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SUMMER PLANS SET

BOARD DECIDES ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES

PLANS TO BE AHEAD AT JUNE 14 MEETING

At their last meeting of the year, planning a series of activities to start this weekend (June 15-16), the board of directors of the Lancaster County Philatelist will announce their summer plans. The meeting is to be held at the Old Mill, just south of Harrisburg, on June 14 at 8:00 PM, welcoming all members to the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Old Mill, just south of Harrisburg, on June 14 at 8:00 PM, welcoming all members to the meeting.

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The Westfield Philatelist

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American Philatelic Society Chapter 950
American Topical Association Chapter 913

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 24, 2019 - "The Union of South Africa: The Doreland Trade of 1920"



By John Doreland
Doreland's (Jan Van Buren's) stamp South Africa (1920) booklet page with 1920 stamp (Scott #46) No. 1961. This is not one of the stamps in the 1920 series, but it is a stamp of that series. It is a 1920 stamp.

April 25, 2019 - "Thessalonians: Mail"

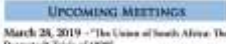
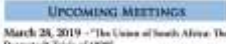
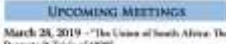
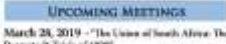
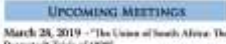
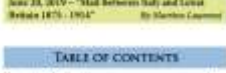
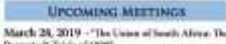
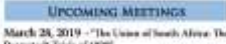
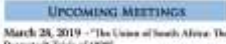
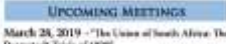
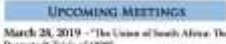
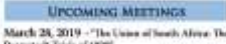
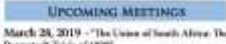
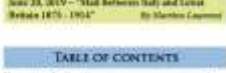
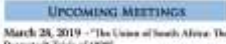
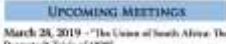
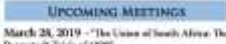
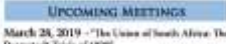
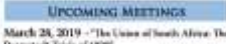
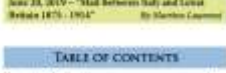
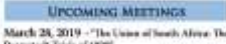
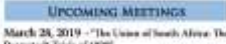
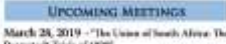
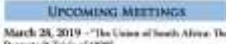
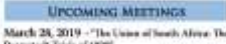
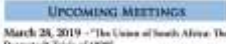
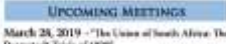
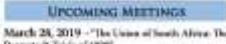
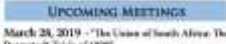
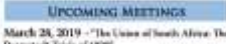
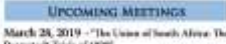
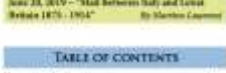
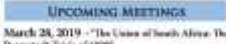
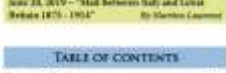
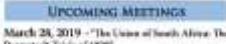
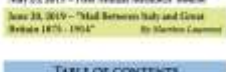
2019 PROGRAM
Subject: The History of the Westfield Stamp Club
Chair: Chairman, Program Committee

May 25, 2019 - "First Annual Member's Dinner"

June 25, 2019 - "Mail Between South Africa and Britain 1875 - 1904"

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Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

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December Dinner, Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Buffet begins at 6:00

Good food and fellowship, gift exchange, entertainment, and more.



From the West End

I hope by now that you have had a chance to peruse and use the upgraded website. Congrats to Charles DiComo for making this possible.

This website upgrade and logo started as a Christmas present to our editor from his daughter-in-law, Heather last year. She has worked closely with Charlie providing the upgraded platform and security while he rebuilt the site. The site is the evidence. As an app and web designer, for this year, Heather will continue to cover our site through her company (lovelocaldesign.com) with security and platform upgrades as needed.

Be sure to send a link to your philatelic friends. And utilize

this site yourself for the links, reference material, and for the information exchange. The latter is starting to catch on.

There were visits to this site, and we have had some queries into visiting and joining PSLC. So the year is ending along with my term as PSLC president. It has been a privilege to work with such a fine group of club members, officers, and Board. I plan to keep just as busy as before and help where I can. Have a wonderful holiday season and Joyous New Year to follow in 2018. Doug



You will note, too, a reconfigured logo that we'll launch in January.

2017 December Dinner: \$15 per person-Pay at the door. Exact change is preferred. Gift Packets for APS & ATA: There will be a box to collect your donated items. Needed for ATA are packets of 30 stamps for given topics, perhaps doubles from of your topical collection? APS needs packets of 25 stamps of either U.S. or foreign, or even better-both.

December Dinner: The Best Deal In Town...

Dinner Menu

Cheese and Crackers
Holiday Punch

Cocktail Meatballs
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Apricot Glazed Pork Loin
Oven Roasted Salmon

Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Wild Rice Pilaf
Key Biscayne Blend
Petite Peas with Pearl Onions

Cherry Crumb Pie
Triple Chocolate Cake

Hot Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea
Ice Water

Directions to the Viva Center Enter Woodcrest Villa from Harrisburg Pike. Turn right at the "T" intersection as you normally would for Bluebird Commons. Continue on the main road past the entrance for Bluebird and about 75 yards past Bluebird, you'll see the Viva Center on your left. This is the new entrance, Visitor Center, and much more. It will be well lit and there will be parking galore in front of the building. Once inside the building head left to the sounds of laughter and merriment where you will soon join your PSLC colleagues.

2017 Gift Exchange There will be two gift exchanges. The first is for philatelic items such as stamps, postal products, and postal related collectibles, stuff you would like to receive. The second drawing is for non-philatelic items. Values should be in the \$5-\$8 price range. (No candles, please) Everyone present at the dinner, PSLC members and guests, may enter either or both drawings. What should you enter into the exchange? Use Murphy's Golden Rule for Gift Exchanges: "Only give items that you would like to receive yourselves."



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December 2017

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Welcome

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Happy Thanksgiving to
All from PSLC

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Bourse opens at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, 14 November 2018

Short Business meeting at 7:00 pm; Open House with Presentation and 1-Page Exhibits will follow. Tonight's hosts are Len Kasper and Paul Petersen

The Veranda Chronicles

The cooler weather is upon us, the leaves are unhurriedly changing their hue, and the aroma of baked confections fills the air. I often reminisce during this time of year, and on October 10th we were taken back nearly 80 years by Thomas Nichols. He shared his presentation with us entitled "The 1940's: A Decade of Stamps." Tom wanted to accomplish an all-inclusive collection of the different types of postal material published over this varied decade of turmoil and new beginnings in order to better understand how U.S. philately was affected by those world events.

He identified 15 different categories of postal material that can be collected and over 175 postal items issued. His exhibit highlights

lights many of those different collecting categories and focuses on the great series of stamps and postal events that occurred during the 1940's, from the post great depression era thru World War II and into the post-world War II era. I have posted his presentation on our website, and you can also view it on the StampSmarter website.

On November 14th the Society will hold its Annual Open House & Exhibition. It is open to all ages and refreshments will be served - so bring a friend or two. Many stamps and covers will be on display and there will be stamps, covers and postal history of all varieties for sale. Stamp dealers will also be on hand to give value evaluations and answer any questions.

We will also have two guest speakers; David Hunt and yours truly. David will speak on "Czeslaw Slania - Master Engraver" and I will discuss "The Development of Perforations on United States Postage Stamps, 1855-1857." The program begins at 7:00 pm, and there will be a Q&A period devoted to stamp and postal history collecting, and an introduction to the club and hobby, in general, for all those interested. This is one of my favorite events of the year - it is so satisfying to see everyone, welcome guests, and hear from many of our over 100 active members on the myriad of collecting areas they specialize in. I know I always walk away with new appreciation for our hobby. Hope to see you all there! Cheers, CDi

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

http://www.smart.com/learning/album_1940home.html



On 19 December: How many of you enjoy Chicken Florentine, Seafood Newburgh, and Baked Ham in Cranberry Sauce or some of each? And how about topping it off with Tiramisu and Apple Crumb Pie? (See Pg.-3)

Open House and 1-Page Exhibits

The time has come for one of our most fun events of the year, the Open House and Exhibits Night. There will be special snacks, lots of people, a bourse, presentations, and exhibits. There is something for everyone.

This will start with two short presentations: Czeslaw Slania-Master Engraver by David Hunt, and The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps, 1855-1857 by Dr. C.J. DiComo. Master of Ceremonies, Len Kasper

has sent out much publicity, so we are hoping that each of you will bring a friend. Supporting this, Dennis Shumaker is planning on bringing two friends! The list of exhibitors is taking shape with the following: Mike Bach, Penny Post Jubilee 1890- Envelopes and Inserts; Jay Bouchard (TBA); Dennis Bouchard (Still thinking about it) Paul Petersen, Spanish Civil War and possibly another; RD Noble, History-Good & Bad Covers;

David Hunt, Bunker Hill Monuments, Picarm's Island; Jay Eherly, D.D. Eisenhower; Diane Meek (TBA); Tom Nichols, 1936-37 Military Academies set and FDC and second day covers out of D.C. Scott Ney, Baseball. Did I miss anyone? Not to worry. Just come. It's not too late to sign up; send Paul an email or give him a call with the approximate number of pages you have. This data will be used for planning purposes.



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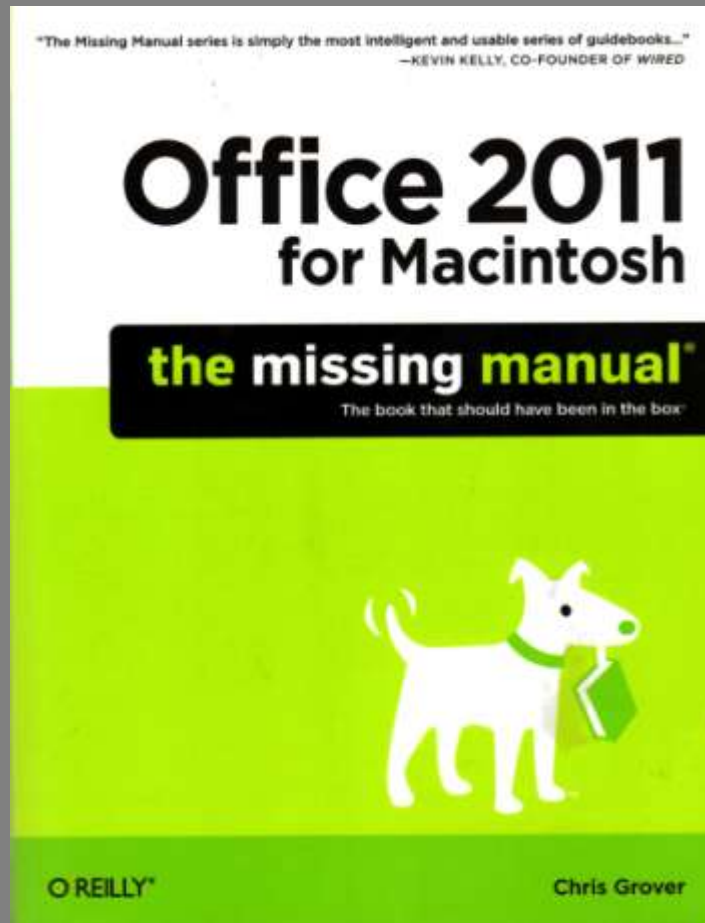
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Thanksgiving



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Advantage Newsletter



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Checkerboard Newsletter



Fall Newsletter



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Location, Dates, and Times



Special hand cancel created
by Dr. DiComo for the
Passport to Discovery pro-
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Barbara Buchanan, Hostess; Doug Milliken, Permanent Greeter

Note the Hostess and Greeter.

Table before
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Relevant President's Message



Special hand cancel created by Dr. DiComo for the Passport to Discovery program at the North Museum.

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

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

Bourse Opens at 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7:00 pm; Presentation follows
Barbara Buchanan, Hostess; Doug Milliken, Permanent Greeter

The Veranda Chronicles

Happy Spring! – On March 13th, 2019, the Society welcomed renowned postal historian Mark Schwartz to our monthly meeting. We thank him for visiting and for a great meal, dynamic conversation, an informative presentation entitled "The New York Postmaster Provisional Stamp of 1845," and an extensive Q&A session. Attendees were in awe of the breadth and rarity of the material shown. The presentation is available on our website for those that could not attend.¹ On March 23rd, a group of 25+ regional philatelists and postal historians met at the Chester County Historical Society for the inaugural meeting of The Philatelic Gathering. The mission of this group is to "Share our Love of Philately with Others." Noted

philatelist Kean Spencer hosted with an agenda including three diverse speakers: Mark Schwartz on "Special Arrangement between the U.S. & Liverpool from 1843-1848"; Bill Schultz on "Dining Car Postcards"; and Vince Cossello on "Fancy Cancells" along with three displays. There was something for everyone, followed by an enjoyable luncheon at a local haunt. For details on the group, programs, and future meeting dates. Visit our webpage.² On March 30th, the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County in partnership with the North Museum of Nature & Science launched a joint program called the "Passport to Discovery" seen nearby. The program offers a variety of thematic activity stations across the Museum, e.g., Women's His-

tory Month, Live Animal Room, Coding Corner, and American Wolves. Participants complete a task to earn stamps for their Passport, after which it is canceled with a special hand stamp I fashioned for the program (see top left Pg.-1). For more information, visit the North Museum website to plan your visit.³



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¹www.lcps-stamps.org/presentations/ ²<http://www.lcps-stamps.org/study-groups/>
³<http://www.northmuseum.org/> ⁴<http://www.lcps-stamps.org/lancopes/>

Program: The Joys of Philately - Bill Schultz

December Dinner, Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Buffet begins at 6:00

Good food and fellowship, gift exchange, entertainment, and more.



From the West End



I hope by now that you have had a chance to peruse and use the upgraded website. Congrats to Charles DiComo for making this possible.



You will note, too, a reconfigured logo that we'll launch in January.

This website upgrade and logo started as a Christmas present to our editor from his daughter-in-law, Heather last year. She has worked closely with Charlie providing the upgraded platform and security while he rebuilt the site. The site is the evidence. As an app and web designer, For this year, Heather will continue to cover our site through her company (lovelocaldesign.com) with security and platform upgrades as needed.

Be sure to send a link to your philatelic friends. And utilize

this site yourself for the links, reference material, and for the information exchange. The latter is starting to catch on.

There were visits to this site, and we have had some queries into visiting and joining PSLC.

So the year is ending along with my term as PSLC president. It has been a privilege to work with such a fine group of club members, officers, and Board. I plan to keep just as busy as before and help where I can. Have a wonderful holiday season and joyous New Year to follow in 2018. **Doug**

2017 December Dinner: \$15 per person-Pay at the door.



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PSLC Newsletter



What follows are the Club Newsletters past and present.

These have taken many different forms and names over the years such as "*Lancaster County Philatelist*", "*The Stamp Scene*", "*Phil-a-Telling Around*", "*LCPS News Letter*" and for the past decade the "*PSLC Newsletter*". If you have a story you would like to share, please contact our Editor-in-Chief [Dr. Paul Petersen](#). Enjoy!









If you find a broken link, an unreadable issue, or have old issues to share, please contact [Charles J. DiComo, PhD](#).

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wish to learn about.

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¹lcp-stamps.org/presentations/exhibits/ ²stampsmarter.com/learning/album_Overrun_home.html

³<http://www.lcp-stamps.org/presentations/>

Scott English on the State of APS and the Hobby

Scott English has served as Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society since August 2015. Prior to joining the APS staff, he served in a variety of positions in Washington, DC and South Carolina. In Washington, Scott worked for the non-profit taxpayers group, Citizens Against Government Waste from 1994-1996. He went to Capitol Hill to serve on the staff of U.S. Representative Mark Sanford (SC-1) and U.S. Rep. Bob Barr (GA-7). Following his tenure in Washington, Scott joined the administration of incoming South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford and held a variety of positions, most notably Chief of Staff from 2008 to 2011.

From 2011 to 2015, Scott joined newly-elected State Superintendent Mick Zais at the South Carolina Department of Education. At the Department, Scott served as Chief Operating Officer managing the day-to-day operations of a staff of nearly 950 people and a \$4 billion budget.

As Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, Scott manages a 30-person team dedicated to serving collectors around the world, with an annual budget of more than \$5 million. As Executive Director, Scott oversaw the construction of the new library located at the Amer-

ican Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, which opened in October 2016. In June 2016, Scott led the efforts to recover Position 76 of the McCoy Block of the Inverted Jenny at the World Stamp Show – NY 2016. In 2017, he completed a \$150,000 fundraising campaign to help the APS increase their profile, recruitment, and services through technology.

Scott currently lives in Bellefonte, with his wife, Kendra, both the proud parents of three grown children, Seth, Colin, and Tess. Scott and Kendra will be guests of the club for dinner at the Olive Garden prior to the meeting.

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Save the Date

17 March: Chester
21 April: Delpex
27-28 April: Lancaster

The Pluses/Minuses of Philatelic Points in Our Exhibiting by Bill Schultz

PSLC looks forward to an informative and entertaining presentation each year by **Bill Schultz**. Tonight he will address the pros and cons of grading philatelic exhibits using a newly revised numeric system.

Bill will discuss the background for developing such a rating system and assess how it has fared after 15 months in place. Is it good news or bad news?

Our speaker has been an exhibitor since the early 1960s and has served as an accredited APS judge for many years. Most recently he was elected to the Board of Directors of the **American Association of Phila-**

telic Exhibitors, just recognition for his service in this area.

Many in PSLC are familiar with Bill for his role in curating the outstanding postal history exhibit at the Chester County Historical Society with its corresponding program of world class speakers and researchers entitled **"You've Got Mail."** This is a series of eight presentations examining the many fascinating aspects of postal history. This series began in December '18 and will run through 14 April. (See Page-2, lower right and above column for add'l info regarding this series.)

While most collectors do not exhibit competitively, this activity is an important element of the hobby, helping collectors learn and view new material. While some think that exhibiting is all about deep pockets, it does not always have to be. As important is the research into the printing and other production issues, policymaking, postal history and geography, routes & rates, and so much more.

Along with dealers and collectors, exhibitors form the three-legged stool of philately, which is so necessary for advancement.

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The NY 1845 PM Provisional: Mark Schwartz

By 1845, the Federal government had simplified postal rates, but they had not give the postmaster general the authority to print postage stamps. So the New York postmaster, following the lead of other countries and even the U.S. independent mail companies, decided to print his own. He was one of 13 postmasters to do so, but only the New York "Postmaster's Provisional" was used broadly - on letters sent to nearly all states and to many foreign countries.

This presentation will discuss the development of this adhesive, aspects of production specific to this stamp (e.g. paper varieties and control initials), and will show several unusual uses from the presenter's collection.



In the cover nearby, the two 5¢ adhesives pay the over 300 mile rate for a 0-1/2 oz. letter sent from NYC to Fayetteville, MO.

Mark is retired from the chemical industry and has devoted himself to his hobby of stamps and postal history where he has excelled in many areas with a resume of Gold awards. Mark is running for his second term on the board of the American Philatelic Society. Please welcome mark and his Gold award exhibit this evening.

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Program: The Joys of Philately - Bill Schultz

Philatelic judge, writer, speaker, collector, curator, and more than 50 year exhibitor, **Bill Schultz** of West Chester will be speaking to us tonight in the April slot that we look forward to reserving for him this time each year.

This month he will talk about the Joys of Philately using selections from his collections to highlight his talk. What is that old adage that every stamp and cover tells a story? We'll all be the beneficiaries of many of these narratives.

Bill adds that he will be using handouts so that the lights will not have to be turned off.

His most recent "joy" happened

right after his visit to our club last month. The day following the meeting, Bill, Mark, and Alan headed west for the Garfield-Perry Stamp Show in Strongsville, OH, near Cleveland. And there it happened! →

For about 42 years Bill has diligently been searching without luck for a 13½¢ rate on cover for his exhibit, "Domestic Rates, 1792-1863."

At this show he not only found one at a dealer's table, but within twenty minutes he found a second 13½¢ stampless cover from a different dealer.

Bill imagines that we all have a

story like this to tell, but for this most recent find, he recalls how his mother used to tell him "When it rains, it pours."

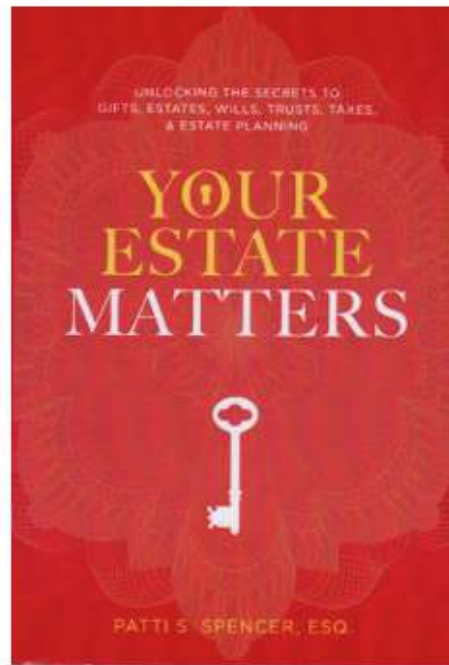


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Collectibles and Your Estate

A presentation by Patti Spencer, Esq.

While we may not like to think about the afterlife, there are two realities we need to accept. No matter where we go, we won't be bringing our stamps and covers with us. The other given is that we know our collections better than our heirs and friends.



That being said, isn't it better to get everything in place on this side of things and prepare for the disposition of our collectibles while we are healthy, willing, and able?

Since no two collections are the same, the disposition of such varies considerably. Childhood albums, first day covers, and plate blocks might best be sold at cost or donated. One club member told her husband to keep a specified album-the good one, but call the stamp club or get a dumpster for the rest!

If, however, one owns a Hawaiian missionary, a Z-Grille, or a even a 3-skelling yellow, then **Your Estate Matters**.

In reality, most of our collections fall somewhere in between. And what we really want is for our collections to go to a good home, one of our choos-

ing. Tonight's speaker will motivate you to start thinking about your collection's future.

Attorney Patti Spencer is an estate planning and taxation specialist. Augmenting her practice, she is an established speaker, author, and educator in the area of estates, trusts, taxation and more. She is a Fellow in the Am. College of Trust & Estate Counsel, named on the roster of the 50 Best Women in Business in PA, and maintains the designation of Super Lawyer, ranked in the top 5% of statewide attorneys. Many of us know Ms. Spencer from her newspaper column, "Taxing Matters" in the *Lancaster New Era* for many years. Her 2015 book *Your Estate Matters* is a wealth of helpful information, information that we all need probably sooner rather than later. Patti will be donating a copy for a drawing tonight. Get your questions ready.

Varied Club Activities

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

2017 RSCC/PSLC Bus trip to Nat'l Postal Museum

Our NPM trip was another good one, planned and carried out to the Nth degree, by **Roy Baardsen, Mike Bach, Mike Matus, Peter Baney, Chrissy Nieves, and Faith Wilson**. While it was a very long day, all made it through. On arrival we were given a guided tour of the various galleries. ↓



One of the highlights of the trip was attending the 14th Sundman Lecture at the NPM on the day of our visit. The speaker was **James Barron**, author of *The One-Cent Magenta*. While many collectors know the history of the world's most famous stamp, Barron emphasized the stories of the people behind the stamp throughout its history. About 25 copies of the book were awarded as door prizes, and several club members did not go home empty-handed! The NPM hosted a lunch for the club with the author, his wife, and the NPM curator, **Mike Piazza**. ↓



Above seated left to right are **Roy Baardsen, Mike Bach, Mike Piazza**, NPM Curator, **Jane Farhl**, and her husband, author **James Barron**.

Above to the right is part of the collection of worldwide official

mailboxes in their country colors.



An interesting restoration is the USPOD mail wagon as seen below. ↓



Some of the members shown at the NPM luncheon are below including (left to right): **Joe Berlin, Mike Marino, and Bill Greiner** (at the far right). ↓



Below are **Douglas Milliken** and **John Hostetter**. ↓



For new and seasoned collectors, there are gems at the NPM that are must-see such as the 1-Cent

Magenta (on loan to the NPM), a block of Inverted Jennies, the 1-cent z-grille, and so many more, shelves of them. And amid these treasures, the club visited the department which conducts the conservation and restoration of philatelic material. All done with TLC! ↓



But even with all this priceless material to see, there is a place to take the kids and grands, a Mecca where they can design a stamp on a computer or a piece of paper, where they can hear stamp stories and have great fun. There are free stamps (↑) to take home, and postcards to send to friends ↓



Leaving DC in rush-hour is a gambler's delight, so the bus left later, at 6:00 pm to take us home. But we still had one more stop, and this was for late dinner in Shrewsbury. Above are **Donata** and **Dale Shaub** (↑), proud veterans of a long day that started at 7:30 am outside the Garden Café. ↓



Annual Club Picnic

When: Wednesday, 9 August, 6:00 pm

Where: Millersville Memorial Park (See map↓ and directions→)

Remember: Please bring your appetizers, side dishes, or desserts
Burgers, hotdogs, drinks, and condiments will be provided

Bill Greiner, III, Supervising

John Hostetter-Table Management

Mike Shirley 'n Paul Petersen, cooks chefs!

Post-picnic cleanup is always appreciated.



Directions to the Park: *Driving west into Millersville from Lancaster on 999, the Park is on the north side of 999 (Manor Ave.) just west of the intersection of George Street with 999. (See map below) Also, across the street from the park is the Barn Door Restaurant, and to the east is John Herr's Market. We'll be meeting in Pavilion-A, the big one just down the hill and on the left. Park right behind the pavilion in the large adjacent lot. President Doug Milliken was so successful ordering perfect picnic weather last year that he has agreed to an encore again at this year's soiree. For those technically savvy, conduct a MapQuest or other map search for 9 Blue Rock Road, Millersville, and the park is right behind this location.*

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Reminiscing Our Summer Picnic

While we are in one of the most comfortable seasons of the year, it may be easy to forget the hot and wet summer of '18, one in which many records were broken. But there was that oasis on 8 August, the PSLC picnic at Millersville Memorial Park. No one is sure how he does it, but **Doug Milliken** did it again. There were dark clouds and rain all around, but all went well for a comfortable event.



We had 43 folks sign up, and at the picnic there were four no-shows and two walk-ons, totaling 41 in attendance. As such, we had just the right amount of food.



As typical with our picnic, the club purchases the burgers, dogs, buns, drinks, and paperware, while members and families bring side dishes, snacks, and desserts. No one went home hungry. And also typical of the club, many pitched in to help clean up, making our exit sparkling and timely.



John Hostetter lead the purchasing and set up team with **Dale Shaub**, **Bill Greiner, III** and **Paul Petersen** teamed in for set up and clean up. **Mike Shirley** and **Bill III** did the grillin'.



A tradition of the last several years has been "The Cake." What is it going to be this year? **Dennis** and **Lucy Shumaker** contribute a cake annually containing a well known stamp. This year it is Scott#39, the ninety-cent George Washington of 1856-1861.



Below are **Dennis** (center) and **Lucy** about to cut the cake.



Open House and One-Page Exhibit Night

For a while we thought we were going to run out of chairs with nearly 60 members and guests! A few came for quick appraisals and left, but the size and enthusiasm remained. Open House chairman, **Len Kasper** and President **Charles DiComo** were very pleased. Marketing for the event was solid. Hopefully this will draw more visitors and potential members.



There were two short presentations. The first was by **Dave Hunt** on *Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver*. With numerous slides, Dave narrated his stamp-engraving career. Born in 1921, Slania engraved over 1000 stamps in 29 countries from 1931 right up to the year he died, 2005. Dave is preparing a full-length PowerPoint for a future date.

In the second short presentation, **Dr. Charles DiComo** described *The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps, 1855-1857*. The take-away here is that after ordering a rouletting machine from the United Kingdom that did not perform as expected, the USPOD retrofitted it into a most practical perforating machine. He is also finalizing an extended version of this presentation.

Following the presentations members and guests followed exhibitors around the room where their exhibits were mounted on the walls. There were 12 exhibitors and 24 exhibits. The number of pages is noted in parentheses.

Jay Eherly (6) had an exhibit of Dwight D. Eisenhower which included stamps, cacheted covers, and autographs of several notables

of the Eisenhower administration. **Diane Meek** (1) designed a forever stamp with a poignant grandfather-grandson scene, and she showed an enlarged representation. **Joy Bouchard** (2) exhibit included stamps telling the story of a delightful summer vacation including the beach, seashells, lighthouses, fishing, and children, among other imagery of summertime.

Mike Bach (9) The 50¢ Penny Black Jubilee 2 July 1890 Issues. These included note cards, cancellations, covers, Roland Hill, postage dues, and more.

Paul Petersen (4) differentiated the Nationalist from Republican local stamps of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) based on the symbolism on each. These were used for propaganda, taxation, and fundraising (selling to collectors). Related, he showed a Guernica cover by Picasso. He also exhibited a page of "Stamp on Stamps" topical issues as an example of what is needed for the website page for topical stamps. He encouraged members to prepare pages of their favorites and send to **Dr. DiComo** for posting.

