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Member Dates

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS:

Melanie Bower..... 1
 Sandy Palmer..... 1
 Karen Grindel..... 11
 Rita Porter..... 21
 Ana Hockett..... 26

ANNIVERSARIES:

Matt and Judi Webb..... 7
 Dan and Melody Frese..... 8
 Ted and Susan Farley..... 9
 Nancy and Darrel Price..... 17

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS:

Gary Grindel..... 2
 Darrell Price..... 12
 Drew Sommerer..... 12
 Duane Bower..... 14
 Tim Parker..... 18
 Nancy Price..... 28
 Trudy Shirley..... 31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry and Paula Schmidt..... 2
 Mark and Betty Pryor..... 15

JOANIE'S GIBBERISH

FINALLY, WE HAD A MEETING! Twenty members attended our August meeting in the Shovers back yard. For August, it was cool, shady and comfortable. I want to thank all those who attended and I am sure we are all hoping to get together again in October. We are waiting to hear if Pause in the Ozarks will take place. Great Plains TCCCC is working hard so we hope the event happens.

We had several things to discuss but the main issue for our membership was the election of officers. Jerry Lierly graciously was the contact for nominations for the next two years. Karen Grindel is stepping into the Secretary position. There were no nominations for President or Treasurer. Your officers for the next two years will be President-Joanie Shover; Vice Pres- Bruce Carter; Secretary-Karen Grindel; Treasurer-Melody Frese; Editor-Traci Menke; Historian-Stephanie Goldberg. As we all get older, the next two years of planning should include the challenges as we all age and how Mid-America TCCCC will look in 2023. Be thinking about it as I foresee a committee to create a vision for the future.

For the next two years we will be at the Garden Hilton in Independence, MO. It is a great location with many restaurants within walking distance. In addition, the room rate is \$89 per night in 2021 Hilton Garden Inn has also transferred our contract and deposit to

2022, so we will be back there. They have been great in the planning process. We will have more information in the coming months.

As we announced at the club meeting Spring Fling 2021 is our 45th birthday. WOW, that is an accomplishment. Minnesota First Chapter was born in 1974, followed by the Atlanta, Hooser, MD-DC-VA, Mid-America and Mid-South chapters in 1976. The latest chapter to drop this year include Central Florida and South Bay California.

Please keep the following members in your prayers as they are experiencing a few health issues. Paula Carter, Fred Wilkinson, Mark Magel and Rodger Robinson.

Our October 3 meeting is scheduled at Twisters Grill and Bar, 13100 Kansas Ave. Bonner Springs, KS 66012(913) 667-3700. We will meet at 1:00 PM. As we approach flu season and Covid, we may need to make other plans. I would still like to have a meeting. We will definitely make every effort to continue as safely as possible.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be at the First United Methodist Church in Blue Springs if it is open. As of now, it is still closed except for the preschool program. We will also keep options open.

Respectfully,
 Joanie

2020-2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 3	Twisters	Bonner Springs, KS
December 5	United Methodist Church	Blue Springs, MO
February 1, 2021	TBA	
April 16-17, 2021	Garden Hilton	Independence, MO

NOTE:

These meetings may change depending on Covid-19



MID-AMERICA COCA COLA CLUB

August 1, 2020 | Shover's, Blue Springs

The August meeting was held in the beautiful backyard of Craig and Joanie Shover. There were 20 present and the members observed social distancing and wore face masks. The Shovers provided cookies and ice cream for everyone and handed out individual motorized fans to all members.

Joanie called the meeting to order and stated everyone would be waiting to see virus development for October events which are being planned. The Christmas party is planned for the same church facility. The church has been closed, opened, and then closed. The planned event in Iowa has been cancelled. The Pause in Branson event is being planned, although Branson may not be open. Bruce reported that our Spring Fling plans for next year were firm and the Hilton agreed to extend to 2022 with a \$99 room and breakfast. 2021 will be \$89 room. The club has not lost any money.

Melody presented the Treasurer's report, balance February 1 was \$6,874.19, and the July 31 balance is \$5,149.95. Registrations fees were returned and dues from members have come in. Notes will be sent to those who haven't paid. Judy moved the report be accepted and Mark Magel seconded. Joanie began a discussion between members to discover who prefers a hard

TREASURER'S REPORT: July 31, 2020					
MAY 2020		JUNE 2020		JULY 2020	
Beginning balance	\$4778.88	Beginning balance	\$4819.88	Beginning balance	\$5279.96
Revenue	\$ 340.00	Revenue	\$ 460.08	Revenue	\$ 70.00
Expenses	\$ 299.00	Expenses	\$ 0.00	Expenses	\$ 200.00
Ending Balance	\$4819.88	Ending Balance	\$5279.96	Ending Balance	\$5149.90

copy of the newsletter or have the newsletter emailed to members. The club could save a little money without costs of mailing. No report from historian. It was reported that two coca cola clubs have disbanded for lack of interest in becoming an officer.

