

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



An Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society: James Buchanan Chapter, # 173  
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.



**Dinner: Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

Members and Guests Arrival: 6:00 PM

Buffet Service: 6:30 PM

*The Garden Café / Woodcrest Villa*

## MENU

**Garden Tossed Salad** with Cucumber, Red Onion and Tomatoes  
Served with choice of two dressings

### Rolls and Butter

**Beef Bourguignon:** Sirloin Tips, Mushrooms & Onions in a Burgundy Wine Sauce

**Fresh Atlantic Salmon:** Served with fresh dill sauce on the side

**Carved Smoked Ham:** Carved to order

**Sides:** Green Beans with Bacon, Noodles, & Petite Pan Squash

**Desert:** Pellman's Carrot Cake

**Drinks:** Coffee, iced and hot tea



## Dinner Notes

**Location:** The 2011 Dinner will be held in the Garden Café. Please note this is a different location than our regular meeting place in BlueBird Commons.

**Directions:** To reach the Garden Café at Woodcrest Villa, enter the facility on Harrisburg Avenue. At the T-intersection, turn left. Make your first right, and the Café is at the end of the drive. It will be well lit.

**Volunteer Gift Exchange:** To participate in the exchange, please bring a wrapped \$5.00-7.00 philatelic gift. We have something new to try this year at the recommendation of some club members at the November meeting. There will be an exchange of non-philatelic gifts for our "Stampless Others," also with a value of \$5.00-7.00. Please mark all non-philatelic gifts as such.

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### VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586.

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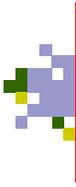
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## November Bio:

### Peter Baney

While drinking his chocolate milk when he was about 5 or 6, Peter spied an ad for a free stamp album on the back of the Nestlé Quick container. He still has this album and has never looked back, collecting world wide from 1840-1940. One specialty is Germany where he collects from number-1s of the "Old German States" to the current new issues.

In junior high he worked for his uncle and used all his earnings for stamps and the first four volumes of the *Scott's Int'l Album*.

From 1964-1969 Peter was in the Air Force stationed in Bermuda with an aero rescue unit. A lot of their work was dedicated to the Apollo and Gemini space missions for NASA and eventually the 1969 moon landing. Even with his busy duty schedule, Pete managed to give some attention to his collecting while making Bermuda high on his list.

Peter and his wife Sandra have two daughters and grandchildren. He has worked in a variety of positions for Bachman Foods in Reading and will retire in February as a maintenance machinist where he has kept the packing lines serviced and operating.

With retirement he will be selling some of his philatelic holdings while still concentrating on his favorite collecting areas. Just recently, he rediscovered a stash of Brazil and has been giving a lot of attention to this country.

Through the Reading Stamp Show, Peter heard about their stamp club and joined. Shortly after, Reading Club member Roy Baardsen, encouraged him to visit the Lancaster Club.

## November Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** President John Bray opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. He thanked Roy Baardsen and Mike Matus for planning the club trip.

**Guests:** Lucy Eyster introduced guest and new member, Bob Mather of the Am. Topical Association.

**ATA/NTSS:** Bob Mather discussed the 06/12 show. He also donated seven door prizes for the October drawing (see below).

**Minutes:** Approved as written by voice vote.

**APS:** Jim Boyles recommended a donation to APS in lieu of dues. Bill Snyder moved for a \$100 donation, and this was seconded by

Lucy Eyster. It was approved unanimously.

**2012 Bus Trip:** Roy sought ideas from club members for the 2012 trip.

**Party:** Lucy discussed the upcoming dinner with gift exchange and entertainment (See Pg. 1).

**Business:** • Paul Petersen circulated a sign-up sheet for presentations for 2012. • Feedback regarding the format of the last Show 'n Tell: Your Best Stuff was well received and members recommended this method for the future. • Paul asked that when members have news of a personal philatelic activity that they share it with him for the newslet-

ter. This would include an exhibition award, published article or letter, community presentation, or other similar events. • Members were supportive of having a philatelic quiz in the newsletter. • Paul introduced Bob Epler who has agreed to serve as VP this year and president in 2012.

**Drawing:** Winners this month included Mike Matus, Lucy Eyster, RD Noble, Peter Baney, Truyde Greiner, Lou DiFelice; and Lou Leidig.

### Treasury Report

Opening: \$3,117.80 (1 Oct)

Income: \$0.13

Expenses: \$57.48

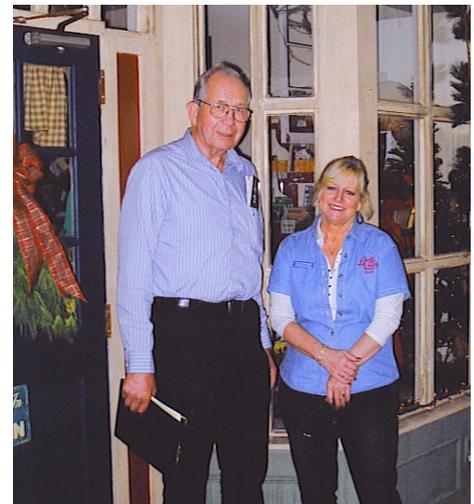
Closing: \$3066.45 (31 Oct)

## Bob Mather of ATA Discusses NTSS with PSLC

Bob Mather has been the Manager of the ATA's annual National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) for over 20 years. Next year the show will be at the Lancaster Host from 22-24 June. Bob toured Lancaster from 8-10 November to formalize arrangements with the Host, meet with PSLC, and seek show-associated transportation, restaurants, and venues for the half and full day tours.

