



Veranda-Early Spring

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society
American Topical Assn., Chapter 118
Member, NY Federation of Stamp Clubs

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Bourse at 6:30 pm, Business meeting at 7:00 pm; Tom Nichols, Host

The Veranda Chronicles

What a Show! – The past few weeks were busy ones, with our monthly meeting at the Club on April 11th and a thoroughly informative and entertaining presentation by our friend Bill Schultz on the new and improved Exhibiting Point system. We also thank Bill for auctioning off a few goodies with proceeds going to the Club.

Then on Saturday April 14th, a number of us carpoled to the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) and listened to the final installment of the "You've Got Mail" Lecture Series by preeminent, award-winning postal historian and good friend Dr. John Barwis on "The Rise and Fall of Philadelphia Area's Pre-eminence as a Postal Communication Center." To memorialize this phenomenal Lecture Series, I reached out to each presenter and they were kind enough to share their presentations as PDF's, which I posted in a special section on our website (with

two more to come). Please do visit the webpage¹, scroll down, and enjoy the rich information we were privy to at the seminars. When you see him, please thank Bill Schultz for this phenomenal series and exhibition.

We closed out the month of April with our 33rd Annual Stamp Show and Exhibition – LANCOPEX 2018. And what a Stamp Show it was! I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with many of you and meeting our new members and guests. The exhibition hall was abuzz with activity, smiling Dealers and Attendees alike. Our friends from the USPOD were in attendance, a broad array of Exhibits where mounted to whet our appetite, not to mention the concession and all those tasty treats. I do hope you picked up some philatelic treasures for your collections.

The June PSLC Newsletter will detail the final tally of attendees, the financials, as well as the Dealer Survey and affiliate feedback. I hope you were smiling while our *ad hoc* photography crew took photos of the Show, which will appear on our website to memorialize the event. I personally would like to thank the LANCOPEX Planning Committee and Volunteers who spent many hours in front of and behind the scenes to make this annual event possible and a success.

As we enter the month of May and warmer weather, the Society is pleased to have a new program prepared by Vera Felts on the *State Symbols of PA on Stamps*, with Thomas Nichols as our Host. Additionally, please enjoy another article from Hal Klein on the "The Voice of America Stamp Club, America's Largest Unknown Stamp Club." *CJD*

¹<http://www.lcps-stamps.org/presentations/>

State Symbols of PA on Stamps

Prepared by Vera Felts

Vera Felts has been the Executive Director of The American Topical Association since 2009. ATA is the largest topical collecting society in the world. Under her leadership she has increased membership through ATA's Ambassador program, along with a new topical checklist database resulting in greater quality and quantity of the lists and a more user-friendly interface. Mrs. Felts was selected as the ATA's 2017 *Distinguished Topical Philatelist*.

While intending to present tonight's program herself, a family member's serious but planned procedure has

caused her to cancel her East Coast trip with several philatelic engagements. She sends her regards and regrets that she will not be able to visit PSLC this year, but perhaps she will in the future.



Her creation, *State Symbols of PA on Stamps*, is a marvelous example of topical collecting for those

interested in Commonwealth history, geography, etc. Further, for those intending to work with youth and their collecting, this presentation is a must. It is especially useful in teaching the individual, small group, or an entire classroom. This is an instrument of the future.

Pictured at left at the ATA Ambassador's table at a recent BALPEX are (L→R) PSLC's ATA Rep, **Lucy Eyster**, **Vera Felts**, and **Joe Sullivan**, PSLC's May, 2019 featured speaker *Re: Graphics/Printing on Stamps*.

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Visitors are Always Welcome

PSLC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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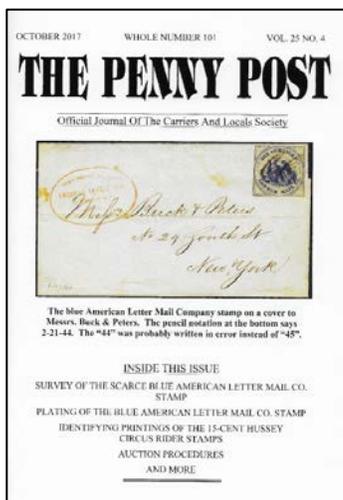
From Lancopex Manpower:
Heartfelt thanks to the all the volunteers who made the show a success. *Bill & Paul*

The Carriers and Locals Society

Dick Colberg

Mission Statement: "The purpose of The Penny Post is to present original research articles in the fields of United States Carriers, Local Posts, and Eastern Expresses. Forgeries in these areas are also researched. Articles are reviewed, and assistance is provided by the Editor's section heads who comprise the editorial board."

