

Pitch In

#### JANUARY HOSTESS

Our new president, MARILYN SHIRLEY will be doing the honors as our January Hostess.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MY FELLOW PHILATELISTS!

As the new year begins, I cannot let the old year pass by without a huge "thank you" to LUCY EYSTER for a job well done as president during the 1997 year. LUCY has volunteered to be my mentor during the upcoming year and I appreciate this very much. She is a hard act to follow. Hats Off to you LUCY!

At the beginning of each year we turn our thoughts to resolutions, diets, taxes and LCPS MEMBERSHIP DUES. Our club is one of the few organizations that does not cost more from year to year. It's still \$5.00 per year. What a bargain! I urge you to get your check in the mail before inflation sets in.

At the January meeting I hope to appoint chairpersons of the various committees so you will have the rest of the year to make plans with your selected committees. Your cooperation is greatly needed for these chair seats to be filled. You get out of life exactly what you put into it, so let's make our club "GREAT IN 98".

MARILYN SHIRLEY, Pres.

#### JANUARY PROGRAM

At our January Meeting we will have as our Honored Guest, Pat Rineer, who will give a talk and tell us about the new location of his stamp store. It is the only one in Lancaster, so let us give him our Blessing!

#### SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING

We have decided to join the APS "On Approval Service". They will send us 20 to 22 books of stamps of all descriptions and members can choose and pay for those that interest them. It will be a great benefit if you will inform us of your interests, so we can pass it on to APS. The books will be passed around at our meetings and should add some joy when you find that stamp you have been looking for.

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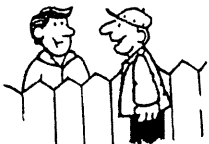
The Annual Christmas Dinner was held without a full stocking -- only 24 places were filled at the tables, but we who were there were swathed in friendship and were enchanted by the motif of the season which was of a Hawaiian Christmas which is never white. It was LUCY EYSTER'S idea and the menus were embossed with a Santa in a hula skirt handsomely sketched by MIKE SHIRLEY.

We were entertained by Sandy and Barbara. Sandy performed several native dances, after explaining their meaning and Barbara, dressed in a mumu, wearing a lei and a tiara of flowers, played the Ukelele. The hit of the night was her rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas" with new lyrics and Hawaiian gestures which we were all asked to join.

There was a Wassail Bowl on hand, but many found their way to the bar for stronger cups of kindness.

At each place setting was a paper bag containing pleasantries, Hawaiian custom. Because they have no fireplaces on which to hang stockings, paper bags are set outside on the lanai and filled with fruit and nuts for the children to find on Christmas morning.

TRUYDE GREINER served as Mistress of Ceremony and the most poignant moment of all was when LUCY EYSTER passed the gavel to MARILYN SHIRLEY. We hope LUCY will continue to offer us her sage ideas.



**TELL YOUR  
NEIGHBORS**

### I WAS JUST THINKING ....

There are too many commemoratives of Princess "DI". All seem to be highly commercial -- there are only 598 people living on an Island and none have ever written a letter, but they will issue a 4-pane of 20 stamps honoring Princess "DI" -- all of those stupid stamp collectors will buy them. So they will print them at high values.

Now, John Denver is being canonized and Gongo Isle will soon be issuing an expensive commemorative sheet to him, although no one in Bongo has ever heard of him or can read or write.

The Statue of Liberty says, "Give me your Poor" -- I think she is referring to us poor plate lists, if we fall for the topical salesmen who reach for our pocketbooks. It is time to awaken, to revolt! Fie on stamps that contain the face of Millionaire basketball players and sexy film stars. I want more handsomely engraved squares that have some excellent dignity and design and portray a person of worth -- say, LUCY EYSTER -- even though she has not been dead for ten years and won't be -- the USPO can't honor her, but Bongo Isle can issue a souvenir sheet and I'll buy it, especially if it is a holograph!



### HATS OFF TO HARRY!

We give our special thanks to HARRY RAPP who generously paid our Club Meeting Place Rental for the entire year. He is our Ted Turner!

A FANTASY

BY DICK DUDLEY

..... If Dave Lettermen asked me to make a list of my ten favorite moments in my years of stamp collecting, it would go something like this:

1. Receiving my first Junior Stamp album at the age of nine.
2. Winning a Legends Of The West original pane in the USPO lottery.
3. Meeting the one penny Magenta British Guiana in person.
4. Winning the bid at an auction for U.S. No.1 and the Great Britain one penny black.
5. Having Mrs. Roosevelt sign a first day cover for me.
6. Receiving my first order after I had started a mail order stamp business.
7. Discovering that 5 stamps in a lot that I paid \$5.00 for were worth \$75.00 each.
8. Getting a big check when I sold my collection at auction, which paid for a trip to Europe and a ride on the Q.E. II.
9. Starting to collect again and joining the Lancaster Philatelic Society and meeting all its nice members.

Number 10 hasn't happened yet. Perhaps it will be buying a pane of Rin Tin Tin or Lassie stamps and finding them inverted. -- Or then it could happen as presented in this Radio Drama.

Announcer: Welcome to another Amazing story in the history of Philately. We are in the home of Dick Dudley as his phone rings.

D.D.: Hello

Jane: Hello, Mr. Dudley, This is Jane Doe. I am a friend of your cousin James and he told me that you collect stamps.

D.D.: I plead guilty.

Jane: I am cleaning out my attic and I was just about to throw out a big box of envelopes which have stamps on them and I thought, instead of putting them out for the garbage collector, you might like to have them.

D.D.: What are they, U.S. stamps?

Jane: Oh no. They are from all sorts of countries. My great-grandfather was the captain of a clipper ship and he travelled all around the world. Everywhere he landed he would send a letter to great-grandmother. She destroyed the letters because she thought they were too "saucy", but she gave the envelopes to grandmother to help her learn Geography. Granny saved them and I found them in my attic. If you don't want them I can burn them in the incinerator or throw them out.

D.D. Would you look at a couple of them and tell me what dates are on them and what the stamps look like?

Jane: Here is one dated 1840. It has 4 black stamps and 4 blue stamps with the picture of a young lady on them. They all seem to have been sent in the 1800's and they all have at least 4 of each stamp on them. Oh, here's one from Brazil. The stamps look like the big eye on the CBS logo.

D.D.: I'll be glad to take them off your hands. Give me your address and as soon as I get dressed I will come right over. I won't bother to dress, I'll just throw on a robe and see you in a minute.

Announcer: Dudley found that he had a treasure on his hands. The Covers were put up for auction in three sessions at Christie's and Dudley received a check, after taxes, for 40 million dollars. Being a kindhearted person, he gave Jane Doe a tithe of 4 million dollars and presented the Lancaster County Philatelic Society with a check to pay for their next Christmas Party.

That was a farewell gift because he resigned from the Club in order to spend time at his chateaus in the French Riviera and the Swiss Alps, his town house in Paris and his penthouse in the Trump Tower in New York City.

After I wakened, I thought of 10 other ways number 10 could happen!

HAPPY NEW YEAR -- MAY ALL LCPS MEMBERS DISCOVER GREAT "FINDS" IN 1998!

### NOTICE

We are happy to extend a special welcome to DICK DUDLEY who has consented to be the new Editor of our newsletter each month. If you have any articles, advertisements, or personal write-ups for the newsletter, please contact DICK DUDLEY.

