

Happy Holidays for 2020 And a Better Year in 2021

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

Please note that all PSLC meetings are virtual, starting at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, 11 & 25 November and 9 & 23 December

🤻 The Veranda Chronicles 🐐

And what a busy season it is. Halloween has just passed as I and Thanksgiving, scribe Christmas, and Hanukkah are coming soon. Like you, I can use a good diversion and some quality family time away from both "The Virus" and the general election; the latter may be over when you receive this.

But speaking of elections, PSLC has one coming up. Given the life of upheaval all around us, listed in bottom of the far right col-

the Nominations Committee sought to simplify things and asked the current Executive Committee if they would be willing to run for another term (2021), as this would be but one less hassle in a very stressful world. We are all grateful for the opportunity to serve again if it helps to move PSLC along. The slate was nominated and seconded at the 14 October meeting in preparation for a vote on November 11th. The slate is

umn on page-four including President through Treasurer. The rest of the leaders are appointed Board Members and require no vote. We're not sure if Doug Milliken has to be re-elected as Immediate Past-President, but he said that since he remains above ground, he is willing to continue to serve.

The recent philatelic bright spot was Kevin Kellman's first (in a long time-since February) Sunday Show (See Pg.-5 "Veranda")



Notice: This is a Joint Nov.-Dec. **Holiday Issue**

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Given the recent Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing to curtail the spread of the virus, PSLC has ceased its in-person monthly meetings, replacing them with virtual meetings on Zoom twice a month.

PSLC usually meets the 2nd Wed. of the month (except August) at the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 at 7:00 pm. Dues: \$10.00/year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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November Feature Programs SSSSSS

11 November 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

Pilgrim 400. A presentation by Dave Hunt

Dave will show the US stamps for the 300th, 350th and 400th anniversaries, the 3 stamps GB has issued for the Mayflower/Pilgrims, and some postal history (very) loosely connected to the Pilgrims. He's a member of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has been an officer of said organization, as a descendant of Gov. William Bradford (and proba-

bly a few others such as John and Priscilla Alden).

25 November 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

Wilkins-Ellsworth: Their Expedition to the North Pole. A presentation by Mike Bach

This presentation revolves around a postcard with two addresses and stamps from two countries with a cachet of a submarine at the North Pole. Mike tells the story of an ill-fated journey by submarine that was conceived by two adventurers, Hubert Wilkins, an Australian, and Lincoln Ellsworth, an American who we all should know but we don't. You will know a little more about these characters after Mike's presentation! Maybe more than you want to.

Social December Feature Programs Social



9 December 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

Steven J. Rod: Nassau Street: The Stamp Collectors Paradise... Nassau Street in Manhattan was the place to be, as it exemplifies the great history of the hobby in its golden years. Hear about the dealers and other characters, the auctions, the sales, and some of the other great stories behind this unprecedented NYC real estate. Steven J. Rod, one of our newest members is a celebrity in the hobby having authored the two editions of the classic Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting...He's a noted philatelic author and writer, winner of many awards in the hobby, and has a track record of stamp show leadership, the latest as Vice President of the NY World Stamp Show-2016.

23 December 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Charles DiComo will present: Banking in the Village of Pawling, NY and Surrounding Townships as told through Postal History, Bank Checks, Currencv. Revenue Stamps, and Postal Cards: 1849-1929. For a decade he lived in Pawling, Dutchess County, NY, 65 miles north of NYC. Here he began researching the history of the village, town, hamlets and neighborhoods. He collected its postal history, real photo postcards, postal cards, postal stationary, Victorian trade cards, railroad tickets, newspapers, hotel paraphernalia, etc. A sub-collection grew from this to include Bank Checks, Promissory Notes, Bank Tags, Fractional & Federal Currency and other Ephemera. Last year, he published an article in Paper Money on a portion of this story, The Life of Hiram Vail and the Obsolete Notes produced for his Banking & Collection Office in Amenia, New York. Paper Money, May-June, 2019, Vol. LVIII, No. 3, Whole No. 321, pp. 190-194. He will be sharing many items from this collection with us.

08 September Minutes, Treasury, & Happenings

David Weichert, Sect'y, and Lou DiFelice, \$\$\$

Opening: Dr. DiComo called the virtual meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He shared the updating on the website which will include a more user friendly heading called 'Resource Center'. This will include presentations (PowerPoints), reference links, article reprints, exhibits, 'For Sale,' research requests, and more. Stay tuned.

