

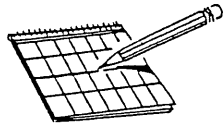
MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603

Next Meeting - Wed., February 19, 1997

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB
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FEBRUARY HOST

DEAR CLUB MEMBERS:

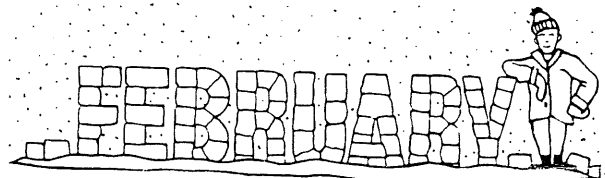
The generosity of our club members in sharing their time, money, and talents has been well documented over the years. The latest example is HARRY RAPP who has provided the funds for the rent of the club's meeting place for a whole year. On behalf of the entire club I say, "HARRY, OUR SINCERE THANKS."

Who is the person in our club who really has a HEART for advancement of philately? Whose HEART is filled with LOVE for the club? You guessed it -- OUR VALENTINE HOST -- JIM BOYLES. (And I heard he might be bringing us some candy HEARTS to munch on next month) Yum, yum!

February 12th meeting will be as interesting as the attendees make it. There will be some stamp related games and activities, and lots of time to talk with other club members about their and your areas of interest, to buy a few stamps, to sell a few too if you want, to ask questions, to get advice (about that stamp exhibit you're planning), to give advice, to test for watermarks or perfs, to identify mystery items in your collection. Well, you get the idea. A fun, informal, help-each-other-out evening.

Check over the tentative lineup of programs for the rest of the year. We want the meetings to be of value to you so your suggestions are not only welcome, but needed.

Lucy Eyster, President



PROGRAM

Have any stamps that really puzzle you? Want to share a new method of collecting? Get any new catalogs, books, etc. you find exciting? This is the month to share, inquire or just have a good time. Bring your material with you for an interesting and provocative program. As LUCY says, "The program is as good as you will make it". So everyone please try to share something.

Our January program was a review by LUCY EYSTER of stamps issued by the U.S. Postal Service last year. Did you know the James Dean stamp was the best selling stamp in 1996? There were 166 new varieties issued last year. Wildlife and the Olympics accounted for 70 of these issues. It seems all people want is the self-adhesive stamps. The first booklet self-adhesive stamps were issued in 1996. We were asked to vote for the stamp(s) we liked best.

Door prizes will be given out at some meetings -- and this month Ben Heller won the fruit basket. You never know what meeting the door prize will be offered, so don't miss any meetings.

HATS OFF TO HARRY RAPP!!! HARRY likes our new meeting place and donated \$300.00 to the club for rent, etc. Our club members (and especially our Treasurer, BEN HELLER) is delighted!

LUCY formed a program committee consisting of officers to set up programs for the year. She also designated MARILYN SHIRLEY to be chairman of the Social Committee. This committee will be in charge of a possible bus trip, the August picnic and the Christmas Party. See MARILYN if you are interested in helping with any of these events.

Our January program was an APS film strip on preparing an exhibit for a stamp show. A frame consists of 16 pages on one theme and placement of the pages on the frame is very important. The film was instructive, informative and encouraged creativity.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE 1997

February 12, 1997

POTPOURRI BY ALL CLUB MEMBERS

March 12, 1997

CLOTHESLINE EXHIBIT/SHOW AND TELL

April 9, 1997

WORK ON LANCOPEX SHOW

May 14, 1997

SPEAKER

June 11, 1997

AUCTION

July 9, 1997

SPOUSE NIGHT/NON-PHILATELIC COLLECTING

August 13, 1997

CLUB PICNIC

September 10, 1997

SPEAKER

October 8, 1997

SLIDE PROGRAM ON STAMP PRINTING/NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

November 12, 1997

AUCTION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

December 10, 1997

CHRISTMAS PARTY



WHY A GENERAL COLLECTOR?

How is one influenced to become a general collector? Prenatal boredom? Intense belief in Biblical and Constitutional principles (i.e., all stamps are created equal)? The popular song syndrome (when I'm not near the stamps I love, I love the stamps I'm near)? Post-over reaction to childhood's game of no seat when

the music stops, so we try to fill all our album spaces? Or are we noble fold of broad interests (and also of great mental acumen, of course--at least in our own hopes), full of good feelings toward all, unwilling to accept limits besides our whims, satisfactions, and (especially) our pocketbooks (self-indulgent to the core)? Are we deliberately attempting the unachievable, with the happy knowledge that we'll always have the challenge, and never run short of collectibles?

Might we be rebelling, going against the tide, asserting individuality in an age of numbers? Were we the forerunners of anti-discrimination? I'm getting into "Psychology Bay" with a leaky boat, aren't I?

I'm sure it's all of the above, in some mix, plus a few others I'll never tell about (mainly because I'd never think of them), but mostly I'd say because more stamps are more fun; nice, innocent, clean, harmless fun, and why place a limit on that?

Whatever the reason, I've started to suspect stamps isn't the issue. I do the same thing with recorded music, old bottles (pre-emptied -- can't afford the contents), or whatever intrigues my acquisitory instincts.

Actually, in spite of ourselves, we may be the ultimate specialists, specializing in stamps; diversified, colorful, pretty, drab, ugly, etc., pieces of postal prepaid paper (though the world's postal systems would financially and physically collapse if we tried to use them all as postage).

To some, philately may seem a bit silly, but at least there's more to show than if you threw a big round ball through a netted hoop with a hole in its bottom. You

can't even look at that afterward, much less trade it. I hasten to add I have nothing against basketball except that it's physical and I'm not. I like it on stamps just fine, as I do any philatelic subject.

I guess I've said what I set out to say, whatever that was, so I'll close with a parting thought:

"Let us enjoy stamps by day and by night,
With good will to all--may these tongs never fight."

-- C. Hewin, THE CIRCUIT.



HOST/HOUSTESS FOR 1997 MEETINGS

FEBRUARY -- JIM BOYLES

MARCH -- DICK SHAEFER

APRIL -- BOB STEVENSON

MAY -- BILL & TRUYDE GREINER

JUNE -- PETER S. BILLIS

JULY -- MIRIAM ARMERDING

SEPTEMBER -- MARK KING

OCTOBER -- BOB ALLISON

NOVEMBER -- DON WEBER

JANUARY 1998 -- MARY HUSSON



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LCPS DUES ARE DUE

Avoid that hollow feeling of not receiving next month's newsletter and bring your money (it's still \$5.00) to the next meeting or send it to BEN HELLER, 327 HARVEST DRIVE, LITITZ, PA 17543 (and if you are a Playboy bunny) a picture of yourself.



*PRESIDENT'S
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