



**JULY 2006**

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**From the President**

The July meeting of LCPS will be held on Wednesday, 12 July at 7 p.m. The program for the evening will be a presentation by guest speaker, Rev. John Miller. Rev. Miller is from Ephrata and is a member of the German Stamp Society. He will present a program on German stamps and the intricacies involved with this area of collecting. Paul Peterson has donated his time and talents to produce Rev. Miller's slides for the presentation. Once again, my thanks to Paul for helping to make our meetings successful. Paul will be pulling double duty this month, as he is also our host for the evening.

If all goes well with attendance, our second meeting in July will be held on Thursday, 27 July at the Grace Baptist Church. Our attendance at the Wednesday night meetings for the first half of 2006 is 190 members and guests. These figures are on target to equal 2005. I know that the year is far from over, but I want to mention that for 2007 there will be three vacancies to fill for club officers: a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please give some thought to volunteering or nominating candidates for to these positions.

I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Respectfully, Lou DiFelice

## **Washington 2006 International Stamp Show**

The bus trip to the Washington 2006 show on June 1<sup>st</sup>, was a club success. I have never spent \$20.00 more wisely than by booking my seat on this excursion. Thanks again to Chuck Kilgore for an outstanding job. The club even made \$150.00 after paying all expenses.

After a detour and some minor traffic congestion, we arrived at the convention center doorsteps only slightly behind schedule. Upon completing your registration and a short walk, we entered the show floor, a venue of some 500,000 square feet of exhibition space. The show featured more than 130 dealers from around the world offering stamps, covers, and philatelic items spread across the spectrum of the hobby. Needless to say, our six to seven hours at the show in no way enabled us to really appreciate what the exhibition had to offer.

According to an article in Linn's, total attendance for the show was around 225,000 for the eighth day event. All of the big name dealers and auction houses were present, and to see some of the world's most prized stamps first hand was truly an experience. On hand for viewing were a few of the great treasures of stamp collecting--the controversial Hawaiian Missionary covers, the 1868 Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 1918 inverted jenny airmail block and full pristine sheets of the Columbians from 1 cent to 1 dollar. The show also featured some 3800 frames of exhibits, some representing a lifetime of work to amass, and all competing for the show's prestigious awards. As a U.S. collector, to see a single 1869 90 cent Lincoln (#122) yet alone five frames in all varieties, including color trial proofs, was simply amazing. Whatever your tastes in collection, I am sure your appetite was whetted by the available selections. I should also add that the hot dogs were good too!

Thanks to all who participated and made the trip a success.

Lou

## **Minutes L.C.P.S. Meeting June 14, 2006**

President Lou DiFelice called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Lou announced that Mrs. Sempsrott had donated stamp catalogs and materials for anyone who would care to have them. Treasurer Bill Greiner reported a balance of \$4,072.16. The profit from LANCOPEX was \$ 1,229.01. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. Minutes from the May meeting were accepted as recorded.

Chuck Kilgore reported that the club made a profit of \$150.00 on the bus trip to the International Stamp Show in Washington D.C. A total of 47 people traveled by bus from Lancaster and all had a great time.

Jim Boyles reported that the club gets a free APS membership if a minimum of one-third of the clubs' members are APS members. Our club meets this criterion and will qualify for free APS membership.

Paul Petersen won the \$10 drawing and Ray Stanitski won the door prize.

Diane Meek announced that the monthly stamp swap night would be held on Thursday June 22, 7-9 p.m. However, attendance at these gatherings has been very low and continuation of the swap nights will need to be evaluated over the next month or so.

Lou announced that a former club member has 7 Lighthouse binders with dust covers to sell and he will donate 10% of the selling price to the club.

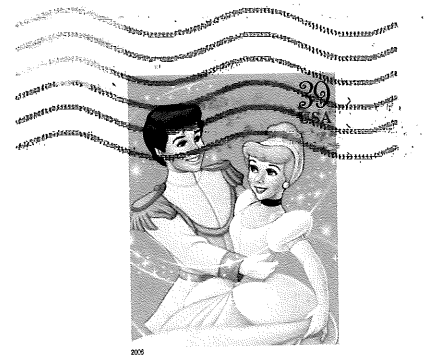
Kent Weaver will present tonight's program on stamps of Liberia. Kent is from the Reading stamp club and is a nationally recognized collector of Liberia stamps.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eleanor Wheeler, Secretary

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