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MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Looks like Fall is just around the corner -- and once again we put away the garden hose and get out our stamp albums.

Club committees have also been busy this month. The trip committee met for planning food and the 60th Anniversary Celebration committee met for planning our December banquet. Details of the work of these committees are enclosed in this newsletter.

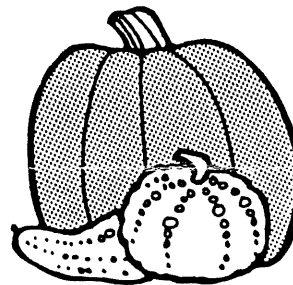
Next month is the election of officers. Please consider holding an office for the up-coming year. We will be electing a Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. The term of Vice-President is for one year with automatically being President the following year. The terms for Secretary and Treasurer are two years each.

In the past few years, members of our club have been very willing to pitch in on committees and leadership responsibilities. This prevailing attitude is a tremendous help to the officers. I thank all of you for your help in making the officers' jobs so enjoyable and rewarding. We are a STAMP FAMILY! And what do stamp families do -- STICK TOGETHER, of course!

Marilyn

October Hostess

Our hostess for the OCTOBER meeting will be riding in on her broom and will have a bag of trick or treats for all of us along with some magic potent to whet our appetites. Look under that black hat -- and you will find **LUCY EYSTER**, the best Halloween treat in all of Lancaster county!



October Program

PETER BILLIS is in charge of the October Program which will be an APS slide on Stamps of Mexico. The stamps of our neighbor to the South can be very interesting. Bring your sombrero and jumping beans and get ready to tango right thru some Mexican Stamp history.

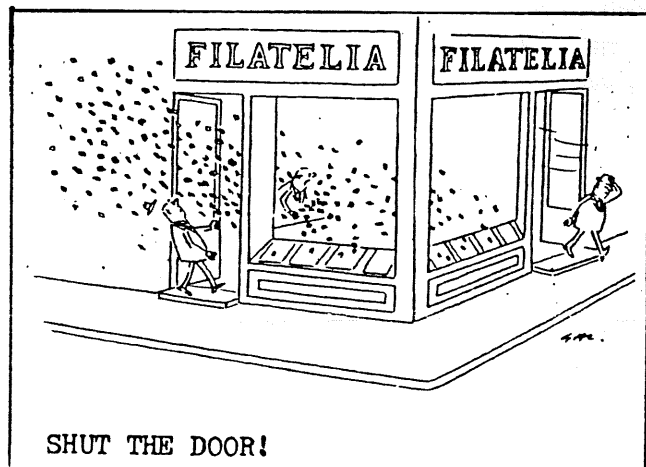
**L.C.P.S. BUS TRIP
OCTOBER 17, 1998
7:00 A.M.**

Preparations are underway for our bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 17, 1998 at 7:00 a.m.

PETER BILLIS is chairman of the bus trip. At the present time, PETER has 31 reservations. We still have room for more passengers, so contact your friends and invite them along.

We will be leaving Lancaster at 7:00 a.m. from the parking lot of the GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 64 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster and arrive in Washington about 10:00 a.m. We will leave Washington at 6:00 p.m. sharp for the return trip home. The cost is \$20.00. Reserve your spot today by sending your check to Peter Billis, 208 E. New Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LANCASTER PICK-UP LOCATION.



GETTING STAMPS FOR NOTHING

I like stamps. No, I mean I **REALLY** like stamps. My favorite way of getting stamps is in large quantities, such as packets and mixtures. It doesn't matter where they come from, whether they are U.S., Canada, or Australia for my

collection, or Great Britain, Germany, or other miscellaneous stamps for Cathy's collection. When it comes to stamps, "The more the merrier!", I always say. I don't like to pay large amounts of money for only one or two stamps. The more I can get for my money the happier I am.

I would like to share a method that Cathy and I have found to be extremely successful for acquiring used stamps at **no cost**. The first ingredient required is to have a large family or a long list of friends. We meet this requirement easily by having a rather large family.

