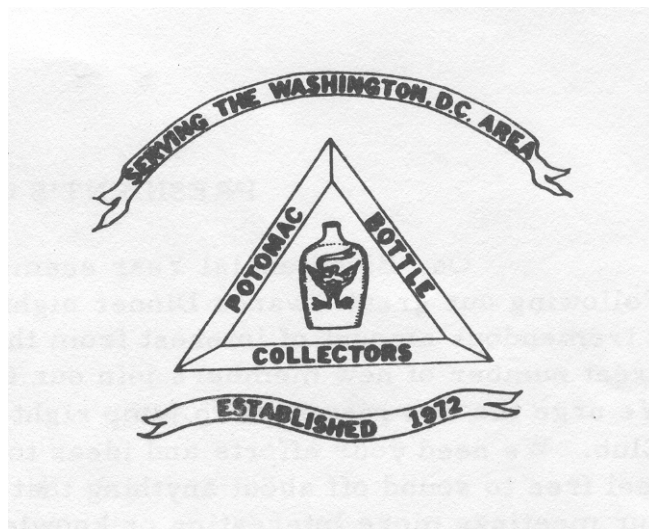


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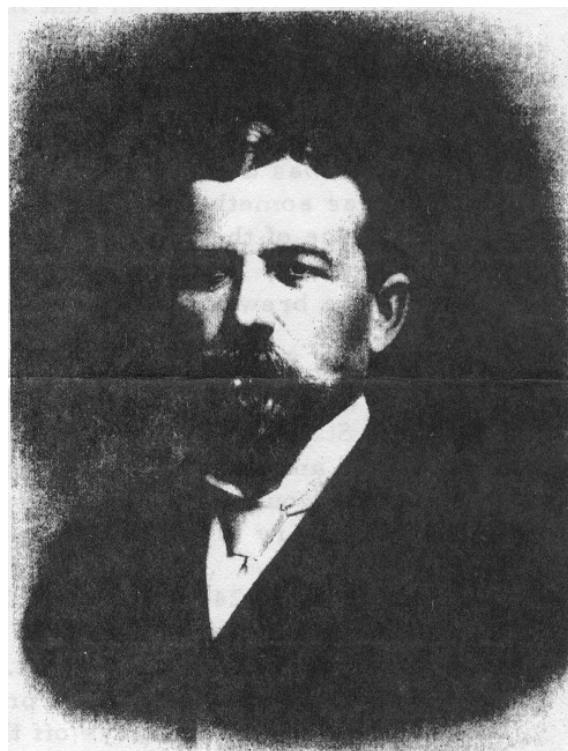
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The Potomac Bottle Collectors meet the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the meeting room at the Coca Cola Bottling Plant on seminary Road, Alexandria, VA, near Baileys Crossroads. Visitors are welcome and membership is open to all collectors.

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CHRISTIAN HEURICH, WASHINGTON, D.C.



CHRISTIAN HEURICH'S BREWERY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE SAGA OF CHRISTIAN HEURICH AND  
THE CHRISTIAN HEURICH BREWING COMPANY\*

(Part 1 in a Series of 6)

PT. I  
CHRISTIAN HEURICH, A DESOLATE BEGINNING

Christian Heurich was born in 1842 in Hania, Germany. Casper, his father, was a profitable businessman, running his own tavern in Roemhild, a neighboring town of Hania. Here is where Christian begins his long career in the brewing business. At 13, Christian's mother died and within two years his father follows. At 13, Christian was all alone, his sisters had gone to live with an aunt in the States.

Christian wanted to learn a trade before he left for the new country, so for three years he apprenticed himself as a butcher and a brewer. Up at 6 a. m. and to bed at Midnight, an 18 hour day, 7 days a week. When his time was done, Christian set off to find the source of the Danube. This was something he had longed to do his whole life. Upon reaching the source of the river, a tiny stream in the Black Forest, he became disappointed, forgot about America and headed for Vienna. Here he got a job in a brewery for 2-1/2 years.

Sometime after this he was called in by the Army, but he was rejected due to defective vision. Now he decided was the time to head for the United States, mainly due to the fact that his sister had just gotten married and wanted him to come live with them. If not for her, he probably would have spent the rest of his life in Europe, wandering from brewery to brewery.

So in 1866, at 24, with \$200, Christian sets off to embark on a new life. Three days out of port and the ship breaks out with a cholera epidemic and is forced to return to port. In Vienna, Christian once heard that beer was a splendid cholera preventive, so from the time the epidemic broke out until three days off the ship, he drank nothing but beer--to this he said he owes his escape from death.

Six weeks later when the ship was certified healthy, Christian sets off again for the United States. 2-1/2 weeks later he arrives in the long-awaited new country.

PT. II-CHRISTIAN HEURICH AND HIS EARLY DAYS IN AMERICA

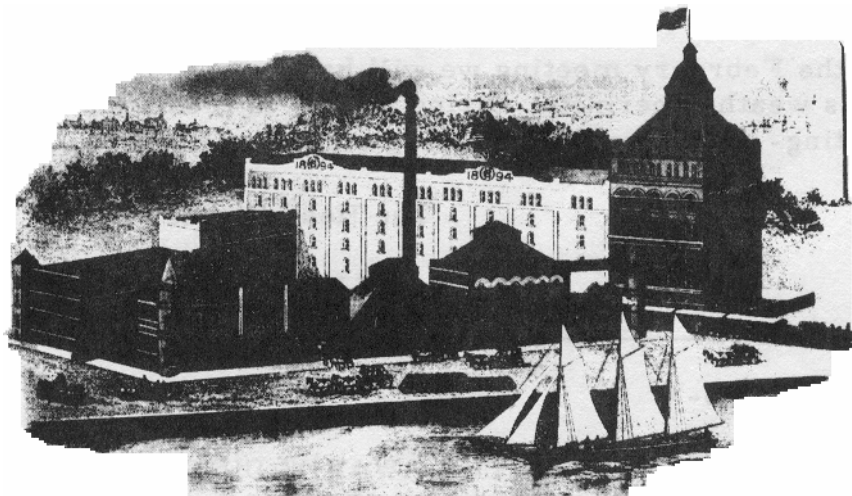
\*Christian Heurich Brewing Company, 26 and Waters Streets, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

By: Randy Bates

LIBRARY DISPLAY LIST

Randy Bates has fliers to go with your library displays. Please put them somewhere close to your displays. Thanks to all who are displaying in area libraries because it will give us much needed publicity for our Show and create the new collector and make our Club known to the old collector.

R. Byrd	-- Karl Shipman
Sherwood	-- Susan Godfrey
Kings Park	-- Ken O'Rourke
Arlington Central	-- Dick & Marge Stockton
Manassas	-- Tom and Kaye Johnson
Patrick Henry	-- Randy Bates
University of Maryland and University of Baltimore	-- Dave Lindsay
E. C. Burke	-- Al Steidel
Thomas Jefferson	-- Mike Oglesby
Dolly Madison	-- Bill McQuail
Glencarlyn	-- Sharon Stoneburner
Shirlington	-- Jack & Fran Stockdale
Reston	-- Steve Langhorne
Central	-- Gene Bowers
Martha Washington	-- Peter & Lois Gabby
Chevy Chase	-- Bob & Mary Lou McCalley
Woodbridge	-- Vern Bauckman
Centerville	-- George McCoy



BREWERY PREMISES OF CHRISTIAN HEURICH, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1902.

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well, Christmas and New Year festivities are out of the way and we can think about 1977, but I think we should mention that 1976 was a good year for the Club. We had some great meetings and get-togethers; our Show last year was a huge success; the picnic was a blast and even though we only had two Club digs together, they were productive and fun. The Awards Dinner turned out very well. Good to see so many of you made it--looks like around 135 people showed up. Hope everyone got enough to eat! I would like to thank all the women that brought salads, cakes, pies and other desserts--they were super.

What can I say about John Miklas' program--wasn't that something! Just to contact that many great diggers of all time is a feat--but to get them to show up and to come from so many places such long distances away was really great John! I'm sure you put much too much time into that skit, but it really made our night and was worth every minute you spent! It's people like you that make it work--thanks John!

Things are shaping up in 1977 and a couple of good things are in the works. Again, John Miklas is working on one that could make this our best year every if it comes off and it looks like it will. John will give the details at the February meeting.

Our Show, Sale and Auction is a sellout and promises to be our best Show every! I hope everyone will join in and do their part with the final workload. Three big and important things remain--we need all the publicity we can get; make sure everyone sells their raffle tickets (that's what supports the show); and work details the morning we set up.

At the February meeting we will have something firm on digging as soon as weather permits. Bring bottles to trade and sell at the next meeting--look forward to seeing all of you then.

The Head Digger

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CLUB MEMBERS--

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE AWARDS DINNER AT THE RAMADA INN WITH WANDA. HOPE EVERYBODY WILL ATTEND BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU- -

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Bottle Collecting Is Money Gained . . .

