

LCPS NEWS LETTER

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LANCASTER COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETINGS

The LCPS is very active with approximately 30-40 members attending meetings. Club dues are \$10.00 yearly.

DATE of Next Club Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 [The club always meets the Second Wednesday of each month]

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Maple Grove Community Center, 1400 block of Columbia Avenue [Center is on Columbia Avenue/Route 462 next to Modern Imports Auto sales]

THE ANNUAL LCPS STAMP SHOW IS COMING!!

SHOW DATES: April 28 & 29, 2007

SHOW HOURS: Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday: 10 AM – 4 PM

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS: The Lancaster Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster, PA

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Another month and this is a big one. First I want to thank all those who so generously helped with the "lick and stick". The amount of work done in such a short time was totally amazing, even if it was peel and stick. I do apologize for not having a second item on the agenda; I never believed that we could all work that quickly. We certainly will consider having more to do for our next "lick and stick" party. It was a very gratifying experience to see the number of people who just stayed and talked. We did not leave early. Also, thanks to Steve Wander for the refreshments.

This month's meeting will be the Dick Colberg presentation regarding the value of your collection. I wish I could be there for Dick's presentation. You might want to consider inviting your significant other to this meeting, it certainly should be worthwhile. This is also a critical meeting regarding the show. Please come ready to volunteer. Thank you in advance to Eleanor for taking over the presidential duties for April

May's meeting is one of our AUCTIONS. Please limit your items to 10. I will again bring bid ID slips for those who don't have labels already done. Good descriptions always help. As usual there will be that heavy bidding for those bargains which we all want. It is always fun to clean out some of the stuff from the closet.

By the way, please take a moment when you get to the meeting, and pick out and wear your membership name tag. It really would help if everyone put them on.

Bob Noble

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2007

34 members were in attendance. There were three guests, two from the Reading Stamp Club.

Treasurers Report: \$4,141.84

Income: \$1,870.00

Outgoing: \$890.00

Balance: \$5,122.39

Dick Wheeler needs articles for the "Get to know club members," news, etc., for the newsletter. Please think about sending Dick a short article about yourself for the next newsletter. Thanks

Old Business:

Herb Tindall wanted to say "Hello" to all members. Please pay your dues.....see Jim Boyles for this. Dick Colberg will talk at the April meeting. He will present the February scheduled topic that was canceled due to snow.

Our annual Stamp Show is scheduled for April 28th and 29th: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for the show!! Please consider volunteering a few hours or as many as you can. Thanks.

The show Patron list was passed around along with volunteer sign-up sheets. After a short break it was "Lick and Stick" time. With all the help we had everything done in record time.

The Reading Stamp Club would like to invite our club to join them on a bus trip to the APS building. This would be on a weekday. We would tour the building, see the Library, etc. This is in the early planning stage at this point.

Eleanor Wheeler won the \$5.00. Congratulations Eleanor!

Submitted by:

Lori Hostetler

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

If you have not signed up to help with the stamp show please do so at the April Meeting. Many hands make work lighter and this event This is a big event for our club and one that always gets rave reviews from stamp dealers. WE NEED ALL OF THE HELP WE CAN GET!!

CANCELLATION OF "STAMP SWAP" NIGHTS: DIANE MEEK

Club member have enjoyed the stamp Swap nights. As you know I have been responsible for making arrangements and getting the key for the "Stamp Swap" on Thursday

evenings at Grace Baptist Church. Attendance has been declining steadily over the past 2-3 months. Please note that all future Stamp Swap nights on Thursday evenings have been canceled.