Approval of July and August Minutes and Treasury Reports: These were approved unanimously by voice vote on the screen

Membership: The updated membership roster prepared by Barbara Buchanan contains 118 dues paying members. Those who have declined to renew have been taken off the roster and email listings.

Ongoing Business: Suzanne Noble Uhl said that for the 23 September meeting she will be preparing a new recurring meeting invite link that will take us to December. You will want to save this invite on your dashboard. Paul Petersen shared that he is working to schedule the rest of the 2021 speakers roster. Since he knows where you live, it would be better, he said, if you came to him first with your topic and date.

Treasurer's Report: DiFelice noted that there has been very little activity this month.

Treasury: 1-31 August 2020 Opening: \$2824.21 Income: \$421.12 \$109.44 **Expenses:** \$3135.89 Sum:

2-CDs \$5900.25 SOSE



Feature Hamman, ATA president from Venice, FL gave a great presentation entitled "Collecting your State." Using her state of Florida as an example, she showed both topical and thematic means of completing a thorough exhibit. She also emphasized the resources

Mike Bach displayed a British



advertising cover from the Joseph ments among others.

Al Schaub complimented the production and content of the PSLC Newsletter, suggesting that it should really be called a "minimagazine." Ed followed up with thanks to the many contributors to the newsletter.

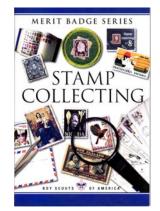
Dr. DiComo gave a brief presentation on the 'Broken Hat' of the 2¢ Columbian (#2131) of 1893. He will have more detail next time. (Ψ)



RD Noble shared a revenue color changeling, a \$2 grey with \$2 green overprint. (**↓**)



Youth and the Hobby: David Wiechert said that his 6-year-old granddaughter has shown an interest in collecting, as she enjoys going through a mixture of stamps seeking those with flags. They are setting these aside to soon start an album.



Tom Kennedy added that he is involved with a group of Boy Scouts interested in collecting postage stamps.

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & **Shows**

2020 Virtual Programs

11 November: Pilgrim-400: The 400th Anniversary of the Landing at Plymouth Rock. Dave Hunt 25 November: Wilkins-Ellsworth: Their Expedition to the North Pole. Mike Bach

9 December: Nassau Street: The Stamp Collectors' Paradise. Steven J. Rod

23 December: Banking in the Village of Pawling, NY and Surrounding Townships as told through Postal History, Bank Checks, Currency, Revenue Stamps and Postal Cards: 1849-1929. Dr. DiComo

2021 Programs

13 January: French Balloon Mail. Dick Colberg

27 January: The Panama Map Stamps. John Hocker

10 February: 1890: The Jubilee Celebrations of the Penny Post. Mike Bach.

24 February: The Providence, R.I. Pre-Mailing Control Marking on the U.S. 3 Cent 1851-57 Stamp, Charles J. DiComo.

10 March: The U.S. 1933 Byrd Antarctic Stamp: Production, First Day, and Other Uses. Alan Warren.

24 March: An introduction to Revenue Collecting as Illustrated by Members' Items.

14 April: Revenues: Carte-de-Vistas. Bill Schultz.

28 April: "Doc, I need a drink": Events and Revenues Leading to the Prohibition. Ron Lesher 12 May: Canada's Role in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-

Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War. Ron Majors.

26 May:

9 June: The FDR Stamp Collection and Estate Auction. Paul Petersen

23 June: Open 14, 28 July: Open

11 August: Summer Picnic. Millersville Memorial Park

25 August: Open 8 September: Open 22 September: Open

13 October: U.S. Int'l Philatelic Expos, Part-II. Paul Petersen **27 October:** Halloween stamps and postal history: Dave Hunt. 10 November: Potentially: Our

2021 Annual Open House



that ATA has to help you do this. Short Presentations, Show & Tell, and Discussion:

airmail magazine of the very late 1930s, one edited by A. Philips. He recommends this as a great resource for the airmail buffs. It has postal history, biographies, and more. It goes from 1939 through the end of the war



Tom Bowman: (↑) Showed an Muller Co. which dealt in patent medicine, tonics, salts, and oint-

More on the Sunday Stamp Show

Further input from show promoter Kevin Kellman, and PSLC officers. Dr. DiComo and Lou DiFelice was wired to the PSLC Newsroom for this issue.

Yes, all safety mechanisms were in place for this 11 October Sunday Stamp Show at the Farm &

Home Center. Temperatures were taken and customers who passed were given stickers for the lapels of their jackets.

