

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LANCASTER COUNTY  
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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month  
STAUFFER MANSION at 7:30 P.M.  
1241 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Next Meeting- Christmas Banquet  
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1990

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

On occasion things happen that bring a warm feeling to your soul and tend to remind you that there are people around who care about the hobby of stamp collecting and this club.

The event I am referring to happened at our last meeting. One of our members, who will remain anonymous for this column, donated funds for the purchase of the new frames we plan to obtain from the York Stamp Club. The person was not asked to perform this act, but did so of his own accord because as he said, "I can't do that much in helping with setting up the show, but at least I can help in this way." His kindness is appreciated and will help to make the exhibit portion of our show safer and hopefully easier to set up. Thank you for your generosity.

This individual is not alone in making significant contributions to this society. Whether it is working on projects, such as this newsletter, or bringing new ideas to the attention of the membership, there are many individuals who work to make this club better. To all those who have given of their time and talents, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. A special thank you to Dave Strayer and Lester Mumma who will leave their position Secretary and Treasurer after many years of service.

I hope everyone is planning to attend our Christmas Party at the Millersville V.F.W. Remember this is our meeting for December. If you can't make it, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and blessed holiday season.

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At the November meeting, members played Dealer For A Night, purchasing a "Table" from the club for one dollar to sell their wares to fellow collectors. Items displayed for sale ranged from beautiful high face

plate blocks of Duck Stamps to MNH foreign stamps, coins, postcards and baseball cards.

LCPS BENEFIT MAIL AUCTION

Because of the light response from members, sixteen lots (twelve of which were donated by the Newsletter staff), the LCPS Mail Auction has been cancelled. Donors may pick up their material at the January meeting.

R E M I N D E R

WASHLINE EXHIBIT AT THE JANUARY MEETING

We hope all you exhibitors are working on your entry for the January meeting. Full details may be found in the November Newsletter. Cardboard placards were distributed at the November meeting and will be available at the Christmas Party. The Washline Exhibit is based partly on the suggestion provided by Bob Allison.

SOCIAL NOTE

Jim Lyman, Newsletter Editor and Sarah Brown, Researcher, will be leaving for Florida at the end of the year, separately (as in "not together") and expect to return in May. We hopefully have a perspective interim editor that will help Marilyn Shirley with the publication of the news letter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

REMINDER - The Christmas Party will be held on our regular meeting night, December 12, 1990 at 6:30 P.M. sharp. It will be held at the Millersville V.F.W. Sarah Brown, our banquet chairperson, has an excellent program in store for us along with a few surprises. Don't miss this gala event of the year.

DIRECTIONS TO MILLERSVILLE V.F.W. -- From Lancaster, take Route 999 (Millersville Pike) West to Millersville. Just past John Herr's Market bear left onto N. George Street (at the Pennsupreme). Proceed 8/10 mile and turn

right on W. Frederick Street. Continue one mile to Sun Lane and turn left. The V.F.W. is 1/2 mile ahead on the left side.

ORIGINS OF RUDOLPH

One of the most beloved figures in modern Christmas lore, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was born when a Montgomery Ward advertising copywriter named Robert L. May was told to create a booklet which could be given to children at Christmastime.

That was in 1939, and "Rudolph with his nose to bright," the nose which made him a laughing stock among the other reindeer, has charmed generations of children for over 50 years.

Interestingly enough, the words of the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," were not included in the original booklet that told Rudolph's story, and were not written by Mr. May.

Rather, 10 years after May's original creation, his brother-in-law, composer Johnny Marks, put Rudolph's tale to music, and wrote the lyrics with which we are familiar today.

Cowboy singer Gene Autry recorded the tune, which was released in the fall of 1949 and quickly became a smash hit.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1991

The following members have been confirmed as officers and directors for 1991:

- PRESIDENT -- Richard Shaefer
- VICE-PRESIDENT -- Lesley Ann Botte
- SECRETARY -- James Lyman
- TREASURER -- Benjamin E. Heller

DIRECTORS

- PUBLICITY -- Bill Carroll
- HOSPITALITY/MEMBERSHIP -- Trudy and Bill Greiner
- PROGRAM -- James Boyles
- NEWSLETTER -- Jim Lyman

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back Stan Goldstoff and Roger Johnson, former members; and we extend a

special welcome to Ken Notturmo, a new member of our club. We are pleased to have all of you with us. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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Please contact Jim Boyles, Chairperson for LANCOPEX '91 if you are willing to help in any way with the upcoming show on Friday, evening, April 19 for setting up, Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 21, 1991.

BALTIMORE FIRST DAY CEREMONIES

On October 3, 1990 the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Communications jointly issued a block of four commemorative stamps featuring "Creatures of the Sea." Sarah Brown and Marilyn Shirley waited in line to attend the ceremonies, only to see another member of the club, Bill Carroll walk right into the aquarium. We were informed that one may write to the U.S. Postmaster to obtain an invitation to any first-day cover ceremony. This will eliminate standing in line. We highly recommend this experience to all our club members. Quite a few philatelists had envelopes cancelled for each member of their club that collected first-day covers. This might be an idea for our club in the future, should anyone be attending one of these first-day cover ceremonies.

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The editorial staff of the newsletter would like to wish each and every member of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society

"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR"