

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter of the  
American Philatelic Society (#173)  
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

**Meeting Begins at 7:00, Wednesday, 11 September '13**

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. John Brownell. Host

Doors Open at 6:30. Come Early to Buy, Sell, Trade, Give, and Receive

## From the Desk of the President

There's lots of things going on at the club right now, too much, in fact to comment in any detail. The picnic weather, the food, and the attendance were great, and many tarried to play Prexi Bingo (Thanks, Lucy, cooks, and Joy & 75<sup>th</sup> Committee). We are kicking off auction season tonight. I am in a cleaning out mode, so I look forward to this. I am glad club members get some of my holdings at a good price.



Many of you us gearing up

for the DC/NPM trip on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It could not be a better time to make a visit with the opening of the brand new first floor gallery on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Bach has worked out the vault tour for us.

Announcements from the August 8-11<sup>th</sup> APS Stamp Show in Milwaukee really hit home. PSLC celebrates with Lucy Eyster on the receipt of her APS Volunteer award (*Ed.- See pg. 2*) and coincidentally, regular presenter to PSLC, Bill Schultz, of Westchester, and Dick Osman, our consultant on One-Page Exhibits were also recipients. The newsletter received another gold award in the literature category for the 2012 competition.



Personally I am looking forward to the issue of the \$2 inverted Jenny replica stamp that will coincide with the NPM opening on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. These should be on sale when we are there. The postal cost of almost any package these days is over two dollars, and since packages over 13 ounces must go through the PO; why not frank your package with one of these beauties and let the post office frank the remainder? **Bob**

## Auction Provides Selling & Buying Opportunities

The Fall Auction is upon us again. A time to sell, and a time to buy. Instructions for the event follow:

A number will be assigned to you when you arrive and register. Please place this number on all your lots. Attach an item/lot description including catalogue number, value and condition if appropriate, and minimum bid accepted. This will speed things up a great deal. • Fiscal transactions will only take place after the last item has been sold. Further, the

auction committee recommends the following: • Bring cash whenever possible to pay for the items you win and • Keep a running total of items you have won and sold based on the prices realized. • Finally, be sure to firmly attach your sales information (lot description, cat. value, min. bid etc.) to the item. This will insure that you're correctly credited with the sale.

Bidding rules remain the same as in previous auctions. • The minimum bid is

\$1.00. • The minimum increment when bidding is 50¢. • Each club member is limited to 10 lots. • You may also donate items for the auction, and the realization will go to PSLC.



Near record attendance, great weather, good fellowship, & presidential bingo keep club picnic goers late at the event.

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### Highlights

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- Fall Auction
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- 1938 Prexi Bingo
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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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## Lucy Eyster Wins APS Award

At the APS Stamp Show in Milwaukee (8-11 August) it was announced that Lucy Eyster won the "Nicholas Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for Local Promotion/Service."

The name of the award is almost as large as Lucy's heart when it comes to service to the club and philately in general. Lucy has been a PSLC member for over twenty years and has held most of the offices including president, VP, Secretary, and other board positions. In '07 she secured the current meeting venue when the previous facility doubled our rent. She reorganized the many membership lists into one roster and keeps them up-to-date while personally welcoming new members and guests at meetings. She collects dues, chairs the Christmas Dinner Committee, manages the lobby during Lancopex (registration and more), staffs an ATA Table there, and previously has managed the show's snack counter. She is there for set up through take down.



When Lucy sees something that needs to be done, she does it. A year prior to American Topical Assn's '12 National Topical Stamp Show in Lancaster, she organized a local committee to bring about the show. Then at show-time from 20-27 June she probably worked 12-16 hour days. She received written accolades from the ATA President, Executive Director, and the NTSS Manager crediting her, the committee, and the PSLC volunteers for a big part of the show's success.

When you see her at the door at the next meeting, give her a big hug and large thank-you. Well done, Lucy.

## Your Collection: To Donate or to Sell PSLC Members Voice their Opinions

Richard West brought up an important issue in July's *Stamp Magazine* (Pg. 35).