-It's selling a bottle for \$48.00 that you bought during a weekend trip for \$30.00, and telling yourself you made \$8.00. (Of course. you never add in, the \$16.00 you spent for a motel, the \$21.00 you and your spouse spent for food, or the \$13.00 for gas or the seven previous trips where you didn't get a single thing.

. . . And Lost

-It's the two bottles you bought that looked so great--- until you washed the oil out of them.

-It's listening to a club member tell about the fine pontiled soda he bought through the mail for \$24.00. (The graphite pontil turned out to have been applied with a lead pencil.)

-And a dozen other times you'd rather not remember.

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Program for Monday, February 7, 1977 --Hair Tonics --Tom Johnson  
Bring bottles for auction if you have any--it's time for our regular three-month auction.

**KEEP YOUR HIR.**

**COKE  
DANDRUFF  
CURE**

**and Hair Tonic**

Makes the Hair Grow,  
Keeps the Scalp Healthy.

Sold by O. Y. Owings' Drug Store  
in \$1.00 and 50 Cent Bottles.

**A. R. Bremer Co., Chicago.**

CONGRATULATIONS ! ! ! ! !

Go to Cyndi and Dan Colagrande on the birth of their daughter Rhonda on November 12, 1976--maybe a possible digger was born! One thing for sure, it makes Vern and Bonnie grandparents

Also to Dave and Louise Lindsay who on January 20. 1977 became the proud parents of a son. Brian.

JUNE 11, 1909

**BECOMING  
A MOTHER**

Is an ordeal which all women approach with dread, for nothing compares to the pain of child-birth. The thought of the suffering in store for her robs the expectant mother of pleasant anticipations.

Thousands of women have found the use of **Mother's Friend** robs confinement of much pain and insures safety to life of mother and child. This liniment is a God-send to women at the critical time. Not only does **Mother's Friend** carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but it prepares the system for the coming event, relieves "morning sickness," and other discomforts. Sold by druggists at \$1.00. Book of valuable information mailed free.

**MOTHER'S  
FRIEND**

**THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO.**  
Atlanta, Ga.



W A N T E D

The Celebrated Old Stag Whiskey, for the Sick Room or Side Board, without an Equal, Frank Hume, Washington, D. C.; also Very Superior Old Rye Whiskey, Frank Hume, Washington, D. C., and the following miniatures-- John Wedderburn, 3-3/4 swirled neck; D. J. O'Connell, 3-7/8 swirled neck. If you have any of these, please give me a call. Randy Bates, 560-1520

Your responses to the Top Ten turned to Randy Bates NOW!! We can't progress any further until we know the Top Ten Bottles of Washington, D. C. Response so far has been pretty BLAH!

, S. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1903.



## Seasonable Beverages

For the lassitude of spring and the exhaustion of mid-summer the wholesome refreshing qualities of

## Anheuser-Busch's Faust and Pale Lager Beers

are peculiarly and positively beneficial. Pure, fully matured, delicious in flavor. Pre-eminently *the brews* for Southern consumption. The products of

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**Appetite Gone**

THEN YOU SHOULD TRY

**HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**

It will restore the appetite, aid digestion and assimilation, and keep the bowels open

Take a Bottle Home Today

BIA, F. C., FRIDAY MOI

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the most effective medicine for the complete purification of the blood and the complete renovation of the system.

If urged to buy any preparation said to be "just as good," you may be sure it is inferior, costs less to make, and yields the dealer a larger profit.

Take Hood's this spring.

Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

RAFFLE 'TICKETS

Please try to sell and turn in as much money as possible by the February 7 meeting so we can see how we are doing!

