

# **LCPS NEWS LETTER**

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## **LANCASTER COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETINGS**

The LCPS is very active with approximately 35-45 members attending monthly meetings.

Club dues are \$10.00 yearly.

DATE of Next Club Meeting: **Wednesday, October 10, 2007** [The club always meets the Second Wednesday of each month]

OCTOBER PROGRAM: **STAMP SWAP NIGHT!!!**

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]

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is a real bummer getting sick. Granddaughters are wonderful unless they bring you gifts of germs from daycare. Oh, I guess they're still wonderful but the germs aren't. After 2 weeks of fighting bronchitis, hopefully, both my wife and I are getting back to normal.

There is a lot to plan for and think about for this month. First as mentioned elsewhere, there is the trip to Bellefonte, PA, to the APS headquarters. Second, we all need to think about our commitment to the club and how we can help to make the club prosper. Of course I am referring to two specific items which need your attention, the newsletter (we need a new editor) and the nomination and election of a vice-president for the club. I realize that I sound like a broken record, but the club will only prosper as more and more individuals become involved with the club. The club is FANTASTIC now, please help to make it better. Third, we will need to think and discuss our meeting place.

Let me quickly touch on the next 3 meetings. December is our holiday party. Plan to attend, it is inexpensive and fun. On November 14, Ron Leshner, from Elkton MD, will discuss Pennsylvania revenues. This should be an interesting meeting since it relates to our state and to stamp collecting. Ron was an award winning exhibitor at our 2007 LANCOPEX for his display of revenues. These are interesting, fun, and quirky stamps.

Our October meeting will be a "swap" and "shop". This is not to replace our dealers and indeed, buying is not the real purpose here although it can happen. The concept as I understand it is to bring your duplicates and unwanted stamps and hopefully swap with other members who do the same. For example, I will have some beautiful duplicate Japanese stamps, some used US, some nice foreign sets, possibly some foreign covers, and who knows what else to trade for revenues, precancels, perfins, PNC's, Japan, RPO's, flag cancels, Machins, and anything appealing. Who knows, we all may find exactly what we want. This is a chance to trim some of that accumulation and get more of what you are really interested in. It should be a fun evening.

Have fun with your stamps  
Bob

## MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Welcome Visitors! Bob Trigg, an "accumulator". Bob gave the club envelopes from prior Lancaster County Stamp Club – thanks Bob. Also visiting: Glenn and Anne Marie Smith and Bob Thayer.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance \$4,533.00. Income: \$ 2.11. Expenditures: \$ 21.81 (sales tax on Lancopex covers). Ending balance \$4,513.85

Dick Wheeler announced that he would like to resign as editor of the newsletter. Bob Noble requested that someone please step up to take over this job. Dick did say that he would not leave us in the lurch and that this is a rather splendid opportunity to serve the club. Dick Bishop has volunteered to be in charge of entertainment for our Christmas party.

The APS trip scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> - we had 39 people going. However, the number of persons going is now down to 36 due to illness, etc. Some people from the Lebanon Club may go? The cost of the bus will be divided among the 36 people going, as we needed 39 to 40 to fill the bus. Pick up for the trip will be at the Ephrata Wal-Mart. Please be there by 7:30 a.m., as the bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a stamp show at the Farm & Home Center between 10:00 and 4:00. The Eastern Pre-Cancel show is September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Unpaid members – please pay your club dues. Jim Boyles will be sending reminders to all those who have not paid their dues. The August picnic was fantastic, but we may need to move the picnic to July.

Upcoming club elections: Eleanor Wheeler will become our president in January. We will need to elect a vice-president. Someone please consider running.

New business: Dick Colberg e-mailed from France with a request to rent a box or two of our show frames to show his collection at his community. The club approved Dick's request. There will be no charge. There was no winner of our \$5.00 drawing. Next month it will be \$10.00.

Trudy informed the club that the rent on our meeting space will increase from \$330 to \$550 a year. Lucy Eyster stated that there is a room at Woodcrest that would be free on the same night that we meet now. A committee of Eleanor, Bob and Paul will schedule a time to see the room and check into this further. After a very short break, the auction will start at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hostetler

### THE APS BUS TRIP: OCTOBER 3!!

Club members, by the time you get this edition of the newsletter the October 3 APS bus trip will be near. If you have not signed on there is still time to get on-board. Please contact Roy Baardsen immediately if you would like to join the tour. Roy's telephone #: 1-610-927-3435

### DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

**BUS COMPANY:** Executive Coach Bus Company, Ephrata, PA  
**DEPARTURE LOCATION:** Wal-Mart parking lot, Ephrata, PA

**TIME:** Please arrive by **7:30 AM**. Bus will depart at 8:00 AM and return at 5:00 PM.

**DESTINATION:** The American Philatelic Soc., the Match Factory, Bellefonte, PA.

**COST:** Approximately \$25.00/ person [Folks the cost might increase slightly depending upon the number of persons who attend.]

### **REPORT & RECOMMENDATION: THE CLUB'S MEETING LOCATION COMMITTEE**

During our club's meeting on September 12, a committee was formed to explore the possibility of changing our meeting place from the current location [Community center] to a meeting room at the Woodcrest Villa Retirement Community at 2001 Harrisburg Pike. A committee was formed consisting of Paul Peterson, Eleanor Wheeler, Lucy and Bob Noble. The committee did meet at Woodcrest Village on September 18 to assess the Woodcrest meeting space. Their report follows:

1. The Bluebird Meeting Room is available to us at NO COST, as a courtesy since one of our members is a resident there.
2. The location on Harrisburg Pike is easily accessed from Routes 30 and 283.
3. There are 19 parking spaces very close to the room entrance with additional parking at just a short walk. The entrance way is flat (no steps).
4. The meeting room is spacious, carpeted and has comfortable chairs. There are pre-set tables for dealers. The room is set-up for meetings and does not require setting-up or taking down of chairs or tables – except that the set-up of the room must be left as found.
5. There are 2 sets of bathrooms: one set at the front and one at the back of the room.
6. There is built-in, easy to use, audiovisual equipment in the room including laptop, power point and slide show capabilities.
7. There is a kitchen with refrigerator and coffee maker.
8. Woodcrest Villa has a staff member who will assist with party planning. For example this person would coordinate catering for events such as the club's holiday party.

The committee recommends that we move the meeting place to Woodcrest Villa. This is a very desirable meeting space with no major disadvantages.

### **THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP: NEXT YEAR'S STAMP SHOW**

Attention members!! We need YOU to become involved in learning to help organize, coordinate and set-up the club's annual stamp show. This is too large an effort for only a small number of people. Please consider helping to share the load and contact Jim Boyles.

### **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> First Sunday Lancaster Stamp Show** – Sunday October 7, 2007, 10AM-4PM, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

**7<sup>TH</sup> Annual Reading Stamp Collectors Club Show** – November 3, 2007: 10 AM-4 PM, Leesport Farmer's Market.

### **HELP WANTED**

**Editor-In-Chief: LCPS News Letter.** Prestigious position within a well known Lancaster Philatelic Society of 50-60 members with a stick-to-it history. An opportunity to excel, exercise creativity, influence information distribution, and energize club member contributions. Unlimited access to meeting snacks, cookies & pretzels.