

# THE CARD – Vol. 27, No. 1, Issue 302, January 2016

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting – Jan. 18, 2016. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM

**Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)**

**Membership chairman: Richard Pendergrast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., I-506, Willow Street, PA 17584**

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## DECEMBER MEETING

The annual Christmas meeting was held on December 21, 2015. Twenty-four members/guests attended. Activities began at 6:00 PM with a covered dish dinner. Following dinner the slate of nominees was read, with no further nominations from the floor, the officers and board for 2016 was unanimously elected.

Door prizes for the evening were the Poinsettias that decorated the tables. There was no 50/50 drawing.

The program for the evening was given by Mr. Ross Morrison. "A Journey down Memory's Lane" was truly that - his nostalgic talk included the reading of several poems and telling stories of times gone by. Some of those in attendance remembered the telephone party line and the art of hanging wash out to dry. His reading of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" was very timely.

## 2016 OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President – Susan Glass  
Vice President – Walter Mowrer  
Secretary – Betty Beck  
Treasurer – Barabra Mowrer  
Board Members – Doug Milliken, Don Tribit, Bob Zink, Mark Arbogast  
Membership – Dick Pendergast  
Hospitality – Sharon Gromis  
Postcard Competition – Bob Zink  
Publicity – Jere Greider  
EXPO – Jere Greider  
Newsletter – Susan Glass  
Collector of Table Rents – Walter Mowrer



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the Lancaster City Schools are closed on the day of our LCPC meeting – **the club will not meet.** For those of you, who use FACEBOOK, look at the LCPClub page for closings. In the event the weather prediction is questionable contact one of these members to find out if we will have a meeting: President Susan Glass – (717-872-0810 or Walt & Barb Mowrer – (717) 684-5331.

## JANUARY PROGRAM

Member's participation – please bring your favorite New Year's postcard to the meeting and be prepared to tell us about it.

**FEBRUARY AUCTION** - Bring cards for auction to the January meeting or contact Walter Mowrer to make other arrangements.

## 2016 PROGRAMS

**January** – Favorite New Year Postcard – member participation  
**February** – Auction  
**March** – Posed Real Photo Postcards - Jere Greider  
**April** – German Costumes – Maria Schurz  
**May** – The Trolley to Strasburg and Early Strasburg Views - Mark Arbogast  
**June** – Lititz - Betty Beck  
**July** – Picnic  
**August** - Expo  
**September** – Coke, Revisited – Jere Greider  
**October** – Dick Pendergrast  
**November** – Members Market  
**December** - TBA

Happy Birthday  
26 years!



## DECEMBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Three members participated in the evening's board competition on the subject "Just for Laughs".

**First:** Walter Mowrer Just for Laughs  
**Second:** Betty Beck View from Behind  
**Third:** Maria Schurz Fun Cards

## 2016 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

**January:** The number "16" – single card  
**February:** Letter "V" - single card  
**March:** Color "Green" – single card  
**April:** Showers – single card  
**May:** Flowers - board  
**June:** Embossed card - single card  
**July:** Beauties, bathing or otherwise – single card  
**August:** Expo – consider entering a board at the show  
**September:** Comic Cards – board  
**October:** Pumpkin card – single card  
**November:** Political card - single card  
**December:** Snow person – single card

## FUTURE SHOWS

**January 18** – Jersey Shore Postcard Club Annual Show, Ocean County Fire Co #1 Firehouse, Point Pleasant, NJ, Sun. 10-4.  
Admission - \$4.00  
**January 30** – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Paper Americana Show, Singerly Fire Elktion, MD, Sat. 10-4, Admission - \$3.00

## Member News – Gone *but not forgotten*



Mary E. Darrenkamp

Mary E. (Zimmerman) Darrenkamp, 84, a homemaker, of Lancaster, died Saturday morning, December 19, 2015 at Hospice & Community Care, Mount Joy after a brief illness. She was married to Eugene C. Darrenkamp on June 11, 1957.

