



MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER  
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Next Meeting - Wed., JANUARY 10, 2001

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#### GLEANS AND GLANCES OF THE YEAR 2000

Were you a host or hostess during the year 2000? Well, if your name is PETER BILLIS, MARY HUSSON, MARILYN SHIRLEY, DICK SHAEFER, JIM BOYLES, LESLEY BOTTE, TRUYDE AND BILL GREINER, DONNA DEVINE, LUCY EYSTER, OR MIKE SHIRLEY, you were indeed a host or hostess last year.

The club wishes to thank these willing members for doing their bit to add to the "niceties" of our club meetings.

During the past year we had four members leave our club and take their place in the Heavens. They were Dick Dudley and Howard Lebo (March Newsletter); Kermit Zimmerman (April Newsletter); Beatriz Killough (December Newsletter). Memorial gifts were sent to the American Philatelic Society in honor of each member by the club.

Some of the new members to our club during the year 2000 were -- ROBERT LARKIN, GEORGE B. CLAIR, JEFFREY WIBBERLEY, BETTY H. PERRY, DR. OWEN KEENE. We challenge each mem-

ber to make a special effort to recognize these members and get to know them better in the year 2001.

Last year we had three auctions -- February, July, and September. We had two "Penny Nights" -- March and December. We had a Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. (along with the York Club) and last but not least, we all worked very hard at LANCOPEX, which, once again, was a success.

Some different activities in the club was the collection of food for Water Street Rescue Mission at Christmas time.

And, of course, we can probably brag that we had the only president to get married in all of U.S. to a young lady in Russia during the year 2000. PETER BILLIS AND VIKTORIYA OGANESYANTS BILLIS were married October 15, 2000 in Russia.

Yes, indeed, what can we say -- things were moving during 2000 and we hope to do even more and greater things during the year 2001.

The Editors

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## JANUARY PROGRAM

The New Year begins with resolutions and "cleaning out" times. So, we feel this is the perfect time to go through your "extras" and bring them in for some spare cash to buy that special stamp you always wanted. We plan to have an auction to benefit club members.

### HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF PILFERAGE IN MAILING OVERSEAS.

A recent issue of "The Circuit" addressed cases of letters containing stamps getting lost in eastern Europe. This indeed is a problem, as it is in any area where many people are in desperate situations because of inflation, shortages and other immense changes. (Still, to be sure, only a small percentage of mail does not arrive.)

However, based on my experiences as a regular trader with Eastern Europeans, both members of the society and non-members, I feel I can offer a few tips to people interested in acquiring material from this increasingly interesting and challenging area:

\*\*First, and most important, don't make your envelope look too inviting. Rather than putting on 10 different low-value stamps, use a subdued higher value block; this is less likely to attract attention and is of more value to the recipient.

\*\*Use an inexpensive envelope, even a recycled one or one plucked from junk mail.

\*\*Write the address rather than typing it or, far worse, using a fancy computer-generated label. These seem to suggest affluence to many East Europeans. Similarly, do not use a fancy return address label. I use addresses cut out from junk mail envelopes, providing a suitably seedy look. I do put them on the back of the envelope so as not to ruin the cover if it is otherwise presentable.

\*\*Seal all envelopes as tightly as possible. All my Eastern European correspondents seal their envelopes as well as possible and then often seal them with tape, too. I assume this is because an open corner may invite closer examination.

\*\*Finally, do not send a lot of valuable stamps at once. Break up big lots and space mailings a few days apart. If you must send valuable lots, use registered mail.

Following these simple rules is no guarantee of success of course, but they probably will help. No doubt one day I will have an unfortunate experience, but I have both mailed and received scores of letters and packages from Eastern Europe and so far have not lost one.

-- Chad Neighbor  
"The Circuit"

  
Thank You  


Special thanks to LESLEY BOTTE for the date books she handed out to club members for the upcoming year. Please cross off second Wednesday of each month -- 7:30 p.m. LCPS meeting in your new date book!

Welcome to our latest new members --  
IVAN GOSS and TED VON WALLMONICH.

IVAN lives in Manheim and his main interest in collecting is United States.

TED lives in Lititz and collects stamps in general, but especially likes stamps from Germany.

At the December meeting, 21 members attended. This was an excellent turnout since the weather was not cooperating with us that evening. We all expected a snow storm.

It was noted that Col. Carl Snyder passed away during the month of December 2000. Col. Snyder was a dealer at our very first stamp show and had attended every one thereafter. The Col. worked with computers and was in Army Intelligence. We will miss his booth and support at our next show.

My mind is like lightening, one brilliant flash and it is gone!



FOR SALE

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. 1888         | V Nickel                                            | .50       |
| 2. 1908         | Indian cent                                         | .50       |
| 3. 1921         | Morgan silver dollar                                | 8.00      |
| 4. ----         | Ten - half dollars                                  | 2.00 each |
|                 | (1950, 1959, 1962, two-1963,<br>four-1964 and 1965) |           |
| 5. 1968         | Two - half dollars<br>(not full silver)             | .60 each  |
| 6. 1 oz. silver | Happy Anniversary                                   | 4.50      |

-- See Lucy Eyster

DUES ARE OF COURSE DUE

We'll be making a list and checking it twice to see who's naughty and nice. People who haven't shown interest will be removed from the mailing.

Dues for a year are less than the cost of a movie for a night. Yes indeed, it's just \$5.00 for membership. What a buy!!!

If you know of anyone who would like to receive our very informative monthly newsletter, please tell them that for a measly \$5.00 to cover postage, we can put them on the list -- and throw in a free membership status as well. There must be more people out there who would enjoy our company.



OH YES!

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We do have a winner! DICK SHAEFER was the winner of our monthly Jackpot. Since DICK is our new president, he will probably invest that sum to lure some stamping expert to our club as a speaker and/or teacher to enlighten members one of these months. Hmrrrrrrrrrr.



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