APS YOUTH PROGRAMS: LANCASTER COUNTY LIBRARIES

Janet E. Houser, Janet Houser, APS Youth and Program Coordinator, 814-933-3820 (jehouser@stamps.org) has notified us that she will be conducting the following program at Lancaster County Libraries listed below:

All programs will be 60 minutes in length as follows:

- 10 minutes - Flat Stanley
 - Introduction to stamps and stamp collecting
- 15 minutes - Introduce stamps/stamp collecting
 - What is a stamp
 - How much does it cost to mail a letter or a package>
- 10 minutes - How to design a cachet
 - We are going to use the Pollination Stamps, or Star Wars
- 10 minutes - How stamps are created and designed>
- 10 minutes - Allowing participants to search through stamps to find a supply to start their very own personal collection
- 5 minutes - clean up

Janet will have a bag of goodies for each child. It includes some stamps, covers, a stamp pin, "My Stamp Album", a t-shirt (courtesy of the APS), bookmark, and a couple brochures. Schedule of library visits:

- April 3, 6:30 pm - Leola Branch Library, Leola
- April 11, 6:30 pm - Lancaster Public Library
- April 12, 4 pm - Moores Memorial Library, Christiana
- April 12, 6:30 pm - Quarryville Library, Quarryville
- April 14, 2 pm - Eastern Lancaster County Library, New Holland
- April 17, 4 pm - Mountville Area Branch Library, Mountville
- April 17, 6:30 pm - Columbia Public Library, Columbia
- April 19, 4 pm - Manheim Community Library, Manheim
- April 19, 6:30 pm - Lititz Public Library, Lititz
- April 23, 4 pm - Adamstown Area Library, Adamstown
- April 23, 6:30 pm - Ephrata Public Library, Ephrata
- April 24, 4 pm - Elizabethtown Public Library, Elizabethtown
- April 24, 6:30 pm - Milanof-Schock Library, Mount Joy

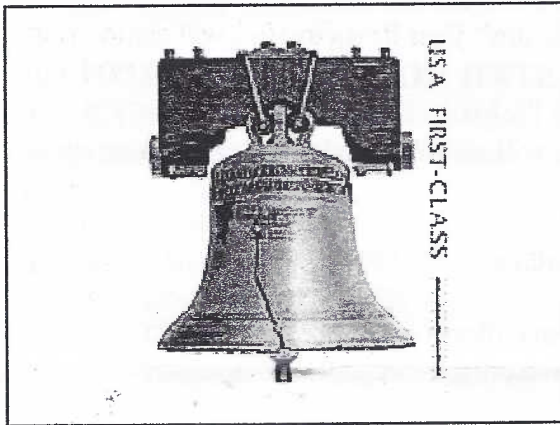
UPCOMING SHOWS

TRI-STATE - Monthly Coin and Stamp Show and Sale. Fourth Sunday each month, 10AM-4PM. Fort Washington Hotel and Conference Center, Fort Washington PA (PA Turnpike exit 339)

VALPEX 2007 - May 5-6, 2007. Saturday 10-5; Sunday 10-4. 269 Green St, Royersford, PA

DELPEX 2007 Stamp Show and Bourse - April 27, 2007 10-5. Nur Shrine Temple, New Castle, DE.

THE "FOREVER STAMP"



When Does It Go On Sale?

The stamp goes on sale April 12 at 41 cents, the new first-class mail rate that goes into effect May 14.

How Does It Work?

The primary purpose of the stamp is to smooth the transition to new stamp prices when prices change. As postage rates rise in the future, the price for the stamp will also rise — but stamps purchased for 41 cents will still be honored on letters. Instead of a denomination, the stamp carries the word "Forever" along its right side.

Will The Forever Stamp Be Available In Coins Or Other Formats?

No, but the Post Office will also issue a nondenominated flag stamp that will be available in coils of 100 and panes of 20 and 100, as well as individual quantities.

Can The Forever Stamp Be Used For International Mail?

Any nondenominated stamps (except for those that bear unique markings, such as First-Class Presort, Nonprofit Org.) may be affixed to items that are sent to foreign countries. The postage value of such stamps is linked to its appropriate domestic rate (e.g., the "Lady Liberty and U.S. Flag" stamp has a postage value of 39 cents). The postage value of the Forever Stamp is always the domestic First-Class Mail single-piece 1-ounce letter rate that is in effect on the day of use (mailing). Since the international postage rates are always higher than the comparable domestic rates, additional postage would have to be affixed.