The Penny Post is the quarterly journal of the Carriers and Locals Society (C&LS). It has received 24 Gold Medals in Literature competition.



Carriers and Locals are stamps issued in conjunction with postal carrier services in the U.S. in the 1840s-1860s. There is a large section of the *Scott Catalogue* devoted to these stamps. The C&LS has been instrumental in confirming many of the *Scott* listings.

I became interested in the society in the 1990s when I was getting active in collecting the Baltimore Carrier Stamps.

Years later, after Jim Boyles died, I was asked to dispose of his voluminous collection. He had a whole Xerox paper box full of carriers and locals. I knew very little about these stamps beyond the Baltimore stamps. I consulted with the President of the society by phone and he volunteered to sort through the box and identify everything if I'd come to his home in Alexandria, VA. No contest! Most of Jim's items were reprints and some fakes. I would never have known without the help of this—>

April Business Minutes & Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: President **DiComo** opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and introduced new member, **Ed Close**. He also updated the membership of happenings on the website.

Membership: **Lucy Eyster** announced two new members through APS including **Wayne Heim** and **Scott Ney**. She and **Paul Petersen** will follow-up with these members. The attendance tonight was 48.

Approval of March Minutes and Treasurer's Report: These were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Drawing/Door Prizes: Light-house stock books were won by **Lucy Eyster** and **Dennis Shumaker**.

50-50 Drawing: **Mike Bach** won the drawing and will split \$72 with the club.

Lancopex: **Lou DiFelice** and **Paul** gave updates. Final volunteer and frame sign-ups were circulated. Dealer updates were given. **RD Noble** is completing

the show program, and **Dr. DiComo** is continually updating the website and Facebook page with show info. The show cover is ready on the theme of the *125th Anniversary of the Columbian Exposition*. And it contains real 1¢ (230) and 2¢ (231) stamps from the '93 Expo.

Save the Date: Saturday, 23 June for RSCC/PSLC caravans to APS/SCOPEX: **Mike Bach** announced preliminary plans for carpooling from both Reading and Lancaster to APS for SCOPEX, the stamp show of the Nittany Valley Stamp Club. Details to follow.

Announcements: The last Chester County Postal History Symposium will be this Saturday. Delpex will be on Sat., 21 April.

Treasury: 1-31 March '18

Opening:	\$2,607.31
Income:	\$925.00
Expenses:	\$259.23
Sum:	\$3,273.08
3-Cds	@ \$7,023.20

PSLC News

In the News: PSLC 1st VP **John Hostetter** received honorable mention in the *Linn's Stamp News* February Caption Contest (26 March, pg.-6). For the 2006 Winter Olympics downhill skier (Scott# 3995), John suggested, "*The stock market just passed me going down. I hope it doesn't hit me going back up.*"



Volunteer Opening: After several years **Lucy Eyster** will be retiring from her position as chairman of the Membership Committee. This is one of the most important positions in PSLC and involves maintaining the membership roster,

learned and helpful society.

Visit the C&LS website at: www.pennypost.org

collecting dues, welcoming new members, and other *ad hoc* tasks. See Paul with any questions.

Summer Picnic: There will be sign-ups this month for the 8 August event. It's a time to bring your favorite dish and share. Everything else is provided.

Eagles Win Super Bowl: USPS is now in the cachet business!



SCOPEX: As noted in the minutes, carpools will leave from the Reading and Lancaster areas for APS on the morning of Saturday, 23 June. We are hoping to get a few minutes with Scott English, Executive Director. If you are interested in riding or driving, contact **Mike Bach** or **Paul Petersen** in the Reading or Lancaster areas respectively

Lancopex Coverage: The June newsletter will be our Lancopex issue including registration statistics, Dealer Survey, the show cover, snaps, exhibits, and more.

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & Shows

2018 Programs

9 May: State Symbols of PA on Stamps, Vera Felts. Thomas Nichols, Host

13 June: Spring Auction. Paul Petersen, Host

11 July: History of the Schuylkill Canal in PPCs, Aaron Heckler.

8 August: Club Picnic, Memorial Park, Millersville, PA

13 September: Fall Auction. Dennis Shumaker, Host

10 October: Postal Material from the 1940s. Tom Nichols. Deb Ehleiter, Host

14 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits, Len Kasper and Paul Petersen

12 December: December Dinner, Deb Ehleiter & Co.

2019 Programs

9 January: Club Auction. John Hostetter, Host

13 February: TBA

13 March: Stampless Mail from U.S. to Europe. Dr. DiComo

10 April: Aspects of PA Postal History. Bill Schultz

8 May: Graphics/Printing on Stamps. Joseph Sullivan

12 June: Club Auction

10 July: Making Philatelic Donations, Richard Nakles

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2018 Shows/Events

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Sundays, 24 June, 19 Aug., 14 Oct., & 16 Dec. Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster. Lunch is free.