The manager of the Farm & Home Center venue was very cooperative with Kevin and PSLC regarding state guidelines for safety, and



as to allow social distancing among dealers and customers for this and future shows. Customers gave contact numbers to the show manager. Dealers were very pleased with their earnings, as were the customers who were able to attend their first stamp show in many months. The success of this show is a positive prognosti-

offered additional rooms as needed

cator for Lancopex in April. The next Some Sunday Show in Lancaster will be a two-day event, and will be held Saturday and Sunday, 19-20 December at the Farm & Home Center.

23 September Zoom Meeting Proceedings

[Beginning tonight PSLC is asking members to start signing in at 6:15 p.m. so that all will be in place to reduce the numbers of stragglers who sign in after the presentation has begun.]

Dr. DiComo began the meeting at 6:30 and provided an update of the new/revised Resources Page. Here a dozen sections are included such as photos, presentations, reprints, links, and many others. He is also adding to Facebook several times a week.



Feature Presentation: Tonight's presentation was entitled Nurse Philately Stories by Ann Byerly, RN, Chapter Coordinator for ATA. While containing a well-illustrated history of nursing on stamps, Ann emphasized ways of researching and building a topical and thematic collections. She also pointed out some important tips for exhibiting.



Short Presentations, Show & Tell, and Discussion:

Seeing the stamp of the WWI French hospital ship in Ann's presentation, **RD Noble** displayed a cover of the U.S. Hospital Ship, *Repose*.



His wife, Barbara, was born on this ship. Her father, a Navy Corpsman was stationed on board though he and his wife lived on shore in China. In lieu of a birth certificate, Barb was given a letter from the captain of the ship certifying all the relevant information. More on Pg.-4. **Dr. DiComo** followed up on a previous presentation regarding the broken hat in the 2-cent 1893 Columbian stamp (231). While

the break in the hat is familiar to many U.S. collectors, he has further broken this down and identified a continuum of 'breaks' in the hat.



These range from a mild dimple to wide crack with a missing wedge-shape piece. This error is not due to the printing plate but has its origin on the transfer roll, one that creates, the image on the plate. He added that there is plenty to look for on this stamp, as there are additional broken lines in the stamp frames to research.



David Hunt displayed two items: A common first series Certificate Revenue stamp with a nicely struck and well-centered cancel dated 14 April 1865, the date on which President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Dave's second stamp (♠) dated 8 August 1898 was used as postage and delivered unremarkably. He added an interesting tidbit. that from 1917 to 1921, revenue stamps could be used as partial payment for postage on a letter. The postal rate was increased from two to three cents to mail a letter. The extra penny was not a rate increase per se, but an added tax to help pay for the war. No special revenue stamps were issued for WWI as in the Civil War or Spanish American War. Ergo, since the one-cent increase was a tax, a one-penny revenue stamp could be legally used as partial payment to mail a letter.

Robert Kotanchik showed some slides of the locally printed stamps used during the seven (7) week British postal strike of 1971. These included rates for local, national, and international mailings.

This resulted in interesting discus-

sion about which of these were legal and which were not.



Most posited that there was local use and possibly within-county usage, but surely not international. Stamp prices were higher than the prevailing local or national rates of the time. Plus it was about this time of decimalization of the British currency when it was fundamentally transformed from pounds, shillings and pence (240 pence/pound) to just pounds & pence (100 pence/pound).



A query was raised: "Is there a catalog of 'Strike stamps'? One was identified entitled *Catalogue of British Postal Strike Stamps* by Gerald Rosen, and it is available from www.hipstamp.com.

Speaking of the British postal strike and local stamps, **Dave Hunt** added that in 1981 the UK allowed local municipalities to authorize the Boy Scouts and other nonprofits the opportunity to print local stamps and deliver Christmas cards only within the bailiwick or town.



The Scout-franked cards had to be placed into special collection boxes for distribution.

Dave Weichert

Writer's Award

[Ed's note: This just came across the Telex to our newsroom as based on information found in the latest issue of the *Bulletin*, the newsletter of the Empire State Postal History Society.]

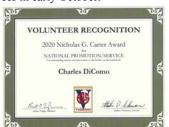
PSLC's own **Dr. DiComo** has been honored by his peers in the ESPHS with the award for 'The Best Article in the 2019 Excelsior,' the organization's philatelic journal. He was elected president of this organization in 2020.



