

MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

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Next Meeting - Wed., Feb. 10, 1997
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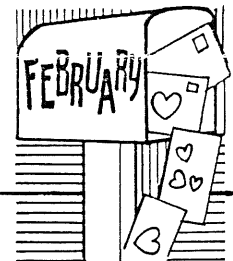
Happy Valentine's Day to All:

Thanks to all who attended the January meeting of our club. I am especially thankful for the spirit of volunteerism that prevailed with members signing up for committee chairpersons and willingness to host our monthly meetings.

Congratulations to DICK SHAEFER, who won the door prize -- a booklet of stamps. DICK, did you know it was going to pay you to come to the meeting? To my fellow club members, do not miss a meeting; who knows, it just might pay you to attend, also!

It was suggested by one of our members that we might want to have our Christmas Party at our meeting hall, which would require a caterer or bringing our own dishes as we do at our picnic -- or would you want to return to the Knights of Columbus. Think it over and give your opinion at our next meeting. If you cannot attend, drop us a line or call me by phone. Your opinions and ideas really matter, so do not hesitate to express your feelings. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Marilyn Shirley, Pres.



Here is something to think about -- The theme for our February meeting will be "MY FAVORITE STAMP" - Be prepared to tell us about yours or bring it to the meeting - You will not be investigated by Kenneth Starr for your selection!

ASK PHIL

It is with great pride that we can announce the GOOD NEWS that we have acquired permission to publish the famous stamp information column "ASK PHIL" in our Newsletter. It's author, Phil Attelie is the foremost authority on philately and he will answer any questions you may have on our hobby. Phil won the Rowland Hill Award for his discovery of errors and varieties on neckties sold at the Post Office.

A S K P H I L

- Q. I'm afraid I am an addict. How can I stop myself from buying more than I need at a stamp auction? -- Bill Bidd, Intercourse, PA
- A. That's easy -- Go to a movie instead.
- Q. Is there anything you can do when the Post Office cancels your high valued stamps with what looks like they were stepped on by an elephant who had stepped in tar? -- Martin Mint, Tampa, FL.
- A. Yes -- Go into your bathroom, shut the door and swear at the top of your voice. Above all, don't kill a postal clerk -- that will put you in jail and then you will miss your LCPS Stamp Club meeting.
- Q. Why does a person have to be dead ten years before he or she can appear on a stamp? -- V.F. Print, Waco, TX.
- A. You can beat the 10 year rule by becoming a cartoon.
- Q. People say you can make money with stamps, how? -- Anon.
- A. Become Postmaster General.

- Q. Why does our Post Office issue so many commemoratives? -- Ben Block, Bristol, VA-TN
- A. For the same reason that Campbell issues so many different soups -- to make money. Everybody buys soup, but only stamp collectors buy commemoratives.
- Q. Who would you say was the father of "using stamps to deliver something", Rowland Hill? -- Perf R. Ration, Denver, PA
- A. Probably -- But the Mother may be Emma Lazarus who said: "Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me." She may have been referring to the Dead Letter Office -- or Stamp Collectors.



FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Marilyn:

Congratulations on your election to the office of president of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. I wish you a very rewarding year in office.

May I offer an amendment to a statement in the January newsletter and also request your assistance. The newsletter made reference to there only being one stamp store in Lancaster. That may be true of the City, but there is at least one

My shop, International Collectibles, specializes in stamps, covers, and postcards. It is located in Adamstown, next to the Black Angus, and is in Stoudtburg Village.

International Collectibles has been open almost a year and a half and is APS recognized. We are listed in the APS dealer directory and the Lancaster phone book. To the best of my knowledge no one from the Lancaster Club has ever come into the shop. Therefore, I would be appreciative of having our existence made known to club members.

For the first year of operation, I strove to maintain regular hours but that resulted in a lot of wasted time. At present I am open "by chance" and by appointment. Because I live above the shop, I am able to be extremely accommodating in regard to being available for both day and evening appointments and in the offering of individualized service.

Also requested is information regarding advertising rates for the club's annual stamp show brochure.

Although my personal schedule and the driving distance kept me from attending any club meetings in 1997, I am hopeful of being able to get to a few in 1998. Also, I have a few philatelic presentations in process that might be of interest to the Lancaster club.

A check to cover 1998 dues is enclosed.

With best regards.

Yours truly,

Alfred R. Schaub

d. Note: Thanks Al for the note. In case any club members want to visit Al's shop, his telephone number printed on the letterhead is (717) 484-0363.)

Dear Marilyn:

I would ask that the following notice be placed in the February newsletter:

We are expecting to have the APS Circuit Books available for the February meeting. We ask that club members **BRING THEIR OWN TONGS AND GLASSINE ENVELOPES.**

Thank you,

BILL GREINER

C O M M I T T E E

C H A I R P E R S O N S

At the January club meeting, chairpersons were appointed to head each committee. We are requesting each member to volunteer to be a member of one of the committees. Pick a committee and let the chairperson know you are interested in helping. (Of course, ALL members are asked to help with the Stamp Show.)

APS CIRCUIT BOOKS --
BILL GREINER

BUS TRIP --
PETER BILLIS

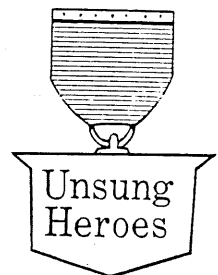
CHRISTMAS PARTY --
BOB ALLISON

JUNIOR STAMP CLUB --
DICK DUDLEY

LANCOPEX --
JIM BOYLES/DICK SHAEFER

MEMBERSHIP --
LUCY EYSTER

SUMMER PICNIC --
DICK SHAEFER



Remember the saying, "Many hands make light work" -- VOLUNTEER!

A lot of club work was accomplished at our January meeting. Chairmen of various committees were appointed and Host and Hostesses volunteered to cater the goodies at our meetings. We publish a list of those who will treat us, so you won't forget which month is yours.

LCPS 1998 PROGRAMS

January 14 -- PAT RINEER
February 11 -- "MY FAVORITE STAMP"
MARCH 11 -- BUSINESS MEETING-
LANCOPEX
APRIL 8 -- "LICK AND STICK"
LANCOPEX
MAY 13 -- CLUB AUCTION
JUNE 10 -- (OPEN)
JULY 8 -- (OPEN)
AUGUST 12 -- CLUB PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 9 -- (OPEN)
OCTOBER 14 -- CLUB AUCTION
NOVEMBER 11 -- BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 9 -- CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOST/HOUSTESS FOR 1998 MEETINGS

JANUARY -- MARY HUSSON
FEBRUARY -- PAT RINEER
MARCH -- DICK SHAEFER
APRIL -- DICK DUDLEY
MAY -- BOB STEVENSON
JUNE -- JIM BOYLES
JULY -- MIKE SHIRLEY
AUGUST -- SUMMER PICNIC
SEPTEMBER -- BILL & TRUYDE GREINER
OCTOBER -- LUCY EYSTER
NOVEMBER -- BOB ALLISON/DON WEBER
DECEMBER -- CHRISTMAS PARTY

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