There were two changes in the Bylaws presented to the membership to cover the unpredicted changes in meeting requirements due to the virus quarantine.

CHANGES APPROVED STATES:

That "temporarily amend Article 6 Section 2 to allow nominations for 2020-2021 election to be presented by phone, mail, or electronic message prior to June 30.

That "Because of Covid-19 across the comm-

unity, and for the health and safety of the Chapter members, the minimum requirement of scheduled meetings be suspended until June 30, 2022.

1. Motion to approve by Elizabeth VanFossen and seconded by Bruce Carter.
2. Motion to approve by Pam and seconded by Nanette, adding June 30.

Jerry Lierly announced that there were three positions open on the board and nominations had been closed. He moved the slate of officers be approved. Joanie Shover, President, Melody Friese, Treasurer, and Karen Grindel, Secretary. Craig seconded the motion. Vote was called, all in favor and no one opposed.

The next meeting is October 3, 2020. Judy moved the meeting be adjourned and Craig seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

COCA-COLA FAKES IN GLASS & CHINA

By Allan Pettreti

Reprint of Article in *Antique & Collectors Reproduction News*-June 1996

The Coca-Cola Company logo is one of the most recognizable trademarks in the world. Officially licensed to manufacturers around the world, the distinctive script logo decorates items of virtually every shape and design. Such items are found in swank gift shops to television shopping networks and from flea markets to cyberspace. With millions of such new "collectors items" being sold, some are bound to enter the traditional antiques and collectibles marketplace. One major category of Coke rip-off items in the marketplace is china and glass pieces. A lot of the glassware has a similar look and could possibly be coming from the same individuals traced to the New England area in the United States. This article will give the reader the facts to help distinguish these new fakes from the old originals. We'll be discussing two new lighting globes, a bottle, two new signs, a jar and a Fiesta-like china pitcher.

LIGHTING

Most noticeable among the new glass arrivals are a number of milk glass globes and lamp shades. The lettering and images on these new pieces are *painted* not a decal. The paint is applied with a silkscreen or other stencil-like process and produces a "factory made" authentic look. These recently applied Coca-Cola logos have appeared on genuinely old glass as well as on new glass; be alert for both.

The new example is just one of the many I have seen. This particular piece has the words "glass or bottle" under the logo. Other new pieces simply say "Drink Coca-Cola" or "Delicious and Refreshing". The logo and lettering in this example are *repeated twice* around the globe.



TYPE A



Identifying these fakes is relatively easy when you know what to look for. There are only two types of original Coca-Cola milk glass globes.

One has a closed bottom which we'll call Type A.

TYPE B

The other shade, which we'll call Type B, has a hole in the bottom (Fig. 3) from which originally suspended was a metal tassel. Both globes are 14" in diameter.



The most important feature of both original globes that separates them from the new, is that the

THE ORIGINAL COCA-COLA BUILDING

By Michael Wells

The Western Auto Building, first known as the Coca-Cola Building or the Candler Building, after owner Asa Griggs Candler, is located at 2107 Grand Boulevard, in the Crossroads neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri. It was built in 1914. Later it served as the headquarters of the Western Auto Supply Company, and became known by that association, especially when the company put a multi-story lighted sign on top of the building.

The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. After serving as office space, it was redeveloped in the early 21st century as part of Western Auto Lofts, a

condominium association incorporating three adjacent buildings.