It is entitled: From the Front Lines: Lt. Col. William G. Belknap's First Hand Account of the Battle of Monterrey during the Mexican-American War in 1846. Some of us remember the November, 2018 Reading Stamp Show when he found this cover. Within the hour, by using his smart phone, he was able to research the addressee and reconstruct the military engagement, the players, and the rates and route of the associated postal history of this cover.

Did Someone Mention Awards?

Recall the article when **Dr. Di-Como** won the APS *Nicholas Carter Award for National Service*. These were to be presented at the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford last August. Since the show was cancelled, certificates were mailed to awardees in early October.



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Dr. DiComo opened the virtual meeting at 6:30 with a welcome to 27 members and guests. He shared that Barbara Buchanan has updated the membership database. and it will now include such items as collecting interests. He and Lou DiFelice gave a review of the Sunday Stamp Show, and more detail of this is on Pg.-2.

Paul Petersen added that there are two new members and then discussed the election of PSLC officers for 2021. The Nominating Committee recommended that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it might be more efficient if the currant officers be re-nominated for the 2021 philatelic year. All have been contacted and are wiling to serve. RD Noble moved that the current officers be re-nominated, and Bob Kotanchik seconded. All voted in favor of this slate for the 2021 election. It will be held at the 11 November virtual meeting. The 2021 PSLC Officer Nominees are listed on the lower right.

Treasury: 1-30 September 2020 Opening: \$3135.89 Income: \$32.00 **Expenses:** \$332.12 Sum: \$2836.77 2-CDs \$5900.25

Feature Presentations: Dave Hunt presented two topics. The first was GB Stamped to Order Postal Stationery. Here postal costumers could order specific denomination indicia imprinted on their own envelopes or on the PO's plain white PO covers. The process lasted until just past currency decimalization in 1971.



Above is a cropped unused example with six printed stamps to order on one cover. Dave also spoke on the GB Royal Household Official Mail. These unfranked covers included special cancellations and royal seals from King Edward VII through Queen Elizabeth II. (♥)



Above is an example from GRV.

Edward the Eighth. (Ψ)

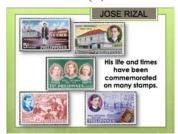


Al Schaub showed a WWII cover dated 2 September 1945, the formal day of the Japanese surrender following WWII. There were some very interesting aspects of this cover, and Al added that a few related mysteries remain. (**↓**)



Al led us into the discussion of what is philatelic mail and what is personal/commercial mail. A lively dialogue ensued.

George Hauber, Sr. gave a presentation on Jose Rizal (1861-1896), a late 19th century reformer of the Philippines. Rizal and his writings contributed greatly to the eventual liberation of these islands from Spain. In reward for his efforts, he was executed by the Spanish government in 1896. (**↓**)



Rizal remains a national hero in the Philippines, and he is one of the most depicted individuals on postage stamps of this country.

Mike Bach followed up on the locally printed stamps and services of the 1971 British Postal Strike. As a student at Exeter University he accumulated several varieties of this city's locals.



Below is a cover from the staff of He also found a First Day Cover of one of the local strike stamps. (Below-left)

> Tom McCormick followed up on the Philippines and Rizal themes with an interesting cover of late 1918 sent from Fort McKinley, Philippines. The recipient was an Army physician with the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia sent to stem the spread of the Bolshevism in Russia following



The letter was sent to him by his daughter. Jose Rizal is pictured on the two stamps on the left of the

RD Noble displayed two covers, the first from 12-1863 postmarked from Durlach, PA, a dead village in Clay Twp.



RD's second cover (1), one from West Chester, PA featured a beautiful fancy cancel.

Removal of non-soakable stamps from paper was discussed, and the products recommended citrus-based included fresheners and BestineTM.

On Exeter Locals



Following the meeting Mike Bach submitted additional stamps from the British 1971 Postal Strike.

Mike was a student at Exeter University during the strike, and in answer to the question that was raised, the ship on the stamp was captained by Sir Francis Drake, and the ship is probably the Golden Hind. Drake spent time in the city of Exeter where a pub is named after him.

More on the U.S.S. Repose

Ed's Note: I asked Bob Noble if he would like to tell more about his wife's family and the USS Repose cover that he shared on 23 September. He submitted the following:



My wife's dad was a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman stationed in Tsing-Tao, China as part of Harry Truman's attempt to maintain a U.S. presence in China. He moved his wife to China as part of this program.

They lived in a large house with several servants. Deployed at Tsing-Tao was an American hospital ship to provide medical services to locals and to the military and naval personnel stationed there, the U.S.S. Repose. And while on this tour of duty, my wife, Barb was born.

