

Minnesota's First Antique Bottle Club Dissolved After 47 Years

Minnesota's First Antique Bottle Club's membership is shrinking. Meeting attendance over the last few years has diminished with fewer than 8 members attending the average meeting. At its May 23, 2014, meeting, the 7 club members in attendance voted in the majority to end the club's existence. The final meeting will be held at Jax Café in Northeast Minneapolis next October 26 at noon.

Interested members are invited to join the North Star Historical Bottle Association. North Star is the club that Minnesota's First has worked with for over 40 years in staging the Minnesota Antique Bottle, Advertising, and Stoneware Show and Sale. Information on the North Star club may be found at: www.northstarbottleclub.com

At the final meeting next October, members will be asked to offer suggestions for the dispersal of the club treasury. Museums, charities, or other collecting clubs would all be eligible. If funds remain, those monies will be transferred to North Star.

Over the last 47 years, the great friendships formed through Minnesota's First will not be forgotten. Plans are in place to continue meeting a few times each year on an informal basis and without a business meeting, treasury, or newsletter. A holiday party will be hosted by the Calhouns again in December, and a May gathering is planned at the 50s Grill in 2015.

Thanks to all who made Minnesota's First the first-class club it has been for the last 47 years. And thanks for the memories.

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