Born November 10, 1931 in Manor Township, she was the daughter of Frank J. and Catherine B. (Denlinger) Zimmerman. Mary was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Golden Hills, Tree of Life Quilters and Women's Club. She attended the former St. Joseph's School and was a 1950 graduate of Lancaster Catholic High. Mary was also a member of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society and the Lancaster Post Card Club.

She will be lovingly missed by her husband, Eugene and three children: Teresa M., married to Jerry Thompson, of Leola, Albert C. Darrenkamp, married to Elice, of Lancaster and John M. Darrenkamp, companion of Tina Campbell, of New Providence; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three siblings: Richard J. married to Barbara Zimmerman, of Saluda, VA, Margaret W. Wilhelm, of Lancaster and Robert W. married to Lydia C. (McKinney) Zimmerman, of Millersville and a sister-in-law, Joyce Zimmerman, of CA.



Charles Ezren Jr.

Charles Ezren, Jr., 81, of Lancaster, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2015 at Lebanon VA Medical Center. He was the husband of Emmy L. Groff Ezren, with whom he celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2015. He was born in Lancaster, son of the late Charles, Sr., and Edna M. Stradtman Ezren.

He worked as a salesperson for L.B. Herr and Sons for 30 years and also Y & S Candies for five years before his retirement. Charles was a very active member of Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church where he was a historian and an usher. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed bowling, softball, traveling, going on bus trips, collecting postcards, being a member of the Lancaster County Postcard Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife, his children: Sharon L. (Ed) Fisher; Barry C. (Lisa) Ezren; Debra M. (Scott) Wolfe; and Denise G. (Jeff) Hartman. Eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Eugene E. Gene Sowers