*"The hobby can only function through the constant buying and selling of material. If all the best items end up in museums, what is left to collect?"*

One benefit to donating, West notes, is that the material will be available for display and research. Items can be scanned for the cyber world, but can we count on this?

On the other hand, West adds that owners can organize and exhibit their purchased material for others to study, but there is no guarantee of this; they may put it in the vault!

Should a good collection be bequeathed to a museum, or should it be sold to other collectors? Right off the bat, Bob Rothen questions whether there is sufficient philatelic material donated to museums to significantly affect the stamp buyer's market!

Dick Colberg and Dave Hunt emphasized the point that Museum donations must be dynamite material to make it worth the donee's while. Dick observed that in 20 years of appraising, he came across very few museum quality collections. Dave said that the Reading Stamp Club helped the Reading Museum to auction the donated stamp collections they received. They were largely childrens' collections with little value.

Len Kasper reports a sizable collection but adds that there is little family interest in receiving and further developing his collection. As such, he would prefer that another collector buy it, one who ap-

preciates his collecting efforts and labor. Personally he doesn't get much of a thrill out of viewing stamps that are in museums not belonging to other collectors.

The PSLC writers seemed to favor sales over donation and offer appropriate reasons. Dick stated that he contacted his alma mater to see if they were interested in receiving his collection, and they told him to sell it and give them the money instead. They were honest. Dave added that two members of the Reading Club donated collections to their respective universities only to find out years later they remained in their original packing material in their respective university basements. They weren't even looked at.

Dave clarifies that many museums often lack the resources (space, \$\$\$, and expertise) to take care and display a stamp or postal history collection.

Roy Baardsen adds to the argument against museum donation, as he echoes the concern of the collection being placed into the "Basement of no Return." But he also points out that the philatelic materials are subject to pilfering by anyone in these institutions who has knowledge of the value of said collection! Security counts.

Also, there may not be much public interest to see stamps in a general museum. Dave cites the example of the not yet quite remodeled Nat'l Postal Museum which has much more floor space for trucks and airplanes than stamps. Finally, he adds that some museums have the proviso that they can sell the collection at a later date. Donors may have

no control over this.

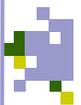
Mike Matus is also against the donations. Most pragmatically, he contributes that after several years the museums sell the unviewed material anyway, so why not cut out the middleman (the museum) and sell/auction it now.

Related to this, Dick notes that if a museum sells a donated collection before three years, there is no tax deduction for the donor or estate. He and others both conclude that rather than the museum selling a collection, wouldn't it be better for the owner to sell it and donate the money? Check with a museum or other donee before considering a philatelic donation. Can they use it? What will they do with it? Then decide.

Dick proffers the "related use rule." Here a donee must have a use for the donated item(s) that agrees with their mission statement. If this test is not met, then there is no tax deduction. As he personalized the scenario, what does the Engineering Department at Purdue University need with a good stamp collection?

Even APS, Dick adds, uses the donations mainly for revenue. They may keep some prize items for their reference collection, but they typically hold the donated material for three years before selling it to raise money.

While the consensus seems to be to sell the collection, Bob provides a "Seller beware." He points to the ads where dealers offer great money for a collection with cash on the barrel along with other come-ons. Once contact is made, the backtracking begins with comments such as "the collection is too small, etc." This is followed by the low ball payment offers. This topic episodically fills the "Letters" section in *The American Philatelist*.



## Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts & Shows

### 2013 Programs and Hosts

**11 September:** Club Auction. John Brownell, Host

**9 October:** Topical Study: Stained Glass on Stamps. Dave Hunt. Dennis Shumaker, Host

**13 November:** One Page-Exhibits. All PSLC members are invited to participate with one or more exhibit pages. Bill Snyder, Host

**11 December:** 75th Anniversary Celebration-6 pm

### 2014 Programs

**8 January:** Club Auction. Len Kasper, Host

**12 February:** APS Video: Canal Zone Gems

**12 March:** The Westtown Locals. Bill Schultz

**9 April:** 1.) The Patriot Postal Cards of the 1970-1980s. John Brownell. 2.) Lancopex advert card preparation for show.

**14 May:** Club Auction

**9 July:** U.S. International Philatelic Expo Stamps, Covers, Labels & More, Paul Petersen

**13 August:** Club Picnic

**10 September:** Club Auction

**08 October:** Great Britain Inland Airmail Service: 1935-1937. Mike Bach

### 2013 Local Shows

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** Farm & Home Center. 27 Oct, 1 Dec. Kevin Kellman (K<sup>2</sup>), Manager; 301-371-4558.

**Fall Stamp Show:** *Capital City Philatelic Society.* Sunday, 6 October (10-4). Susquehanna Twp HS. 3500 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg.

**Reading Stamp Show:** Saturday 2 November at the Leesport Auction Pavilion on Rt. 61 just north of Leesport. Let's all go and show a little support of our northern philatelic friends.

### Meeting Minutes/\$\$\$

Because of the August picnic, there was no business meeting and thus no minutes for the month. The September minutes will appear in the October Newsletter. The Treasurer's Report for August follows as submitted by Lou DiFelice

### Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,118.69. (1 July)

Income: \$57.55

Expenses: \$76.99

Closing: \$4,099.25 (31 July)

3-CDs valued at \$6,861.88

### Newsletter News

The PSLC Newsletter received a gold award in the literature competition (in the newsletter category) held at the APS Stamp Show on 8-11 August in Milwaukee. The scores were 89, 95, 97 points out of 100 as awarded by three (3) APS Accredited Judges.

## Coming Up Soon

### Be Involved

**PSLC & ATA Membership Drawings:** If you are not a member or if your membership has lapsed for five (5) or more years, you will be eligible to win one of the above memberships for one year. Your only obligation is that you agree to remain a member at your own expense for at least two more years. Only one membership will be awarded per winner

**Postal Museum Trip:** Thursday, 26 September. We'll depart from the Garden Café at 0730 and leave DC at 1800. Do you have any last minute questions? Concerns? Changes? Contact Roy Baardsen (610) 927-3435 or email: roykb@comcast.net.

**One-Page Exhibits:** Get ready for the 13 November club meeting with all your One-Page Exhibits. Instructions and pre-owned page holders will be available at the meeting for your exhibiting pleasure. You might also give thought to entering these in Lancopex next April as a non-competitive display.

## Picnic, Weather, & Bingo are All a Success

The 2013 PSLC Picnic was held again at Millersville Memorial Park, and the event was combined with about one of the nicest days of the year. After dinner a few picnickers were putting on sweaters!



There were 37 in attendance including Mr. & vMrs. John

Ehleiter. He liked the food so much that he filled out a club application and paid his dues!

Besides good weather, good food, and good fellowship, we had a great game of chance. Joy & Dennis Bouchard and the 75th Anniversary Committee compiled a 1938 Presidential Issue Bingo game with lots of prizes. Prexi stamps were used as the call letter/numbers and it ran like regular Bingo. Over 25 played. Who says they don't like to win?

There were many winners as listed below in chronological order: •Carmine Spadaro, •Sandy Baney (2 wins), •Judy Sargent (2 wins), •Roy Baard-

sen, •Fred Sargent, •Donna Kilgore, •Diane Meek, •Dave Hunt, •Paul Petersen, •Paul Martin, •Doug Milligan, •Bill Greiner, and •Mike Shirley.

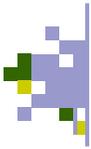
On a poignant note, last year, then president, Bob Epler was ill. While he could not attend the picnic, he did take charge of the weather for that night, and ordered in some good stuff. And what a great evening it was. Unfortunately he passed away suddenly in February, but it seems that he must still be in charge of our picnic weather given the beautiful evening that we had this year.



