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April Issue

Please note that all PSLC meetings are virtual, starting at 6:15 p.m.
On Wednesdays, 9 and 30 March and 13 and 27 April, 2022

The Veranda Chronicles

There is a lot coming up soon with some great virtual presentations at our Zoom meetings, along with a return to our Lancopex stamp show on April 30th. We are all looking forward to this even though it will be a bit restrained due to Covid-19 restrictions and precautions. When it comes to the virus, we see the ups and

downs but say to ourselves, "It ain't over yet." We want to be careful yet still enjoy the one-day show and each other's company. The attendance at the Kevin Kellman shows to date has been well-attended with satisfied dealers, so we expect to see no less than this in April.

For all PSLC members and

Lancopex customers at the show, there will be a very creative souvenir cover that will be available free of charge. This will be different from the traditional covers that are cancelled by the U.S.P.S.

PayPal continues to be very successful for paying dues. And the PSLC YouTube channel (See Veranda, Pg.-2)

9 March 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

The Domestic Postal History of Postal, Postal-reply, and Post Cards.

Tony Wawrukiewicz

Not all collectors explore the back of the book (*Scott Catalogue*) that contains just about all of philately beyond definitive, commemorative, and airmail stamps. Under its postal stationary program, the USPOD issued postal cards late in the race (1873) when entering what eventually became the Universal Postal Union. In 1892 they issued postal reply cards, the two-part product including (See Postal Card on Pg.-4)



23 March 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Reading Newspapers in John Lewis Krimmel's 'Downington Tavern Post Office.'

Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris



In 1813-1814, John Lewis Krimmel (1786-1821) painted "In an American Inn/Village Tavern." This is oil on canvas measuring 30 x 22 inches. It hangs in the Toledo Museum of Art, as it was purchased with funds from the Florence Scott Libbey Bequest in memory of her Father, Maurice A. Scott. A scene taken from nearby Chester County, the role of the local post office (See Krimmel on Pg.-4)

13 April 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

The Joys of Postal History and Philately. **Bill Schultz**

Tonight's speaker, **Bill Schultz** has provided a presentation each April to PSLC for over a decade. This year he will digitally display and review some of his most interesting and sometimes scarce (rare) postal history and philatelic items. He will explain each one and how they came to his attention. Pictured is a 16 September 1790 cover from Philadelphia to New York City, and the rate was based on the 1788 act of Congress prior to the 1792 U.S.P.O.



27 April 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

The International Geophysical Year (1957-1958). **Rob Sternberg**



The IGY was a historically significant cooperative enterprise involving thousands of scientists from sixty-seven nations. A great variety of experiments and measurements were made on, above, and below the Earth's surface to better understand the planet we live on. The first artificial satellites were launched as part of the IGY, and there were coordinated and extensive scientific studies of Antarctica and the Arctic. Geophysicist Rob Sternberg will tell the story of the (See IGY on pg.-4)

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**Visitors are Always
Welcome**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, in-person meetings are placed on hold until a safe return. Instead, PSLC meets virtually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For club information or to request a meeting link please contact **Paul Petersen** at pcpetersen@comcast.net or 717-299-5640.

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12 January 2022 Minutes and Treasury

David Weichert, Secretary and Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a New Year's welcome. He shared his update of the website. He and Lou DiFelice pre-viewed the Saturday 30 April Lancopex show. More will be said regarding this event.

Membership: Paul Petersen updated the dues process and shared that a good number have already paid for 2022. PayPal is proving to be very successful

Save the Dates-Outdoor Events: Paul said that he just received confirmation today for the rental of the pavilion in Millersville for the 15 May Outdoor (Sunday) Bourse and the 10 August Picnic (Wednesday). More information will be forthcoming via email.

Treasury: PSLC Treasurer, Lou DiFelice presented the financial report for 1-31 December.

Opening:	\$3536.51
Income:	\$170.00
Expenses:	\$51.60
Sum:	3654.91
2 CDs	\$5983.30

Approval of the Treasury and Club Activity Reports: By screen vote, these reports were approved unanimously.

Attendance: Tonight's attendance was +/-35.

Feature Presentation:



Tonight Dick Colberg shared *The Postal History of Lititz, PA*. A former resident of Lititz and decades-long collector of this town's postal history, Dick shared some of his best materials, largely stampless covers but some stamp franked covers along with the stories accompanying them which emphasize the routes and rates.