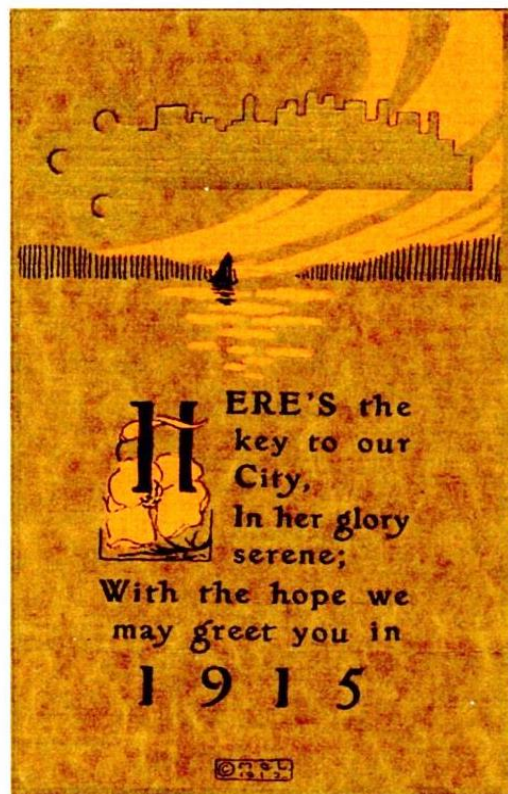
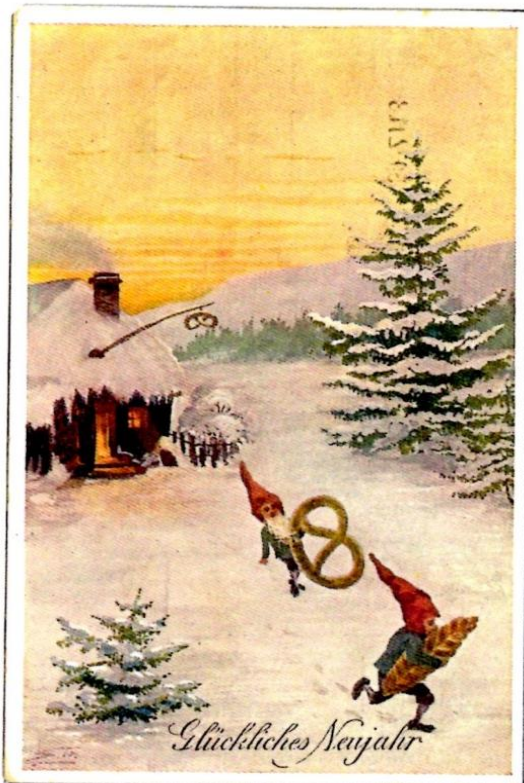
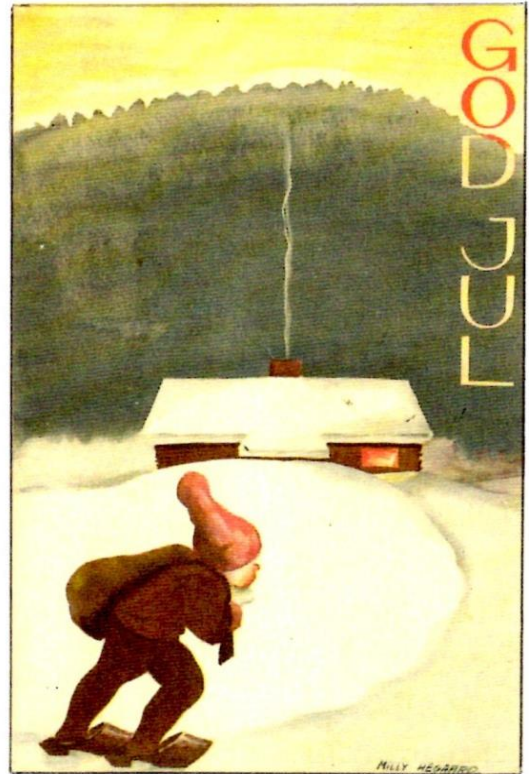
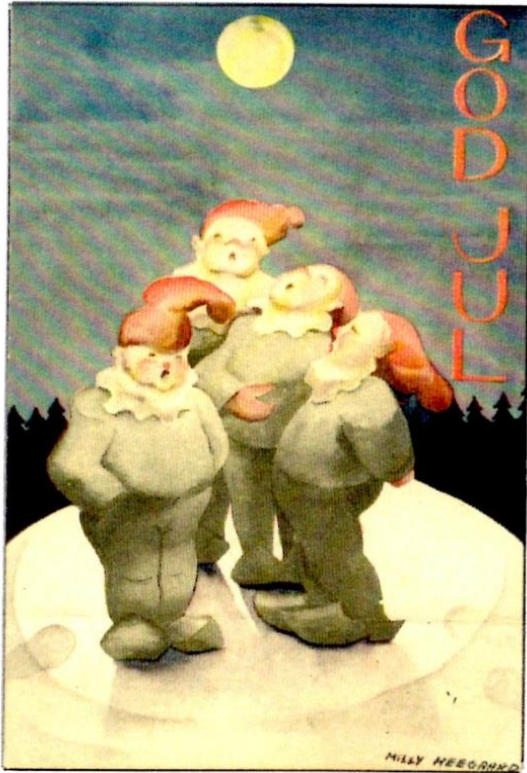
Eugene E. "Gene" Sowers, age 92, of Paradise, PA, passed away at the Lancaster General Hospital on Thursday, December 3, 2015. He was the husband of Betty J. Sowers.

He was born in York, PA, son of the late Clarion & Florence Pauline Eisenhart Sowers. He was a member of Leacock Presbyterian Church of Paradise where in the past he sang in the choir for many years, served as Elder, Deacon and Trustee. Gene was a veteran of W.W. II, serving in the Army in Africa & Italy. He was vice president and secretary of Bindery Associates of Lancaster for 25 years. He was a former member of the Lancaster Opera Workshop, Postcard Club, Covered Bridge Society and was on the board of Woods Home. Surviving besides his wife are 4 children: Jonathan M. Sowers of Raleigh, NC, Valerie A. wife of Michael Bard of New Holland, David E. husband of Karen Adams Sowers of Lancaster, Matthew A. Sowers of Exton, PA, 4 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild.



