

MEETING: SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER COMMUNITY CENTER
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Next Meeting - Wednesday, OCTOBER 9, 2002

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HURRAY !!! HURRAY !!! HURRAY !!!

OCTOBER HOSTESS

The newsletter staff was very fortunate to have a kind offer of a computer to us in order to enable us to continue printing the newsletter. Thank you Bob Dietz!

Lucy Eyster has graciously consented to be our "Hostess with the Mostest" for the month of October. Her favorite witches will be making the brew, and her special goblins will be working on "treats".

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE JUNIOR CLUB

The Junior Members of our club continued to meet this summer. We will now be going to a "Fall Schedule". We had an average of 6 youth attending -- sometimes VICTORIA TRAN brought her friend along, too.

Hopefully we will start meeting again on Friday evenings - 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, October 12, 2002.

The youth of L.C.P.S. would especially like to thank the members of L.C.P.S. who have been most helpful in sharing stamps, hinges and help in general.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

October is the month for fall "House cleaning". In your rounds, we hope you cleaning out some of your extra stamps to bring to the auction. Now is the time to buy and sell -- get rid of what you don't need and get what you have been wanting to complete your set. Oh yes, bring your wallet along so you can have unlimited bidding!

BUS TRIP

There were approximately 15 members from L.C.P.S. that went to Atlantic City with the Harrisburg Stamp Club. Everyone seemed to have a very good time and it was an opportunity for our club to get to know some of the members from the Harrisburg club. We also had wonderful refreshments served on the bus.

Our Club President, Jim Boyles was one of the exhibitors. He was awarded a Silver Award for his exhibit. This is quite an honor, as the competition was very stiff. CONGRATULATIONS JIM!

During the morning there were stamp dealers to visit, exhibits to peruse, cachets to buy and special seminars in the late morning and afternoon that all were welcome to attend.

One of the special features of show was the Washington 1 cent "Z" Grill stamp, valued at \$2,500,000. There are only two of these stamps known in existence. One of them was given to the New York City Library and the other is owned by David Sundman, of the Mystic Stamp Co. It is for sale and the owner is willing to sell it at the bargain price of just \$2,000,000. Mr. Sundman's 10-year old son originally bought it for \$900,000. - as the story goes!

TRUYDE GREINER said she would buy it, but Sundmans encased it in plastic and she prefers it in a regular mount!

The theme of the show was "Celebrating 100 years of the American Teddy Bear".

WITH EFFORT FROM ALL,
THE BEST IS YET TO COME

(Editor's note: The following article was published in LINN'S by Randy Neil. With the active youth involved in our club, we thought it must might be of interest to our members)

Seventy years ago during the Great Depression, stamp collecting entered a golden era. Even today, that period is still talked about enviously by writers and hobbyists who long for the good old days when new stamp collectors seemed to be coming out of the woodwork.

In the 1930's, stamp collecting was the subject of the network radio broadcasts, the hobby of a highly visible president, the chief feature on the back of cereal boxes and the stomping grounds of a postmaster general who seemed to love us so much he'd issue souvenirs for even our smallest conventions.

Ahh, that golden era. Don't we wish it was back?

My answer to that question is "no." I think stamp collecting is emerging into the greatest period in its history. For the first time I can remember, people in our hobby are re-examining it, looking into its problems of slow growth, and adjusting to the competition for the public's leisure time that stamp collecting gets from home computers, baseball cards and 104-channel cable television.

As we enter the 2000's stamp collectors are poised to enter a decade of exciting challenges and changes that will affect the health of our great pastime.

And though there are doomsayers among us -- when have they not been with us? -- I believe stamp collecting is not only resting solidly on its 150-year old foundation, but is ready and able to leap into serious competition with every one of the world's other great hobbies.

Where and how is this happening, and who's seeing to it that this happens?

Emerging into key positions in the hobby's leadership are some of the best creative minds philately has ever had. The majority of our hobby organizations -- including 80-year old periodicals, national societies

and major commercial stamp companies -- are starting to be led by a formidable new generation of dedicated philatelists and facesetters. It's going to be provocative to watch them at work.