Throughout the presentation he described the types of both the circular date stamps (CDS) and the manual cancels. This classification is based on the study and resulting book that he coauthored with James G. Boyles and T.C. Mazza.

(Ed's note: See the 26 January *Proceedings* on Pg.-3 for details of this book.)

Dick noted that many of the covers he had were associated with religious institutions, especially Moravian. One recipient was the Reverend Charles F. Seidel who received some letters addressed to him in the Bethlehem PA area from the Lititz PO. The earliest is 1822.

Dick also showed some international covers and the very complicated postage determinations at the time before the Universal Postal Union (UPU) of 1874 after which payments and collections became simplified, well standardized, and cheaper.



The rate for a Lititz cover to Prussia was complicated. From Lititz to NY it was 5¢. Then 18¢ to the UK, and 2¢ to pass through Belgium and then finally 5¢ cents to Prussia, totaling 30¢. Through all of this the fee was paid to the ship's captain for transporting the mail across the Atlantic.

In 1876 with the new UPU in place there was an 1876 letter from Lititz to Württemberg with the new rate of only 5¢.

Dick included a host of other Lititz covers with special properties, and dates of some of these were into the 20th Century. There were many questions, answers, and comments on this interesting topic.

Show and Tell: Dr. DiComo shared a cover also sent to Reverend C.F. Seidel in Bethlehem, PA, this one in 1834. The cover was mailed from the Caribbean to New York City where it was cancelled with a Circular Date Stamp before transport to Bethlehem. Of note is that this is the first known use of the CDS. Dr. DiComo published

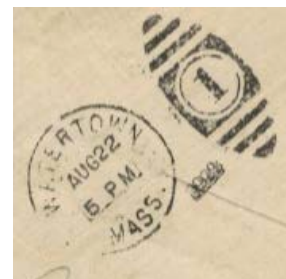
this finding in *Excelsior: The Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society*. (September, 2021). ↓



During the NFL's playoffs, George Hauber found the games a bit boring, so he sorted his collection of stamps and covers containing duplex cancels which he said had the appearance of a football.



This led to a good discussion of these interesting cancels by many in attendance.



Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

(From *Veranda*, Pg.-1) on our website continues to draw many viewers to see the recordings of our many superb presentations. I hope to see many of you at Lancopex next month.

Please keep in mind that we'll need some help from you in setting up and tearing down the show and working registration on the day of the event. Please consider signing up to assist when Paul contacts you to help. And don't forget to bring your non-PSLC collecting friends to the show to support our dealers and us. Perhaps we will gain a few more members. **CDi**

Club Notes

Programs & Shows

2022 Programs

9 March: The Domestic Postal History of Postal, Postal-reply, and Post Cards. Tony Wawrukiewicz

23 March: Reading Newspapers in John Lewis Krimmel's *Downington Tavern Post Office*. Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris

13 April: Joys of Postal History and Philately. Bill Schultz

27 April: A Thematic Collection of the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58. Rob Sternberg

11 May: Christmas Seal Collecting: Special Interests. Stanley Jones.

15 May: Member Bourse, Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville

25 May: Stamps and Postal History of Tibet. Alan Warren

8 June: The 1867 RP1a Private Die Proprietary of the T. Kensett and Co. Dr. Charles J. DiComo, PhD

22 June: Researching Local Postal History. Dick Colberg

13 July: *USS Local*. Ron Breznay

27 July: APS and the State of the Hobby. Scott English

10 August: Club Picnic, Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville

24 August: TBA

14 September: Postal History Research Resources. Steve Kennedy

28 September: TBA

12 October: U.S. one-half cent issues. David Hunt

26 October: My Grandfather was a Postmaster. Rick Barrett

9 November: Elie Beatty-Cashier of Hagerstown Bank-1807-1859. Steve Kennedy.

23 November: TBA

14 December: TBA

28 December: TBA

9 April: (S) *Delpex*, NUR Shine Center, 198 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE

30 April: (S) *Lancopex*, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

19 June: Some Sunday Stamp Shows. Farm & Home Center.

26 January 2022 Proceedings

Opening: Paul Petersen started the meeting at 6:30 p.m. welcoming members and guests. He reminded everyone of the 12-13 February Stamp Show at the Farm & Home Center. Dues are arriving, and the PayPal option is popular. Plans for the 15 May bourse are moving along.