Mark Jardel (1) obtained an 1866 cover with a Japanese consular hand stamp to the Hon. Jas. Pollock at the U.S. Mint. As a congressman, Pollock shared a room in a DC boarding house with Abraham Lincoln, and he later became PA Governor among other engagements. This letter was from a missionary in Japan.



Scott Ney (2) shared some of his autographed postcards with

baseball cards attached from the four players who were involved in *The Shot Heard Around the World* where the Giants won the playoff game over the Dodgers to enter the 1951 World Series.

Tom Nichols (5) collects the 1936-1937 Army Navy stamp issue. His favorites are the second-day first-day covers, which were only available for the West Point and Annapolis issues in this 10 stamp set.

RD Noble (8) presented a variety of precancel issues on "magazine wrappers," those used by Sears Roebuck & Co. in Chicago, a dated precancel from OR to Canada, and a stamp that looked like a precancel but was actually cancelled in Portugal. He also had Picasso's *Guernica* on a stamp from Czechoslovakia, and a "Remember Little Rock cover, among other items of interest.



Dave Hunt (5) had an interesting map of 1760s Chile with Juan Fernandez Island. Here, marooned sailor Alex Selkirk lived for four years. Selkirk allegedly became the model for Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* of 1719. Subsequently this Island was renamed Robinson Crusoe Island. Dave then shared the tie of the battle of Bunker Hill and Placairn Island in stamps. Finally he showed an image of the engraved stamp of the Battle of Grunewald (1410) by Czeslaw Slania and shared its history.

Bill Greiner, III displayed his ongoing collection of U.S. naval covers noting that he has all the U.S. Navy Aircraft Carriers. He is working on completing destroyers, river gunboats, and battleships.



Hal Klein (5) discussed a variety of usages of the dollar denominations of the 1938 Prexis on both nat'l and int'l commercial covers which are very hard to find.

Presenters & Exhibitors: (L→R) Dr. Charles DiComo, Tom Nichols, Diane Meek, Hal Klein, Joy Bouchard, Scott Ney, RD Noble, Jay Eherly, Dave Hunt, Mark Jardel, Mike Bach, and Bill Greiner, III. Missing: Paul Petersen who was taking the photo.



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Minutes and Treasurer's ner will be held on 19 December

PSLC at Clipper Stadium



Many believe that the highlight of the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball season was not their record, but the PSLC excursion to a game. At season's end, the Barnstormers lost to Sugar Land (TX) Skeeters in the Division final. The Skeeters went on to beat the Long Island Ducks for the Atlantic League Championship on 30 September. Of the eight teams in the Atlantic League, Lancaster tied for third with the York Revolution, both with .571 season averages. This was a fitting end to the 2018 War of the Roses. As a recent tradition on game night, some of us started with dinner

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2018 December Dinner Overview

The 2018 December Dinner was very successful. The recent change in venue from the Viva Center to The Garden Cafe worked out well in our favor in savings to PSLC with our smaller crowd of 45.



At each place setting was the evening's program and menu. Favors from the Dinner Committee included the ATA Checklist for **Cranberries on Stamps** (↑) and a USPS souvenir sheet of this year's Santa Claus stamp, the one with the labeled coke bottle in the selvedge. (↓)



The menu and choice of three entrees was as outstanding as the service, and folks are already talking about next year. 2018 entertainment was something new, the reading of the contents from among covers that we have accumulated, some containing letters. These turned out to be poignant, interesting, and in a few cases, very funny. In addition, we had two last minute donations to add to the festivities.



David Hunt read an (↑) 1859 letter from a young student at the Westtown School in West Chester, PA. He was about ten and conveyed all about his life at the Quaker school (at the time) ranging from the boredom to his favorite activities and academic subjects.

Mike Bach had a 1911 postcard mailed on one of the first air-mail flights in England. Revealing some of, perhaps the com-

mon thinking at the time, the writer hoped that this mode of mail transport to his people in Canada would be faster than that conveyed by the *Lusitania*! (↓)



Dennis Shumaker had two U.S. Civil War letters, one funny and the other quite sad. In the first the writer described the train ride among drinking family members and the antics that occurred. The second letter was a black bordered mourning cover, conveying with sadness the recent death of a loved one.

Mike Marino had a few letters including an 1833 item describing a ride on the Erie Canal in central NY. The second letter was from an American WWII soldier in Germany just before the end of the war. He explained their occupation of a castle, which they had just recently liberated.

Paul Petersen read a one-liner V-mail from overseas asking his friend to sober up enough to write a letter. (↓)



His second letter was supposedly from the 7th grade advisor to the DiComo family regarding their son's academic and extracurricular progress during 1978-1979.

Jim Ziogas came across the program & menu for the Third Annual Banquet of the Lancaster Stamp Club in 1934. For \$1.50 was all the turkey, green string beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy one could eat.

Door Prizes: Similar to gift exchanges at our past events, this had a little different twist. Those wishing to participate and receive a door-prize ticket had to donate an unwrapped philatelic or non-philatelic item with a signed gift-tag. During the evening, members were able to browse the table to see what was available.

It almost worked! At the end we had one more ticket-holder than gifts. But this member will be well compensated at a future meeting. The activity was popular and will be considered again for next year.

There were two last-minute contributions to the festivities.

♦ **Wine Auction:** **Mike Marino** donated a bottle of *Pinot Gris* of the Willamette Valley. More strikingly, the bottle contained a beautifully etched image of a postage stamp, a stamp that we will call PSLC #1. Mike declared this the official wine of our club, and he auctioned it for the benefit of our treasury. After some fierce competition, the winner was **Dr. Charles DiComo**. Congrats Charlie, and many thanks, Mike, for this thoughtful donation.



♦ The second was also a late donation by the leadership of the **North Museum of Nature & Science**, where PSLC is creating a philatelic presence to the museum's education and exhibits. This was a large wrapped gift basket with over 20 items from their gift shop with the addition of four admission tickets. A few of these creative gifts included Astronaut Ice Cream, Snake Stickers, a Dino Egg, a Squeeze Robot, and many more.

Everyone had a ticket, but there was only one winner, **Deb Ehleiter**. Congrats, Deb. What fun for the grandkids! And thank-you, North Museum.



Finale: The final event was the last of the door prizes. It was announced that everyone check their evening's program for a sticker. There was one at each table. The committee selected ceramic angels this year as the prize for each diner who had the sticker on their program.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County 2017 December Dinner Sees Many Honored

According to **Deb Ehleiter** and **Lucy Eyster**, there were just over 60 people at the event. Since there were several early cancellations, the number could have been much higher. That being said, it was a fellowship event both in quantity and quality.

This was our first year in the new Viva Center at Woodcrest, their new welcome and multipurpose venue, the centerpiece of WCV. A few remarks were overheard that this was like "being in a luxury ocean liner." It was the almost perfect venue. And as always, both the meal and service were excellent.



Following the meal there were two gift exchanges, those for philatelic items and those for non-philatelic items. This was open to both members and guests.



President **Doug Milliken** presented a certificate to **The Reading Irregulars**, those several members (**Roy Baardsen**, **Mike Bach**, **Mike Matus**, and **Pete Baney**) in both PSLC and RSCC who have served our clubs for many years at the annual stamp shows. They planned the mostly annual bus trips, and served and participated in all the other club activities. Doug noted that their participation contributed to the solid reputation of PSLC.

Doug had a certificate of Recognition for **Christie Nieves** and **Faith Wilson**, also of Reading for their great hospitality activities at the stamp shows and trips.

The APS sanctioned Spark

Plug Award went to **Dr. Charles DiComo**, a somewhat new member of the club who will be rising to president in '18. His extraordinary work upgrading the club website and Facebook page have given us great presence. We look forward to his vision for 2018.



Service Awards were presented to **Lou DiFelice** for what seems like lifelong tenure as PSLC treasurer, Lancopex treasurer, club tax preparer, and myriad other tasks that often go unnoticed. Lou is the guy in the club that all go to for help and/or to get something done.

The next two Service Awards were to special individuals for decades of service to PSLC. **Lucy Eyster** held many offices over 25 years. For the last several she chaired the Membership Committee. Here she opens up and closes the meetings, collects dues, compiles door prizes, and introduces new members and visitors. She is often the first person that visitors meet. Lucy keeps the roster, one of the club's most important document, one that needs continual updating. Lucy fed many at the picnic for years and handled registration for Lancopex. **Dick Shaefer** served as club president umpteen times, life-long co-chairman for Lancopex, bourse manager, late night security man, and recorder for auctions. Members seek out Dick when there are questions about some working aspect of the club whether in the past, present, or future.



Lou DiFelice praised the service of **Len Kasper** who has done so much for the club. Len sets up the pre-meeting bourse each month

and brings in a coffee service. In his spare time he breaks down large stamp lots to offer to club members at mark-down prices. For the last several years Len and his family members have provided the concession stand at Lancopex.

And speaking of the concession at Lancopex, Lou acknowledged **Truude Greiner** for her continual generosity of covering the lunch costs for club volunteers and dealers at the show. Further she sets up and attends the "Youth Table" for both days of the show.

Lou presented a Certificate of Merit to outgoing PSLC president, **Douglas Milliken** with special recognition on his initiative to bring a 50-50 Drawing to the club meetings, an event that is both fun for the membership and profitable for the club. The PSLC gift to Doug was a replica U.S. 1906D \$20 gold piece for his coin collection. (Below)



Business Meeting: Yes, we snuck in a small item of New Business at the Dinner. **Bill Greiner III** was nominated for the position of 2nd Vice President for the 2018 term. All members approved this unanimously, though there are some rumors that a few visitors may have voted as well.



This year **Pete Wex** provided the entertainment. As part of the annual Dinner's "Getting to know you" series, Pete talked about his other hobby, Western Square dancing. He introduced his dancing partner, Sue Hein. Peted shared the fun they have had learning and performing this Americana pastime. He encouraged all to explore this.

2018 December Giving by PSLC: This year we are asking for packets of topical stamps related to science and nature for our partnership with **The North Museum**. Beyond topicals for TNM, we are collecting packets for **APS**. Here, prepare and label packets of 25 U.S. and/or foreign stamps (mostly commemoratives). There will be a drop-off box for packets at the Dinner when you register.



December Dinner at the Garden Cafe



Buffet Menu:

Appetizers, Fruit Punch, Seafood
Newburgh, Chicken Florentine,
Baked Ham with Cranberry Sauce,
Coleslaw, Mixed Greens, Fruit
Slaw, Lemon Rice, Scalloped Potatoes,
Green Beans Almandine,
Maple Glazed Carrots, Tiramisu,
Apple Crumb Pie, Coffee, Tea,
Iced Tea, and Water

Directions to the Garden Café:

Our dinner was held here until last year, and now we are returning. Enter Woodcrest. Turn left at the T-intersection. Continue about 45 yards and make your first right. This will take you to the café. Park here. To enter, take the sidewalk on the left, which will bring you inside.

Date: Wednesday, 19 December

Where: The Garden Cafe

Time: 5:30-Starters, and 6:00 –
Buffet Dinner

Cost: \$30/person

Pay: At the door (Dues will also
be accepted for 2019. \$10.)

Door Prizes: See Page-3

Readings: See Page-3

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Club and (More) Collecting Issues

As always, there is lots of activity going on. When you have something of interest to the PSLC membership, please let Ed. know. So, if you write an article, win the lottery, or get married, for example, share it with the club. This does not have to be philatelic related news.

Job Security: Immediate Past PSLC President, **Doug Milliken** is the 2018 president of the Lancaster County Post Card Club, and in 2019 he is slated for the presidency of the Red Rose Coin Club! Now, that's service! Congratulations.

York Stamp Show: Many PSLC members were able to attend the 19-20 January event of the White Rose Club. They moved the show up from the last weekend in January, and the weather cooperated.



Pictured above are stamp & cover dealer Robert Toal of Maryland (L), **Dr. DiComo**, (Center) and **Mike Marino** (R). Dr. DiComo engaged the WRCC members for their possible interest in partnering with

PSLC in some joint club events in the future.

On Nat'l Television: Several club members were pleased to see **Lucy Eyster** on TBS's *Antique Road Show* last month with an antique vase from China. There will be a snap of this antique item in next month's newsletter.

Blue Ribbon Attendance: **Lucy Eyster** and **Sarah Mylin** reviewed the 2017 attendance records sans the picnic and December Dinner. Those who attended 10 of 10 meetings at Bluebird include **Deb & John Ehleiter**, **Truys Greiner**, **Bill Greiner**, **Dave Hunt**, **Paul Petersen**, and **Fred Sargent**. Those who attended 9/10 included **Lou DiFelice**, **Lucy Eyster**, **Aaron Heckler**, **Chuck Kilgore**, **Bob Kramer**, **Mike Marino**, **Sarah Mylin**, **James Savage**, **Dennis Shumaker**, **Dick Shafer**, and **Jim Ziogas**. Congrats all!

Winter Wonderland: **Lesley Botte** usually spends her holidays with family in Canada. She noted that perhaps the Lancaster area (and much of the Eastern Seaboard) may have been as cold or colder than Canada.

ATA's Latest Books: APA rep,

Lucy Eyster, reports a new book, *Space Weather-A Philatelic Journey*, a new 200 page item just published in DVD/pdf format by the ATA. Another new handbook, *Frogs and Amphibians on Stamps* is also published by the ATA.

Coin Collectors: For all you hybrid coin/stamp collectors or budding coin collectors, PSLC Member **Kerry Wetterstrom**, '18 president of the *Red Rose Coin Club* welcomes us to visit the club for its 15 February meeting at 7:00 at the Farm & Home Center. He also reminds us of their all-day RRCC Coin Show on Saturday, 7 April, also at the Farm & Home Center.

Catching One's Eye: The article on Pg.-4 is about postcards designed to catch our eye. These were popular in the past mid-century, but they are coming back in direct marketing. With newer printing technology, prices are not too bad. Below is the 2018 Lancopex advertising card recently designed by **Dr. Charles DiComo**.



Exhibit Frames F

PSLC leadership has debated about what to do with our excess exhibit frames and the \$600 annual storage fee. Is anyone interested in buying them? One recommendation was to keep what we need (about 24 frames packed in six boxes) and sell the rest for scrap. But we really wanted them to go to a good home. Sometimes serendipity comes to the rescue.

PSLC Representative to APS, **Paul Petersen** saw a query in the Ambassador's Newsletter from the Lincoln Nebraska Stamp Club. They are seeking to buy about 24 frames. Could this be a solution to our situation?

We contacted Lincoln, and yes, they were interested. What will it cost? Now that was the question. Both clubs looked into shipping, and **Lou DiFelice's** neighbor offered the best deal and could ship them for us through his business. The estimate was over \$500. Lincoln would match this and add a little more for the retirement fund. And could we deliver them in time for Linpex on 23-24 Feb.?

Below, Lincoln Stamp Club President and frame negotiator, **Dale Niebuhr** is below with the PSLC frames at Linpex. (ψ)



In the research, we learned that a box of four (4) frames weighs 99 lbs.! And those of us who transport them each year just thought that we were getting old.

Lou, Bill Greiner, and Paul checked out the frames and took them for drop off. The frames got a little tied up in the Midwest weath-

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PSLC, Reading, and Blue Grey @ New York-2016 on 2 June: Photos by Doug & Ed

The show was above all expectations despite leaving home at 6:30 am and arriving in Lancaster at 11:10 pm.



The Javits Center was very welcoming with signage, lots of space, and good lighting.



As always, heartfelt thanks go to our Trekmeisters, **Roy K. Baardsen & Co.** as seen below (L-R) with **Mike Bach, Mike Matus, Peter Baney, and, of course, Roy.**



With 43 riders, the bus left Lancaster at 7:10 am and arrived at 10:45. **Dennis Shumaker & Lucy Eyster** won the pool, both predicting an arrival time of 10:45 in NYC.



USPS was busy, though on Day-6 of the show, the lines were more civilized. There were several first day issues this week; all were available. ↓



Below **Joy Bouchard** and **Doug Milliken** explore the philatelic microscopes and laptops in the busy adult section late in the afternoon. (↓)



The Youth Area was at least 1500 sq. feet! And because he looked young, **Ed** was given a tour and some goodies to

take home to PSLC to try to kick-start a junior program.



There he ran into **Chris Nieves (†)** and her daughter, **Faith**, at the Geography Table; they were identifying as many countries as possible.



There were over 200 dealers in the wide-aided bourse area. (†) Mouths dropped at the prices of some of the items; one as high as \$1M. **Ed** found a **Civil War bond** from 2/10/1865 for \$1.00. He still loves junk. (↓)



Let's all plan to attend the Boston World Show in 2016.

Thaun Pham and **Tony Coccio** examining their new purchases at NY-2016. →

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venue and sale. Now it is on to planning for Lancopex-2016.



Happy Collector

Ken Strayer and his son, **Zach** spend time at the youth table which has been run by **Truyde Greiner** (at right) for over 25 years.

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Yet another Successful Stamp Show

This was our 30th year of hosting Lancopex. It was started by Jim Boyles in 1986 and held at Park City Mall.

The 2015 Show was a great success. Attendance topped last year, and the dealers were very pleased with their sales.

Nineteen of 22 dealers returned completed satisfaction surveys (86%). Of the nineteen, only one did not make his/her goals (5.3%). He stated that he did not have the hard-to-get stamps that his customers wanted this time.

On the food question, all were pleased. There were thanks for Tryde Greiner's generosity for lunch. One dealer said to "Please thank the wife of the club member who personally made such excellent brownies, lemon squares, and noodle salad." Another said that it "was the best macaroni salad I have eaten in five years, (pg.3)

Not just your usual suspects



No, these are not your usual suspects at Lancopex. They're at the 4 April Red Rose Coin Show. L→R: Doug Milliken, Ron Hess, Lou DiFelice, John Brownell, and Paul Petersen. Missing are Dick Shaefer and Scott Van Horn, also attending the show.

If anyone has a better way of collecting dues that does not take six months,
I'll buy dessert at dinner tonight.

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end, they might be entitled to pired by some players. Have we learned anything at all? Ed. ☒



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Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Barb Buchanan at the next meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at PO Box 116, Conestoga, PA 17516-0116

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Please check the appropriate ATA/APS box(s) if you are a paid up member.

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Minutes & Treasury

Philatelic Society of Lancaster

May Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: President DiComo opened the meeting at 7:00 pm following an active bourse. He provided a computer demonstration of his recent upgrades on the PSLC website.

Membership: Lucy Eyster introduced new members: **Richard Tregidgo** has returned to collecting U.S. and is trying to catch up. **James Mueller** collects plate blocks and first day covers. **Wayne Heim** collects U.S. commemoratives. Also in attendance was visitor, **Don Hunting** who wishes to sell a collection. Attendance was 43.

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

Drawing/Door Prizes: A variety of prizes were won by **Bob Kramer**, **Roy Baardsen**, **Truys Greiner**, **Douglas Milliken**, **Chuck Kilgore**, and **Betty Lenz**.

50-50 Drawing: Dave Silcox won the drawing and will split \$82 with the club.

Baseball: Paul Petersen suggested dates of Thursday/Friday, 6/7 September for a dinner at Five-Guys followed by a Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game. There was sufficient interest amongst the membership, so he will follow up with the ticket office and get back to the club.

PSLC Newsletter: Lou DiFelice read communication from APS awarding the club newsletter a gold award for the 2017 competition. He thanked all responsible for the continued success of the publication.

8 August Picnic: Paul passed sign-ups for the club picnic which includes a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. There will be forthcoming info in June and July.

Saturday, 23 June for Club Caravan to APS/SCOPEX: Paul passed a sign-up for SCOPEX and final plans will be forthcoming in June.

Presentation: Paul presented the PowerPoint entitled *PA State Symbols on Stamps* prepared for PSLC by Vera Felts, Executive Director of ATA. There was a lively discussion on topical collecting and attracting more collectors to the hobby. (See Pg. 4)

Treasury: 1-31 March '18

Opening: \$3,273.08
Income: \$2,172.00
Expenses: \$1,917.65
Sum: \$3,527.43
3-CDs: @ \$7,023.10

Treasurer Lou DiFelice discussed the details to date for the Lancaster numbers, and will provide a final tally when all income has been received and recorded. Lou also gave a shout-out to **Truys Greiner** for covering the lunches for the dealers and PSLC volunteers again this year.

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→ (Veranda) the labor of searching the worldwide web. We cur-

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Membership Info & Data

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Philatelic Society of

May Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

Opening: At 7:00 Dr. DiComo opened the meeting and welcomed all to our May meeting. He reported about his 7 May presentation to the Reading Stamp Club entitled: *"From the U.S. to Further India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856-1857."*

Membership: Barbara Buchanan announced that •Members in arrears with their 2019 dues will not appear in the next club roster. She estimates that the final census will be about 115. •Meeting attendance was 48 plus two visitors seeking advice with an inherited collection. •New members present tonight included Michel Kawaler, George Hauber, Sr., and Dave Weichert. •She is also researching a new system of name badges and will report next time.

April Minutes and Treasurer's Report: These were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Lancopex: Paul Petersen gave the financial report for Treasurer Lou DiFelice, and the financial

data follows. Regarding the finances for Lancopex, (26-27 April) the preliminary figures are as follows: Income-\$4,515, and Expenses-\$3,102.12 leaving a profit of \$1,412.88. However, this month \$600 will be paid to our storage facility, and there is still some outstanding income and expenses. Lou hopes to have a final report next month if all the data is available.

Dinner with the Speaker: Paul reported that there were ten at dinner tonight with speaker Joe Sullivan. He reminded membership of a second meeting this month, 23 May, and he passed around a sign-up for dinner that night with speaker Rick Barrett at 4:15 pm at Fiorentino's by the Airport.

Door Prizes: Dennis Bouchard-USPOD note pad; Dennis Shumaker-White House Stamp Memo Pad; Dean Brenner-1776 USPOD Bicentennial Souvenir Sheets; John Hostetter-Postage stamp themed double deck playing cards; Bill Grimm-London 1950 Int'l Stamp

Show Souvenir Sheet.

Other Business: Diane Meek passed around some get-well cards for club signatures to go to Roy Baardsen. Paul said that there will be signups in June for the 14 August picnic and 5 Sept. ball game.

One-Item Auction Lot: This donated box of philately was won by George Younes for \$23.

50-50: Mark Jardel won the drawing and turned his winning half to the club for a total of \$80.

Program: Following the business meeting speaker Joe Sullivan shared his expertise through a PowerPoint presentation on *The History of Printing on Stamps: A Topical Study*. Throughout, he offered many door prizes for correct answers.

Treasury: 1-30 April 2019

Opening:	\$5,992.35
Income:	\$2,076.00
Expenses:	\$2,350.65
Closing:	\$5,707.70
2CDs:	\$5,789.08

Veranda: and requested the attendees to share any they may possess. A lunch and dynamic discussion at a nearby restaurant

New Name Badge Implementation

Several years ago, then Membership Chairman Lucy Eyster said that we

Starting on 12 June, PSLC badges with a new look will be issued to

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family would be running the concession stand with lunch, snacks, and drinks.

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Lucy Eyster on Antiques Road Show in H'burg

Several club members viewed Lucy Eyster on the PBS Antiques Road Show in January. Lucy shared that she attended the event in Harrisburg last summer in a desire to find out more about a family heirloom, a large Chinese cinnabar vase. To her delight, the producer chose her to be taped for later broadcast. She added that she was very pleased with the appraised value of her vase.



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SOME CLUB MATTERS

The founder of The American Topical Association, Jerome Husak died at 86 on 22 February. Jerry formed the ATA in 1949 at the age of 17 hoping to attract at least 200 other like-minded topical collec-

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Musings: Thank You Colleagues / C

The December issue is my favorite newsletter to put together. I start at or around my best holiday, Thanksgiving, and complete it as I enjoy the anticipation of ...see again thoughts of dancing sugarplums, but you see where I am going. The time spent here is a refuge from all the demands of the season, those holiday related, and others; the personal ones like getting the cars inspected, and servicing the generator & snow blower to name a few. Specifically, I enjoy writing about the November Open House, scanning the December Dinner menu, and thinking about all the great activities of the last stamp club year.

At PSLC I have good friends, great collecting, and a variety of club related activities such as our auctions, trips, picnics, presentations, baseball, stamp shows, and more. As I muse, I realize the value of so many contributors to make this newsletter a reality.

Much of this publication consists of reports from the officers, and not only are the reports appreciated, but the timeliness is just as critical. Included are Dr. DiComo for his presidential column, The Foranda Chronicles; Dianne Meek for the Minutes, and Lou DiFelice for the Treasury Report. Thank you all. Outgoing and incoming Membership Chairpeople Lucy Eyster and Barbara Buchanan always have up-to-date attendance figures and club rosters, all of this makes our jobs much easier.

Kudos go to proofreaders Carol Peterson and Dr. DiComo who save a dyslexic editor from himself. Thanks to newly promoted Hard Copy Circulation Manager Dianne Meek for insuring that these publications are covered, addressed, franked, and mailed on a timely basis.

Finally there are many in PSLC who have submitted articles, stamps, bios, ideas, events, suggestions, and a host of other materials that make this a successful publication. These include Doug Milliken, Dick Colberg, Bill Schultz, Dr. DiComo, Lucy Eyster, Kerry Wetterstrom,

This year's Santa Claus stamps are really classics, really! They were developed for the Coca Cola Company early in the last century, and they abound in the modern Santa icon, as we know him. And for 50¢, one can order a one-ounce Santa souvenir sheet with a label of Coke bottle prominently features in the selvage. (Also see Pg. 1)



Is this a case of commercial creepiness? My guess is that Coca Cola "loaned" its iconic Santa to USPS in a quid pro quo, that, in exchange, the labeled bottle would be plainly visible, albeit on just the souvenir sheet. Sounds fair to me. But this is just a guess. We all know that the PO does not have money to throw around to pay hefty royalties.

Then the thought arises: Is this the first commercial product on a U.S. postal item? I have seen a few, but not that many. What a great topical collection this could make! How about those Hershey Kisses?

In a *Leaflet* article by Denis McCarthy (9 April 2001) we learn that Coca Cola is not the first commercial product on a stamp product. "Overnight advertising on U.S. stamps still isn't permitted but the guidelines state the not liberal approach and catch up with the reality of recent stamps. 'Commercial products or enter



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PSLC Snaps

→ Meet the PSLC 2019 Officers



Left to right: Wm. Greiner, III, (2nd VP); Dr. DiComo (President) Lou DiFelice (Treasurer) and John Hostetter (1st VP). Missing from Photo-Diane Meek (Treasurer).

→ 2018 Dinner Committee



Left to right: Sarah Mylin, Deb Ehleiter (Chair), Lucy Eyster, and Lou DiFelice. Missing from Photo-Paul Petersen (Behind the camera)

→ 16 December Some Sunday Show



Checking out covers are the following PSLC members: Left to right-Scott Ney, Bob Witkosky, Robert Kramer, and Lou DiFelice.

Ave et Vale

James G. Boyles

Members of PSLC mourn the loss of club leader, visionary, and friend (pg.2).

(Right) In 2010, club President John Alfeld presented Jim the Outstanding Achievement Award for his 25 years of Lancopex.



Linn's Cartoon Contest

It was reported last month that **John Hostetter** won the *Linn's* cartoon contest for February. But he wasn't that lucky this month! The USPS equipment read and cancelled his White House \$0.32 stamp and caption and sent it back to him in Lan-

caster making it too late for the April contest. Ed☒ thought John's line was much better than the winner that was published in the 24th April *Linn's Stamp News*. John penned: "*You're right, Vlad. It's not as impressive as the Kremlin, but it's much warmer.*"



Letter to the Editor:

I had an interesting discussion the other day with my mailman and thought it may be of interest to share with the PSLC membership.

He told me that he delivers about 2500-3500 pieces of mail a day. Of these he estimates that about 150 have stamps, but this does not include special events seen with birthday cards, sympathy cards and Christmas cards.

The stamps he sees are primarily definitives and bulk mail stamps, concluding that he rarely sees a commemorative issue. Sincerely, **Dave York**

Ed's response: This is an observation we have suspected, as there are fewer first class items of mail franked with commemorative stamps. One has to think that USPOD personnel see stamp collectors as contributing to their job security.

Seated, left to right are RD Noble,
Woody Hann, & Aaron Heckler. ↓



Multi-Task Collecting: Below are

Stamp & Cover Displays at Show

There was greater participation this year than in '18 with 12 members contributing 19 displays (20 frames) ranging from one four frame display to five one-page displays. The following are in alphabetical order (The number of pages is in parenthesis).

Joe Berlin: First Day Covers and Picture Postcards of the 1939 New York World's Fair. (32) (v)



Joy Bouchard: Music (1), Telephones (1), and Mail on Stamps (1).

