

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
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Next Meeting - Wed., MARCH 14, 2001

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

It was delightful to see several new members and prospective members at our February meeting. Everyone please make an effort to welcome these people into our midst. It is always exciting to know that new people are taking up this fascinating hobby.

I hope everyone comes to the March meeting armed with all those questions you have been dying to ask about stamps and stamp collecting. There is no guaranteeing we can find all the answers but we will try. Do not think that any question is too simple or complex. Believe it or not, we all started out knowing little or nothing about stamps and stamp collecting and conversely none of us has learned everything there is to know about the hobby. That is half the fun. Exploring and learning new things, finding new ideas and interests and getting joy out of collecting stamps. If you can not say "look what I did or what I found or what I learned" then you will soon tire of this hobby. I know people that have been collecting for many years and they still get excited about that new cover or stamp they just found or that

question they finally found that answer to.

THE JOY OF STAMP COLLECTING, IN ITS MANY FORMS, SHOULD ALWAYS BRING EXCITEMENT AND SATISFACTION.

MARCH HOSTS

Ah yes, would you believe, the host and hostesses for the March meeting are all related -- yes, indeed. MARY HUSSON, MARILYN SHIRLEY, AND MIKE SHIRLEY are planning some St. Patty's Day treats for all. They've kissed the Blarney Stone and got Patty's special receipts, so LOOK OUT!!

MARCH PROGRAM

Did you know we have some very knowledgeable members in our club on the subject of Philately. Well, we do! So any questions you have (no matter how simple) bring them along and we will have an informative question and answer program. This is in line with our stamp show theme "STAMP EDUCATION".

HIP! HIP! HOORAY!



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Congratulations to each of these four new members to our club. We welcome you and invite you to participate to the fullest in the advancement of the hobby of philatelic pursuits.

We are happy to report we now have two junior members in our club. We encourage members to introduce their children/grandchildren to the hobby of stamp collecting!

The Thaddeus Stevens Stamp

The club was informed a local organization is trying to have a 250-year commemorative stamp issued to honor Lancaster's Educator, Thaddeus Stevens. We discussed ways to be part of this promotion.

After some discussion, we were told by DICK COLBERG the best thing to do was find out who is spearheading the drive and offer our support. Then send a letter in behalf of the Club and everyone sign it. Otherwise, individual letters can be "pigeon-holed" and lost in the shuffle.



THANK YOU, JIM

JIM BOYLES was our speaker last month. JIM gave us all some helpful pointers in exhibiting for Stamp Shows.

JIM noted we should use clear mounts, not black ones when exhibiting. We should also use white paper as opposed to colored paper.

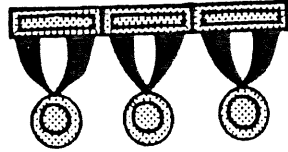
We should have some history or write-ups about the stamps to make it educational.

There are different categories in exhibiting -- topical and postal history.

JIM is a well-seasoned exhibitor and he showed us some of the many awards he has received from his efforts. It was also noted the APS has a publication on "How to Prepare a Stamp Exhibit". They also publish a book called Manual on Philatelic Judging that can be quite helpful to serious exhibitors.

OH! TO BE A WINNER!

We urge members to exhibit this year and make our show interesting. This is one way to "educate" the public on our interesting hobby. **THE THEME OF OUR SHOW THIS YEAR IS STAMP EDUCATION**. We encourage members to enter in our educational process.



SHOW AWARDS

Note: As chairman of the Awards Committee and for your general information, I am listing the categories of awards for our show. Hopefully you will find a category that "strikes your fancy".

-- Marilyn

Grand Award -- Best exhibit, all entries.

Reserve Grand Award -- Second best exhibit.

LCPS Award -- Best exhibit by a club member.

APS Award -- Best APS member exhibit

Topical Award -- Best topical exhibit

Novice Award -- Best exhibit by a first-time exhibitor.

Junior Award -- Best exhibit by a junior.

Peoples' Choice Award -- Exhibit voted most popular by viewers.

Peoples' Junior Choice Award -- Junior exhibit voted most popular by viewers.

Von Hake Pennsylvania Postal History Award -- Best Pennsylvania Postal History exhibit.

Other Awards -- As determined by the Judges.

Certificate of Participation -- ALL EXHIBITORS.

Looks like we did it again! We have another winner to our monthly jackpot. MARK KING was the lucky member whose name was pulled. We have been having such good attendance lately each month we have another winner. THIS IS JUST GREAT! This past month we had 31 members in attendance. Keep up the good record.

FROM OUR MAILBAG

Dear Marilyn:

My 2001 Club Dues are enclosed. Would you please get the check to the appropriate person.

May I also request that the Club be advised that International Collectibles will no longer be open on a regular basis. However, I am still in business and the stamp and cover material can be seen by appointment.

Possibly like the shop that closed in Lancaster, very few stamp collectors have an interest in patronizing stamp shops. As can be attested to by the Club members who have been to my shop, I believe that a comfortable and relaxed shop setting would be appealing to collectors. However, rather than handling and seeing stamps to be purchased, today's collectors most prefer buying from computer images. Thus, I have found shifting from shop to being an internet dealer to be the way to do. But, as mentioned, I am still available for appointments.

Would you also please announce that the READING STAMP CLUB IS GOING TO HAVE A STAMP SHOW AT THE RAMADA INN ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2001. I'm acting as show chairman so if anyone has any questions about the show, they can contact me.

Wishing the Lancaster Club a fantastic year.

With best regards,

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THE STORY ABOUT THE POTATO

You know that all potatoes have eyes. Well, Mr. & Mrs. Potato had eyes for each other and finally got married and had a little one, a real Sweet Potato, whom they called "Yam."

They wanted the best for little Yam, telling her all about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting "half baked" because she could get Mashed, and get a bad name like "Hot Potato," and then...end up with a bunch of "Tater Tots". She said "Not to worry! No Mr. Spud would get me in the sack and make a Rotten Potato out of me!" And she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either! She would get plenty of food and exercise so as not to be skinny like her Shoestring cousins.

Mr. & Mrs. Potato even told her about going off to Europe and to watch out for the Hard Boiled guys from Ireland, and even the greasy guys from France called French Fries. They also said she should watch out for the Indians when she was going out west because she could get Scalloped!

Yam told them she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Blue Belles or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks you see around town that say "Frito Lay."

Mr. & Mrs. Potato wanted the best for Yam, so they sent her to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University) where the Big Potatoes go...When she graduated she was really in the Chips!

But...one day she came home and said she was going to marry Tom Brokaw! Mr. & Mrs. Potato were VERY UPSET and said she couldn't marry him because he was just a COMMON TATER!!!

Little Yam was so broken hearted, she signed up to board SPUDNIK in search of a new life and a New Potato.



MARCH

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