Assisting Bob were Lucy Eyster and her committee members, Eleanor Wheeler, Al Schaub, and Paul Petersen. They took Bob to see several Amish and Pennsylvania Dutch sites, Landis Valley Farm Museum, and restaurants, one of which will be considered as the site for the Presidential Reception. *(Bob is pictured at the right with Joyce Parkinson, Director of Sales following a personal tour of Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum.)*

At the 9 November club meeting, Bob discussed the logistics of the show and ways that PSLC volunteers might participate.



Further, the club will be given a free display table at NTSS among the other philatelic organizations, allowing club volunteers to network with the visitors, solicit PSLC memberships, and sell Lancopex cachets from previous years. NTSS is one of the largest annual stamp shows in the country.



## Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts, Shows, and Dues

### 2011-12 Programs and Hosts

**14 December:** Dinner. Held in The Garden Café at Woodcrest Villa. Special time-6:00 p.m.

**11 January 2012:** Club Auction. **Host:** Bob Epler

**8 February 2012:** Swiss Philately, a DVD by the Helvetia Society

**14 March or 11 April:** Developing One Frame Exhibits. Dick Osman (Blue Grey Stamp Club, Gettysburg, PA)

**9 May:** Club Auction

**13 June:** Postal Card Series of the 1970s-Patriots. John Brownell

**TBA:** Congressional Exhibit of Signed Covers. Congressman Joseph Pitts

### Upcoming Show Reminders:

*Some Sunday Stamp Shows, Farm & Home Center:* Information pertaining to the 2012 Sunday Shows will be forthcoming from Jim Boyles.

*York Stamp Show:* F/S 20-21 January 2012 at the York Fairgrounds, Rt. 74 off Rt. 30.

*Philadelphia National Stamp Expo:* F/S/N 30 March-1 April 2012. Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

**2012 Dues:** Next year's dues may be paid at the Dinner. \$10 for adults and \$5 for junior members. You may also mail your check to Lucy Eyster at 2001 Harrisburg Avenue, B503, Lancaster, PA 17601

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**It's time to speak out:** What do you think of the portrayal of live individuals on United States stamps? With the change from the ten year rule to the five year rule, and now the live portrayal rule, the stamp program will be forever changed.

What do you think about the change in the rule? Do you favor it? Why or why not?

What live individual do you wish to see on a stamp? Who don't you want to see on a stamp? It seems that every stamp subject is controversial-even the Mother Teresa stamp had its detractors!

So sound off on this issue to your fellow club members. Let your editor know what you think.

## Message from the President

Many thanks to Mike Bach for his interesting presentation of [The First UK Aerial Post](#). We finally obtained a VP for 2011 (Bob Epler) who will now ascend to the Presidency in 2012. This does, of course, still leave us with a vacancy in the VP position next year; so again, please consider volunteering for this office!

In regard to this, I recently attempted to calculate the number of hours spent each month on my various clubs. Averaging out the yearly time for three clubs (travel time, the meetings and various home and errand hours, and events) gave me a total of 34 hours/month, with PSLC receiving about 7 of those. In my case PSLC averages out to just about 1 work day per month. Since the majority of us are retired, is that really asking too much to devote to the various clubs that you may belong to? I understand that some of you may have more clubs than I do, and some have other conditions

that just don't allow too much free time. But in the long run scheme of things, we could all put in a little more time here and there to sustain the clubs which provide us an outlet for our interests. There is also the element that some of you may not feel that you are "management material." How do you know? Have you done so before? If not, then you may surprise yourself in just what you are capable of doing. I think you'd find that your general life experiences have already prepared you for this.

January will bring us our 1st Auction of the year, and we still have openings to fill for some of the monthly presentations. Please consider doing one or providing topic ideas.

Anyway, thanks for allowing me to serve this past year and for putting up with my harangues. Sorry they didn't have more of a Philately bent. Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season, and I'll see 'ya at the banquet.

jmb

## A Poignant Observation About Collecting

"Most stamp collectors get into the hobby as children but abandon it, to a great extent, as teenagers. It is taken up again (or not) at some later time-some sooner (after college and marriage), some much later (after retirement), and some, unfortunately, never. For most, the fire never dies, it just burns less fiercely for a time. The embers that reignite the flame may be found in the discovery of a hibernating collection, the awakening of a slumbering childhood memory, an incidental encounter with another collector or myriad trigger points. If time and resources can then be given, the flame will endure."