## GOOD YEAR!

Three of our Good Year – God Jul postcards are from Scandinavia and feature the work of artist, Milly Heegaard. They were published in Norway by H.W.Damm & Son, Oslo. The third card “Glückliche Neujahr” shows two little fellows running home with baked goodies that they purchased from the nearly snow-bound bakery. Artist is not mentioned, but likely from Sweden. The little fellows resemble Tomten, the little guys who look out for farmer’s livestock.



A year late, but this unusual 1915 PC is to remind you to bring to the January meeting YOUR card bearing a 16.



## Misc. Humor To Take Your Mind Off The Weather

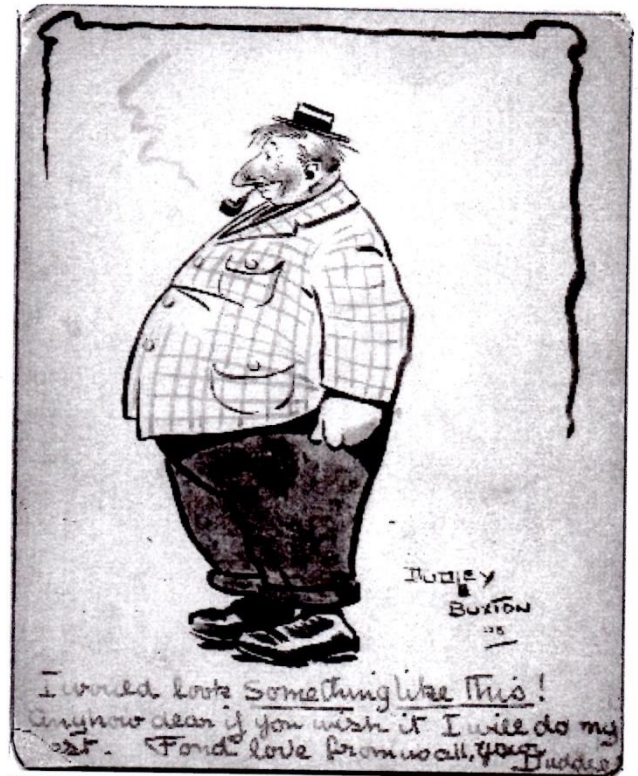
by Jim Ward

A Late arrival from our article, Street Organs and Monks, typical work by artist Bishop – “When the organ grinder comes around, I give the monkey money. An’ then he tips his little hat an’ smiles at me so funny.”

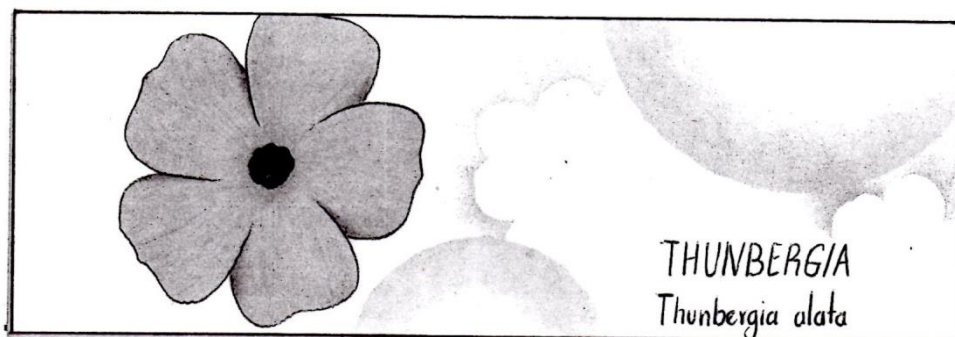


Dudley Buxton was a popular English cartoonist. Some history helps in our first sample. Helligoland (Helgoland) is an island in the North Sea. It was taken from Denmark by the British Naval Force in 1807. The British later traded it to Germany for some use rights in German East Africa. The Germans then turned the island into a popular vacation spot years before WWI. That was when Buxton drew this cartoon of our little Brit was asking for his German friend, Fritz to “come out and play”. An that was made easy since the royal leaders of each country were friendly cousins – then.

