

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



An Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society: James Buchanan Chapter, # 173

## Club Meeting: Wednesday, 10 February 2010

Bourse opens at 6:30 PM and Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

BlueBird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. **Tonight's host:** Paul Petersen

## Message from the President

John R. Ahlfeld

I hope everyone enjoyed the auction at our last meeting. Thanks to the auctioneers, runners, and book keepers who kept things going smoothly. I think we had more items than at the previous auction, and fewer of them went unsold. It's not too early to begin thinking about what you'd like to sell at our May and September auctions.

On Saturday, January 23, I went to the 32nd Annual York Stamp Show. I stayed two hours but could have spent the whole day. They advertised 28 dealers, and Jim Boyles and Lesley Botte were among them (Sorry if I missed any other PSLC members who were dealers there.) One thing that struck me was that

many booths had large selections of covers - there must have been 1000s. I didn't find the two elusive categories I have been looking for (a postmark from the short-lived post office at the lake where we have a cottage in NJ and an advertising cover for one of the glass companies that made the glass my wife and I sell and collect), but I did come home with quite a few additions to my U.S. collection.

Keep in mind our upcoming local shows, especially the "Some First Sunday" show at the Farm & Home Center on March 7 and Lancopex-2010 at the Farm & Home Center on April 24-25. When Jim Boyles asks for volunteers for Lan-

copex, please help him out. Has anyone come up with ideas for getting some younger helpers to put up and take down the display frames?

For those who aren't APS members, one of the highlights of the "American Philatelist" each month is the list of upcoming shows. Among those listed for the next few months in our extended region are Metro-Expo, NY on February 12-14, Salisbury, MD on February 14, Easton, MD on March 13, Mount Laurel, NJ on March 13-14, Linglesstown (Harrisburg) on March 14, Philadelphia on April 9-11, and New York City on April 15-18. Find more information on **See President on Pg. 2**

## Stamp Technology Basics An APS Slide Show Presentation

There has been an interest expressed in the details of stamp technology by club members, so it is hoped that this presentation will be just the first of a greater study of the topic in 2010 and the years to follow.

This thirty minute slide show is a very popular back-to-the-basics program on such a complex

subject. It has been recently revised with more succinct definitions and new, easy-to-understand illustrations and color visuals. The revision includes references to the newest technologies in stamp production. It will answer many questions of stamp collectors. So bring a pan and paper and plan to take notes.

## Great Britain Anyone?



Who's favorite stamp is this? UK #209 of 1929?

See **Biography of the Month** featured on pg.

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PSLC Meets the second Wednesday of the month (except August) at BlueBird Commons/ Woodcrest Villa at 7:00 PM

President:

John R. Ahlfeld

Vice President:

John Bray

Secretary:

Joy Bouchard

Treasurer:

Clair Smith

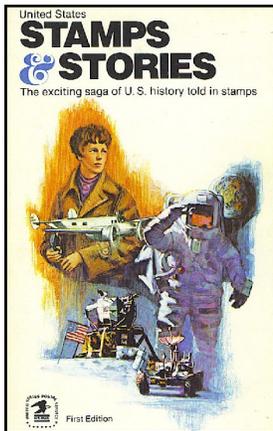
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## Stamps & Stories

The 2010 *Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps* is in its 36th edition and is available by mail order from USPS or from some local post offices and book stores. One often comes across the earlier editions or forerunners of this publication. The first was in 1972, and for several years they were published under the title of *Stamps & Stories*. They are easy to come by at local club auctions, and they are readily available at the APS library from \$1.00 & up.



My wife got me the 2000 edition, and it remains one of my most used philatelic references. I liked the color illustrations, a feature that eluded Scott's for a few more years. But this is not a specialized catalog.

The *Guide* is an introductory catalog of U.S. stamps to date by Scott number with prices for new and used. Starting at 224 pages in the first edition, it is now over 350 pages. The contents have necessarily evolved over time, due to the increase in the number of new issues each year. In 1972 coverage was up to Scott No. 1454.

That year's back-of-the-book contents were well-represented including a good coverage of the U. S. officials and ten pages of Canal Zone alone. The UN was presented in full along with the Philippines.

As the title *Stamps & Stories* implies, there was history of many of the founding fathers along with other (See *Guide* on column 4 of this page)

## Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports Joy Bouchard & Clair Smith: January 2010

Meeting **opened** at 7:03 PM by president John R. Ahlfeld.

**Minutes:** November minutes were approved as published.

**In memoriam:** Donations were collected from membership for the American Diabetes Association in the memory of Mike Matusko. Donations were also made to APS in the names of members Mike Matusko and Ben Heller who passed away in November and December respectively.

John passed around the **sign-up sheet for hosts and hostesses** to provide snacks for the 2010 meetings. He announced a **program opening for November** asking for thematic ideas. He also requested a club

member to accept the task of **public relations** volunteer for the club.

