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APS Nominations  
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Dear APS Nominations Committee,

This letter is submitted in support of the attached nomination document for **Lucy Eyster** of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PSLC) for the 2012 Nick Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for local promotion/service. In going through the PSLC Newsletters from 1990 to the present, her contribution to the club and hobby have been very obvious over these years, and this has only intensified the last five years.

Describing Lucy's participation with PSLC brings the following words to mind: **Reliability, hard working, and self-starting**. She has been a member of the club for over twenty years and during this time, she has served as president and about all the other executive functions available. Further, she has assumed other positions of leadership and responsibility. She has a knack for knowing when something needs to be done and does it. Finally, Lucy is an active topical collector of "Unusual Stamps" including holograms, odd shapes, inclusions on stamps, scents, sounds on stamps, and other non-traditional philatelic issues.

In 2007 PSLC's meeting place increased the monthly rent significantly. Lucy did the searching and found an even **better venue** at no cost to us at her retirement facility. Since 2008 she has been at the door for each meeting with the room ready to go including name badges, sign-in sheet, raffle tickets, PSLC Newsletters, and give-away philatelic literature. She is the first person that visitors meet when they come in, and she's the last to leave after clean-up.

With the change in our meeting venue, Lucy assumed the position of **Membership Chairman**. Here she consolidated three different and unreliable club rosters into an accurate and up to date spreadsheet. She also compiles and updates a membership interest inventory to facilitate trading. Part of the job description includes soliciting and collecting dues. Lucy works with the treasurer, newsletter editor, and database to obtain the best return.

Lucy's involvement with our club show, **Lancopex** is as diligent as with her other responsibilities. Well in advance she sends out press releases and other notices for show publicity. With the show itself, Lucy is present from set-up to closure. She works with snacks-drinks, registration, lobby management, cachet sales, and door prizes. During the last few years she has set up and staffed an ATA table. There is a club rumor that during the 2009 show, Lucy found time to visit some dealers and purchase a few items for her collection!

A member of long standing who had planned the **Christmas Party** became unable to do so. Lucy took this on, and working with a small committee, she has upgraded the annual event to a hot buffet meal of several choices, gift exchange, awards as needed, entertainment, and just plain good fellowship. Given the high quality of the meal and the relatively inexpensive price, club members start to talk about this soiree a few months in advance!

**American Topical Association (ATA)** For years Lucy has planned her vacation around the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS). She leaves a few days early and stays a few days afterward to volunteer for the duration of the show from setup to breakdown. She was a responsible party when PSLC became an ATA Chapter Affiliate (#173) a few years ago, and she has served as the club's ATA Representative since then. As with Lancopex, Lucy attends the nearby Baltimore Stamp Show to staff the table and promote the ATA.

Lucy's crowning contribution to the hobby was her combination of national and local service for ATA's **National Topical Stamp Show** this past June (2012). An Expo that typically meets in medium to large sized cities was held in Lancaster, PA. This was a new venue for ATA. A year before the event, she organized a committee, and this group assumed responsibility for several chunks of this show. Early on, they worked with key members of the ATA Show Committee on ideas for the theme, cachets, cancellations, and stamp displays for the program. Her email, written, and phone communication with all parties was excellent.

Last fall (2011) Lucy and her local committee hosted the NTSS manager, Robert Mather in Lancaster for several days to verify sites that she had tentatively selected for the Presidential Reception and the local half-day and one-day tours that accompany the event. Lucy and Bob procured appropriate awards of local flavor for the exhibit winners. She assumed responsibility for the receipt, transport, and return of mailed exhibits and arranged volunteers for the NTSS registration table and PSLC club table for three days. She probably worked 12-16 hour days from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> June. She arranged snacks/drinks and entertainment for the bus trips including the full-day trip to APS, and in her spare time she managed to put together a featured presentation for NTSS participants on the "*The Wonderful World of Wacky Stamps*."

The upshot was that this was admittedly one of the **best NTSS events** in several years. Lucy received written accolades from the ATA President, Executive Director, and the NTSS Manager crediting her, the committee, and the PSLC volunteers for a big part of the show's success.

Lucy Eyster is a most well deserved candidate for the **2012 Carter Award**. Her many years of leadership, mentoring, responsible service, and friendship make her an indispensable member of our club and a promoter of the hobby.

Sincerely,

Paul Petersen (APS Representative from PSLC)