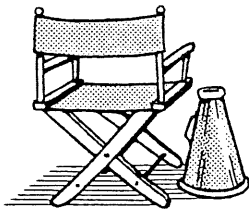


MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603
Next Meeting - Wed., June 11, 1997

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FROM THE



DIRECTOR

P.S. Remember, you usually buy more than you sell at those yard sales, so bring a little money, too. See you there.

Lucy

JUNE HOST



Dear Club Member:

This time of year inspires people to clean, organize and dispose of things - just look at all the yard sales. Your stamp club is going to help you with the spring house-cleaning of your stamp unwantedes by holding a stamp auction at the June meeting.

As I get things together for our auction, the thoughts go through my mind, "I might need this" or "the rarity of the century might be in this bunch of stamps. I can't let go of them yet." (My husband says the same things when I'm getting stuff together for the afore-mentioned year sale. Don't believe it! Be brutal! Bring in those dusty boxes, those semi-forgotten philatelic gems and let's have a whopping good auction.

The host for the June meeting will be PETER BILLIS. Maybe PETER can get a good buy on the leftover snacks from the recent LANCOPEX Show.

JUNE PROGRAM

The program for the June meeting will be an auction. Serving in his usual capacity as auctioneer will be JIM BOYLES. You are requested to put a card with your lot giving a brief description. Don't forget to put your club # on the card as well. There will be a single table for your lots. When the dual tables were used, everything wound up on the auction table anyway.

MAY MEETING

Some of our members knew our guest speaker beforehand from frequenting the Lancaster Downtown P.O. Philatelic Window. To the rest of us she was a mystery and so did not know what to expect. As things turned out, she was valuable, informed, entertaining and a great spokes-person for the Post Office.

In response to our request for a thumbnail sketch of her background, she wrote the following breezy comments:

Kay Herr
Philatelic Clerk
Downtown Station
Lanc, PA 17603-9998

43 yrs old-"looks younger"
Single - 2 Yorkshire Terriers
- "my girls"!
Loves the woods!
Has 2nd home in Fulton County

Philatelic Clerk for 10 yrs.
Collects plate # coils &
errors, freaks & oddities
plate # singles on cover
First Day Programs.

Worked at P.O. 19 yrs.

KAY HERR'S presentation was anything but formal. No notes, just a give and take session with the members asking questions and KAY giving honest answers, letting chips fall as they may. We learned KAY'S collecting interests are errors on stamps and plate number coils.

Her prized error is a booklet of the non-denominational Eagle stamp used in conjunction with the .29 cent stamp to pay the new .32 cent rate. One pane is normal, the second is missing the color red. She paid \$100. for the complete booklet, but doesn't know its market value today. Many of us are famil-

iar with the expertizing and grading of coins to obtain a certification, but few of us were aware of the process involved in expertizing stamps by the A.P.S.

To illustrate the process, she recounted having come across a stamped envelope bearing the blue star but missing the red .29 cent value. Deciding to have it certified she filled out the required form, mailed the envelope by Certified Mail \$4.95 plus postage. A.P.S. charged \$25. for the service and again she paid for Certified Mail and postage for her envelope's return. Their finding, that under high magnification a faint red .29 cent value was visible. So, instead of an error she had an oddity.

KAY recommended that one should make a copy of the item before sending it off. There is about a 90-day turn around. KAY estimates her envelope is worth about \$300. As an avid pursuer of errors, she subscribes to the EFO Newsletter or Errors, Freaks and Oddities. She keeps up with her other interest Plate Number Coins by reading PNC-3 Newsletter.

On her job as the Philatelic Clerk she had dealers call her from all over the country for certain numbers. They would buy all 50 rolls if that were her stock. But she saves a supply for her local customers. We asked her if she had any especially picky collectors and she responded that she had one in S.C., OH and N.J. Her main gripe -- insufficient room for her Philatelic Station. Also, when collectors ask for items already released and she hasn't received her order yet.

KAY takes her job seriously and has arranged for F.D.C. ceremonies. Building up the volume of business she handles is her immediate goal. Someone asked her if the P.O. is concerned over the

possible shipment of drugs by mail into the Lancaster Area. She was unaware of any special steps being taken to preclude drug shipments, but did say her Post Office is taking part in a worldwide alert against bombs in the mail. All in all, we spent a pleasant and informative evening in Kay's company.

Someone told the story of the man who went into the restaurant and when presented with the check took out a sheet of uncut \$20. bills and proceeded to cut one out from the sheet with a pair of scissors.

The recent bus trip to Washington, D.C. was a rousing success. BEN HELLER, the club treasurer said the income was \$726. The bus cost \$685. However, the snacks and drink provided on the bus pushed the final tally to \$8.67 into the red. But everyone agreed the munchies were well worth the cost.

JIM BOYLES passed around note cards with a stamp motif designed by RENEE L. PATTON. If the club buys a dozen boxes, we get a special price. A box was given to KAY as a memento of her visit. See JIM BOYLES if interested -- a box makes a nice philatelic gift.

The recent stamp show was discussed. Dealer feedback was mixed (as usual). Some did great, some poorly. A case of having brought the right material for some dealers who prospered. A member asked if the dealers could be rotated every year on the presumption that attendees would see different material. DICK SHAEFER pointed out that it is better to have the same dealers as they advertise their participation and bring a loyal collector base with them.

A good mix of dealers were on hand, not too heavy with cover dealers, as is sometimes the case. Chinese "collectors" were on hand buying up everything in sight relating to the Asiatic area. TRUYDE reported 35-40 youths approached her table. The attendance was heavy Saturday, attributed to the rain which drove everyone indoors. Sunday's attendance was less which is normal. With new lights installed, there were no complaints from either dealers or attendees of eye strain. On the refreshment front, the club members manned the kitchen and reported that coffee and soft drinks moved well -- snacks, not so.

