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Happy New Year-2008

Meeting Date: Wednesday, the 09th January 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Club auction (see note below)

Location: Bluebird Commons/Woodcrest Villa (see note below)

Snack Host: WP Snyder

Meeting location change notice: Please note that starting this month we will convene at **Bluebird Commons, Woodcrest Villa**, 2001 Harrisburg Avenue/ Pike, Lancaster. A separate map will be sent to you via email. We recommend that you take a practice run in the daytime prior to the meeting to familiarize yourself with the layout. This is a beautiful facility, and we are looking forward to holding our meetings here. If you have any **questions** with locating this facility, please call Paul P.- at 717.299.5640 or email to pcpetersen@comcast.net (87)

President's Message-January 2008

Welcome to stamp collecting with LCPS in 2008!

It is a pleasure and honor to accept the presidency of our club. I hope we will each communicate openly about any issues that concern LCPS.

We had an enjoyable holiday party in December and are grateful to Marilyn Shirley and her committee, Dick Bishop and myself, for organizing the event. There was more than enough food and the games and prizes were a treat.

Also, much gratitude to Bob Noble who did a splendid job as President in 2007, and to whom I offer my personal thanks for his help in transferring responsibilities. Also thanks to Dick Wheeler for his fine job as editor of the newsletter.

At a recent meeting of our officers we decided that the name of each month's meeting host will be included in the newsletter as a reminder. Paul Petersen, our new editor will give the newsletter a new look. Go for it, Paul!

A philatelic item that recently was in the news concerns the possible disappearance of the Washington D.C. postmark, as more of the city's mail is being processed and postmarked in Maryland. Will D.C. postmarks become a collector's item?

We have taken several steps to make sure that our members are aware of the new location for our meetings and the benefits of the new space. (Details appear again elsewhere in this newsletter). I am sorry to miss the first meeting, but I am sure you will be in very capable hands with our new vice president, Bill Snyder.

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President's Message continued...

Happy New Year to All, and I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Eleanor Wheeler (280)

January Meeting: Auction (7:00 PM, Woodcrest Villa-see enclosed map)

The auction will follow the same format as in all past auctions. Please note the following restrictions: Each member may enter up to **ten (10) lots**. Each lot must have a **minimum value of \$1.00**. Come a little early to complete the paperwork to identify and price your lots.

(Tentative) Future Meeting Topics to date**

JAN 09-Auction	JUL 09-Open Topic
FEB 13-US Stamp Society: R. Noble	AUG 13-Club Picnic
MAR 12-Lick 'n stick for Lancopex	SEP 10-Auction
APR 14-FDR/Philately: P. Petersen	OCT 08-Lanc. Postal History: J. Boyles
MAY14-Auction	NOV 12-Newfoundland: WP. Snyder
JUN 11-Open Topic	DEC 10-Club Party

** Please note that we have two open dates. APS Slide/PowerPoint shows are always available, but we would like to have a program from our members. Please let us know if you have an idea for a presentation. If you would like slides/PowerPoint made for you to show, please contact Paul Petersen

LANCOPEX Alert: Save the dates-Sat/ Sun, the **26th – 27th April 2008** at the Farm and Home Show Complex. More information will be forthcoming, but consider volunteering to be part of this annual and important philatelic event.

Meeting minutes (December) & Treasurer's Report

There are no formal minutes of this meeting as no formal business was conducted at the party. Lori will resume her report in the February newsletter. Claire will have a financial report for us at the January meeting.

Musings from the Editor-New Year's Resolutions

It is that time again, to make and then to break another resolution. People do it all the time. The key is to not feel guilty about it! One of the more popular promises is to get more exercise and lose some weight. I took Al Schaub's sage advice when I retired in May. It has worked for him. Right after retirement, I got into the car and drove to the gym instead of the office, and I have made a habit of it since then. Thanks, Al. So now I will not have to feel guilty about it.

But what philatelic resolutions can we make...and keep? These, certainly, should be easier than traditional resolutions. After all, philately is fun! Wintertime and darkness at 4:30 PM preclude any gardening for the next several months, so let us get to work. Recall all those projects that have been in

your head. Now write them down; get them done. What about that box of philatelic gems sitting in your closet for the past five years? Perhaps their time has come. Then there are the stamps that you wanted to pull together for the youth group or a philatelic charity. I have to reHINGE many stamps in my albums that have fallen loose over the years. One colleague shared that she has about 50 years of old *Linn's* and *Scott's Monthly* magazines that she has wanted to clip and file. How many of you have talked about volunteering a few hours at a local school's stamp club? I am sure that we all have our list of stamp projects. There is an auction this month, so it is a good time to weed out, and if this is too soon, there are more auctions in May and September. So let's start making those resolutions. (301)

Snack Sign-up: We will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting, so please consider participating. This typically includes snacks for about 30 people to include drinks and munchies. It is recommended that one of the drink choices and one of the munchy choices be sugar free. We have plenty of cups on hand to last several months. (58)

Under the tree: What a surprise it was to find a wonderful book about the Faroe Islands* and stamps as a Christmas gift from my wife. I have been interested in this country's stamps for the last year or so, and of what I have read so far, I love it. It has stamps, of course, including several "maps on stamps," one of the topicals that I accumulate. Well illustrated with colour and B&W illustrations, it describes geography, history, birds, and much more. While the country is associated with Denmark, I learned that it was the Irish who first landed and settled this archipelago, that is until the Vikings made them all run for cover. Denmark and Ireland are countries that I collect. * Reference: Brandt, D. (2006). *Stamps and Story of the Faroe Islands*. Tórshavn: Postverk Føroya (The Faroese Postal Administration). (142)

Philatelic data base: Why am I bringing up this book about the Faroes? At the LCPS planning meeting at Dick and Eleanor Wheeler's in December, we discussed compiling a database of club members' holdings of philatelic literature. This would include the books that members are willing to lend to other to club members. We may talk more about this in the future. Please think about it for now. Is this something the club should consider? Your feedback is welcome. As individuals of the stamp club, we probably have quite a collection, and if you are like me, I don't feel I have gotten my money's worth from a book (or CD or DVD!) if I haven't loaned it to several friends. P. Petersen (123)

Editor's note. It is a most appropriate time to express my thanks to the previous editor of this newsletter for many years of dedicated, reliable, and professional service in keeping us informed. Dick Wheeler not only guided me through the demanding selection process for this position, but he then served as mentor during the transition process as my people got together with his people. Thank you, Dick. Robert Noble and I are exploring issues of compatibility, as I would like to use Microsoft *Publisher* to produce a newsletter that is illustrated with stamps and other philatelic items. We will be seeking

feedback from you regarding this. I look forward to taking the helm of the LCPS newsletter and calling on you for a short article or two. (127)

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