

**JULY 2004**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Did everyone have a good time on the Bus Trip to Washington? I know our "gang" had a fabulous day touring our nation's capitol. If anyone has any pictures they wish to share, mount them on poster board and bring them to the July meeting.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. It will be an auction, so please bring your checkbooks. If your checkbook is empty, bring your piggy bank. If your piggy bank is empty, bring your weekly allowance. Or you can hope your name will be drawn from the "Jackpot"--since last month's winner was not present.

Bill Greiner is the bearer of Summer Treats for the July meeting. (Watermelon will be just fine!!!)

Don Weber, our Treasurer was in the hospital at the time of our June meeting. Hopefully he will be with us in July. He was really missed.

Did you know? Jim Boyles, entered his "Conestoga Wagons and Cachets" exhibits (a Bronze winner at LANCOPEX 2004) in the AmeriStamp Expo, held in Norfolk, Virginia, recently. Jim received the Silver-Bronze award for his exhibit. Our congratulations, Jim!

Bob Lamb, who spoke at the April meeting, mentioned his visit to LCPS in the June issue of the *American Philatelist*, the APS magazine. "A couple of weeks later, I had the pleasure of presenting the Lancaster (PA) Stamp Club with a certificate commemorating the club's twenty-fifth anniversary as an APS Chapter. It was a really an enjoyable evening. There was a big turnout of club members embracing a diverse range of age groups and collecting interests, including a whole table of young people who were obviously active and interested in the club."

A special thanks to Chuck Kilgore for organizing the visit to the National Postal Museum and to Eleanor Wheeler for her report on the trip.

## **MINUTES FOR STAMP CLUB MEETING JUNE 9,2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Shirley at 7 p.m. at our regular meeting place, Maple Grove Community Building. There were 38 members present. The treasurer's report presented by the president reported a balance in the checking account of \$6,084.91.

Chuck Kilgore advised that 39 people including three from the York club are signed up to go to Washington, DC, trip on Saturday, June 12.

Diane Meek brought to the membership's attention a place where we could meet free of charge on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster is located at 1899 Marietta Avenue (Farmingdale Road and Marietta Avenue). Since the club has met for many years on the second Wednesday evening of each month, a change would disrupt many members' schedules. Diane will contact the church to learn of other available times.

Woody Hahn reported on the Lititz Senior Expo held on May 19. He and Bob Noble had a table there to inform people about our club. The weather was rainy that day and attendance low, but Woody thought the effort was worth the trouble.

Marilyn Shirley reported that during the summer the junior members will meet on Mondays at her home. From 10 a.m. to noon they will work on stamps; after lunch (brought by each member) there will be swimming until 2 p.m.

Paul Martin and Peter Billis informed the club that they have purchased Bob Jensen's Stamp Store stock. They are now busy sorting and learning what they have bought.

There was an extended discussion about club auctions. Dissatisfaction had been expressed by some members because "dealers" often outbid them. It was decided that we will leave the auction as is: "There are no friends in an auction; the highest bidder will get the lot."

The \$5 drawing was won by Hiltrud Lu who was not at the meeting so next month the name drawing will be \$10.

After a short break the membership enjoyed hunting for treasures in a pile of stamps which sell for a penny each and working with our dealers.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 14, and will be an auction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucy Eyster, Secretary

## THE NATIONAL STAMP MUSUEM VISIT

Thirty-nine people participating in this club trip. From the notes provided, everyone enjoyed the Postal Museum, especially the featured exhibit, "The Queen's Own: Stamps That Changed the World", which included many items from Queen Elizabeth's personal philatelic collection. The collection included essays (proposed designs) of the "penny black" that were considered and other stamps and plate printings from the world's first postage stamps from 1839 and 1840. It also included the "Mulready's" that were the first proposed postal lettersheets. These had ornate designs with Britannia and other figures representing Britain, but lettersheets were despised by the stationary manufacturers who launched a press campaign to eliminate them.

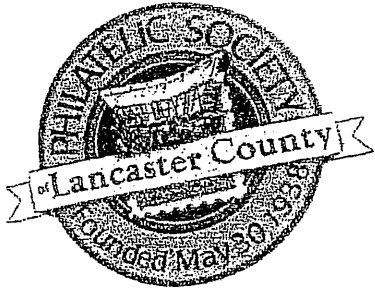
A few of us took a formal tour with a docent whose explanations made the exhibits come alive and were very informative. We were introduced to the Albany postal mascot, "Owney", both the stuffed original and a bronze statue. We were invited to rub its nose for good luck. We also learned that duck stamps are used to support conservation efforts, and about the development of free postal delivery. The museum houses railroad cars, now obsolete, that were used for sorting and delivery, and three airplanes and trucks.

The tour lasted about 45 minutes. Following the tour, many elected to visit other attractions in the city. The most popular spot was the new World War II Memorial and other nearby museums and galleries. The perfect weather added to our enjoyment of the day.

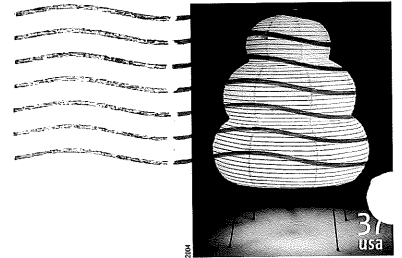
Many thanks to our organizer, Chuck Kilgore, whose wife, Donna clocked 12-1/2 miles on her pedometer! And special thanks to Marilyn, Lucy, and Annette Lam for the wonderful breakfast snack and to the junior members for helping clean the bus.

## JULY AUCTION ITEMS

1. Canada—International Year of the Family & Miscellaneous Stamps: \$6.
2. Cayman Islands Rays: \$1.50
3. Cayman Islands—first Booklet: \$5.
4. Netherlands Antilles—15 stamps: \$5.
5. France--Bicentennial French Revolution Souvenir Sheets, plus four stamps: \$5.



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## JULY AUCTION ITEMS (continued)

### ALBUMS:

- 301-1. Hungary: \$7.
- 301-2. L-Z British Commonwealth: \$10.
- 301-3. India & Ireland: \$5.
- 301-4. Great Britain & Guyana: \$5
- 301-5. Olympics: \$20.
- 301-6. Liberty, US: \$1.
- 301-7. Coronet WW: \$1.
- 301-8. Uniforms & Costumes: \$5.
- 301-9. New Zealand: \$4.
- 301-10. Japan: \$1.
- 301-11. USA: \$2.
- 301-12. World Wide: \$2.
- 301-13. Ireland: \$1
- 301-14. Majestic Album: \$2

For more information on these albums, contact Bob Stevenson, 394-2493.