Charles DiComo, PhD: Wafer Seals on U.S. Letters and Covers 1840-1860. (16)

Lou DiFelice: Favorite Covers Spanning over 70 Years (13) (v)



Jay Eberly: Dwight David Eisenhower, Part-II (16) and Three-Dimensional Stamps (10)

Lucy Eyster: Inkwells on Picture Postcards (10)

Chuck Kilgore: Space on Stamps & Covers (32)

Hal Klein: Color Varieties & Types of the Two-Cent Baby Banknotes (64)

Tom Nicholls: The 1936-7 Army Navy Commemorative Issue (16)

RD Noble: Silent Pre-cancels (20) and Special Covers of Lancaster County (12)

Paul Petersen: Stamps, Cinderellas, and Other Ephemerata of the '39 NY World's Fair (32), Stamps on stamps (1), and Maps on Stamps (1)

Bob Witkosky: German Horseshoe Cancels (16), Camel Post Stamps of Sudan (8), and Alaouites: A Small Window in Time (8).

Lancopex '19 in Review: Another Great Show

It was the usual start to the annual show at 4:15 at the storage facility with Bill and Paul complaining about the boxes of exhibit frames getting heavier again this year! But they were pleased that the promised rain did not appear.

Once at the Farm & Home Center, they were met with the regulars who were deciding how the table layout should go. There, too, they found the tables to be heavier!

But once the doors opened on Friday morning, attendance grew to a record level; ditto on Saturday. (See separate article regarding the results of the dealer survey.) 241 ticket holders plus many club members visited the show. This is up from 233 last year.

This year we offered a "Club Special." Join for 2019 and 2020 is free!! This must have worked as we got 10-11 new members compared to the 3-4 we typically enroll each year at the show.



You can see our signs (v) at registration staffed by **Dennis Shumaker** and **Dennis Bouchard**.

We added a special table for information and recruitment for APS and ATA where PSLC has membership. This was previously done at the Show Cover and Donations Sales Table, but there is enough literature to give out that it needs its own space.



Lucy Eyster (v) staffed this table the entire show. And when she wasn't talking about the national societies, she was making stamp packets for them.

While we have discontinued competitive exhibits in favor of club members' stamp and cover displays, there has been solid contribution each year. (See the separate coverage of our stamp & cover displays to the left.)

Below are the three one-page displays by **Joy Bouchard**.



Her topics included Music, Telephones, and Mail on Stamps.

Len and Karen Kasper's Catering always gets good ratings. Always homemade, Karen shops at several places to get what is just right.



This year some of the featured entries included pulled pork, meatball subs, sausage and peppers, a variety of cold sandwiches, and a new one for 2019, giant hot dogs! Her signature sides include her potato salad, macaroni salad, lemon bars, and brownies.

Thirty-eight PSLC club members worked the show from set-up on Thursday night through breakdown on Saturday evening. Below v **Mike Matus** (seated left) and **Peter Baney** staff the Registration Table.



Working the Cachet and Donations Sales Table is **Mike Shirley** and **Deb Ehleiter**. v



And then below are our usual suspects. From L→R are **Doug Milliken**, **Lee & Barbara Buchanan**, and **Ron Hess**.



The dealers are the mainstay of our show. Below are **Brian and Patty Engler** who have served us for years. Many recall their daughter as a little child playing behind their stand. They just shared that she is 29!



When club member **Mike Marino** retired a few years ago, he became a stamp dealer, grew his business, and now has a business sign. v



Doug Kieffer (Sitting) and stamp dealer, **Charlie Hamilton** (Standing-left) at **Frank Souder's** table. v



New to Lancopex a few years ago are **Ray and Judy Houser**.



PSLC had permission from the Post Office to cancel our show covers under their supervision.



The '39 NY World's Fair theme was a sell out. With 60 covers, all were gone by mid-afternoon.

Spencer Speedway Legends 1957-77

A book by Len Kasper
Published by Rose Dog Publishers, Pittsburgh, PA

Growing up in Rochester, NY, PSLC member and past-president Len Kasper attended his first stock car race at the age of six, and he never looked back. Spencer Speedway was part of Len's life and his introduction into stock car racing. Attending the races continues to be a family activity, and his thirteen-year-old grandson, Lenny, has expressed his interest in being a future stock car racing competitor.



Speedway is based on Len's notes and journals of the time, and it includes vignettes into the drivers, owners, promoters, officials, and race crews. There is a multitude of behind-the-scene information with personal stories and rare photos, resulting in a very nostalgic trip in time.

At the back of the book in the author's bio, it notes that one of Len's great interests is stamp collecting and that he was past president of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County.

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Fall Auction RD Noble to Retire

It was another great auction. We did not have 41 bidders as in June, but we had the next best at 39. RD Noble announced his retirement, that this would be his last stint as auctioneer, but he will continue to help with the club auctions.



Auctions remain a popular component of our many club functions. According to auction treasurer, Lou DiFelice, and recorder, Dick Shaefer, there were 147 lots for sale in September.



The next auction will be on 10 January 2018. Start getting your lots ready for sale.

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Joe Berlin in Topical Time



A Grand Idea!

A Grand Idea for ATA Chapters and Study Units. Several ATA-affiliated Chapters and Study Units supply their newsletters or journals to the ATA Office, though other groups send them only to our Chapter or Study Unit Coordinators. Among the Chapters that extend this courtesy is the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (Pennsylvania). Thanks to



Joe Berlin, winner of the ATA membership from the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Photo courtesy Paul Peterson.

Paul Peterson, newsletter editor. In the "Good News for Philatelic Souls" column of the April 2017 chapter newsletter, I noted this wonderful club activity:

"For APS and ATA memberships: This month there will be a drawing for a free membership in either APS or ATA for any PSLC member who has never been a member in these organizations. There is the gentleman's agreement that the winner will pay his/her own dues for the following two years."

In the Executive Director's report (Vera Felts) in the July-August issue of ATA's *Topical Time*, member Joe Berlin was congratulated for his first time membership in ATA through the club's drawing for memberships in ATA and APS as paid for by PSLC for year one.

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four-1964 and 1965) | |
| 5. 1968 | Two - half dollars
(not full silver) | .60 each |
| 6. 1 oz. silver | Happy Anniversary | 4.50 |

-- See Lucy Eyster

Calendar of Events

CLUB NOTES

Programs, Hosts, Shows, and Events

2019 Programs

12 June: Club Auction. George Younes, Host
10 July: The 1902 Series: National Identity. Roger Brody. Vince Kneizys, Host
14 August: Picnic: 6 p.m. Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA
11 September: Club Auction. Mike Marino and Joseph Berlin, Co-Hosts
9 October: Czeslaw Slania, Master Engraver-II. Dave Hunt. Lou DiFelice, Host
13 November: Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper and Paul Petersen. Diane Meek, Hostess
December: December Dinner. Deb Ehleiter & Co. TBA

2020 Programs

8 January: Club Auction.
12 February: From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856-1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo
11 March: The U.S. 1933 Byrd Antarctic Stamp: Production, First Day & Other Uses. Alan Warren
9 April: Exploring Postal History. Bill Schultz
13 May: Canada's Role in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War. Ron Majors
13 October: 1) GB Stamped to Order Stationary and 2) Royal Household Official Mail. Dave Hunt

Upcoming Events

- **National Postal Museum Trip:** Tonight is the last time to sign up for this 26 Sept. event.
- **Free APS Membership:** A drawing will be held in September for a free year's membership in APS. This drawing is for non-APS members or those who have not been members for 5 years. The winner must agree to remain in APS for another year at his or her own expense.
- **14 August Picnic:** Sign-up will take place tonight. Salads, sides, and deserts are needed.

2016-17 Shows/Events

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Sunday, 4 June, 13 August, & 17 December. Farm & Home Center.

Delpex: Sun, 22 April, Nur Shine Center, New Castle, DE

Wilkpex: S/N, 22-23 April, Gateway Hall, Monroeville (Pitt)

APS Summer Session, 25-30 June, Bellefonte, PA

APS Volunteer Week: 17-21 July, Bellefonte, AP

National Postal Museum Trip: Thursday, 21 September

2019 Shows/Events

Some Sunday Stamp Shows:

30 June, 27 August, 27 October, 15 December, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Lancaster County Postcard Club:

17 June. The Conestoga Traction Company-Bud Heim.

Red Rose Coin Club: Thursday, 20 June. Members Bourse, Farm & Home Center.

Save the Date: 5 Sept.



DiComo/Web Win Gold(s):

PSLC won a gold award in this year's APS Website competition, one of only seven golds awarded. Kudos to **Dr. DiComo**, PSLC's Web Designer & Developer and Webmaster. Like a stamp exhibit, the competitive websites (and newsletters, too) are reviewed by a team of trained judges.



The Website average score was 93.7 points/100! Comments from the scoring sheets were most positive, as in the following examples: "This is a good site, up to date! Informative to members and visitors. Excellent content (i.e. photo galleries). Electronic library is especially strong, showing the advantage of bringing in material from other locations. A pleasing site, easy to read and navigate, lots of good images. It was a pleasure viewing this site, from layout and font selection to content hosted and linked." So one can see why PSLC has one of the best stamp club websites around. But here's the kicker and the reason for the headline as noted above. In addition to a gold award for PSLC, **Dr. DiComo** won golds as Webmaster for the **U.S. Philatelic Classics Society** (www.uspcs.org) and **The Empire State Postal History Society** (www.esphs.us)! Three out of seven APS Website Competition golds go to The Man...not too shabby. Congrats again, **Charlie**.

Awards

Roy K. Baardsen Wins APS Carter Award

On Saturday, 23 June, in Bellefonte, PA, **Roy K. Baardsen** was presented APS's **Nicholas Carter Volunteer Award for Local Service** from the Executive Director, Scott English. Roy has collected stamps for over seventy years without a lapse. When he retired and moved from NY to Reading early in the millennium, he looked for a club, found, and then joined the Reading Stamp Collector's Club (RSCC), and he never looked back.

Not long after, he met and befriended some members of PSLC at local and regional stamp shows. He visited PSLC and joined. As important, he encouraged collectors in the RSCC to do the same. Many did. Over the years he has recruited at least nine other RSCC members to join PSLC. And in turn, several Lancaster collectors joined Reading. There has been great interaction between clubs seen in Power Point presentations, volunteering for both clubs' shows, joint bus excursions, sharing of expertise,

providing snacks for the meetings, and much more. Most of us think of Reading and Lancaster as one large stamp club. Roy has been the man behind most of this activity.



With the RSCC, Roy has been vice president for the last 15 years. He recruits new members, encourages member participation, and takes succession planning very seriously, all of this for the viability of the club.

On a yearly basis, Roy organizes a committee for Reading's yearly November show, one that is always a success. He does the same annually for their Christmas party. Perhaps what is most evident is Roy's bus trip planning which occurs every 12-18 months. With

committee in place, the clubs have been to APS, the NPM, ASDA shows in NYC, and the NY Int'l Stamp Show in '16. On the bus there are door prizes, snacks and drinks, and a lottery ticket for each participant! When seats are available, Roy reaches out to the Gettysburg and Harrisburg stamp clubs to join us.

It is obvious that Roy likes serving people, and this is infectious when one observes him "work the room," not for his own benefit, but for the sake of both clubs and their membership. Roy is always encouraging collectors in the hobby and facilitating inter-club engagement. He is most deserving of this Nicholas Carter Award for Local Service.

Pictured nearby are Roy and several joint members of the Reading and Lancaster stamp clubs. Standing left to right include **James Savage, Mike Bach, Roy, Aaron Heckler, and David Hunt**. Seated left to right include **David Silcox** and **Michel Matus**. Missing is **Peter Baney**.

Dick Colberg Receives APS Award

Club member Dick Colberg has been awarded an APS Nicholas Carter Volunteer Award for 2015. While the APS awards banquet was at the Portland show, Dick fittingly received his certificate and pin at a reception during APS Volunteer Week in July. As he will be in France during our September meeting, APS representative Paul Petersen did a club presentation of the award at the August picnic and will announce it for all attending the September meeting. This award was also published in the September issue of *The American Philatelist*. (Dick Colberg, below right)



Dick has been collecting for over 60 years and has demonstrated a solid presence with several philatelic organizations through his vision, leadership, exhibiting, scholarship and publication, mentorship, promotion, and presentation.

Since the mid-1990s, Dick has been the president of the **Lebanon Stamp Club**. And for nine years he has been treasurer of the **Pennsylvania Postal History Association** where he worked with their journal, special issues, and more. At APS, Dick has been a summer volunteer for many years and has written in their journal, *The American Philatelist*. He is also the APS rep to his Lebanon Club. At the 2012 **American Topical Association's** National Topical Stamp Show, Dick was invaluable in setting up and breaking down the exhibit frames.

Dick is very busy with the **Philatelic Society of Lancaster County** in a variety of ways. He gives educational programs, helps at **Lanco-pex**, and contributes to the newsletter with philatelic columns regarding his collecting interests and the status of the hobby in France. From 1990-2000, Dick wrote a biweekly philatelic newspaper column in the *Lancaster New Era*.

Congratulations Dick Colberg on your Nicholas Carter Award.



PSLC President **Hal Klein** (r) accepts a Certificate of Honor from Vice President **Doug Milliken** (l) in recognition of his newsletter Article of Distinction which has been permanently posted on the website of the American Philatelic Association. This was an article in the February-'16 newsletter regarding Hal's exploits as a boy at the Lebanon Post Office.

Included is a grand award-winning exhibit from 1841 (exhibit standards are a lot tougher today), the only known full pane of the West School local, a wonderful oil painting showing a covert, and a Mail map of postal routes of the colonies (on loan from the American Philatelic Research Library). Adult admission is normally \$8, but thanks to generous support from collectors, free admission is being offered on eight Saturdays when lectures are offered. The exhibit also was featured on the December 13 APS StampTalk, which can be heard at <http://www.radio.com/12-13-17-lets-explore-postal-history>.

For more details on the exhibit, visit www.chamersociety-local.org/exhibit/youve-got-mail.

U.S. Publications Awarded

The fifth annual Christoph Gaestner Awards for philatelic literature were announced at Miracrophil 2017 and the United States entries did quite well. First place went to a book, *U.S. Covert Mail Routes by Railroad, 1832-1875*, published

this publication, *The American Philatelist*, took 10th place.

Sparkplug Award for DiComo

The Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Philatelic Society recently presented Charles DiComo with an APS Sparkplug Award. While Charles has only been a member of the Lancaster Society for a few years, his impact has been phenomenal. He has totally revamped the club's website, www.lcps-stamps.org, and its Facebook page.