John read **thank-you letters** he received: 1) Immediate past president William P. Snyder expressed his gratitude for the gift from the club and 2) Woodcrest Villa thanked the club for our \$250 donation. (As the Woodcrest Villa facility is offered to the club without charge, this annual donation is but a small token of our organization's appreciation.)

Vern Marten reported the success of the club table at the **Lititz Post Office** last month.

Roy Baardsen solicited ideas for the **October club trip**. He also announced a carpool trip

to **APS for May** and passed around a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in going.

**Drawing:** Joy Bouchard won the January drawing: A selection of current postal stationary.

**Membership:** January meeting visitors included Dave Milligan, Sandy Keim, and Brian Wagner.

John noted that his correct email address is **ahlfelds@aol.com**. This was incorrect as conveyed in the January newsletter.

### The Treasury:

**Opening:** \$4,697.13 (01 Nov)

**Income:** \$747.41

**Expenses:** \$1025.78

**Closing:** \$4,418.76 (31 Dec)

## Buy, Trade, Sell or Beg

This column is a new feature that will appear as needed. The purpose of a newsletter is to facilitate communication among membership, and buying, selling, and trading stamps is at the heart of the hobby.

The buy, sell, or trade components are easily understood. But what about "beg?" This aspect is for those members seeking donations for a particular event or group. Examples include stamps, magazines, or supplies for kids (ie Lancopex youth table, new club members, or a kid's club when it comes to fruition), a library presentation (these are happening), and/or the "trade show."

So please feel free to submit your information to the

editor by the 20th of the month for the following month's publication. Requests received after that will appear a month later.

**For Sale:** 418 U. S. Numbered Plate Blocks. Face value-\$253.79. 134 PBs are \$.05 while the rest are 1980s. Few Duplicates. Selling price \$280 (this is face value + 10%). Contact Lucy Eyster for info: 735-2586.

## ClubTrip-APS

**Save this date:** A caravan ride to APS/APRL in Bellefonte is scheduled for Thursday, 20 May. Contact Roy Baardsen to sign up. He will coordinate drivers and riders from Reading to Lancaster. More to come. Roy's phone number/email is (610)927-3435/roykb@comcast.net.

### President (from Pg. 1)

the internet, or ask one of our members who has the "American Philatelist."

I look forward to seeing you all at our February 10 meeting when Jim Boyles and Paul Petersen coordinate a program including a newly updated APS slide show, "Stamp Technology Basics."

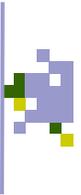
### John

### Guide (Continued)

patriotic themes such as the Statue of Liberty, the Boy Scouts, and Mt. Rushmore.

In the later years of the 1960s into the early 1970s topics diversified and included Indians, ecology, conservation, sports & Olympics, and female suffrage.

Whether one has an early or late edition, all contain a wealth of basic info on stamps and collecting. It is useful to a new collector whether young or old. Ed. □



## Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts, Membership, & Shows

### 2010 Programs and Hosts

**10 February:** *Stamp Technology Basics*, an APS slide show. Paul Petersen, Host

**10 March:** 1.) *APS Preparation*; 2.) *Philatelic Quiz*, Wm. P. Snyder. Clair Smith, Host

**14 April:** *APS speaker on estate/taxes*. John Bray, Host

**12 May:** *Club Auction*. James G. Boyles, Host

**9 June:** *King George V and the Royal Collection*: Paul Petersen. Host-Mike Shirley

**14 July:** *World's Columbian Exposition*, an APS Slide Show. Host-Marilyn Shirley

**11 August:** *Summer Picnic*.

**8 September:** *Club Auction*. Host-Dick Shaefer

**13 October:** *Club member "Show 'n tell"*. John R. Ahlfeld. Lucy Eyster, Host

**11 November:** Program-TBA. Host-John Brownell

**08 December:** *Christmas Party*. No Host

**Harrisburg Stamp Club:** Brian Wagner visited the club meeting in January. He attends their meetings twice a month and is willing to take PSLC members along. Contact him at [bbwagner@gmail.com](mailto:bbwagner@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

**Upcoming show reminders:** *Some 1st Sunday Stamp Shows*, Farm & Home Center: ● 7 Mar 2010, ● 6 June, ● 1 August, ● 3 October, ● 5 Dec. (Please verify: 394-5118)

● **Lancopex** : 24-25 April '10

## Bio of the Month: Truyde Greiner

When she was a teenager, Truyde's dad bought her a cigar box of old stamps for 25¢ at a house sale. Unsure of what was in it, she kept going back to it. In 1964 she purchased a Harris album as she found that the illustrations matched many of the stamps in the box. Seeking more info about stamps, she discovered catalogs, monthlies, and other reference materials that she uses to date. Having volunteered in libraries throughout her youth, she said she will be a librarian in her next life, perhaps at APRL.

She and her husband, Bill collected worldwide. He concentrated on Scandinavia while she emphasized U. S., Canada, Germany, Ireland, Great Britain, and her colonies. She continues to get year sets and is replacing her lesser quality U.S. classics with better stamps, purchasing a #2 just recently.

