

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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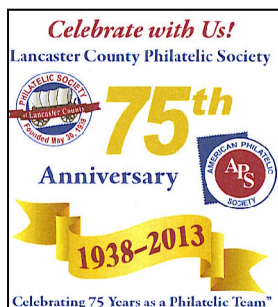
## Club Meeting: 7:00, Wednesday, 8 May 2013

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. **Tonight's Hostess:** Diane Meek

Doors Open at 6:30. Come Early to Buy, Sell, and/or Trade

## From the Desk of the President

And what a show it was.... We're living proof that it takes a large committee of club members to do the work of Jim Boyles to bring about a local stamp show. We all mourn Jim's passing.



PSLC received its certificate commemorating 75 years as an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Don Heller from APS presented the recognition to PSLC

President RD Noble and Anniversary Committee Chairwoman JL Bouchard (Pictured at right→). There were approximately 40 in attendance in this pre-show celebration.

Six members displayed items from their collections. (See Page-2 for details). Len Kasper & Co. provided the lunch service with his wife Karen preparing the hot and cold sandwiches and baked goods. Commercial snacks were available, and the alligator and kangaroo jerky got our attention. Club members and dealers all extend appreciation to Tryde Greiner for covering our lunches.

Dealer surveys may have been some of the best yet! (See pg.-3 for more on this.)



Lancopex co-chairman and treasurer, Lou DiFelice is noting a small profit after a first glance at the figures. There is more to come following a final accounting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lancopex and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committees plus the 20 additional volunteers for their hard work in pulling this annual show together.

*Bob*

## May Meeting: Spring Auction

Do you have any flotsam & jetsom left over from Lancopex or previous auction lots? Now is the time to share with your fellow collectors. Instructions for the auction event follow:

When you arrive to register, a number will be assigned to you. 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.

Donations to the club are also accepted. Just mark these lots as "Club Donation," and the realization will go to benefit PSLC.

Bidding rules remain the same as in previous auctions.

- The minimum bid for each lot is \$1.00.
- The minimum increment when bidding is 50¢.
- Each club member is limited to entering 10 lots.

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### Highlights

- May Auction
- Lancopex Review
- PSLC Displays
- Dealer Feedback
- CSAC-Stevens Stamp
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Minutes & Treasury
- Club Notes
- Digital snaps galore
- June Open House
- Musings: The Red Rose Coin Show

### 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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## Club Displays

It was a hard decision, but show and club leadership recommended to put competitive exhibits into abeyance this year and solicit club members' items. It went very well with six participating. According to Exhibits Chairman, Lou DiFelice, there was sufficient material to fill ten (10) frames, and the interest by show patrons was quite positive. Several dealers mentioned this. Lou hopes that this participation will double next year.

**Mike Bach:** *Great Britain's Inland Air Letter Service 1933-1935.* This frame is a precursor to Mike's 2014 club presentation. Airmail went to and from the U.K., but there were no inland airmail routes. They used the railroad, and from this evolved some interesting politics and pieces of postal history.



**Lucy Eyster:** From her topical collection of the "most unusual," Lucy had 6 pages each from the following: *Seeds on Stamps; Let the Children Play;* and *Free Form Souvenir sheets.* (Lucy is also working on a "Chocolate" theme with sensory variations.)

**Diane Meek:** *Pennsylvania Toleware Covers.* A retired art teacher, Diane has collected over 30 FDCs containing the four stamps of this beautiful 1979 set.

**RD Noble:** *Eclectic Collecting with Precancels from Pennsylvania.* Following the 22 pages of pre-cancelled stamps from across the Commonwealth, RD added 7 pages of precancel-related

## April Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** RD Noble opened the meeting at 7:05.

**Minutes:** The Minutes and Treasury Reports as contained in the April Newsletter were approved by voice vote.

**Lancopex:** First on the agenda was a review of Lancopex.

**Program:** RD has this in place, and he is seeking any last minute advertisements.

**Bourse:** Dick Shaefer announced that there are 17 dealers on board. One has a conflict, one has retired, and another has not yet responded.

**Displays:** Covering for Lou DiFelice, Paul Petersen solicited the last of the items members wish to submit for viewing at the show. Additional entrants should contact Lou or Paul ASAP to be included. He and Bill Greiner will transport the frames to the F&HC.

**Food/Snacks:** Len Kasper reported that this is in place and will be similar to last year.

**Show Cachet & Cancel:** Paul reported that he has received the franked cachets from Joy Bouchard and the two cancel devices from Diane Meek. These items will be in place for USPS as the show starts.

memorabilia such as show and meeting labels of The Precancel Stamp Society.

**Chuck Kilgore:** He transformed two of his non-philatelic interests into collections and now one-page displays comprised of stamps, booklets, souvenir pages, covers & FDCs, sheets, and blocks. 1. *Lighthouses 1970-2008,* and 2. *Trains 1869-1999.*

The selling price for these attractive covers is \$2.00.

