

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove
Lancaster, PA 17603
Next Meeting - Wed., January 8, 1997

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My Fellow Club Members:

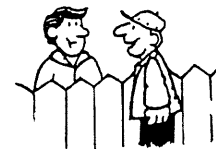
As the 1996 Holidays fade into the past, I hope you are storing away for future reminiscing pleasant memories of the season. For me one of them is the Christmas Party at the Knights of Columbus where the management was most accommodating, the food excellent, the fellowship outstanding, and the entertainment heartily accepted. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

I read lately that the way to combat post-Christmas and mid-winter depression is to plan a new activity. For anyone who has not done that yet, the January meeting is for YOU. The theme for the meeting is stamp show exhibiting. Most club members have never exhibited any of their philatelic treasures and this is a shame because we are all proud of what we've accumulated over the years. The meeting (which includes an APS slide show) is meant to inspire, instruct, mentor, and gently nag us into working up an exhibit for our May 3-4 stamp show. Don't you dare pray for snow on Wednesday, January 8, 1997 so you can't get to the meeting!

Lucy Eyster
President

JANUARY HOSTESS

"Delicious Delectables" are in store for us at the January Club Meeting through the courtesy of our new President, LUCY EYSTER. Thanks LUCY for starting us out on the right foot.



**TELL YOUR
NEIGHBORS**

JANUARY PROGRAM

Our January meeting will consist of a business meeting and a slide presentation from the APS. Then round 9:00 p.m. or so, someone will sprinkle fairy dust and we will all disappear.

NOTICE - OFFICERS' MEETING

The club officers are requested to meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to the meeting on January 8, 1997. Please be prompt so we can start without delay.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REVIEW

The Christmas Party Committee spend many hours planning, creating a program and decorating the room provided by the Knights of Columbus of New Danville. We had twenty-two members along with their guests for a total of 36 in attendance. In lieu of exchanging presents a sizeable amount of canned and boxed food was provided by the party goers. MARY HUSSON volunteered to store the contributions until it would be given to a suitable charity.

The festivities opened with greetings from MARILYN SHIRLEY who then introduced DR. HUDSON ARMERDING, who gave the invocation. After a tasty dinner BOB AND JESSIE ALLISON played Christmas songs with spirited singing by everyone. "A Trucker's Night Before Christmas," a poem, was read in excellent voice by LUCY EYSTER. Unfortunately, the featured vocalist, Thea Moloney, was unable to attend.

The L.C.P.S. "JOKERS" consisting of TRUYDE GREINER, DICK SHAEFER AND BILL GREINER, in the fashion of the old "Laugh-In" TV Program popped up at different points in the room to deliver sometimes corny, sometimes pertinent jokes. MIRIAM ARMERDING delivered two whimsical songs half sung, half dramatic recitation from a by-gone time. Discussing and sometimes playing an assortment of antique musical instruments, REID SLICK kept up an amusing patter throughout his performance.

A poem which could aptly have been called "A Stamp Collector Widow's Lament" a story many collectors' spouses could empathize with was read by CAROL SHAEFER.

Next on the program was the Awards Ceremony with JIM LYMAN as presenter. We were going to call them the Academy Awards as each made reference to a popular movie.

First was the performance of Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland movie musicals of the early 40's when to save the farm, ranch or to pay off the mortgage on the old homestead they would always come up with the idea of having a show. This was a natural lead into presenting suitably inscribed ribbons for the "I know, let's put on a show award!" to JIM BOYLES and DICK SHAEFER for their unstinting efforts each year on behalf of the LANCOPEX show.

The next award went to the member who is the antithesis of the description on the plaque. The Lion King Award to the member who during 1996 was the most outspoken, opinionated, loud-mouthed, know-it-all in the club, to the quietest, sweetest person anyone would like to know, MARY HUSSON.

The "Hey, we need a volunteer over here!" award went to the individual who feels she is shirking her duty if she does not fill all her working hours doing good for others. Rare is the day or night when she does not have conflicting events scheduled for the same time. So the recipient who like Ado Annie in "Oklahoma," can't say no! went to MARILYN SHIRLEY. The award consisted of requests from spurious charities and good causes such as the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Philatelists, which should keep her occupied during the long winter months.

The last presentation went to the member who admittedly would rather attend an auction than eat. To reward his enthusiasm we had the "Let's Have An Auction!" award. We described the battered, heavy shoe box tied with old cord bearing the tag "Lot #1". The winner was PETER "I never saw an auction lot I didn't bid on" BILLIS. He opened the box to find a gold brick guaranteed to be genuine 24 carat gold.

LUCY EYSTER then presented PETER BILLIS with a token of our appreciation for his work as club president. In accepting the stamp frame PETER reviewed his tenure in office and said that sometime in the future he would enjoy heading the club again, building on what he has learned from his first tour of service. He then introduced the new slate of officers for the coming year:

PRESIDENT -- LUCY EYSTER
VICE PRESIDENT -- MARILYN SHIRLEY
SECRETARY -- TRUYDE GREINER
TREASURER -- BEN HELLER

Door prizes were then drawn for, with BILL GREINER winning a frame of stamps and PETER BILLIS the poinsettia donated by MARILYN SHIRLEY.

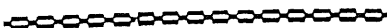
The evening drew to a close with the singing of traditional Christmas Carols again led by BOB AND JESSIE ALLISON.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Yes, it is that time of year again. LCPS MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BEING RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER, BEN HELLER. This is the best investment of \$5.00 you will ever make. Where can you get more for your money, I ask you. Incidentally, several people voluntarily added a few dollars to their dues payment in support of the club.

Here's an idea that you may wish to consider. Give a free year's membership to any club member who can sign up two new members. Dues for the prospective members can be adjusted according to how much of the year is left. Next year, your dues will be free. You have a year to work on it!



Our November 1996 guest speaker, BRUCE JEFFERSON, passed away December 17, 1996. The following thoughts were expressed by our past president, PETER BILLIS, regarding BRUCE'S departure.....

"On Wednesday, December 18, I was at Lancaster Stamp & Coin and heard the news that Bruce Jefferson had passed away. It was appropriate that I found out there. This was the place as a young stamp collector I would go and buy stamps from Bruce to add to my stamp collection. I would like to share a few recollections.

Last year at this time when I began my term as LCPS president, I ran into Bruce. I hadn't seen him in years due to the fact that I was away in the military. He approached me about speaking at one of our meetings, I told him it was a wonderful idea and that we will have him sometime in the summer or early fall. One thing lead to another and finally on our very least meeting night, I finally got him to come. Everyone in attendance was very happy to hear him speak and enjoyed his presence. When I took Bruce home that night he told me how happy he was to see everyone and how he wanted to become a member of the club. The following week I took him with me to a stamp auction. Again he was very pleased to see the stamp collectors and dealers. That day was the very last day that I saw Bruce. We all knew that his health was not the greatest. But through all this, Bruce made it a point to come, see, and speak to us. For him it was to see his friends one final time and talk about the thing that bonded us together -- STAMPS. I am sure each one of us has a story or two to tell about their experience with Bruce. We as a club should be very proud of all the things we accomplished in the past year. Probably the most important thing was to grant a dying man (without us knowing) his wish to come and say farewell."

PETER S. BILLIS

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