Though the corner stamp shop is fast becoming a thing of the past, we are witnessing unprecedented growth in the number of quality stamp exhibitions staged across America. In fact, the United States has more major stamp shows per person of any country in the world.

When, in the past, have we had major international shows such as World Expo (1989) and World Columbian Stamp Expo (1992) held in between the usual U.S. decennial world exhibitions, like Ameripex 86?

Writers in the philatelic media continually decry the lack of growth among young people in our hobby. They need to pay attention to the excellent work being done by the U.S. Postal Service with the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Clubs, a network of grade school stamp collecting groups that is unprecedented in the history of our hobby.

Kids usually leave philately when they become teenagers, only to re-enter the hobby after they've become parents themselves. Standing firmly behind our hobby is the Philatelic Marketing Division of the USPS.

Do not sell the work of these people short. The introduction of hologram stamped envelopes, plastic stamp booklets vended from automated teller machines -- even the sale of souvenirs like sweatshirts and paperweights -- represent forms of non-traditional philatelic promotion that have never been seen before.

With the USPS sponsorship of the Olympics, stamp collecting will be given exposure and visibility to rival that of Pepsi Cola.

Some of us may disagree with some USPS methods, from time to time, but no one can offer even a remote alternative to the advertising

campaign given us by our postal service.

Stamp collectors have a personal stake in the future of the hobby. After all, if philately doesn't prosper, who will be there to receive our stamps and covers when we're ready to sell or pass them long? Stamp collectors traditionally resist change, but change we must have if our hobby is to continue into the decades ahead. We should vigorously support the constructive progress we see happening around us, even if some of it (T-shirts from the post office?) looks a bit strange.

What will our hobby be like in the year 2100? It should be continuing to grow, flourish and generously reward its worldwide legion of followers. But whether we witness that bright future will depend on all of us.

We get a lot out of stamp collecting, but we also have to give a lot back to it. To me, that's a pretty fair trade.

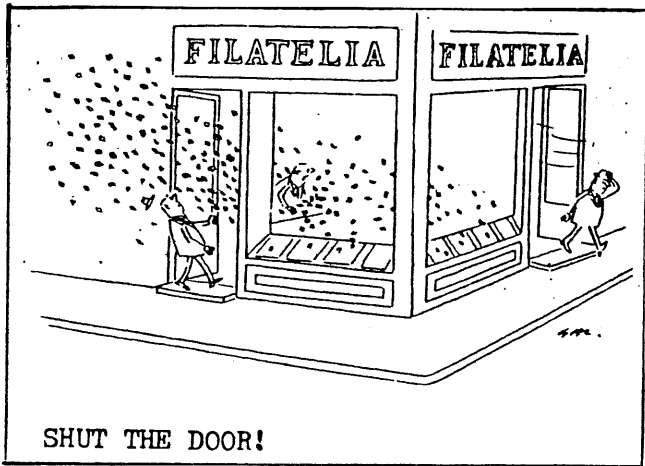


E L E C T I O N S

November is the month for national elections as well as L.C.P.S. elections. Our club will be electing a **SECRETARY, TREASURER, and VICE-PRESIDENT.**

As a member of the club, everyone over the age of 21 years is eligible. Please consider serving in one of these capacities. The salaries are outstanding -- in fact we are thinking about cost-of-living raises for each officer!!!

Seriously, the club is as great as the enthusiasm of its members. Let our president JIM BOYLES know if you are willing to serve. We would like to have at least two candidates for each office. (The youth have already volunteered. Their willingness puts a lot of us to shame.) **GET INVOLVED!!!**



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WHAT'S YOURS

A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas Cards.

"What denomination?" said the clerk.

"Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman.

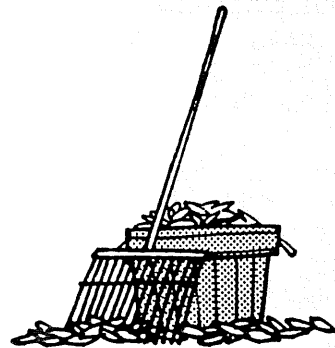
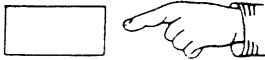
"Well, give me 30 Catholics, 10 Baptist ones, 20 Lutheran and 40 Presbyterian."

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