DiComo has scanned the last 25-plus years of the club newsletter and compiled the PowerPoint presentations and exhibits of all the members, and they are now on the website along with other club ephemera. The club's website includes an area for both requesting and providing help with research questions, an ongoing club history, a club photo gallery (past to present), roster of Carter Volunteer Award winners and newsletter prices, philatelic links, and more. Every APS chapter can receive one Sparkplug award each year free of charge.



Alvin Warren (left) and Bill Schaffers pose at the "You've Got Mail" exhibit at the Chester County Historical Society.



Charles DiComo (left), of the Lancaster (Pa.) Philatelic Society, receives the APS Sparkplug award from fellow club member Paul Peterson.



Boy Scouts work on their collecting badge during a visit to the American Philatelic Center in Baltimore.

Lancopex Stamp & Cover Displays

Member participation was up from last year with ten exhibitors and 14 displays. There were twenty frames in all. We call these "stamp and cover displays" rather than "exhibits," as this is a non-competitive event, just an encouragement for PSLC members to share their interests with one another and the show-goers at Lancopex. As important is that three of our newest members** participated! "Exhibitors" are listed below in alphabetical order.

Joy Bouchard: (1) *The Joy & Signs of Spring* (1 pg.); (2) *The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, 1517-2017* (2-pgs.)

****Ed Close:** *The Pennsylvania Railroad, 1855-1945* (2 frames)

Dr. DiComo: (1) *The New York Domestic Mail 1852-1853 Cancel Revisited* (1 frame); (2) *The Mexican War Battle of Monterey, 21-21 September 1846* (1 frame); and (3) *1839 Stampless-Period Folded Letter from London, Upper Canada to Kilman, Scotland: The Canadian Rebelions of 1838, 1839 Revisited* (1 frame) **Dr. C. and Scott Ney** ↓



Your Club's Stamp Show

****Jay Eberly:** *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (1 frame)

Truyde Greiner: *The Exporta Stamps of Mexico* (1 frame)

Chuck Kilgore: *The Olympics* (3 frames)

Hal Klein: (1) *The Airmail Transport Issue* (3 frames); (2) *Plate Varieties of the Two Cent Red Brown of 1883-1887* (1 frame)

****Tom Nichols:** *The DC-4 Sky Master Plane* (1 frame)

RD Noble: *Silent Precancels* (1 frame)

Al Schaub: *Pennsylvania Celebrates Nat'l Airmail Week: 15-21 May 1938* (29 pages)

USPOD at Lancopex



The Lancaster PO was busy for the entire show, so staff members are already looking forward to next year. Left to right behind the counter are: **Aaron Zehring**, Retail Specialist, **Brenda Duncan** of the Greenfield PO, **John Broadbeck, Jr.** Postmaster, and **Lisa Joson**, Lancaster PO Supervisor.

Dealer Survey at Lancopex

The results of the 2018 Dealer Survey are in, and the numbers please....

There was a good response from our vendors, 19 out of 22 (20 stamp dealers, food service, and the USPOD) returned their surveys (86.4%). 15 of the 19 respondents (79%) signed their surveys, an option on our survey.



Did you meet your financial goals? Yes-17, No-2 (89.5%). One dealer added that he exceeded his goals. Another noted "My goal is to have a good time with my show customers." Of the two dealers who did not meet their goals, one rated the show 7/10 while the other 10/10. Reasons offered for not meeting the goals was "Lack of customers" and "Slow traffic."

Recommendations for future stamp shows: "Continue to promote more traffic." "Keep the rain away." "The show was fine, but the building was cold on Friday and some lights were out." (Ed's note: When the venue manager was notified of the temperature, this was successfully addressed.)

What is special about LANCOPEX? "Even better than last year and especially the York Show." "It has been great as in the last years." Seven dealers reported the impact of the club volunteers working the show, augmenting this with examples of their helping the dealers load/unload, referring customers to their tables, friendly attitudes,

and being good customers themselves. Several appreciated the club's exceptional marketing and promotion of the show, the good attendance, and a great venue. As one dealer concluded, "This show was everything; it was very professional making it a well-run show."

Food Service at Lancopex: It is well known that the presence of good food is critical to the success of a stamp show. All 19 respondents (100%) remarked favorably of the Kasper's snack, beverage, and food offering. Several added appreciation to the donor (Truys Greiner) who covered the cost of their lunches. From pulled pork to sausage, peppers, and onion sandwiches, and more, made the day as well as the macaroni and potato salads, hot dogs, lemon bars, brownies, and many others...all homemade.

On a scale of 1-10, how do you compare Lancopex to shows of a similar venue? Responses ranged from 7 to 10+ with an average of... (DRUMROLL)... 9.42/10.0; our best yet!

The health/growth of the hobby stands on three major players: the researchers, collectors, and dealers. Solid attendance at our show matched with happy dealers are the ingredients for a successful event. And as the dealers conveyed, success at Lancopex emanates from an active and engaged membership, good promotion, solid traffic, and great food. And while there was no assessment at the show regarding "customer happiness," it can be assumed with a large crowd and dealers who made their quotas. In other words, customers got what they came for, thus supporting that they were 'happy customers.'

Lancopex Theme: The 1939 NY World's Fair

There is some interesting overlap in collecting, and much of it is predictive. Some stamp collectors, for example, also collect coins, picture postcards, and ephemera. There may be overlap with maps, books, and incunabula. For fountain pen collectors, it is knives and watches. It's collateral collecting. World's Fairs have collectibles across the board.



Some enthusiasts look forward to time on the holodeck to relive the events in person. They can just enter, for example, the 1915 Panama Pacific Expo or the 1893 Columbian. I'm ready.



A World's Fair has its own history and literature, which to some is of great interest. To others, it is the collectibles. Consider the worldwide postage stamps, Cinderellas, WF-related covers, picture postcards, postmarks and cancels, maps, coins, medals, novelties (i.e. salt & pepper shakers, pencil sharpeners), jewelry (from junk to fine), clothing (i.e. scarves, ties) classic photos, newsreels, clippings, matchbooks, pottery, and others. Yes, the Fair, any Fair, can be a collector's dream. One mailer wrote home on his World's Fair postcard that "This New York Fair is one big souvenir shop with something for everybody."

Books could be written regarding the influence of WWII on the

Fair. War prevented the UK from bringing the Royal Philatelic Collection to NY. The Nazis demanded the immediate return of the treasures from the Czech Pavilion...to Germany! However, several New Yorkers said "Hell no." Poland got lost in the shuffle. Belgium, the Soviet Union, and a few other countries did not return in 1940. Works of historical fiction are numerous...and also collectible.



Two club members have shared that they attended the '39 Fair as little children with only the briefest of remembrance. Al Schaub recalls his awe of the size and scope of the Fair, while Woody Hann remembers that he almost got lost from his family during their visit.

The 1939-1940 NY World's Fair was a brief interlude; some call it a party, a fantasy, between the Great Depression and the WWII. From 30 April '39 through 27 October '40, with six months off for winter, the Fair endured with its theme "The World of Tomorrow."



One button was inscribed "I have seen the Future." Designed to help boost the morale of the American people who were entering their 10th year of the Great Depression with a substantial exacerbation in 1937, the only future that would predominate over the next five years, ironically was WWII!



In support of the Lancopex theme, Joe Berlin and Paul Petersen will display some of their holdings of the 1939 New York World's Fair. Their aim is that these exhibits will have something for everybody.

David Gelernter's 1995 novel, 1939: The Last World of the Fair is set at the Fair. From the protagonist's diary is the following quote:



"I had a feeling of being exhausted, physically lifted for a moment without effect as if you were afloat with eyes closed & a wave swells up beneath you & then rolls away again; you feel directly linked to the fair as if it were intended just for you, the future does seem lovely & you are quite sure that everything will be all right in the end."
Ed. ☒

Dealer's Satisfaction Survey

Happy shoppers and a great numbers of club volunteers help make a show, but the Dealer Satisfaction Survey is crucial. In attendance this year were 19 stamp dealers, the USPS, and the concessionaires for a total of 21. Of this, 20 (95.2%) completed the survey.

On the questions, **"Did you meet your goals for the show?"** Yes-16; No-4. The latter four reported a lack of customers, two noting the Saturday rain & fewer customers.

"What would you recommend to improve future shows?" Attract younger collectors. Continue to promote better attendance. Get rid of hand-held devices. Upgrade show hours for both days to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More folks to help dealers load and unload (X2). There were two to three dealers too many. More table space.

"What is special about Lancopex that makes your shows a success?" Friendly customers and club members. Good job helping dealers to load and unload. The USPS was pleased

to see so many stamp collectors. Great dealer diversity. A well-organized and managed show. That the club members attend the show and buy (X2)! Kudos to the USPOD with excellent products and good customer service. Excellent signage on the road with good location and venue. Lou DiFelice and all the club people. Good table prices with practical layout of the room. Nice people. Good attendance.

"Did the food and snack service meet your needs?" All comments were quite positive relating to Len and Karen Kasper's excellent customer service with good food as to quality and variety. One dealer recommended a chicken dish next year. Several thanked Trudy Greiner for covering the cost of the dealers' meals.

The final item was to use a scale of 1-10 (10 is most positive) to **score Lancopex compared to other shows of a similar venue.** This year the mean was 8.53/10. This was not as high as last year which reached 9.2-our best ever.

Displays at Lancopex

There were five stamp & cover displays this year at Lancopex.

Al Schaub's (below) display contained advertising covers of Lancaster from the late 19th to early 20th centuries. Most were quite interesting. ↓



Chuck Kilgore had two topical exhibits: 1.) Scouting (boys and girls) and 2.) The Circus.

Paul Petersen displayed a frame of recent stamps, covers, and presentation packs of the commemorative issues noting the Centenary of the Great War 1914-1918.

RD Noble had an updated collection of United States precancelled stamps.

While PSLC no longer has competitive exhibits at Lancopex, its program to display members' items at both the November Open House and at Lancopex has been very well received.

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Exhibit Winners



Awards & Recognition

Mark Schwartz was on a roll in October, gathering up several trophies. At the Sescal show in Los Angeles he received a large gold and the single frame grand award for "The 'Special Arrangement' between Liverpool and the U.S. 1843-1848." He took another large gold along with the APS pre-1900 award of excellence and the Postal History Society award with his "The Postal History of Salem, Massachusetts." In addition he also received a gold for "The Barr-Fyke Cancels of Washington, D.C. 1897-1901."

A week later at the Nojex show in East Rutherford, N.J., Mark won another large gold and the single frame grand award with his "The Postal Markings of Newbury and Newburyport, Mass. during the Stampless Period 1755-1855." One more large gold along with the United Postal Stationery Society's Marcus White medal and the U.S. Cancellation Club award went to his "The First U.S. International Postal Card and its Forerunners."

Bill Schultz was the Chief Judge this year at NOJEX in Oct. 19th -21st at the Hilton Meadowlands Hotel.

From RF

Marcophilex '18 is the premier postal history expo in France. In its 42nd year, **Dick Colberg** exhibited three frames entitled "*Railway mail service between Serquigny and Rouen.*"



When opened in 1876, this new rail line with 12 stations saved a day's travel time on a major mail route to Paris. Covers and wrappers, etc. from ten of these twelve stations is extant.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Awards Received by Members

StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show
August 9–12, 2018, Columbus, Ohio

Nicholas Lombardi – *The 1903 Two Cent Washington Shield Issue* (World Series of Philately Prix d'Honneur)

Bruce Marsden – *Switzerland 1949 Engineering and Landscapes Issue – Rates, Destinations and Usages* (Gold)

Jack André Denys – *The Bayeux Tapestry* (Large Gold: NTSS)

Jack André Denys – *GONE from New York City* (Silver: NTSS)

Allan Fisk – *Cunard Queens Visit New York* (Silver: NTSS)

Louis Caprario – *Early Christmas Seals and Their Lapel Button Complements: 1911–1927* (Single Frame Gold)

Jack André Denys – *Same Birthdate and Same Deathdate* (Single Frame Silver Bronze: NTSS)

Club Bio Mike Marino

Mike and his two brothers were kids when their dad started to collect as a form of stress relief. As a result of this, they all began collecting, though Mike remains the only stamp collector of all the siblings.

But alas, like so many of us, it was not just stamps. Mike collected coins as well. He shopped at Sattler's Department Store in Buffalo, NY where he spent his allowance and earnings from his part-time jobs. While he has waxed and waned with his coins, he has been more reliable in philately.

Stamp dealer Harold B. Rice was Mike's philatelic mentor in the '60s, and he is still in business! Mike's uncle was his coin mentor.

Starting with a U.S. Liberty Album early in his collecting, Mike has augmented this with a Lighthouse album. Besides collecting United States, Mike collected Canada, United Nations, and Vatican earlier in his life. With U.S. he collects singles, mint, and plate blocks. His emphasis is pre-World War II. He no longer has much interest in First Day Covers.

Mike joined PSLC in January of 2016 through the Harrisburg club. He noted the opportunity to attend the International Stamp Show in NYC on the club bus trip and has made several friends since joining. With a small stamp business, the club bourse and some of the local stamp shows give him a good opportunity to expand his horizons.

Mike has been in sales in the area of food products. He has had a variety of positions, and he is enjoying his new job in PA. He and his wife Margaret live in Hershey and have a grown son in California and a daughter and family in Mass.

Page 2, April 2019 12th Birthday at PSLC

What a special day it was for one of our youngest PSLC members, **Johnny Martin**. He joined the club with his dad last year and has been a regular attendee ever since.



The 13 March meeting was a special one. Not only did he hear a great talk by **Mark Schwartz** on the NY Postmaster Provisionals, but it was also his 12th Birthday. There was a special cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday.



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Club Member Bios

So what's better than a birthday cake with friends at a stamp club meeting...it is winning the 50-50 drawing that same night! Yes, Johnny won the jackpot and took home \$50. Happy Birthday!

While Johnny may not be able to buy his first 1845 NY Postmaster Provisional with these winnings, he will be able to make quite a spree through the stamp counter at **Len Kasper's** Diamond Estate Sales on Hartman Bridge Road.



So what does Johnny collect? His interests include U.S. commemoratives along with two topicals: Space and sports on stamps!

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Club Members' Articles

How Britain Assisted Pre-WWII U.S. Mail Civil Censorship: Hal Klein

One of the more interesting areas of postal history study is pre-World War II U.S. civil censorship of the mails, the censor markings, and censor tapes. In the late 1930s, Americans were opposed to intrusion into their personal freedoms as much as they are today. While they had experienced censorship of their mail only 20 years earlier during WWI, they were reticent to permit civilian (military) censorship of their mails again after the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in the late 1930s.