**Manpower:** Paul reported that club volunteers are still needed, and he re-circulated the sign-up sheet. He will make follow-up calls to members to fill these slots.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Joy Bouchard announced that all is on track for the short ceremony at 9:30 am on Saturday of Lancopex. Don Heller from APRL-APS will speak.

**Club Trip:** Mike Bach is in communication with Congressman Joe Pitts' people for the trip to the NPM and vault this fall. They are working out Thursday dates in September and October. Preliminary counts of 16 in Reading and 13 in Lancaster make it feasible with the goal of 30 to 45 passengers to maintain the \$45 per person bus cost. Friends & spouses are heartily invited.

**Picnic:** Paul announced that Mike Shirley has reserved the pavilion in Millersville for the 14 August event.

**PSLC Website:** Paul discussed the need for a club website. Most clubs have one. They don't have to be complicated, but they are essential as people surf the net to find a

local club or show. Facebook is another venue for inexpensive marketing and public relations.

**Drawings:** Tonight's winners were Bill Snyder, Claire Hostetter, and Don Gallagher.

**June Open House:** The 12 June meeting will be an open house. Len Kasper and Lucy Eyster are working on this. (See separate article about this event on Pg. 3 for details.)

**Availabilities:** Paul provided info from Bob Larken about a dealer who has South Sudan (nos. 1-2). Mylin Hess has some 20th Century U.S. postage and PBs. He made this info available.

**Program:** Don Gallagher discussed his efforts to garner support for a Thaddeus Stevens' postage stamp in 2014. He described the mechanism (as much as is known about it) of the CSAC, and that one goal is to convince them that if a Stevens stamp is printed, the public will buy at least 68 x 10<sup>6</sup> of them!

### Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,805.37 (1Mar)

Income: \$575

Expenses: \$393.49

Closing: \$4,986.88 (31 Mar)

3-CDs valued at \$6,733.04

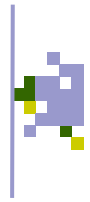


Chuck Kilgore at His Topical Exhibit

**Paul Petersen:** *Christmas Seals.* This frame contains

U.S. (1928 and up) and foreign sheets including one from Ireland. *1939 World's Fair.* This frame displays U.S. and foreign postage stamps & Cinderellas, FDCs, picture postcards, some propaganda material, and artifacts such as a matchbook, show coin, lapel pin, bookmark, & a ViewMaster reel.

2014 will have more participants in the display process.



## Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts & Shows

### 2013 Programs and Hosts

**8 May:** Club Auction. Diane Meek, Host

**12 June:** Open House Display, Lucy Eyster & Len Kasper. Clair Smith, Host

**10 July:** Civil War Covers, Dennis Shumaker or Gunboat Philately, Al Schaub. James Ziogas, Host

**14 August:** Club Picnic

**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:** Lancopex prep.

**14 May:** Club Auction

**9 July:** U.S. International Stamp Expo Labels, Stamps, and Covers, 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. 30 June, 18 Aug, 27 Oct, 1 Dec. Kevin Kellman (K<sup>2</sup>), Manager; 301-371-4558.

**SCOPEX:** 22-23 June at APS Headquarters in Bellefonte.

## More on Lancopex: Our Dealers and Snaps

Dealers were quite positive with 16 of 17 (94%) of them completing the Lancopex surveys. Eighty-eight percent **reached their goals**, and all but one dealer identified that he/she will return next year. One dealer was not sure; he is trying to cut back on shows that are distant from home.

All dealers found the **food service** to be great in quality, quantity, convenience, and service. One described it in philatelic terms as "F-VF."

Commenting on the **bourse space and layout**, remarks here were positive. One would like a larger aisle, and one would like to rent a fourth table. Tables for resting or checking one's want list were new and popular. One dealer noted that the displays (See Pg.-2 left) were more interesting than the exhibits of previous years, while another remarked that competitive exhibits add something to the show.

Regarding **future recommendations**, one was to consider several \$15 vouchers for the door prizes. Collect \$5 from each dealer, and then the winner gets \$15 credit to spend at any dealer. Three dealers mentioned that they will need assistance in future shows for loading and unloading their vehicles. Another was to advertise more and send an email-blast through APS.

**What makes Lancopex special?** Hands down, seven dealers mentioned that club members are special and made the show run so well. One called it a "festive climate" given their friendship and hospitality toward the dealers. A few dealers mentioned the customer base at Lancopex with repeat patrons. **How do the dealers rate Lancopex (1-10)** compared to shows of a similar venue? The dealers gave it a 9.00/10.00! This may be the first time the score reached the 9.00 value.



