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MEETINGS - 2nd Wednesday of each month
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* * * FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK * * *

It doesn't take more than a glance at this newsletter to realize that some changes are occurring at the Lancaster Philatelic Society. This is just one of several steps that are being taken in an attempt to change the direction of our club.

As many of you realize, over the past few years more and more activities within the club have been accomplished by just a few individuals. More responsibility has been put upon your president, sometimes by default, until many things are being accomplished with the minimum amount of energy, simply because there just isn't enough time to get everything done. We need to refocus our energies and talents. With this in mind, a number of steps will be taken to give our club a new direction.

One of the first things to be accomplished is a rewriting of the bylaws. The major change will be to form separate committees to publish a newsletter, present new programs, handle membership and publicity, and promote hospitality. These committees will be appointed by the president and serve on the executive committee as voting members along with the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Some of these committees are already functioning, on a temporary basis, as you can see by this newsletter.

Implementation of this new program will take time and energy to get it up and running. I know we are all busy but if each one of us can give our club one or two hours a month, on a regular basis, we can accomplish miracles!! Each of us have talents we can share so please volunteer!!

This program is young. We need your thoughts on where our club is going and what it should be doing. Each one of us expects something different from a stamp club. The people who will be formulating the course our club will take need to know what you would like to see. We may not be able to meet all expectations, but we would like to try. Give us your thoughts and ideas.

Well, here we go. Will we succeed? Of course, if everyone gets behind the program and gives it a helpful little boost. Come watch this whole thing unfold; we need your support.

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The club's annual picnic took place at Neffsville Park on August 8th. Twenty-two members and guests attended. The variety of food was excellent. We're all old enough to know better, but some of us are still youngsters when it comes to picnics, games and guessing contests. Agnes Strayer won the prize for Golf Putting and Richard Botte took honors in shuffleboard. Shirley Grubb showed a discriminating eye in guessing the watermelon within 1/2 oz. of its actual weight. A quiz, associating words with the names of local towns was also won by Shirley. The old guess the number of candies in the jar gambit was taken by Mary Husson who promptly shared her winnings with all present.

At the picnic, entries were solicited to name the club's newsletter. The winning entry, submitted by Carol Shaefer, was "Phil-A-Telling Around". It set the tone for a letter that will not always be serious but will range over a wide area of our hobby.

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Please send any pre-published item (quote source) or self-written article (recognition will be given to writer) to the editor for review and publication. Comments, suggestions, criticisms will be welcomed. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter.

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Ads may be placed to buy, sell or trade any collectible at the rate of \$1.00 for 25 words and .05¢ each additional word. Send ad and fee to the editor. Proceeds go to club's account to defray cost of publishing the newsletter.

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AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING --- ULTRAVIOLET LAMPS AND THEIR APPLICATION TO STAMP COLLECTING.

The introduction by the U.S. and a number of other countries of fluorescent "tagged" stamps for automatic mail sorting opened up new vistas in stamp identification for the collector. One may find rare varieties nestled in his/her JUNK BOX side by side with identical looking common stamps by using this device. Ultraviolet lamps may also be used for the detection of alterations, repairs, forgeries, ink variations and erasures. If you have an ultraviolet lamp, please bring it to the meeting to demonstrate its use. If you have stamps or envelopes that you would like to see tested, be sure to bring them to the meeting.

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