Attendance: Tonight's attendance was +/-42.

Feature Presentation: *A Survey of the Definitive Issues of France: 1876-1940* was presented by **Larry Rosenblum**.

Larry gave the story of several definitive issues as to design history and production, usage and rates, new designs to the issues, use as semi-postals, and more.



Covered were the following issues: Peace & Commerce 1876 to 1901; Liberty, Equality and Fraternity 1900 to 1933; The Rights of Man 1900 to 1903; Liberty and Peace 1900-1929; The Sower 1903-1941; Pasteur 1923-1932; Monuments and Sites 1929-1938; Peace 1932-1941; Mercury, Iris, & Ceres 1938-1945.



Further, Larry included examples of these stamps on cover and other items where the images were depicted on newer maxi-cards, modern Stamp Day booklets, and souvenir sheets. There were several issues discussed during the question and answer period.



Prior to the meeting, several links were sent to all PSLC members giving them availability to several of Larry Rosenblum's published reprints

on French Stamp issues.

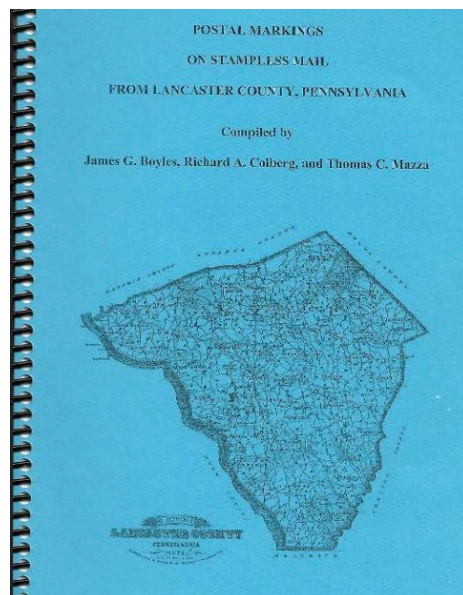


Show and Tell: Paul showed an image sent in by **Bill Schultz**. →

It is an item that Bill saw for sale on eBay. **Al Schaub** and **Bill Griner** shared that Toby Tavern was the bar & restaurant of the Stevens House on the Corner of King and Prince Streets in Lancaster. The structure was razed in the mid-1960s and replaced by the Stevens Apartments, which remain today. The illustration looks to be an ad or a menu image from the '40s or '50s.

Scott Catalogue: **Dick Colberg** brought up that he can't find the stamp identifier in his latest *U.S. Specialized*. A viewer shared that this is now contained in one of the Scott supplements to the catalogue which will be published later in the year. (Ed: See note to the right on the AP.)

Adjourn: The meeting ended around 8:00 p.m.



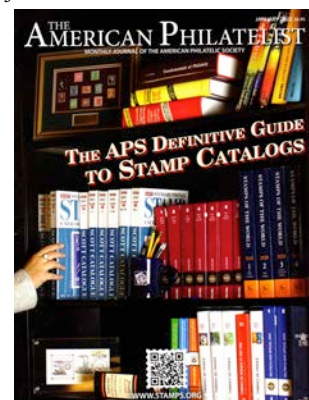
Follow up: At the previous meeting, **Dick Colberg** referred to a reference book that he cited during his talk on the postal history of Lititz, PA. He subsequently shared the reference, which is as follows:

Boyles, J.G., Colberg, R.A., and Mazza, T.C., *Postal Markings on Stampless Mail from Lancaster Co., PA.* Published by the Pennsylvania Postal History Society (\$25). Anyone interested in purchasing this book from the PA Postal History Society should contact Dick Colberg, Treasurer at appraisestamps@gmail.com.



And Speaking of the Scott Catalogues:

Paul mentioned that his January issue of *The American Philatelist* just arrived.



This is wholly devoted to a discussion and use of Scott's and the other major philatelic catalogs. This issue is a keeper. Peruse it and don't lose it.

There will be further catalog discussion contained in the *Philatelic Literature Review*, the quarterly journal of the American Philatelic Research Library.