County Collectors: The Postcard Club meets Monday, 21 May, and the Red Rose Coin Club meets Thursday, 17 May. Both meet at the Farm & Home Center.

SCOPEX: APS-Bellefonte, PA S/N 23-24 June 2018.

Harrisburg: CCPS Fall Stamp Show, Sunday, 9 September, Lower Swatara Firehouse, Middletown, 9:30-3:30, Free.

America's Largest Unknown Stamp Club!

By Hal Klein



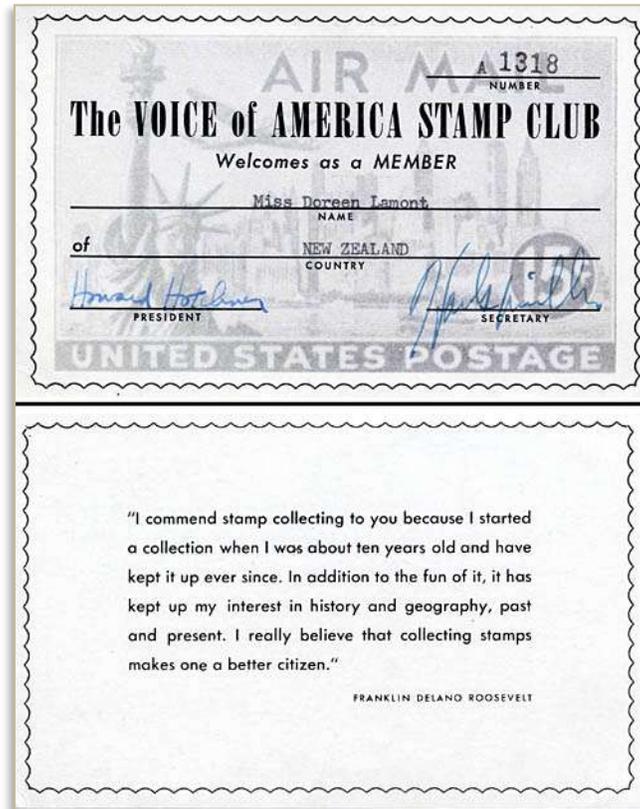
The Office of War Information¹ (O.W.I.) was formed at the beginning of World War II to provide citizens in foreign countries accurate, up-to-the-minute news and useful information about what was happening at the war fronts in their countries and elsewhere around-the-world.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had known of the Reich Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda Paul Joseph Goebbels' success within the Nazi Party. Goebbels was a master of Fascist radio, print and film propaganda...he had engineered the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party to power. Goebbels was creating a propaganda machine designed to get gain a foothold in the "minds" of the peoples of unoccupied Europe, North, South and Central America, Africa and Asia.

The Nazi's wanted to shape minds around the world. FDR need only point Members of Congress and the Senate in the direction of the "German American Bund" and "Deutscher Bund Canada" to make his point of the traction the movements were gaining on North America soil. Of course, then as now, the House and the Senate moved at their normal pace. So, the O.W.I. was launched by Executive Order on June 13, 1942 to mount a large-scale information and propaganda operation in Europe and around the world to combat the worldwide Fascist threat.

The O.W.I. was abolished in April, 1945 by Executive Order of the new President Harry Truman, however the radio broadcast unit established by F.D.R. under the O.W.I. for international broadcasting overseas, the "Voice of America", would continue under the original V.O.A. charter, "to broadcast accurate, balanced, and comprehensive news and information to an international audience."

In 1952, Howard Hotchner (father of the philatelic writer John Hotchner) and Bill Miller², "...developed a promotional idea...they created the "Voice of America Stamp Club", and which, "...ultimately numbered many hundreds of thousands of registered members around the world. Who knows how many millions of listeners could not, or dared not; write to the Voice of America."²



If you have never heard of the Voice of America Stamp Club it's because under United States law, the Voice of America was, and still is, prohibited from broadcasting within the United States. Howard Hotchner functioned as V.O.A. stamp club president, while Bill Miller was the writer and the "voice" of the V.O.A. Stamp Club's weekly stamp program. Bill focused on the stories behind U. S. stamps, especially new issues and how they reflected positively on American history and our society."

These covers are not expensive. However, for obvious reasons they are extremely scarce in the U.S. The value is in its postal history and what it represents.

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