

LCPS NEWS LETTER

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LANCASTER COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETINGS

The LCPS is very active with approximately 30-40 members attending meetings. Club dues are \$10.00 yearly.

DATE of Next Club Meeting: **Wednesday, May 9, 2007** [The club always meets the Second Wednesday of each month]

MAY 9 PROGRAM: **STAMP AUCTION**- bring up to 10 items with minimum value of \$1 each

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Maple Grove Community Center, 1400 block of Columbia Avenue [Center is on Columbia Avenue/Route 462 next to Modern Imports Auto sales]

WOW!! THE LCPS STAMP SHOW – ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Attendance: Approximately 450 collectors including 25-30 children!! Collectors from VA, OH, NY, DE, MD, WV and several other states.

New Club members: At least 5!

Exhibits: High Quality, Educational & Attention Getting!

Dealers: Ecstatic!! All can now afford a gourmet meal due to business!

Space: The Farm & Home Center renovation – spacious/comfortable!

Show Coordination, Organization & Set-up: Show organizers, club officers & members - we salute you for hours spent and a superb job!!!!

Snacks: Love those 25 cent close-outs!

CALL FOR IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS: PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR'S SHOW

Jim Boyles and others have suggested that the club needs to plan for involving club members in learning to do the kinds of tasks essential to organizing and coordinating the annual stamp show. Organizing the show requires skills, task identification and a great deal of time and effort. The club needs to identify how the skills can be learned and the burden can be shared.

Do you have ideas or suggestions? If so, please email them, or write them down and give them to Richard Wheeler, Editor. Suggestions will be included in the June issue of the club news letter.

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 11, 2007

Vice President Eleanor Wheeler filled in for club President, Bob Noble.

Treasurer's Report:

Open:	\$5,122.39
In (Approx.):	\$ 881.00
Out (Approx.):	<u>\$ 537.00</u>
Balance:	\$5,466.16

CD matured: \$1,021.62 – this will be rolled into another CD.

Leslie mentioned if you need supplies, write them down and give to her and she will bring them to the stamp show. Diane Meek announced that there will no longer be a 4th Thursday of the month Stamp Swap due to lack of interest. Jim Boyles overviewed the upcoming stamp show and stressed the need for volunteers for both days of the show! Please show your support by volunteering your time. Kaye, from the Post Office, will not be able to do the show due to a fractured leg. At this point, we are not sure who will be their representing the Post Office. There will be 60 frames at the stamp show. Please be mindful of the value of the exhibits when placing in the frames.

Roy Baardsen announced that he is in the process of organizing the Bus trip to APS. Approximately 32 people have expressed possible interest. This trip will be during the work-week and more information to come. Roy anticipates the bus will accommodate 47 passengers. Members from five stamp clubs will be invited.

After a short break, Dick Colberg presented a program, "Appraising Your Stamp Collection." This presentation was based on an article Dick wrote. The two most common appraisals are "replacement value" and "fair market value." Replacement value is the price at which the item would be available in the retail market in your geographic area. Fair market value is the price the property would sell for on the open market. Appraisals are used for insurance purposes, estate settlements and donations. Finding a qualified appraiser is not as easy as you may think. Unless the appraisal is for insurance purposes, most stamp appraisals will be valued according to fair market value. Dick pointed out that most collections are worth far less than collectors would like however that should not be a detriment to the joy of collecting and learning. Dick provided copies of his article to club members. Submitted by Lori Hostetler

ROY BAARSDEN - ANNOUNCING THE APS BUS TRIP!!

WHERE: The American Philatelic Soc., The Match Factory, Bellefont, PA.

DATE: October 3, 2007

PURPOSE: Get to know your APS

Pre-arranged tour; Society History; Expertizing

Use of the APS extensive library

Availability of "Circuit Books" for society members

Internet sales can be requested in advance

TRAVEL: Executive Coach Bus Company, Ephrata, PA

8:00 AM Departure – 5:00 PM Return

Pick-up locations to be determined

COST: \$25.00/ person

Make check payable to: "Reading Stamp Club"

Mail to: Roy Baardsen, 379 Sioux Court,

Sinking Spring, PA 19608-8913

SIGN-UP:

LUNCH: Pack your own lunch or order box lunch - \$10.00

AI SHAUB GIVES US "SOMETHING TO PONDER"

There is known to be a scientific relationship between a person's occupation and his or her health and longevity. In March 2007 long-time stamp dealer Adam Bert passed away. In visiting his Pittsburgh shop I found Mr. Bert to be a very friendly and outgoing person who seemed to greatly

enjoy both stamps and people. Mr. Bert retired from stamp dealing in 1995, when the building in which his shop was located was sold and his lease was not renewed. What does all of this have to do with longevity? To find out you have to do some number crunching. To do this you need to know that Mr. Bert was born in 1905 and was a full-time stamp dealer for sixty-three years.

UPCOMING SHOWS

VALPEX 2007 – May 5-6, 2007. Saturday 10-5; Sunday 10-4. 269 Green St, Royersford, PA

First Sunday Lancaster Stamp Show – June 3 & Aug 5, Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Lancaster Farm & Home Center

Annual Lancaster Co Postcard Show – Saturday August 18, 10 AM -5 PM,
Lancaster Farm & Home Center

TRI-STATE – Monthly Coin and Stamp Show and Sale. Fourth Sunday each month, 10AM-4PM. Fort Washington Hotel and Conference Center, Fort Washington PA (PA Turnpike exit 339)

Baltimore Friendly Bourse – Sundays 10 AM - 4 PM, June 10, July 22 & August 26. Holiday Inn Select (Baltimore North) 2004 Green Spring Drive, Timonium, MD (Timonium exit Rt. #83).

SCOPEX 2007 – Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30, June 16 & 17, APS Headquarters, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA.

Fairfax Stampfest – Sat. 10-5; Sun 10-4, July 7 & 8. Elk's Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA

WHAT DO THESE THREE CHARACTERS HAVE IN COMMON?