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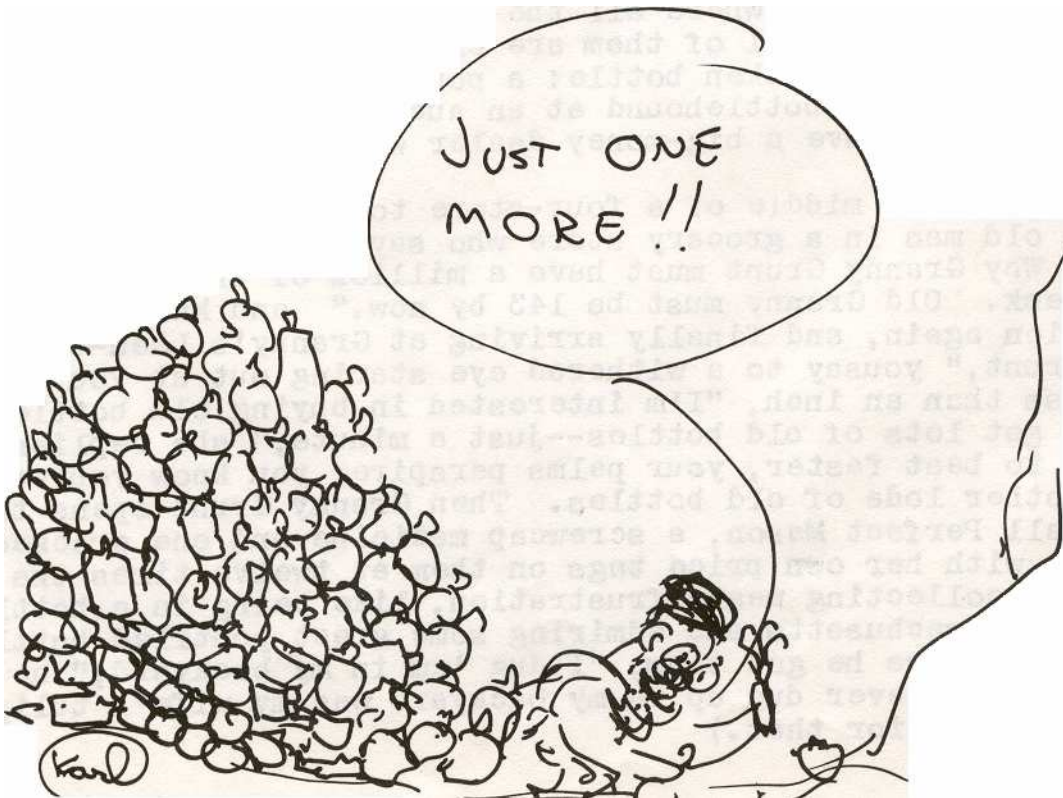
AWARD WINNERS

Digger of the Year	--Pete Middleton
Collector of the Year	--Mike Russell
Junior Collector of the Year	--David Hodgkins
Presidents Award	--Barbara and Zane Shaffer
Helping Hand Awards	--Bonnie Bauckman, Wanda Kirkpatrick, Pete Padgett, Tom Johnson, Randy Bates, Fran and Jack Stockdale

The Club awarded Vern with a beautiful Cathedral pickle.

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PLEASE CALL VERN IF YOU KNOW ANYBODY THAT IS CONNECTED WITH LEADING NEWSPAPERS OR TV ST A TIONS SO WE CAN GET A PLUG FOR OUR SHOW OR CLUB.



## LISTING OF UPCOMING SHOWS

February 27, 1977 Somers ABC, St. Joseph's School, Pearl Street  
Enfield, Connecticut

March 19-20, 1977 Potomac Bottle Club Show, Sale and Auction,  
Elks Lodge, Rt. 50, Exit 8W off I495, Fairfax, VA

March 27, 1977 South Jersey Heritage Bottle and Glass Show and Sale,  
Whitman Square Fire Hall, Johnson Road and Rt. 42,  
Turnersville, N. J.

April 13, 1977 Lakeland BC Show and Sale

April 16-17, 1977 Historical Bottle Diggers of Virginia, Harrisonburg  
Auto Auction Building, Exit 62 off I81 and U.S.  
Rt. 11, south of Harrisonburg, Virginia

April 17, 1977 Berkshire Antique Bottle Association

### Bottle Collecting Is A Lesson In Frustration

- Like digging through 473 dirty, junky bottles in a basement, ripping your good pants on a nail, but finding one great bottle out of the whole mess and then having an old lady say, "Oh, that's really kind of pretty. I guess I don't want to sell that one, but I'll give you a good price on all the other bottles."

- Like digging in a dump where all the bottles are coming out whole and in mint condition; except all of them are clear, ABM drugstore bottles. Then you find your first broken bottle: a pontiled barrel bitters.

- Like being the the only bottlehound at an auction where you discover a box of great bottles; and have a big-money dealer walk in just as the bidding starts.

