

Report on Don Matthews Memorial Fund

Don passed away in 2003 and a fund was collected in his name for memorial activities. I volunteered to manage the fund. The following is a report on the status of the fund through the Louisville ARBA Convention in 2008.

The income of the fund includes:

\$ 2,122.50 Donations from 29 individuals or families
\$ 350.00 Donations from 4 clubs
\$ 42.63 Bank interest from account inception through 09-30-08
\$ 2,515.13 Total Income

The expenses include:

\$ 500.00 To the ARBA for Youth Scholarship Fund
\$ 734.00 One multi-year plaque, 6 clocks and 6 plaque plates
\$ 1,234.00 Total Expenses
\$ 1,281.13 Account Balance

The individual contributors: Ed & Jackie Alu, Mike & Phyllis Avesing, Jim Baylis, Chuck & Karen Benbrook, Marlene Brooks (Hayward), J. Leo & Diane Collins, Jane Comins, Bill Cooper & Bob Harris, Jack & Mary Etnyre, Richard/Elaine, Tasha/Tziel Fenton, Hassenpflug's, Carrol Hooks, Jim/Carolyn/Audra Hunter, Ray/Mary Jo/Uno/Suzanne Kivi, Al Lunde, Sandy McCleod, Fred & Linda, Kimijo Mareska Maddox, Elaine Matthews, Michelle/Jennie/Tim McCammon, Vern & Barbara Palmblad, Larry & Rita Peralta, Bob & Jean Robinson, Don Sheets, Randy Shumaker, Mike & Laurie Statz, John & Cathy Szychulda and Dennis & Edythe Weih. These contributions include a beautiful plate made by Kimijo Mareska, auctioned at the Satin Banquet in Wichita and given to Elaine Matthews by the purchaser.

Contributing clubs: The Emerald Empire RBA, Land of Lincoln, Wisconsin Satin RBA and The Satin Club (or, as originally named: Duh Satin Club---Don helped with that).

The donation to the ARBA Youth Scholarship Fund was made with the consent of Elaine Matthews in February 2005. Don and Elaine were great supporters of youth rabbit activities and Elaine was the ARBA Youth Committee Chair for a number of years. As a result of this donation, Don has a plaque hung at the ARBA office noting the donation.

The awards have been for Best of Variety Broken at the ARBA Convention and these awards will continue through 2014. Each award includes a clock and a name plate on a multi year plaque. The clocks, plaque and annual plaque plates have been done by Northwest Trophy in Medford, Oregon. The clocks include the Satin logo (new one starts in 2009), the name of the Convention they were awarded at in memory of Don. As you can see from the expense total, the clocks are an attractive and substantial gift to the recipient.

Winners of the awards to date:

2003 Wichita	Rod, Char and Kari Grossman
2004 Rhode Island	Jim Baylis
2005 Indianapolis	Rod, Char and Kari Grossman
2006 Fort Worth	Rod, Char and Kari Grossman
2007 Grand Rapids	Rod, Char and Kari Grossman
2008 Louisville	Bart Lillie

The account containing the money is a discreet sub-account at my bank. It is balanced monthly. If any donor should want a more specific accounting, I will be happy to provide that—just contact me.

On Don and Elaine's behalf, thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted---Roger Hassenpflug