

Lancaster County Philatelic Society Newsletter

Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society

Club Meeting: Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM

BlueBird Commons. Tonight's host is Claire Smith

Message From the President

Eleanor Wheeler

The cold weather is perfect for staying indoors and working on our various collections. As you may know, our club received a wonderful gift of stamps from Jim Lyman, who gave the windfall to Marilyn Shirley for the club. We did a quick review of the items. They include boxes, bags, and rubber band batches of philatelic items consisting of numerous loose US and foreign stamps, covers and FDCs, a batch of Israeli FDCs, a batch of

Special Event Covers, post cards, and a collection of match books and boxes, including some from railroads. In order to make these available to club members, I have asked a few of our members to further sort out and value the items in this collection with the intention of selling them directly or auctioning them to our members. We hope to have this done by the next meeting in February so we can give a more specific report.

Looking ahead, we should all be reserving the weekend of April 25-27 to help with our Lancopex show and exhibit. This is always my favorite time to purchase items for my collection.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on Wednesday, February 13 at our new meeting place, Woodcrest Villa in the Bluebird Room, at 7 pm.

Here

Club Meeting Program for February 2008-Number Ones of the World

Number 1s of the World: This is an APS slide show. It takes 33 minutes (© 1991)

According to the APS catalogue, "This slide show program begins by asking what exactly con-

stitutes the designation Number One: It is the actual first stamp issued by a particular country, or the only one listed in a stamp catalogue as number "1"? The "first" stamp issues of many countries are then reviewed, begin-

ning with the Penny Black in 1840 and ending with the Dutch Indies first issue of 1864. Also explored are the conditions in various countries that led them to begin issuing stamps when they did. "

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Benefits of Stamp Club Participation

- Mental stimulation coupled with physical relaxation
- Growth in philatelic knowledge
- Association with interesting people
- Travel opportunities
- Stamp shows, newsletters, and literature
- Auctions and much more



James A. Farley left the Roosevelt administration due to his differences with the President's decision to run for a third term!

FDR opened the 1939 NY World's Fair with a rousing speech for world peace and cooperation in the "Age of Tomorrow."



Minutes From the Secretary Lori Hostetler

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Club VP, Bill Snyder. Eleanor Wheeler, club president, was out of town. There were no first-time visitors at this meeting.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Members: Two new members were introduced, Joy Bouchard and Mike Matus.

New Business Annual stamp show is April 26th and 27th. Please volunteer to set up, break down, and/or staff the show. To

volunteer, please see Jim Boyles or Bill Snyder. Programs for the 2008 meetings were listed in the LCPS January newsletter.

• Marilyn Shirley has "stuff" from a previous newsletter editor that the club will include in a future auction.

• **Hosts/hostesses** are needed for 2008 snacks. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

• The club is looking for a volunteer to become **Membership & Hospitality Officer**. If inter-

ested, please see J. Boyles or E. Wheeler.

• The club extended a big "thank you" to **Lucy Eyster** for arranging a new meeting place at Woodcrest Villa. Thanks to Lucy, everyone found the location and parking.

• There was a short break and the auction started.

Treasurer's report:

Opening balance: \$3974.02

Total Expenses: \$115.33

Closing Balance: \$3929.94

Stamp Show Happenings Around the Area – Prizes and Upcoming Shows

At the York Stamp Show on the 25th-26th January, **James G. Boyles** won the Reserve Grand Champion and Postal History awards for his exhibit *Postmarks of Lancaster, PA 1757-1889*. **Glenn Smith** won a gold medal for his exhibit entitled *Pennsylvania's Sea Services' Connections*. Con-

gratulations to Jim and Glenn for their great efforts.

Other stamp shows are coming up as follows:

10th Feb (Sun) : 2nd Sunday Stamp Bourse. Lancaster Farm and Home show. 1000-1600

30th March (Sun.): Capital

City Spring Stamp Show. Linglestown American Legion Hall . 1000-1700

12th April (Sat): Delpex. 2008. Nur Shrine Center, New Castle, DE. 1000-1700

19th April (Sat): Cumberland Valley Spring Stamp Expo. Chambersburg Recreation Center. 1000-1700

Musings From the Editor Paul Petersen

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Sometimes I look at the Membership Report in the back of the *American Philatelist*, as these numbers are a barometer of the association's health, and perhaps of stamp collecting in general. Then the name of C___ D___* jumped out at me from the "Deceased" listings. Could this be my philatelic godfather from up in

NY during the late 50s to early 60s.? This is an uncommon name, and the old APS number and city given appeared about right. I had to find out. (* Full name not given.)