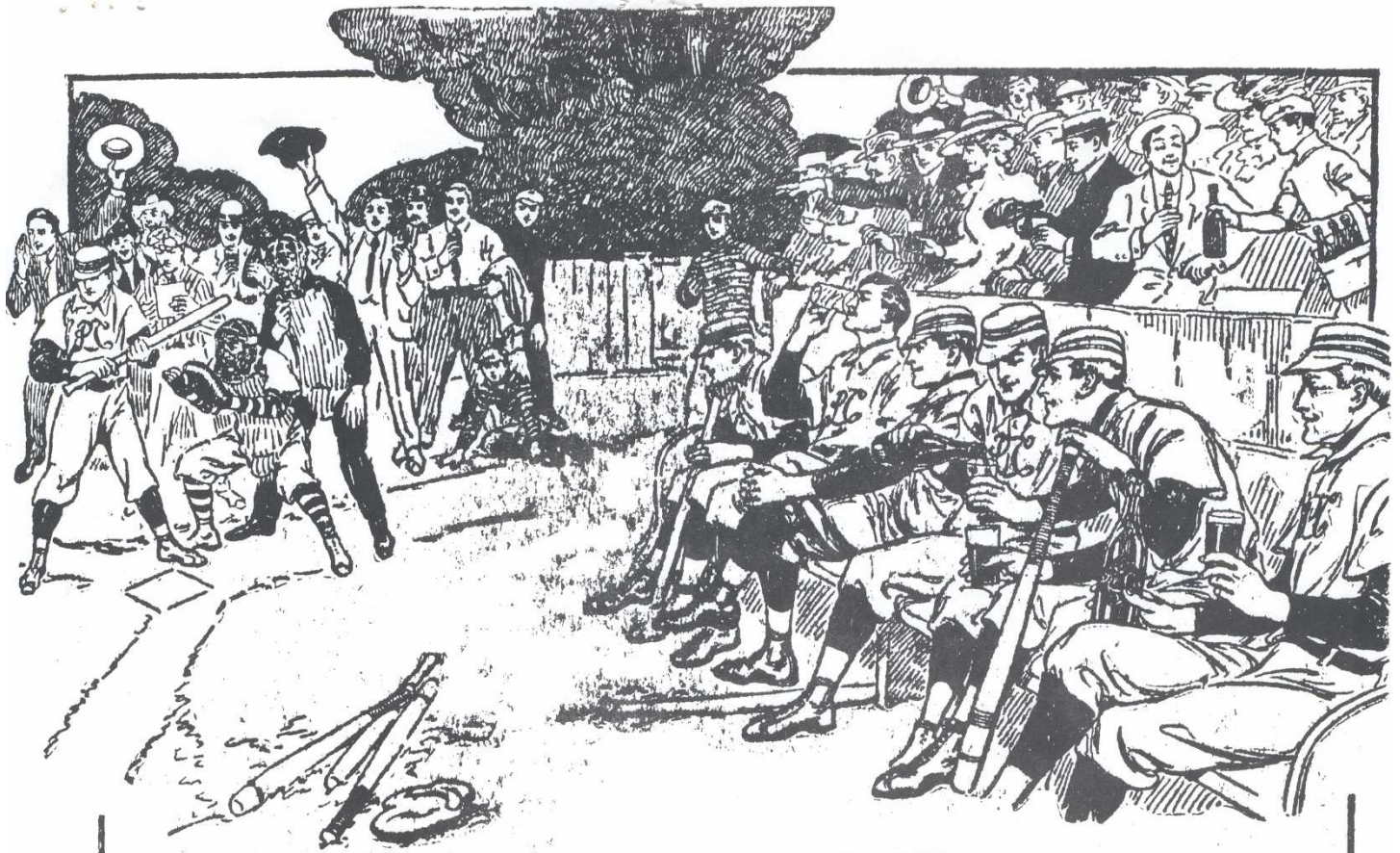
- Like being in the middle of a four-store town in Nowheresville, Pa. talking to an old man in a grocery store who says; "Old bottles? You collect old bottles? Why Granny Grunt must have a million of them in her shack up on Crawdad Creek. Old Granny must be 143 by now." and knowing you'll never see civilization again, and finally arriving at Granny's Lean-to and Weed Farm.

"Granny Grunt," you say to a withered eye staring out at you through a door that opens less than an inch, "I'm interested in buying old bottles and jars.

"Oh, I've got lots of old bottles--just a minute," she replies. Your heart starts to beat faster, your palms perspire; you know you've just discovered the mother lode of old bottles. Then Granny Grunt opens the door and hands you a Ball Perfect Mason, a screwcap medicine and one cracked Wheaton decantor-- all with her own price tags on them at twelve times the going rate.

- And bottle collecting means frustration, like being in a bottle shop in an old town in Massachusetts and admiring some great pontiled bottles, and asking the owner where he got them, "I dug 'em in my backyard," he replies. (The only thing I've ever dug up in my backyard was my wife's tulip bulbs, and did I catch heck for that.)





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**PEPSI-COLA**  
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