The show made a profit, maybe next month we'll have the final tally when all the bills have been paid. Oh yes, next year's show will be held again the first weekend in May.



The following new members have joined our club. Please add these names to your Membership List.

PETER E. BORTNER (collects U.S.); J. ROGER GRATZ (collects British Africa, Indonesia, Egypt); AL SCHAUB (collects Germany, and Bermuda); EDGAR M WORREST, (membership renewal); JAMES H. ZIOGAS (collects Greece, Cyprus, and Germany).

Please make every effort to welcome these members at our club meetings.

ORIGIN OF THE PHRASE "ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD"

In the May Newsletter we printed the story of the new Liberty five cent coin that was gold plated and passed off as a five dollar gold piece. The writer of the article closed with the admonition to beware that "All that glitters is not gold." The expression piqued our interest and we wondered if any of our club members knew its origin.

We were literally floored when this response arrived in the mail. Herb Tindall had taken up the challenge and researched the phrase in great depth. We are reprinting his letter in its entirety.

The April 1997 issue of *Phil-a-Telling Around* poses an interesting question as to the origin of the phrase, "All that glitters is not gold". The reference suggests possible authors as the Bible, a Shakespeare sonnet, or Benjamin Franklin.

I am unable to find such a quote in the Bible, and I think we can dispose of Benjamin Franklin. Shakespeare (1564-1616) isn't bad, but the quote is not from a sonnet, but from *The Merchant of Venice*, Scene 7, line 65; the exact quote here is "All that glitters is not gold."

The exact quote "All that glitters is not gold" appears in John Dryden's (1631-1700) *The Hind and the Panther*: "All, as they say, that glitters is not gold."

But the quote can be traced back at least as far as Geoffrey Chaucer (1340-1400). *The Canterbury Tales*: The Chanouns Yemannes Tale, Line 962, contains these lines:

"But al thing which that shyneth as the gold

Nis nat gold, as that I have heard it told."

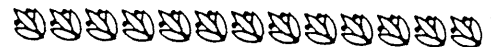
He might have "heard it told" by Alanus de Insulis, who died in 1294, 46 years before Chaucer was born. His *Parabolae* contains the line "Non teneas aurum totum quod splendet ut aurum", which translates as "Do not hold everything as gold which shines like gold".

John Lydgate, later, in his *On the Mutability of Human Affairs*, wrote "All is not golde that outward shewith bright."

Edmund Spenser (1553(?) -1599) wrote in *The Fairie Queen*, Book II, Canto VIII, st. 14, "Gold all is not that doth golden seem". Shakespeare's quote "All that glitters is not gold" is repeated by Googe (*Eglogs*, etc.) in *A Fair Trial*, verse 1.

My vote goes to Alanus de Insulis, though a more exhaustive research than my 30-minute superficial scan would probably turn up similar quotes clothed in antiquity.

Thanks Herb. We're sure you could work up a great genealogy chart, too!



ADVANCE NOTICE

The July meeting will be a special meeting when we will bring our spouse/friend to the meeting along with other things we collect. This will be a fun evening, so check out your other "collectibles."



This item appeared in a recent Linn's. With a little substitution, it could reflect the explosive growth of the world's human population.

Going for 4,000

A rather significant event occurred recently, and I have not seen any reference to it in the philatelic press. The United States issued its 3,000th stamp.

It took 104 years to issue the first 1,000 stamps. It took only 31 years to issue the next 1,000 stamps, and it took just 13 years for the third 1,000 stamps.

The obvious question is when will No. 4,000 be released? At the ever-accelerating rate, it could be any minute now. After all, we are apparently getting 150 new stamps to celebrate another sort of millennium.

NOTICE

The first issue of the LCPS Newsletter, September 1990, was a slim one-sheeter. Conceived by MARILYN SHIRLEY as "Word Processor", SARAH BROWN as Researcher and JIM LYMAN as Editor, Vol. 1 No. 1 consisted of a column entitled "From the President's Desk" by then President, DICK SHAEFER, wherein he noted the changes occurring, such as the NL, the rewriting of the By-Laws,

establishment of committees to handle membership and publicity, new programs, hospitality. Heretofore, everything fell to the President to do.

An account of the Club's Annual Picnic held that year at Neffsville Park announced that AGNES STRAYER had won the golf putting, RICHARD BOTTE took honors in shuffleboard. SHIRLEY GRUB guessed the weight of the watermelon within 1/2 oz. A quiz associating words with the names of local towns was also won by SHIRLEY. Guessing the number of candies in the jar was easy for MARY HUSSON who shared her winnings with all present. CAROL SHAEFER'S entry for a NL name was selected and still remains: "PHIL-A-TELLING AROUND"

We asked for previously published articles or new material written by our members. We welcomed comments, criticisms and suggestions. We started a Buy-Sell-Trade Column for classified ads by members. Finally, we announced the agenda for the October meeting: "Ultra-violet Lamps and Their Application to Stamp Collecting."

Now, seven years and some seventy odd issues later, I wish to inform the club that I am resigning as the Editor. I'm sure someone will step forward to fill the position. MARILYN cannot be the Editor, Processor and Clerical Staff all by herself. If you want your NL to continue and to be even more effective, pitch in. I feel that next to the LANCOPEX, the NL has had the greatest bearing on the continued existence and growth of our club. It has been a pleasure, but as we know, everything has its time and mine, as editor, has come and now has passed.

JIM LYMAN



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