But let me back up a little. My father and a man named CD worked together for many years. While my father was more of a

philatelic dabbler, CD was most serious in his collecting and investing, as I heard my father mention so often. One comment in particular that sticks with me was that he thought CD would rather wear threadbare suits in order to purchase stamps. Given CD's philatelic taste, he offered my dad no competition for the

Miscellaneous Club Notes: WoodCrest Villa Parking, Club Growth

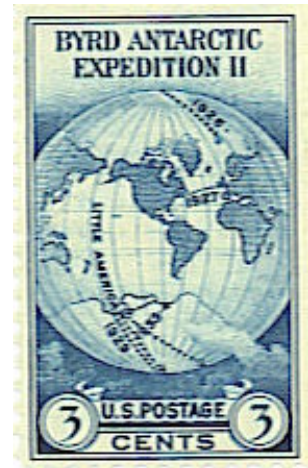
A quick note on parking at Woodcrest Villa. There is a good number of visitor spaces outside of BlueBird Commons, but it is not infinite. Should these spaces be filled when you arrive, you may park in the Employees Parking Lot. This is just across the street from the visitors lot. It is empty and open to LCPS club member's overflow. Please do not park in spaces des-

ignated with "Resident Parking."

LCPS continues to grow: There were over forty in attendance at the January meeting in our first session at WoodCrest Villa. LCPS sends out about 80 monthly club newsletters between mailed and emailed versions. In January there were three (3) new members: **Michael Matus** from the Reading area collects

the Ukraine and West Ukraine. **Joy Bouchard** collects worldwide, British Commonwealth, and Disney. She is from Elizabethtown **Jeff Levan** of Lancaster Township returned to the club after a short hiatus. He collects colonial Africa.

Welcome aboard new members. We are glad that you have joined the Lancaster County Philatelic Association.



First US semi-postal?

The 3¢ Scott 733-Byrd Antarctic Expedition II cost 50¢ to support, in part, the Byrd Expedition and also to cover the cost of the portage of the stamped covers to Little America from the ship

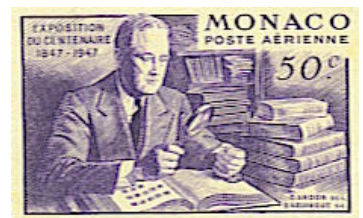
Lancopex Update: 25-26th April 2008 Volunteers Still Needed

Lancopex Update: The program for the march meeting will be to affix stamps and address labels on the postcards to be sent to prospective participants of our annual stamp show.

Jim Boyles reported that things are moving along

well for the 26-27th April show, and volunteers are in place for setting up. But more folks are still needed for the Sat AM start-up and throughout. This includes meet and greet at the front desk, hand out programs, register participants, staff the snack

table, announce door prize winners, and other tasks. Remember that when it gets closer to Lancopex, and if volunteers are still needed, *Jim knows where you live!* Let's make this the best Lancopex ever. Participants come far and wide to attend.



09th April Program-FDR

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incoming gems from the company mailroom. My dad spent a Saturday morning several times a year with a water-filled bathtub and a newspaper covered floor as he went about his soaking. To this day I have a stockbook with some beautiful French colonies, one of the regions where their company did business.

Every few months my dad came home with a grin and a package or envelope. "CD has something for you!" he would tell me. After a few tantalizing moments he would give it to me. It was like my birthday all year long-at least until I (temporarily) retired from the hobby to make my way in the world of high school and beyond.

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This wonderful man always remembered me, sending me a gift, often a stamp I needed (I wonder how he knew what I needed!) I always had to write a thank-you note, a good habit that I picked up early. It was not until my father's funeral in 1977 that I met CD. After the formalities, we talked stamps, and he was just



Don't Miss February's APS Program on Number Ones of the World.



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as involved as ever. He warned me that I would be back into collecting in the years to come.

Was this CD who just died, my CD? I had to find out. Via APS I wrote a letter "To the family of CD, if your father worked at Caterpillar with Frank Petersen back in... then read on." If I was wrong, the worst thing is that this family would think I was crazy and ignore my letter. It was worth the chance. While I did not mention it in my letter, I wondered what happened to CD's vast collection. I know that collection succession is an issue that we, as LCPS club members, often discuss.

Contacting this family was an opportunity to share some fond remembrances with the bereaved. I mentioned remembrances of what CD meant to me through his generosity, how he helped me grow in my collecting, and much more.

So, how did this work out? A few weeks later I received a nice email from CD's daughter thanking me for the kind thoughts. She reinforced that what I knew of her dad was exactly the kind of man he was, always giving, always fostering... In later life he was able to sell off most of his collection leaving the remainder to the family.

As it turned out, CD's daughter is a collector as are her husband and brother, and they kept what they wanted. She added that while going through his house and preparing it for sale, they are finding stamps and more stamps!

What did I learn from this experience? It is never too late to say "thanks." Also, take a risk. Share memories. Love a kid. Hug a kid. Give a kid a stamp.

Paul Petersen



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