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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Now is the time to get caught up with your stamping hobby. With snowflakes falling, schools closing, meetings cancelled -- what a great opportunity!

BOB NOBLE and WOODY HANN will enlighten us on their special interest -- Pre-Cancels -- at the February Meeting. This should be a very informative meeting for all of us. Bring any questions you have regarding Pre-Cancels along to the meeting. BOB and WOODY will do their very best to answer them for you.

If you were not at the January meeting, please change the date listed in the January Newsletter for the upcoming June meeting. The correct date is June 9th.

Special thanks to DIANNE MEEKS for agreeing to be our Membership and Hospitality Chairperson. We are also searching for a Publicity Chairperson. It is important to have our meetings and activities publicized. Responsibilities of the Publicity Chairperson are as follows:

- (1) Advertise our meetings in the Sunday News in the "Calendar of Events" section -- also in "Happenings" insert.
- (2) Press releases to local papers including the *Advertiser*.
- (3) Become acquainted with Post Office officials at the Lancaster Post Office, Harrisburg Pike, and other Post Offices you wish to contact regarding Club Stamp Displays (approx. 8" x 10") with club name, time/location of meetings, etc.

As the saying goes, "Ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for your club"!

Did you send your E-Mail address to Bill Snyder? Save your club some postage and printing costs. Do it today!!

Hopefully my message has given you some food for thought this month. See you at the meeting.

Marilyn Shirley

Editor's Notes

The February 2004 meeting will be held at the Maple Grove Community Center at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 11 February. Possible revisions to the club's bylaws will be considered, although voting on the changes will be held in March. The program includes a presentation on pre-cancels. Lou DiFelice is the host for the evening.

As noted in the minutes, the club is using email to distribute the monthly newsletter with electronic addresses. The email will not include the club's logo and other graphic materials that appear on the printed newsletter, but it will include all of the text. Currently, the email listing includes 16 members. Suggestions on ways to simplify and improve this approach can be passed to me at the February meeting or via email to wps18565@willowgables.com.

The U. S. Postal Service has a very ambitious commemorative program for 2004. Several items are of particular interest: The first, a pane of 10, similar to the Great Plains Prairie and Longleaf Pine Forest panes, features the sea life of Pacific Coral Reefs. The second, a set of five stamps depicting various sculptures by Isamu Noguchi, is scheduled for release in May. Finally, September will see two releases: a pane of 10 featuring American Indian art and a pane of 15 featuring various cloudscapes. Three individual stamps honor the Lewis & Clark expedition, and there is a block of four featuring Christmas ornaments scheduled for October. Watch for the mystery images on the Noguchi and Indian panes!

Images of these stamps are at www.virtualstampclub.com. Once there, click on 2004 US Stamp Programs, design. Another click, on Tentative Schedule, will bring you to a listing the USPS issues. There is lots of other interesting information on this particular web site.

Upcoming Stamp Shows:

February 7—4115 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE. 302-478-8740.

February 15—2045 N. Sherman, York, PA. 717-382-4632.

February 21—Merchants Square Antique Mall, Vultee St., Allentown, PA.
610-261-0633.

March 27-28—Delaware Delpex Show. Nur Temple, 198 S. Du Pont Highway, New Castle, DE.

STAMP CLUB MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2004

President Marilyn Shirley called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. There were 29 members present. There were no secretary's or treasurer's reports.

Marilyn announced that the June meeting will be on the normal second Wednesday and that date is June 9; the date in the January newsletter is incorrect.

Under old business Jim Boyles made a motion that the club give \$100 to the American Philatelic Society to be used for renovation of the new headquarters in the match factory at Bellefonte, PA. The motion was approved.

In an attempt to hold down expenses, the newsletter will be E-mailed to club members who give their E-mail address to Bill Snyder, editor. These E-mail addresses will not be used for any other purpose. Please contact Bill Snyder (464-1608) if you wish to receive the newsletter via E-mail.

By a show of hands, 21 people are interested in a bus trip (Executive Coach) to Washington, DC on June 12, 2004, to visit the Postal Museum and other attractions along the mall. The membership authorized the payment of half the cost of the coach to Executive Coach to secure the bus. Cost is expected to be \$20 per person to cover transportation. The coach will leave the Eden Resort at 7:30AM and pick up members of the York Club at the York Shopping Center at route 1-83. Planned time to leave Washington, DC is 5:30PM. Friends and family members are invited so contact Chuck Kilgore (569-5439) to reserve your seats. Jim Boyles will contact the York club.

The executive committee recommended raising yearly dues for active members to \$10 per year. Junior member dues will remain at \$5 per year. The motion passed. Dues for 2004 are \$10 and are being accepted now by the treasurer, Don Weber.

The executive committee handed out a proposed update to the club's bylaws. Bylaws had not been reviewed since 1990. All members will receive a copy of the proposed changes. There can be discussion and further revisions at the February meeting. Voting on the changes will be at the March meeting. Clarifying the vice president's duties and life member status are the two main topics to be considered.

Marilyn said the new membership list should be available at the February meeting.

The membership was informed of two upcoming stamp shows. The 26th Annual York County Stamp Show is at the York Fairgrounds on January 23 and 24, 2004. Also, Postage Stamp Mega-Event will be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City on March 4—7, 2004.

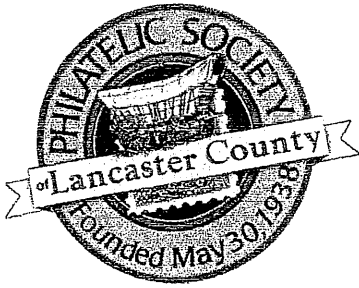
A thank you note from Paul Petersen for the gift certificate to Coe Camera was read and passed around.

The \$5 drawing was won by Ted von Wallmenich.

After a short break an auction was led by Jim Boyles, Bill Greiner, and recorder Dick Shaefer.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Eyster, Secretary

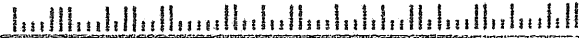


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