



FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you are coming to the June convention at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Many people are working hard so that we can all have fun. I wish to thank all the people who have contributed raffle and goodie bag items and who have helped in so many other ways.

I will be turning the presidency over to Doni Bryan from California. By attending the La Crosse convention, you will have a chance to meet Doni and her lively California club members and learn what fun they have in store for us in 2010.

The Big River Group wants to present all those attending this three-day event with a great variety of cookie cutter related programs. There will be many cutters for sale by the tinsmiths. We will hold two scrambles and will have cutters relating to the theme, "It's A Big Wide World." BRING and WEAR any costumes you have from around the world.

It is NOT too late to attend. Although May 10th was the deadline, you can contact me to see if rooms are still available. (My telephone number is (608)582-2825. My email address is: pemberton@triwest.net). Please make an effort to get some of your friends to attend as well.

Here is a check list for the 2008 convention:

1. Please bring 4 dozen cookies for the cookie tables
2. Please bring Show & Tell cutters so you can share your finds with the rest of us
3. Bring a sweater or jacket for the boat ride
4. Vendor sales start on Wednesday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m.; early registration will begin then also
5. Please bring your duplicate cutters for the two scrambles, on Wednesday June 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.
6. Bring your camera and your best smiles
7. Bring plenty of cash or checks for all those cookie cutter finds that you must have
8. There are several antique shops around La Crosse and one big antique mall one block east of the Radisson
9. If you have not sent a raffle item, please bring an item or items of at least a \$10 value

CHARITY. The Big River Group has chosen New Horizons as our charity for 2008. New Horizons helps battered and abused women. A donation would be appreciated. Send to Marty Pemberton, 20163 West Ridge Ave., Galesville, WI 54630. It is tax deductible. Thanks.

You may still purchase goodie bags for \$35.00 without the La Crosse Players Stamp. If you want a La Crosse Players Stamp (\$15) with your goodie bag, please send \$50.00 to Joyce Moorhouse for a bag and the stamp. Postage will be added if these bags are mailed. (If you can find someone to deliver your goodie bag to you, that would be very helpful and save you postage).

THE LA CROSSE PLAYERS STAMP

The La Crosse Players is a sculpture of three Indians, in action, playing lacrosse, a stickball game. The sculptor--Elmer Petersen--devised a stamp of the statue especially for our club, and the city of La Crosse gave us permission to sell it to our members on a non-profit basis. So it is pretty special and will be a collectors item. You will see the sculpture near the Radisson Hotel.

Marty