These court-size (3 ½" x 4 ¼") cards are unusual Dudley Buxton examples of his humor. He is shown as The Goode Baron Dudley Grahumbugge Buxton, waiting for hys fayre Ladye Rowena on a PC dated September 3, 1908 mailed from Hastings, England. On a second PC, also mailed in 1908, the message (beginning on the reverse reads, "You tell me to grow fat! I'm afraid you don't realize that if I were fat I would look something like this! Anyhow, dear, if you wish it I will do my best." (Dudley was in reality, thin as a rail.)



This bookmark postcard is a little remembrance to our friend, Lynne Heckler.





# A Blast from the Past



Jan.1990 Organizational Meeting. From left- Dan Good, Steven Mummert and Dede Schaeffer in Stauffer Mansion meeting room.

## THE FIRST COMERS

by Elizabeth Graver #15

It was a cold night on January 22, 1990 when 21 postcard collectors met at Stauffer Mansion at the invitation of our friend Jim Ward.

The group seemed to click at the very first meeting because we had this burning desire to collect and share our knowledge of postcards. These rectangles of cardboard covered with pictures and scenes seemed insignificant to our families and acquaintances, but we knew better. We were eager to learn more about publishers, artists, cancellations, geographics and history. Ah, history!

I'd like to think that the first 21 members should be called the "First Comers", as the passengers of the Mayflower were called when they landed on a bleak December 11, 1620 (Julian calendar).

It was not until the early 1800's that the very name "Pilgrim" came into common usage. The Pilgrims had no name for themselves as a group. Neither did our group (until the second meeting).

Incidentally, the first signer of the Mayflower Compact and the unanimously elected first governor of Plymouth Plantation was Deacon John Carver. Our second president was the Rev. Earl Carver.

It was Mary Darrenkamp who suggested we have name tags.

Gerald Hostetter and W.B. "Bernie" Heisey have served faithfully as Audit Committee each year. They carefully audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

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## POST CARD CLUB MEETS

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 26, 1990

STAUFFER MANSION - 1291 LITITZ PIKE  
LANCASTER - 7 P.M.

BRING YOUR POSTCARDS —  
BUY, SELL & TRADE!

SHORT VISUAL PROGRAM WILL BE  
"LET'S GO SHOPPING - GENERAL STORES  
IN OLD LANCASTER COUNTY"

EVERYONE WELCOME —  
BRING A FRIEND!

(DETAILS ON REVERSE TELL YOU WHO WE ARE)  
AND WHAT WE DO

## MEETING SITES

Jan.-Mar.1990. Stauffer Mansion, Lititz Pike,  
Lancaster (Meeting Room)

Chosen by Jim Ward for central location, it quickly proved too small.

Apr.1990-Nov.1991. Old Manheim Twp. Municipal Bldg. (Supervisors' Room)

Suggested by Mary Darrenkamp. Eventually occupied by Manheim Twp. Police Dept.

Dec.1991. St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Mountville (Basement Meeting Room)

Suggested by Earl Carver and Jere Greider for our Christmas Party only.

Jan.-Feb.1992. Millersville Lions Building (Basement Meeting Room)

Suggested by Don Davis. Proved too small and noisy (dancing upstairs).

Mar.1992 to present. Faith United Church of Christ, 1204 Wabank St., Lancaster, PA.

(All Purpose Room)

Suggested by Mary Darrenkamp.

## EARLY MISCELLANY

Our first members to set up and sell PCs were Jere Greider, Howard Steinberg and Jim Ward. It was February, 1990. We charged \$2.50 for use of an 8 foot table (and still do).

In February, 1991 President Earl Carver surprised PastPres. Jim Ward by presenting him, on behalf of LCPC, the club's first (and thus far, only) Honorary Life Membership. He said it was for Jim's efforts in organizing the fellowship that we enjoy today.

Editor's note: I felt honored then and hope the 25-30 hours spent on THE CARD each month will help pay my yearly dues.





## NEW YEAR WISHES

Day by day on the New  
Year's way  
Good Luck, Good Cheer  
attend,  
New cause to smile be in  
each new mile  
And at each new turn a  
friend!