The above is from Jim Graue's editorial column, **The View From Here** in the November, 2011 issue of *The German Postal Specialist* (Pg. 445).

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## With Great Thanks

It is that time of the year to look back on *Volume 74* of this newsletter and thank so many for making this possible.

Gracious thanks are extended to President John Bray, Secretary Joy Bouchard, and Treasurer Lou DiFelice for their monthly (and timely!) submissions. To Diane Meek, RD Noble, and Marilyn Shirley for their work in circulation, and to Carol Petersen for her proofreading.

Appreciation goes to those who wrote articles for the newsletter including Dick Colberg, Al Schaub, and Diane Meek, and to those who submitted published articles which would be of philatelic interest to the readership: Wm. P. Snyder, Joy Bouchard, Greg Macaluso, Diane Meek, and Jas. G. Boyles.

Thanks also go to the many club members who provide continual encouragement to us in this publishing endeavor.

Ed.



# Musings: December-2011

## Collecting Germany

While we were still meeting at the Lancaster Township Community Center early in the millennium, we had a very informed speaker on the topic of collecting Germany. He stated that while Germany's history is complex, its philately is just as fascinating. He warned that his presentation would answer some of our questions, but more likely, it would bring up many more.

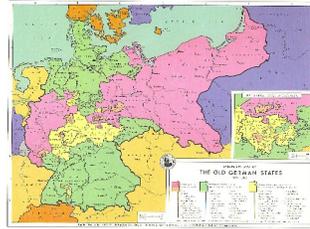
A good set of references is essential for the beginning collector. The following three are recommended:

In 5/09 we published a brief review of the 2008 *Michel Junior-Katalog*. It's a reasonably priced starting source for the new German collector. It is chronologically organized with 23 chapters beginning with "Old Germany"-18 stamp issuing states from Baden through Württemberg. The 22 remaining chapters ran through Imperial Germany, the World Wars, colonies, occupation, and so much more before ending with the current Bundesrepublik.



To move up to intermediate German collecting, one must have a grounding in both the history and geography of the area. (The possession of a specialized German catalog would not hurt.) **The Germany Philatelic Society** is a solid resource with many study groups. A member bene-

fit several years ago was their popular bound map set of eight full color plates. Included are the Old German States, Imperial Germany (AKA The German Empire), WWI and related colo-



nies, Weimar, the Third Reich, conquests, and East & West Germany. Fortunately there is some correlation between these maps and the chronological organization of the *Michel Katalog*.

To help the collector sort out the history and geography, see Janet & Joe Robinson's *Handbook of Imperial Germany* (2009). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse™ (333 pages).

While the book is about Imperial Germany (1871-1918), the Robinsons provide the background from the end of the Holy Roman Empire (1st Reich) in 1806 through Napoleon's European's interference into the Germanic Confederation, Gross- and Kleinedeutschland, and the Deutsche Zollverein where Bismark "persuaded" the smaller German states to join with tariff-free trade as the carrot. Unifica-

tion wars with Denmark (1864) and Austria (1866) added to the geography.

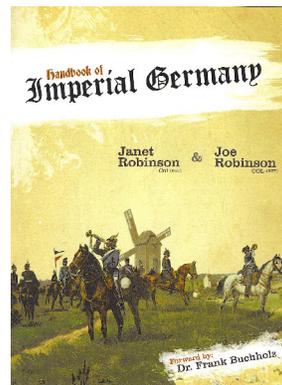
The Franco-Prussian War solidified the Confederation of 22 states into the German Empire (25 states) when the Prussian King was crowned as emperor of the 2nd Reich. Yet individual states kept their identities. There were 4 Kingdoms, 6 Grand Duchies, 5 Duchies, 7 Principalities, and 3 Free Cities totaling 25 states or provinces. These numbers vary by author due to the historical complexity.

Several of the above states issued stamps in periods from 1849 through the mid 1860s as the Confederation strengthened. These were used until the Empire (1871), and *Michel* lists the stamps from 1872-1945 as "Deutsches Reich." It's complicated as the Kingdoms of Barvaria & Württemberg issued their own stamps through 1920!

Both the English and German spellings of the states are used. Most helpful is a detailed spreadsheet contrasting these individual states along with 1 to 3 page descriptions (with map) of each. From this one can infer why the stamp issues of Barvaria & Württemberg coexisted with "Deutsches Reich."

Beyond the history and geography are sections on governmental structure, society, religion, the family, political parties, social insurance, and others.

A final point for the budding intermediate collector: **It is imperative to have stamps of the Old German States expertized.** Within ten years of the 1840 Penny Black, articles and manuals regarding philatelic forgeries were being published! There were many skilled engravers in the 19th century amid a preponderance of small printing presses. Add the availability of the period's paper and ink, and philately became a forger's dream. At APS in 2009 I met a collector who had over 2K certificates for his Germany collection. He also recommended (along with the writers in the *German Postal Specialist*) that whenever possible, have the stamp expertized in Germany. This is a good investment when time to sell.



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