They were transported to the hospital ship in a Jeep driven by U.S. Marines armed with machine guns for protection. It was a dangeropus route, and they to pause at intersection. If the Chinese Communists were in control of a given intersection, they had to turn in a different direction.

Eventually they made it to the ship where Barb was born on 13 August. The family continued to live in Tsing-Tao for several more months until Barb and her mother were transported back to the States sometime in 1949. When the Chinese Communists eventually took over, all their family servants were killed.



Below is the slate of candidates for PSLC Office in 2021. This will come up for a membership vote at the 11 November virtual meeting.

President: Dr. DiComo 1st VP: John Hostetter 2nd VP: Wm. Greiner, III Secretary: David Weichert Treasurer: Lou DiFelice Past President: Doug Milliken

Speaking of the 1939 NY World's Fair

And did anyone just mention the 1939 New York World's Fair? Well, take a close look at the cover in the philatelic item to the right.

This 1990 item marks the 51st Anniversary of the 30 April official start of the 1939 New York World's Fair that was declared open by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Yes, examine it very closely, as there is an error on this item. Those of you with enquiring minds may spot it. The first one to get back to Ed-⊠ with the correct answer will win a prize by return mail. You do not want to miss out on this grand prize opportunity just awaiting you. Don't delay. Ed ⊠

(Vearanda from Pg.-1) on October weariness that we are going though. This was well received with happy dealers and happy campers. There were 42 customers and six dealers in a wide-open space at the Farm & Home Center. Dealer tables were further spread out, as were the chairs at the 6' distances. While all wore masks, there was no free Pizza and salad lunch per state Covid-19 regulations on communal foods!

I had a chance to chat with all the dealers and many of the customers. There are plans for another Sunday Snow in December, and we'll have the date for you. (Ed's note: The Lancopex plans appear on Pg.-6.) And as busy as life is in 2020, it is sometimes hard to remember that the holiday season is coming up.

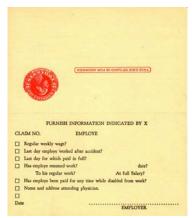


11th at the Farm & Home Center. And it will help bolster us should the pandemic prove obstinate this winter and spring. We have four great programs coming up in November and December to round out the year.

> Our last 2020 meeting will be December 23rd, just two days before Christmas. I'll have the privilege of sharing about the postal history of Pawling, NY where I lived for many years.

An idea...Why don't we use the last few minutes of this December 23rd meeting to toast the season and the onset of the New Year? So have a glass of your adult or non-adult bubbly beverage in hand, and we will salute the end of 2020 and welcome in 2021 a week early! In the meantime, may each and every one of you These celebrations may help slacken all have a wonderful holiday season some of the tension and world- over these next months. CJDi

Lancaster Postal History





The United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania used this Paid Reply Postal Card (UY13) to reach out to employers of injured workers where claims were submitted. This short 8-item questionnaire sought to determine the ongoing health and work status of the disabled company employee. This item is from the early to mid 1950s.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



28 October Proceedings



Paul Petersen opened the meeting with a greeting and shared plans for the evening and reviewed future 2020 programs. He had a few quick business items.

Membership: Paul welcomed two (2) new members, Robert Coradi from Hanover, PA who collects 19th and 20th century U.S. and postal history. Dave Plunkett is from Toledo, OH and he collects stamps and postal history associated with Toledo and Lucas and Fulton Counties, Toledo Post offices, some worldwide, and 1949 U.S. postal history. Topically he collects cats on stamps, Naval and other covers, and postal history of the USS Plunkett DD431. The current number of dues paying members for 2020 is 124. The last 2020 dues-paying holdout paid a week ago!

Dues: 2021 dues notices and renewal slips will be in the newsletter for November and December, aka The Holiday Issue, PSLC is still the best deal in town at \$10.00/year. (See Pg.-6)

Steve Kennedy, President of the PAPHS will make applications available for first-time members for the society, and Paul will send them out. With the emerging growth of interest in postal history, it is a great time to start, especially with one's own state.



Feature Presentation: An Introduction to the British Machin Issues by Bob Kotanchik. This was a very thorough treatment of a most complicated set of stamps that began in 1967 and will continue to run until the accession of the next British monarch.



Bob shared how the Machins were produced and packaged, then he displayed many of the varieties due to perfs, embedded codes, phosphor tagging, presentation packs, booklets, and many others. We also learned of some of the nuances of the British Post Office and the hobby.