The Greiners joined APS in 1980 and PSLC in 1987. Both were quite active in the club; Bill had two terms as president while Truyde served as recording secretary. In the early 1990s She upgraded the "kid's box" at the Lancopex hospitality table into a youth table which she has run ever since.

Bill passed away a few years ago, but their three sons live locally. None are collectors, but Bill Jr. scours the exhibits when taking his mother to a show.

Truyde also enjoys wild flowers, gardening, and needlework and has a reference library to cover these areas that matches her philatelic collection.

## Hearts on Stamps

### My Topical Collection by Diane Meek

HEARTS are my favorite topical to collect. I wonder if this started as a child in grade school. I was shown how to fold a piece of paper in half and draw a half a heart that started and finished right on the fold. After cutting on the line...a HEART!



A few years ago, I read an article in *Linn's* written by a retired cardiologist who collected heart stamps as well. Dr. Termini offered a compiled list of all stamps issued worldwide that featured hearts...(the ones that beat and the ones that are simply decorative). I wrote to him, and he sent me a copy of his compilation and some stamps to add to my collection.

My favorite two are the one

with punched holes all around the heart and the stamp from Belgium which is unique in the way the folded hands form the shape of a heart.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip this notice, complete it, and turn in with \$10 to Lucy Eyster at the February club meeting. You may also mail it to Lucy at 2001 Harrisburg Pk, B503, Lancaster, PA 17601

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please encourage your non-member stamp collector friends to join and enjoy the benefits of membership. Make this your New Year's resolution: "Every member get a member."

# Musings from the editor

## That Spirit of Volunteerism

This month's column has been rattling around the little grey cells for quite a while, but after reading a few articles in the January *American Stamp Dealer & Collector* (ASD&C) its time has come.

PSLC is a great club, a place for us to converge and address a hobby we love and respect. We are thriving, growing, and as some say, we have more women members than many other stamp clubs combined. There are a half dozen junior members, but we must do more to engage them.

How do we remain a great club in challenging times? We must continue to grow. Members should be saluted for recruiting other collectors who join us. But we can't rest on our laurels.

Besides word of mouth and personal engagement, the club has heightened its group outreach, initially with outings and displays at two libraries and a post office. This will continue. But it still takes manpower.

Perhaps the biggest responsibility is Lancopex. This requires thought and action almost year round by the show chairmen and committee and volunteers. More so, it takes time to serve as a club officer and membership chairperson preparing for meet-

ings, writing minutes, compiling a financial report and writing a club newsletter.

So what does this all mean? This column is a call for more volunteers, for those who are able, and particularly for the newer members of the club as a way to dive in and get involved. Don't wait to be asked, seek out a club officer and inquire what is needed to be done. Calling all self-starters! Remember, without our leadership and volunteers, there would be no club.

President John Ahlfeld is seeking a • **Public Relations Coordinator**. This may average a few hours a month. The job description in brief: Determine what is needed and make efforts to insure that the club is noticed. There will be as much guidance as necessary. The chief prerequisite is personal responsibility.

But there are several other positions that would be nice to have, ones that would elevate the club and make us count in the community. Let's consider a few.

• **Speaker's Bureau Coordinator**: There are many folks in the club who are willing to take their slides and Power-

Point on the road. I would estimate that we have at least a dozen programs in place. This can be augmented by APS slide and CD shows for under \$10. The coordinator would compile a speaker's list and then solicit interested community organizations and schools.

• **Mentorship Coordinator**: Sometimes new members disappear after a few meetings. After all, the meetings may be a little intimidating for a new or returning collector who is not sure of the difference between a perforation and a watermark!! A volunteer mentor would be matched up with a new member (if they desired a mentor) to encourage and help instruct them as needed.

• **Donations Coordinator**: There are struggling stamp clubs across the country and their needs are episodically published in *Linn's* and listed on various web sites. Bonnie Smith noted these sites in her column on pg. 18 of the January issue of *ASD&C*. She also describes many good ideas to promote the hobby. The donations coordinator would survey the needs of a particular

group each month or quarter and solicit donations from membership. The newsletter and email would facilitate this greatly. I am sure that the club would consider donating the postage for these periodic care packages.

There are many other positions that I can think of such as a junior member coordinator, one to go out in the community and make a difference. But this would be a position on a grander scale.

In 2002 I joined the PSLC and signed up for Lancopex which was a month away. It was a bit of a chore moving the exhibit frames from Jim Boyles' Garage, but I loved it. I got to know the members and the dealers over the weekend and even more so over time. This was Randy Neil's point exactly in his Exhibits & Exhibition column in the *ASD&C* (Pg. 64) of which he is editor. He finds that serving on the show committee is a great opportunity to grow personally and to give back to one's club and hobby.

Think about it, especially you new members. Now is a great time to get involved with the club. Ed □



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