The idea that I used is not a new one. You simply ask every member of your family to save stamps for you. If your family likes you, you get lots of stamps. It's really quite simple. The method I used was to send each member of my family (and some good friends) a form letter that I prepared on the computer. It stated precisely what I was trying to achieve (amassing a great number of stamps), and also stated as simply as possible how to cut stamps off of envelopes. This can be tricky (you know what non-collectors can be like), so I avoid confusion by sending along as example (using a very common definitive in case the family member didn't join in the fun). In addition, I then wrote that the receiver now had at least two stamps to send back to me, the example I enclosed, and the stamp on the envelope of the letter they had just opened.

The hardest part is to convince a **non-collector** that every stamp is important. My relatives often ask, "You must already have this flower stamp. Do you want more?" Once I explain that there are booklet, coil, and sheet versions of many U.S. stamps, the problem usually goes away. I even told my sister about PNC's, and now she searches for them in the stamps she gets and sets them aside in the "special" pile.

My results were far beyond my expectations, and hardly a week goes by without a small package of stamps arriving. I sent 21 letters to my family and friends with nearly 95 percent successful returns. Some of these have resulted in constant supply of hundreds of stamps, while others have searched through old letters in the attic and sent one or two packages of older material.

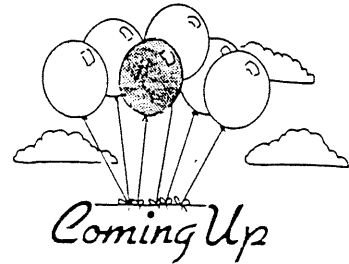
My letters went out in October last year, and we now have a continuously overflowing shoe box full of stamps. I have emptied it three times since Christmas, and it is stuffed full again.

We don't care if we get five thousand F stamp flowers, because somewhere in between comes a great number of gems. For example, we have received a \$10.75 Express Mail stamp, and several high value U.S., Canadian, British, Marshall Island, and Hong Kong definitives. I am hoping one of these days that several \$8.75 Express Mail stamps will come our way.

It is really nice to know that the stamps you put on your letters to relatives are definitely going to come back to your collection. The system has been working beautifully for us for about six months. We are no longer disappointed by not receiving some of the U.S. issues that we missed (I don't know how) in the past. Most 1989 and 1990 U.S. issues are well represented in our collection now. However, some issues are surprisingly scarce (by our collection count). For example, we are still low on the set of our 25 cent Postal Union issues, last year's Classic Movies issues, and the Olympians.

You may want to pass this idea on to any Junior stamp collector you know. It is a good way to get a collect "off the ground".

--Howard Berna
Atlanta Newsletter



60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1998
COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee for the December Anniversary Dinner met on Tuesday, October 22, 1998. The ALLISON/WEBER Co-Chairmen promptly got down to business by attacking the "menu" first.

It was decided we will have the dinner buffet style, serving Fruit Cup, Chicken Breasts, Ham, Twice Baked Potatoes, Carrots, Salad and Anniversary Cake for dessert.

Punch and hors d'oeuvres would be available at 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee has not firmed up the program as yet, but we are all open to suggestions. Please do not hesitate to share any ideas you may have for this special 60th year celebration of the L.C.P.S.

Bob Allison, Don Weber, Chairmen
Jack Deaner
Truyde & Bill Greiner
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THE TIGHTWAD

Not sure if your letter weighs more than an ounce? Don't have a postal scale? Then THE TIGHTWAD GAZETTE has a tip for you.

Lay a pencil on the table. Place a 12-inch ruler across the pencil, centering it on the 6-inch mark. Place five quarters on the 3-inch mark, and center your letter on the 9-inch mark.

Five quarters weigh exactly 1 ounce, so if the homemade scale doesn't tip to raise your quarters, your letter weighs less than 1 ounce.

If it does tip, you'll need to have a 23 cent stamp handy to pay that second ounce.

-- "The Insider," Les Winick