Germany's Wehrmacht (Military High Command) began to censor German international mails in early 1939. England, France and other European countries quickly followed suit that same year. President Roosevelt (FDR) addressed the need for the civil censorship of communications with censorship plans beginning in late February/early March, 1939. Roosevelt instructed the United States Navy to plan censorship of cable, radio-telegram, and radiotelephone circuits while the U.S. Army was to plan censorship of international and territorial mails.¹

FDR formally declared and signed a State of National Emergency for Censorship on September 2, 1939.² The U.S. actually began censoring outbound international mail on August 20, 1939.



(Above) The red 20mm x 41mm, boxed, pre-WWII U.S. censorship marking from my collection is on a post card from Ohio, censored at New York, N.Y. Censor Station, between August 27-28, 1939, to Germany.

Less than two weeks later the Order for Censorship was overturned by an Act of Congress and did not resume until Congress finally approved Censorship on April 13, 1942,³ four months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the U.S. formally entering WWII. In the interim, censorship of U.S. international mails was undertaken by Great Britain at the British Censorship Station in Bermuda. Here there was a separate censorship section that was staffed by British personnel. Their purpose: to censor mails via ship and air-mail to/from the United States. The personnel in the British section were "monitored" by a special unit of the U.S. Army.



The business-to-business cover (to the left and below) demonstrates airmail between the Territory of Hawaii and England during WWII, via the continental U.S.

This double-weight, two-ounce airmail letter, traveled via Clipper Mail to the mainland via "The Yankee Clipper" (to New York) on East-bound Trip #421, and arrived in Bermuda on 24 Sept. 1941.⁴



The cover was opened, censored, and re-sealed in Bermuda by British Examiner #2228; P.C. 90 indicates Bermuda, and; Type CLS-C⁵ is the tape form number. This is the earliest known usage (E.K.U.) of this form number. The L.K.U. is 17 July 1942. This is the only known usage from this censor.⁶ Mansell & Hatcher in Rawdon, Leeds was one of the longest-established orchid nurseries in the British Isles. K.K. Young was an optometrist⁷ by day and a supplier of orchids to Mansell & Hatcher by night.



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Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

Musings: Some Random Thoughts on the End of the Great War

Since the Centenary of the Great War came our way in 2014, I have written some snippets of the stamp issues, postal history, picture post-cards, and Cinderellas. It was just 100 years ago on 11 November when the war came to a screaming halt. Some had joy in their hearts, but others were more realistic. Finding it hard to compose a cohesive essay tonight, I simply chose the Freudian approach of free association by just writing what first comes to mind. These are some random thoughts that stand out to me on this bitter-sweet anniversary.



As a student of WWI, I've read a gamut of history and historical fiction on many aspects of the conflict. In the latter, Anne Perry is one author of choice with her five historical novels ranging from 1914 through the day of Armistice.

The final book (*We Shall Not Sleep*, 2007, NY: Ballantine) takes place during the last month of the war, mid October to 11 November 1918. After four years and a few months of total war, there was a generalized weariness at home and the front, on both sides. It was believed that the war might soon be over, perhaps any day. But what may happen until it ended?



"(Pg-96) News of the fighting came every day. The British were advancing on Lille; the Belgians had occupied Zebrugge and stormed Bruges. Someone said that British forces in Syria had entered Homs and were headed for Aleppo. Every-

thing was closing for a German surrender, but it hadn't happened yet. The hope itself was a kind of strange, exciting, and disturbing thought, so very close and yet so many men were still dying every day, sometimes several hundred of them."

Most participants realized that they would never revisit the world they knew before the war, wondering what they would be going home to, if anything. There would be many widows and many other women would remain unmarried due to the shortage of men. Some towns were decimated, and the walking wounded and hospitalized casualties abounded. Finances were upside down, as was the known social order before the war. Their own personal changes were influenced by the tension of years in the trenches, hygienic and other deprivations, combat horror, injuries, disabilities and shell shock, and just about everything else unimaginable.

Perry goes on: "(Pg-158) 'Some friendships will always last,' Mason did not waver from her gaze when he said it. 'The good ones. Sometimes we'll want to forget all this, but at other times we'll need to remember, because we've seen things other people can't even imagine. Who else would we share it with? We'll need somebody who understands why we laugh and cry when we do. Why we look at a tree in bloom and can't take our eyes off it. Why cruelty to a horse makes us want to beat the person who did it until they can't stand. And why we sometimes feel guilty to be alive and whole when so many of the best men we knew are here under the mud, and will never come home.'

The 11th November Armistice was just the beginning, as it was followed by the 1919 Treaty of Versailles, a document peppered with flawed politics and ideology along with excessive retribution that would only bring an even greater catastrophe in 1939. Following Versailles, the map of Europe, the Mediterranean, Middle East, and parts of Africa were greatly altered. Many of the redrawn national boundaries remain problematic to this day. Now that the U.S.P.O.D. finally issued its WWI stamp, I've stopped my belly aching, but since 2014 there has been a lot of foreign material to collect for any Great War enthusiast. Each year of the war had a theme, and for 2018 it is on the 11 November armistice and its aftermath.

My thoughts drew me to Portugal, often known as "The forgotten Ally." In fact, I didn't even realize that Portugal was in the war until I stumbled across a Portuguese section of a WWI cemetery in France!



This was a country that should not have been in the war. A poor country, it had great limitations financially and militarily for such a serious undertaking. There was a coup (including the assassination of King Carlos and his son) prior to the war, and by wartime, the new government was experiencing some periodic adjustment. The leaders thought participation on the allied side would help unite the country, and then at the end, they might be entitled to

some financial and territorial reparations (a.k.a., The Spoils of War).

Other precipitating circumstances included skirmishes with Germany in Colonial Africa and British persuasion among others for this neutral country to become a benighted belligerent by 3/16. Portugal is but a footnote in this worldwide catastrophe, a little known involvement that occurred for all the wrong reasons and changed the structure of the national picture until the 1970s.



Recently I attended my aunt's 100th birthday celebration. My gift was a framed pane of the U.S. WWI stamps, and I added a small inscription stating "When Ellen Cassidy Was Born, 'When Ended the Great War.'" An infant through the last few weeks of WWI, she saw her husband in RF and Germany during WWII, her son in Vietnam, and her son-in-law in Desert Storm, all in harm's way. One hundred years later we remember a war ignited by poorly motivated alliances, insecurity and distrust, and dreams of empire by some players. Have we learned anything at all? Ed. S.

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***A PATRON'S VIEW OF THE BAD MANAGEMENT
AT THE U.S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT IN 1840***

By: Charles J. DiComo, Ph.D.

This is the second in a series of articles¹ on folded letters from the stampless era that passed through New York City (NYC) headed for Europe, where the postal clerk utilized a circular date stamp (CDS) whereby the month of April is abbreviated with an "APL" as opposed to the more common "APR".^{2,3} The obverse of the single-sheet, folded letter written in 1840 and mailed from Illinois to Scotland is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. 1840 Folded Letter, Oquawka, IL via New York to Kings College, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Andrew W. Jack at Henderson Mills, Illinois wrote this letter on 15 March 1840 and applied an appealing burgundy red wax rectangular seal with framed Arabic characters (Figure 2). His letter entered the mails the next day on 16 March 1840, where the clerk added a manuscript "Oquawka, Ill., Mar 16" at upper left and matching manuscript "Paid 25" at upper right, indicating U.S. inland postage paid to New York of over 400 miles.



Figure 2. Burgundy red 30x25 mm rectangular wax seal with framed Arabic lettering on reverse.

Book Review

Niels H. Bundgaard, (2005). *The Ugly Duckling: Hans Christian Andersen and Danish Stamps*. Published by AFA-Forlaget in Otterup, Denmark. This book is distributed by Nordfirm.

Many of us older Americans, I am sure, can name some of Hans Christian Andersen's (1805-1875) fairy tales from our youth such as *The Little Match Girl*, *The Ugly Duckling*, and *The Little Mermaid*, to name a few. So it would seem like a lead pipe cinch for the poet's home country to honor him with a stamp, wouldn't it?

However, it took from 1925 to 1935 to produce an issue related to Denmark's poetry legend, Hans Christian Andersen. Through politics, bureaucracy, delays, etc., they missed the 50th Anniversary of his death in 1925, and then they missed the 125th of his birth in 1930. But they wanted to get it right at all levels of approval, after all! It is an interesting story that could be told about postal administrations the world over.

The set finally issued was the result of a contest, and it included an illustration from *The Ugly Duckling*. 5øre, *The Little Mermaid*, 10øre, and four other stamps with HC Andersen's portrait, 7-15øre. ↓

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Currently the set remains a popular one, but at the time of issue, it was met with much derision in the press as to stamp design, quality, timelines, and others.

The '35 issue got the ball rolling, however slowly, and in 1953 a three-stamp set was issued late for the 150th anniversary of his death. There were future issues in the '60s, '80s, and '90s. The 1930 Danish Christmas seal saw *The Little Match Girl*, and the 1975 Christmas Seals contained eighteen images of his paper cuttings. 2005 saw a Danish birth bicentennial issue, and other postal entities participated including Alderney, Hong Kong, Jersey, Belgium, Singapore, Germany, Marshall Islands, and China.

THE 1851-61 PERIOD
WADE E. SAADI, EDITOR

NEW PLATE FLAW DISCOVERY: "DASH AND INK TRAIL" ON 3¢ 1851 STAMP CHARLES J. DICOMO

A new plate flaw has been discovered on Position 97R11 of the 3¢ 1851 stamp (Scott 10A). It appears as a small vertical dash of color in the white space between the "U.S. POSTAGE" label and the upper right diamond block (URDB). A faint "ink trail" (or line) extends upward from the dash, heading past the URDB and into the lower right diamond block on the stamp above it, Position 87.

I noticed this variety while examining the cover illustrated in Figure 1, a recent acquisition for my research studies on Dutchess and Putnam Counties in New York State. The stamp is a single imperforate Scott 10A in a reddish orange brown shade, cancelled with an "X" and mailed from Patterson in Putnam County, probably in 1851. The postmaster at the time was Hervey Crosby. He most likely applied the two-line "Patterson NY Oct 4" manuscript postmark at lower left.

I plated the stamp as 97R11 (Position 97 from the intermediate state of the right pane of Plate 1) by comparing the on-cover copy to my plate reconstruction, and to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum photographs of Carroll Chase's reconstruction. The stamp is a Relief B example from the bottom or 10th row, with inner line recut at right only. It shows a faint to missing top outer frame line above the "E" in "POSTAGE."



Figure 1. Cover from Patterson, New York, dated 4 Oct (1851) and sent to Haverstraw, New York. The stamp is Scott 10A and shows a newly discovered plate flaw variety.

•In the June ('17) issue of *L'Echo*, Dick Colberg published an article on "The RPO (Railway Post Office) Cancels of Canada."



This is Dick's third article for *L'Echo* this year. The first two were about plate numbers on Victorian Great Britain stamps and the Security Overprints on Great Britain stamps. A fourth article, on U.S. Revenue Stamps, will appear in the September issue.



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Pond Dipping-Dave Clark

This short article was borne of a transatlantic relationship between myself and your esteemed Immediate Past President, Hal Klein. The relationship consists of him negotiating ridiculous large discounts on the covers I sell to him on Delcampe whilst I wonder why he keeps misplacing his wallet.....!.....love and respect him really!

Although I deal mostly in postal history my real passion in philately is collecting GB controls and cylinder numbers. As one comic has said, it confirms that I am a control freak!

These numbers and letters were introduced onto the selvage of GB stamp sheets as a method of accounting on issues that had large print runs i.e. the lower value issues.

First introduced on the 1d lilac value of 1881, the letter was placed on the margin under the

19th stamp at the bottom of the sheet. The letters were changed approximately twice a year, and this issue started at A and progressed through to X. (at left)



On control ↑ G a marginal rule was introduced called a 'Jubilee Line' to improve printing and plate durability. This continued through subsequent years.

Further interest for collectors is provided from control J and onwards where the selvage can be found perforated or imperforated.↘



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These are opportunities to make a contribution to PSLC.

Membership Notes

Our most distant dues-paying member is John Heitzman from SC. He hopes to be at Lancopex and see many of you. Our longest standing junior member is Caroline Ford of Brownstown. Congratulations all. **Lucy Eyster**

And of course is the odd aberration...



Next month I'll share some final information on the control letters of the Jubilee issues.

In the meantime, if any of you would like to communicate with me online, please do not hesitate to do so. **Dave Clark:** Dave@mailbox.co.uk

Meetings are held at 8:00PM on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November (third Thursday) and July and August (summer recess). The club meets in the Community Room of the Westfield Town Hall located in the center of Westfield at 425 East Broad Street.

Dues are \$8.00 per membership year which runs from September 1 to August 31.

The club newsletter will be published every two months from September to June.

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Club Auctions

PSLC Spring Auction

Our spring auction is a good chance to follow-up on your good luck at Lancopex in April. Lots to buy.

Instructions: ☐ You'll receive a numbered paddle when you arrive. Place this number on all your items to be auctioned, and use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will insure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited. ☐ Be sure that all your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are looking at. ☐ Auction lot description forms have already been emailed, and hard copies will be available.

You may also access this on the website at any time. ☐ Fiscal transactions will only be made after the last lot has been sold.



The Auction Committee recommends that you: ☐ Bring cash to pay for the items you win, and ☐ Keep a running total during the auction of the items and prices of

the lots you sell and win. ☐ Finally, please attach your sales information securely to the lots you are entering into the auction. This will help avoid any misidentification with other sellers' lots.

Bidding Rules: ☐ Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot. ☐ The minimum bidding increment is 50¢. ☐ Only dues-paying members may participate in the auction. ☐ Auction participants are limited to ten (10) lots. ☐ You may also donate items to the club with the realizations going to the benefit of the PSLC. Donations are always appreciated.

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Auctions: Let's Make Them Faster & More Secure

PSLC's triennial auctions seem to get bigger and better. **Lou Di** provided the data that he and **Dick Shaefer** compiled during the June sale. Last month there were 144 lots with 100 sold, 45 bidders, and a \$1,065 realization with \$180 of that donated to the club.

As always, there were some lots without bids, but many of these were traded or sold by private treaty following the closing of the auction.

One thing about Lancastrians and those surrounding us; all like to buy, sell, and bargain! It was such a packed house that the snacks ran out. Ed. has already talked to the snack guy for June.