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: (L→R) Joy Bouchard, Truude Greiner, Sarah Mylin, (Cake) Len Kasper, Eleanor Wheeler, & Al Schaub (Not pictured: Fred Sargent)**



**Eleanor Wheeler and John Hietzmann staff the Show Cover Table**



**Fred Sargent (L) and show co-chairman Dick Shaefer relax at the lunch table**

## PSLC Open House On 12 June 2013

**What:** Open House

**When:** Wednesday, 12 June at 7:00

**Where:** BlueBird Commons

**Why:** Promote the hobby and attract members to the club

**Who:** Len Kasper & Lucy Eyster are coordinating this soiree.

Len described this event as one where we need to start asking our friends and neighbors to save the date. Even for non-collectors, there will be something for all. Kids are especially welcome for free stamps and albums. There will be no business meeting this evening. Members should prepare their material to display with others at the tables and explain the holdings to non-collectors. This will be a highly advertised event. We must do our part by recruiting visitors to this event.

## A Postage Stamp for Thaddeus Stevens

Let's join the groundswell for this stamp by writing individually and encouraging our colleagues to do the same. Postcards are fine. Give ready-to-send postcards to your friends to convey to the CSAC. As in Chicago, vote early & vote often! .

*Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee*

*c/o Stamp Development*

*U.S. Postal Service*

*475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3300*

*Washington, DC, 20260-3501*



**Spectators at the 75th Celebration**





# Musings: May-2013

## A visit to the Red Rose Coin Show

My friend Scott and I try to take in the Red Rose Coin Show in early April. He goes for the coins, and I go for the ambiance. Just as I read other stamp club newsletters to see if there is anything to offer PSLC, I find that the other hobby Expos may provide some similar insight.



My wife thinks that I have been traumatized since taking that course in Comparative Psychotherapies in graduate school. It seems that I am always comparing things! How are these shows (or newsletters) the same; how are they different? After all, don't these concepts come right out of the Wechsler Test Manual?

Just to start, it was a very busy event at the Farm & Home Center, as finding a parking spot was difficult twenty minutes after the show opened. The lobby area was crowded, but numerous volunteers from the club made registration flow. The show was free, and there were armed private security men whose presence was felt.

At registration Scott asked for a schedule of 2013 meeting topics, but

he was told that he would get this when he joined the club.

The sales floor was exceptionally busy, and I found myself walking sideways with my arms raised some of the time. The large crowd may have been because it is only a one-day show. One dealer said that he heard that there were forty-two (42) dealers. Unlike Lancopex where dealers have three tables, coin dealers had one, or perhaps two. Many had only a locked tabletop display case or two-filled with gold and silver coins! That is expensive stock, and one doesn't need three tables for this.

The customer demographics were similar to Lancopex, but there were more children. Unfortunately most of the children had that bored look, showing much more interest in their hand-held computer gizmos than with the coin displays. Adults did not seem to be engaging them other than keeping them quiet.

Food was available from the members of the Paradise Lions Club and local Cub Scouts. The Cubs circulated the bourse floor with push trolleys, collecting orders and money from the dealers and delivering their food.

Collectors were abundant, sitting at the tables with want lists and all. The stock ranged from the very high end to the more moder-

ate modern coins and proof sets.

Several dealers offered precious metal ingots from 5Kg. copper blocks down to smaller slivers in gold and silver. One dealer stated that it is good to have some small items or low denominations, as they would prove more practical if needed for barter in an emergency situation or financial crisis of some kind. The most creative precious metal item was a 3x5 thin sheet of high grade silver which was scored like a chocolate bar (though much smaller and thinner) for ease in breaking off a measured piece for barter.

Two dealers sold \$10T Zimbabwe currency notes. At least I think it was \$10T, as there were a lot of zeros all across the top of the note. But *caveat emptor*, as the first dealer sold his for \$5 while the second sold them for \$15. As Scott said, this becomes a conversation piece when engaged in a discussion on economy and inflation. How many of us stamp collectors have used the Weimar Republic inflation



stamps for the same purpose?

Many stamp collectors are approached by non-collectors with an old album from their childhood or a relative. "Because it is old, it must be worth something," they believe. Then we have to break the news of its probable true worth, though we leave open the glimmer that there could be a hidden treasure within.

I have a U.S coin collection from pre- and Junior High, largely pennies, dimes, and more. There are some Indian Head Pennies and other coins from the mid 19th Century. To accompany this, I had the red book and blue book, and while one had prices that I liked over the other, I did not understand selling vs. buying prices. But even in advanced middle-age (plus!), I thought my collection was worthy of a profit. That was until I retrieved it from the attic. The same philatelic standards apply: condition, condition, and condition. Some coins were so worn that I could barely read the dates. One had been held in place with dried out Scotch Tape! Like the disappointed owner of the old stamp album and 1950s postage with PBs, I put my coins away with disappointment. I'm giving up comparing things...well, maybe. Ed. ☐



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