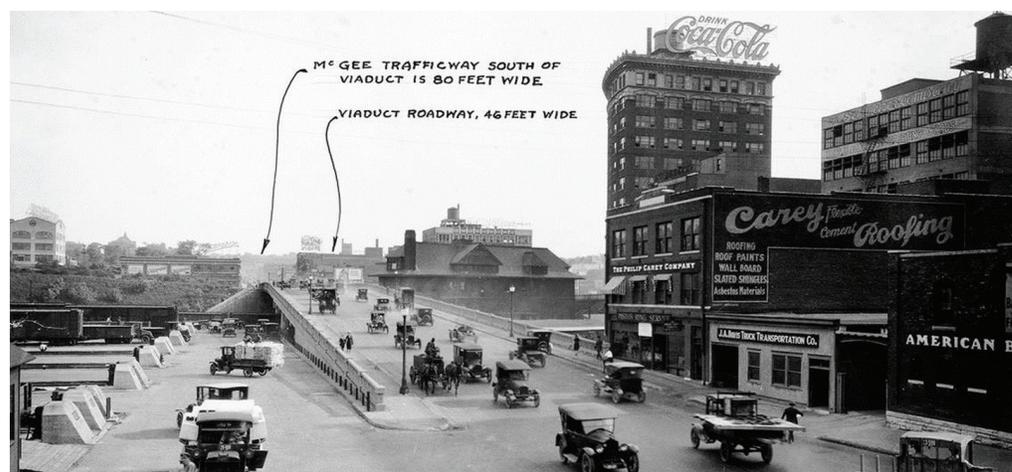
The twelve-story building was designed by Arthur C. Tufts & Co. and built in 1914 by the Swenson Construction Company, for the Coca-Cola Company. Asa Griggs Candler had bought the recipe for the drink in 1892, founded the company and rapidly expanded distribution of the product. He established new bases in the South and Midwest, and began to sell the soda drink in Cuba. First known as the Coca-Cola Building or Candler Building, this was one of several he had built through Coca-Cola. Candler's company

headquarters occupied the elaborate Candler Building in Atlanta.

This plot of land, originally purchased in 1913, was triangular, and the architect reflected that shape in his design for the 12-story building. The building was built in the commercial style, a more utilitarian style than was typical of contemporary architecture.[2]

It later was used as the headquarters of the Western Auto Supply Company. Its multi-story lighted sign still tops the building. The building and its sign are visible from much of the Crossroads and the surrounding neighborhoods, as well as to drivers on Interstate 35. This visibility, together with the structure's longevity, has made the Western Auto Building a city landmark. The sign was relit on July 13, 2018 at 8:45pm Central time, having been refurbished with funding from the current condo association.

The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.[1] It has been adapted for use as a residential loft condominium. [3]



originals have green striping that runs around the outside edge (see arrows in Figs. 2-3). So far, none of the new shades have used this green striping. There is one green stripe above the logo in Type A globes. In Type B globes, a green line appears above and below the logo; there are also decorative flourishes in green around the hole in the bottom and hanging down from the green line above the logo.

Another clue to age is to count how many times the logo is repeated around the shade. On Type A globes, the logo is repeated four times; on Type B globes, the logo is repeated three times. The most sought after and most expensive globe is Type B which is worth about \$1000 with original hardware; Type A has been worth about \$650 with original hardware. Original hardware, which is rarely found, was stamped "Property of the Coca-Cola Company". Both styles of globes date from the 1930s.

CHEWING GUM JAR



Another new piece that has made the rounds is a milk glass jar with a wooden lid. On this piece the logo and all lettering is applied in green paint. Directly under the logo is 5c; on the

alternate side appears: "Chew! Pepsin Gum, Spearmint Flavor." Again, the words "Trade Mark Registered" appear in the tail of the "C" leading you to think the piece was pre-1948. No such old piece was ever made; the jar is a fantasy item. Due to the popularity of Coca-Cola Chewing Gum items and the scarcity of original material, many buyers paid \$300 to \$600 for this fake.

FIESTA PITCHER



This next new item appeals to two different groups: Fiesta collectors as well as buyers of Coke items. This particular pitcher is yellow but I have also seen them in white and I am sure there are a variety of other colors out there. The logo and all lettering are in red paint.

GLASS SIGNS

There are also two new faked glass signs in the market. The first is reverse decorated, about 5" X 12" and features Coca-Cola Chewing Gum. It has a white background with red lettering and reads "Coca-Cola Gum, The key to good digestion." This is a fantasy item; no original exists. The art work and design was adapted from an original Chewing Gum wooden shipping box.



It is unfortunate that today collectors and dealers have to be detectives in order to know the age of items they wish to collect.

Until some other way is developed to stop the flow of counterfeit items, education is the best safeguard to protect yourself, your customers and your reputation.

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PHOTO Gallery



Thanks, Jerry, for sharing your convention pin collection.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Smokey Fest
 Pidgeon Forge, TN
 September 8-10

Pause in the Ozarks
 Branson, MO
 October 8-10

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