However, there were some caveats. The lengths of the auctions are increasing. Two solutions were discussed. In the **first**, the ten-item limit might be reduced to eight. This would speed things up a bit.

The **second** option is for a more thorough description of the lots by the seller. The Auction Lot Description Form works well with individual

stamps/sets and single covers. Members are to be commended for using these appropriately.

However, some of the other lots need more thoroughly written descriptions. While some were described well, others required the auctioneers to look through the lot on the spot, figure out what was there, point out the highlights, and then call for bids. This takes way too much time!

The key here is for the sellers to provide a written description that the auctioneer can read to best describe the lot. This is a win-win situation. It makes the bidding process go much faster, and it should result in a better realization. Remember that the seller knows the material the best.

There is a second issue with the large auction associated with limited table space and crowding of lots on the display table.

The tables are open for buyers to preview prior to the auction, but lots can be over-handled. Someone observed our pre-auction review as a "free-for-all."

Here, lots can potentially be broken up. Segments can get separated and bundled with other lots

where they do not belong.

Two sellers had problems last month. One had several reference books for sale. Following the auction he had no record that it was sold, nor was it on the "unsold" table. He surmised, that during the auction preview, this reference book was inappropriately bundled into another of his book lots and sold. He lost a book and a sale.

Another seller checked the table during the auction and noticed that of his bundle of seven UK presentation packs, there was only one! Subsequently these were found. They had been inadvertently tucked within another UK presentation pack that had not yet come up for sale. If this was not noticed, he could have lost a sale and the items.

Bottom line: Please use great care as you prepare your lots. Devise ways that they will stay together whether in a box, a document holder, or banded together, etc.

And, as you peruse other members' lots, treat them as your own.

Further, track the auction proceedings regarding the items you sell and buy with prices realized. This provides a snapshot of your situation, and checkout will be faster.

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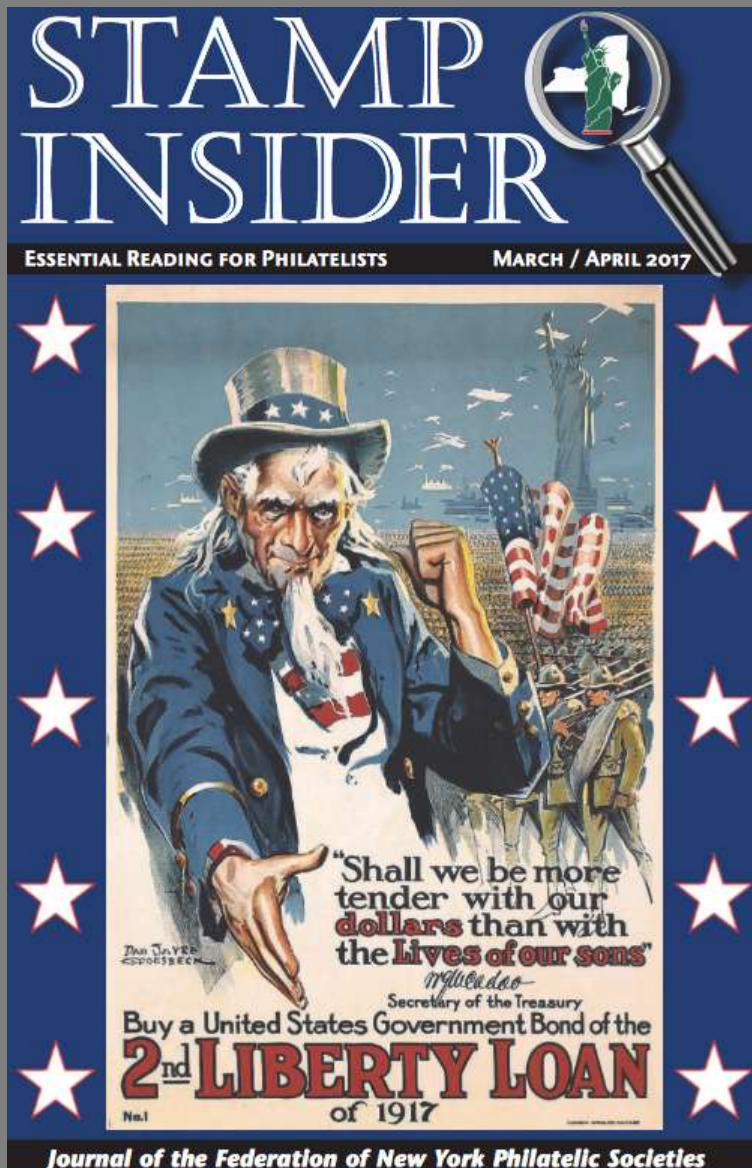
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COIN AUCTION
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LOT	MIN	GRADE	BID	LOT	MIN	GRADE	BID
1 1949 Franklin Half		AU/Unc.		51 Coin sorter and empty coin rolls			\$3
2 1950 Franklin Half		Unc.		52 1938-65 Jefferson Nickel album with coins			\$7
3 1955 Franklin Half		Unc.		53 1964 Whitman "Handbook of U.S. Coins"			\$1
4 1961 Franklin Half		BU		54 Eisenhower & SBA \$ album, no coins	New		\$2
5 1964D Kennedy Half		BU		55 Small bag of foreign coins			
6 1970 Hershey Coin Club silver medal, 999	BU			56 Small bag of Euro coins			\$2
7 1975 RRCC silver medal, 999	Proof			57 Small bag of foreign coins			
8 1968 RRCC silver medal, 999	Proof			58 Confederate \$100 note, dated 2-17-64	G		\$3
9 1973 RRCC silver medal, 999	Proof			59 Two 1976 \$2 Star notes	XF, BU		\$5
10 1959 U.S. Mint Set	BU			60 1929 \$10 Fed. Res., Philadelphia note	AU		\$14
11 1947D Walking Liberty Half	VF	\$6		61 1948 Franklin Half	AU/BU		
12 1946D Walking Liberty Half	XF	\$6		62 1949 Franklin Half	Unc.		
13 1936D Walking Liberty Half	F	\$6		63 1949S Franklin Half	Circ.		
14 1870 Russia 5 Kopecks				64 1950 Franklin Half	Unc.		
15 Bag of 75 foreign coins				65 1951 Franklin Half	AU/Unc.		
16 Bag of 75 foreign coins				66 1952S Franklin Half	AU		
17 partial 1997, 1999 U.S. Mint Sets (\$3.78 face)	\$4.25			67 1954 Franklin Half	BU		
18 1898 Canada Large Cent	VF			68 1954D Franklin Half	Unc.		
19 1859 Canada Large Cent	F			69 1955 Franklin Half	Unc.		
20 1928D U.S. \$2 Red seal note	VF	\$3.50		70 1964D Kennedy Half	BU		
21 1773 Virginia Half Penny, Gallery Mint COPY	\$8			71 1953D, 1954 Washington Quarters	AU, AU+	\$6	
22 1917, 18S, 21, 23S Buffalo Nickels	VG-VF	\$5		72 1954, 1955 Washington Quarters	AU+	\$7	
23 1868 Three Cent Nickel	VF	\$8		73 1935D Walking Liberty Half	F	\$7	
24 1909O Barber Half	F	\$20		74 1935S Walking Liberty Half	F	\$7	
25 1912, 15 Canada 5 Cent, silver	XF, VG	\$18		75 1942 Walking Liberty Half	AU	\$10	
26 1859, 93 Canada Large Cents	F, VF+	\$9		76 1943 Walking Liberty Half	XF	\$8	
27 1922 Canada Cent	VF	\$18		77 1944 Walking Liberty Half	XF	\$8	
28 1923 Canada Cent	VG	\$16		78 1982 Jamaica \$	Proof	\$4	
29 1924 Canada Cent	VF	\$10		79 1872H Malaysia 1 Cent	F	\$4	
30 1925 Canada Cent	VG	\$16		80 1847 Netherlands 1 Gulden	VG	\$10	
31 1943S Australia 6 Pence	Unc.	\$5		81 1995 Fed. Res. \$5 Star note, in holder	CU	\$9.50	
32 1904 Belgium 10 Centimes	F	\$2		82 1968 Baron Stiegel Coin Club medal	BU		
33 1874H Canada 5 Cents	VG	\$8		83 B-24 Bomber & C-54 Transport cards	AU, CU		
34 1902H, 03H Canada 5 Cents (2 coins)	G, G	\$4		84 2006 \$1 Treasury notes, uncut	CU	\$5.50	
35 1911, 12 Canada 5 Cents (2 coins)	G, VG	\$4		85 1933 \$20 St. Gaudens	COPY		
36 1917C Newfoundland 25 Cents	VF	\$4		86 1980 SBA \$ Souvenir Set (3 coins)	BU	\$3.50	
37 1771 Denmark 1 Skilling	AG	\$4		87 1976S Bicentennial Set, 40% Ag (3 coins)	Prf.	\$14	
38 1918D Germany 1/4 Mark	AU	\$6		88 1968 U.S. Mint Set, unopened	BU	\$3.25	
39 1875B Germany 1 Mark	VG	\$6		89 1964 U.S. Proof Set, unopened	Proof		
40 1950G Germany 10 Pfennig	BU	\$6		90 1971S Ike \$, brown box	Proof	\$7	
41 Bag of 250 Wheat Pennies	Circ.	\$4		91 Bag of 250 Wheat Pennies	Circ.	\$4	
42 1974, 1985 Lincoln Cent rolls	MS	\$4		92 1973, 74, 75, 76 Lincoln Cent rolls	BU	\$5	
43 1959, 60, 61, 94 Lincoln Cent rolls	MS	\$4		93 1973D, 1973S Lincoln Cent rolls	BU	\$4	
44 1974, 1975 Lincoln Cent rolls	MS	\$4		94 1975, 1980D Lincoln Cent rolls	BU	\$4	
45 Bag of Transportation tokens		\$5		95 1986 Lincoln Cent roll	BU	\$18	
46 Bag of 250 Wheat Pennies & ANA button		\$4		96 Bag of 250 Wheat Pennies	Circ.	\$4	
47 1965 U.S. Mint Special Mint Set	MS	\$6		97 1958 Jefferson Nickel roll	BU	\$4	
48 1967 Jefferson Nickel roll	MS	\$6		98 1961 Jefferson Nickel roll	BU	\$4	
49 1959D Jefferson Nickel roll	MS	\$4		99 missing			
50 2010 U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set	Proof	\$45		100 2012 U.S. Silver Proof Set	Proof	\$175	

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A SURPRISE FIRST DAY COVER

The society's annual stamp show — LANCOPEX '17 — was quite successful with very positive dealer surveys and forty club member volunteers.

The show cover had an interesting turn of events. Sitting at the Cachet Sales Table as the show started, John Hostetter remarked: "Isn't today (April 28) a first day of issue? I think it's for one of those round foreign airmail stamps. It's \$1.15, and doesn't it have a cabbage on it? Maybe we could work this into some of our show covers for an unofficial First Day of Issue."

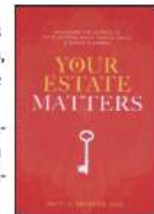
The USPS representatives working our show had the new stamp and were willing to add the airmail stamp and tie to it to the other stamps on the cover with the show cancel device. We spread the word, and some members took advantage of this. The show cover had a World War I theme. This is a quiet protest for the absence of such a USPS stamp in April, as April 6 was the one hundredth anniversary of Woodrow Wilson entering the US into The Great War.

COLLECTIBLES AND ESTATES

Our May speaker spoke about collectibles and our estates. While this subject has been presented in part in our newsletter over the years, Patti Spencer, speaker, author, and estate and tax attorney, drove the point home.

Along with a well-researched and spiral bound handout that included APS resources, she more than urged members to have a plan and offered several recommendations. This is imperative with financially substantial collections.

While state laws vary, collectors must have a plan along with a "philatelic executor," though the term for this function varies by state. It is not simply the disposition of the collection but the details of the estate, probate, and tax matters that can not be ignored. ■



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Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (ATA Chapter No. 118), Lancaster, Pa.

Website: www.lcps-stamps.org

Newsletter: Paul Petersen, editor

Email: pcpetersen@comcast.net

Newsletter topics (April): In the editor's column,

"Musings: Where Are Our WWI Commemorative Stamps?" he notes that the USPS has so far

not announced any stamps for 2017 or 2018

commemorating "The Great War." He mentions that

he has been accumulating WWI issues since 2014

from around the world, including issues from England,

Canada, Australia, New Zealand and a number of other

British Commonwealth countries. In addition, Poland, Austria, France, Belgium,

Monaco and others have also issued WWI commemorative stamps.



Centenary of 2nd Battle of the Aisne (April-May, 1917) and Prince Louis II, Monaco 2017.

Mid-Cities Stamp Club (ATA Chapter No. 90), Arlington, Irving and Granbury, Texas.

Website: www.mid-citiesstampclub.com

Newsletter: *Stamping Around*, Peter Elias, editor

Email: editor@mid-citiesstampclub.com

Newsletter topics (April): Ken Wills talks about Ironbridge, a

village in England that was illustrated on a Great Britain stamp in

1989 as part of a set of four for Industrial Archaeology and again

in 2011 as part of the United Kingdom A-Z (1st series) set of

12 showing landmarks that begin with the letters A to L. In the

"President's Column," Ray Cartier makes a nice case for stamp

collectors to take an active role in organized philately. He notes

that joining the national organizations such as the ATA or APS,

as well as specialized study units and local stamp collecting clubs,

increases one's enjoyment of philately. It gives you the opportunity

to share your interests with others, establish friendships and be

exposed to other facets of stamp collecting of which one may not

be aware. Editor Peter Elias, in "Oval and Unfiltered," looks at

some stamps that picture individuals smoking, as well as stamps

advocating quitting smoking. He mentions that a thematic collection or exhibit

could be formed about tobacco or quitting its use.



Campaign Against Smoking, South Africa – Bophuthatswana 1980 (Scott 55).

Midwest Philatelic Society (ATA Chapter No. 129) in Kansas City, Mo.

Newsletter: *The Messenger*, Scott Couch, editor

Email: tigercollect@sbeglobal.net

Newsletter topics: (May) The newsletter reprints

the first page of a multi-page article by Thomas J.

Richards, titled "Philatelic Movie Props," which

appeared in the October 2002 issue of the *American*

Philatelist. The reprinted page describes the "movie

stamp" props for the 1945 movie, *A Letter for Evie*.

The props resembled the 5¢ United States Parcel

Post stamp showing a Mail Train issued in 1913.



Mail Train & Mail Bag Rack, U.S. 1913 (Scott Q5).

Any Questions?