A good discussion on Machins followed the presentation. The take home thought from the membership, is that collecting these issues is best described as "daunting."



RD Noble displayed one of the definitive guides to the Machins, the Deegam Handbook. And a page is displayed below. Mike Bach who is from the UK and once collected Machins said he quit and offered what he had left to the speaker.



Show and Tell: There was only one item, this by RD Noble, a precancelled 5¢ U.S. Proprietary Revenue as pictured below. This includes a Spade image and Dec. 18 '78.



This is a blue precancel on RB16b. The small, spade design is used by the Victor E. Mauger Co. And the precancel overprint converted it into a provisional playing card cancel. It is both an interesting and unusual item. Dave Weichert, Sect'y

I Promise To Pay – along with a 5 Cents U.S. "Agreement" Revenue to Boot!-Dr. DiComo

I would like to share a recent find from my search for philatelic material from East Hempfield, my family's home here in Lancaster County, PA for the past 7 years. To my surprise, I came across the Promissory Note in Figure 1 while searching a miscellaneous lot of revenue stamped documents. This note is dated July 30, 1870 from East Hempfield for the amount of \$15.18 to be paid 7 months after the date to the order of Jacob Baker' at ' the Mechanics Bank Lancaster' (without deflation, for value received).

At the lower left, Figure 2 shows an ornate black "stamp" frame with a U.S. First Issue Revenue Scott #R23c, a red 5¢ Agreement stamp, cancelled in black ink 'B.R. July 30 1870' (for Benjamin Rowers). Not

shown is the reverse of the note, which is signed/endorsed by 'Jacob Baker'.

This 195x105 mm note is on unwatermarked white paper and has a detailed vignette of a seated woman at left holding a sickle with a dog in foreground and a homestead with a barn is in the background (Figure 3). In her right hand she is holding a wide brimmed straw summer hat with ribbon.

The engraver and printer are unknown, but I would guess they were local to the Lancaster area. I am excited to continue my search for more postal history and ephemera from East Hempfield and the surrounding neighborhoods that we are now calling home. Happy hunting! Charles J. DiComo, PhD, President, PSLC







Lancopex Planning Meeting

On 30 September, the Lancopex team met virtually with the following in attendance: Dick Shaefer, Lou DiFelice, Dr. DiComo, Bill Greiner, Dave Weichert, and Paul Petersen. The bottom line is that many outstanding questions remain and will require answers over time while we concurrently monitor the uncertain progression of the Covid-19 virus throughout the winter and into the spring.

Members will attend the 11 October Sunday Show and monitor for safety and financial benchmarks. Paul will engage other regional clubs regarding the status of their shows. Lou will follow up with the Farm & Home Center manager for details of sanitation services, customer capacity limits, and other regulatory essentials. **Dr. DiComo** will follow up with dealers and their current thinking regarding Lancopex participation.

The committee will reconvene at a convenient time early next year to compile what we have learned to date. **David Weichert**, Secretary



The joy of little ones on Christmas day is seen below in this twenty-six month-old little boy in 1980.



Turkeys always have a way of giving us that sense of great wonderment and anticipation.

Thank You Kind Colleagues

Near the end of the newsletter season, it is a pleasure to express my appreciation to those who made this publication possible.

To Treasurer, Lou DiFelice for his regularly submitted Treasury Reports, to Secretary Dave Weichert for the meeting minutes, and to President Dr. DiComo for his Presidential column, *The Veranda Chronicles*.



Thanks to those who submitted feature articles, short stories, and experience including: Hal Klein, RD Noble, Dr. DiComo, Joseph Wible, Tom Nichols, and Mike Bach for feature articles.

Shorts from Len Kasper, Mike Bach, George and Nancy Younes, and John Hostetter. Can't forget Bill Schultz for the "Best Covid-Related Cartoon."

Then there were many who shared their "Isolation' stories including Al Schaub, Doug Milliken, Lou DiFelice, Dr. DiComo, Hal Klein, Scott Ney, Bob Kramer, George Hauber, Sr., Joseph Wible, Ron Majors, Rob Sternberg, Dan and Johnny Martin, Fred Sargent, Roy Baardsen, Len Kasper, Tom Nichols, Lucy Eyster, Ron Hess, Bob Witkosky and Deb Ehleiter.

Great appreciation is extended to proofreaders **Carol Petersen** and **Dr. DiComo**. My hat is off.

In my role as **Program Chairman**, I want to thank all speakers who presented this year. We have gone from seven presentations to potentially 23 per year! Ed ⊠

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