Joy Bouchard (L), Tryde Greiner, and Sarah Mylin (R) set up Presidential Bingo



Picnic concierge Lucy Eyster (L) with chefs Michael Shirley and Paul Martin (R)



# Musings: September-2013

*Why I love this club...*

July was a great meeting, our last before the August picnic. But by calling it a great meeting, I also mean a typical meeting. President RD Noble convened the session by commenting on the June Open House, an event that replaced our usual business meeting and educational program. Bob said he was being honest when admitting that he was a bit skeptical about the whole thing prior to the event, but he was delighted at the outcome. "Both the members and visitors were having so much fun. Everyone was engaged, and the food was quite tasty while the walls were well-decorated with myriad philatelic items from album pages to magazine covers. It was festive. Len and Lucy are to be congratulated, and as always, Al (Schaub) gave a great presentation."

When the Maple Grove facility increased our monthly rent to hold PSLC meetings by 50% to start in 1/2008, we were fortunate when Lucy Eyster arranged for us to meet at Woodcrest Villa. Bluebird Commons has so much to recommend it. But you are already aware of this. We have enjoyed it here for 5 3/4 years. This was an upgrade for us!

Returning to our "great" July meeting, it was while straightening up afterwards that Len Kasper commented to me "What an outstanding club we have! It is as good as any stamp club that I have ever been in." And he cited his reasons and comparisons with other philatelic organi-

zations. I got to thinking "I have heard this before."

The configuration of our meeting facility has a lot to do with this, as there is room to buy-sell and/or trade at one end while there are chairs and digital AV materials on the other end. But mostly it is the members. The stamp dealers at Lancopex repeatedly indicate this as contributing to the success of the show.

I joined PSLC in 2002 and Lou DiFelice came a year or so later. I remember him commenting to a bunch of us while holding a pile of philatelic materials, "It's like Christmas at these meetings," he noted. As a new collector, club members were providing him stamps, magazines, supplies, and advice-all for free.

It seems that generosity has never stopped. I am usually quite busy at meetings getting ready for the program, and this means worrying and fighting with the audiovisual gizmos. But even at this meeting I was like a clearing house. I had an armload of philatelic magazines for club members from my neighbor and PSLC member, Bob Larkin.

I found a stash of UK postcards with images of stamps. I gave some to Joy B. who collects UK, and a few others of Roland Hill to Mike Bach who has an interest in this. Simultaneously, Joy

handed me a cover from the recent Wrightsville Bridge ceremony on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. And periodically, Mike Bach finds an FDR item or two or some stamps-on-stamps for me.

Having been to APS in June, I delivered a few albums for Jim Ziogas, ones that he ordered. And then Bob Rothen gave me a large pack of document holders that we need for our One-Page Exhibits in November. He also gives me beautifully cancelled UN stamps that come on his orders. I save these for that time in the future when we have an active junior program. They will love these stamps, and there are many to go around.

In the stamp meeting zeal, Lou Di. gave me a reimbursement check for newsletter expenses while I forgot to give him an APS receipt in my pocket. I did remember to return the postcard of a U.S. gunboat to Al Schaub who loaned it to me for the newsletter and the *Encyclopedia of Ephemera* to Bettina Heffner who loaned this to me for my June ephemera course at APS.

RD Noble handed me a thick envelope. When he finds Bulls-Eye Cancels, he passes them along. When I find pre-cancels, I pass them to him. But beyond the Bulls' eyes, there were a variety of Cinderellas, ephemera, and other items related to

philatelic shows and World's Fairs (etc.) that I may be interested in looking over. This insured a few evenings of philatelic perusing pleasure.

Dave Hunt and I stole a quiet minute, as he volunteered to give a presentation in October (Stained Glass on Stamps), and I will help him with the Power-Point. But this activity was only my end of things. The Moroccan Bazaar was going on all around me. At least 5-6 members had items spread out on the sale tables. Lucy was at the door greeting members and guests alike. Roy B. was promoting the club trip to the NPM in September, and we have nearly 50 to travel. As my old friend Jack used to say to me when he was having a good day, "Paulie, it don't get no better than this."

What I have noticed over the last few years is that folks are coming in early to meetings and staying late. We have some members with very sophisticated collections, while others have retired from the hobby and/or sold their holdings. They still come. Several no longer attend, but they pay their dues and enjoy the newsletter. There are a good number of women in PSLC. Many life-long friendships have been formed here. Ed. ☐



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