Research is a major pillar of the hobby as evidenced by the informative exhibits and scholarly philatelic journals. All the regular educational programs in PSLC have a research base as presented by our fine presenters. In fact, recently scheduled for our 2022 Zooms are two programs on philatelic research, one by **Richard Colberg** (22 June) and the other by **Steven Kennedy** (14 September).

9 February 2022 Minutes and Treasury

David Weichert, Secretary and Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

Opening: Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. He updated all of the additions to the website and noted the inclusion of other local stamp clubs and the postcard club on our site. The PayPal option for dues submission is going well.

Lancopex-2022: Dr. DiComo and Lancopex Chairman Lou DiFelice discussed the 30 April Show and added that some of the exhibit frames will be donated to the Allentown Club. Hopefully all will be distributed but the critical mass needed, the 24 frames to be used for Lancopex. This will allow PSLC to close out the storage facility and save \$500.00+ a year. Remaining frames will be stored by local members by arrangement.

Membership and Programs: Paul Petersen noted that we have 127 members with many having paid their 2022 dues. He added that four more speakers have been added to the '22 program schedule, and an additional three are in the works. These topics will be reflected on page two of the newsletter and on the website.

Treasury: PSLC Treasurer, Lou DiFelice presented the financial report for 1-31 January:

Opening:	\$3654.91
Income:	\$60.00
Expenses:	\$272.30
Sum:	3442.61
2 CD	\$5983.30

Approval of the Treasury and Club Activity Reports: These reports were approved unanimously by screen vote.

Attendance: This was +/- 40

Feature Presentation

The 1937 West Point Issue was presented by Dr. Mick Zais, a 1969 USMA graduate. Mick stated that his goal tonight was to encourage the viewers to enjoy collecting first day of issue covers whether official or non-official. He will use his 1937 West Point collection as an example.



The history of this issue began before WWII when the prospects of war were increasing every year. In 1937 a ten set of Army-Navy stamps was issued with five stamps for each service including one for West Point and another for Annapolis.

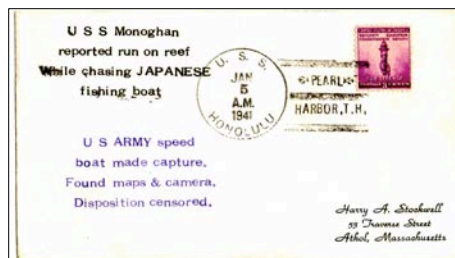
Mick displayed dozens of interesting covers with the West Point stamp cancelled on 26 May 1937, its first day of issue. There were official FDCs, unofficial FDCs, FDCs from Navy ships, and other uses such as airmail, registration, special delivery, and more. There are covers that have been autographed by special people including the

reigning postmaster general, James A. Farley, some U.S. state governors, cachet makers, and West Point related people. There are covers with advertising corner cards, hotel covers, stamp club covers, and even some errors and oddities. There were many questions and comments.



Show and Tell

Al Schaub had an interesting cover from 5 January 1941 on the USS Honolulu and its relationship to a Japanese fishing boat and much more. Mark Jardel came up with a computer site which had the references related to formerly classified issues of this pre-WWII incident.



Mick Zais held up two different naval covers with the same recipient's name and address on his covers as on Al's cover. This supported the thesis that the addressee on Al's cover was a collector of naval covers.

Paul Petersen showed a Scott 811 John Quincy Adams with an unusual appearing cancel. Given what could be seen on the stamp, the consensus was that this was an overstrike or more with the duplex cancel device. (Above Right)

Dr. DiComo displayed a short PowerPoint of some of his latest research on the paper of the scarce 2-cent private die proprietary of Brown's Bronchial Troches, #RS40e. He was able to identify and project the tiny red and blue silk fibers embedded in the stamp paper.



Cathy Kotanchik displayed an interesting RF Marianne stamp with a barcode. Larry Rosenblum said that this was occurring in other countries and discussed the impending changes in the UK with their addition of bar codes to the

Machin stamps for security purposes. After a date to be determined, Machin stamps without this bar code will be demonetized.



(Below: The 6¢ #811 John Quincy Adams with multiple duplex strikes)



Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

From Page-1

(From Postal Card on Pg.-1) an attached prepaid postal card for ease and speed of reply. The international postal reply cards appeared in 1893, and here was an opportunity to mail a U.S. franked item from a foreign country. Post cards (private mailing cards) and their offspring, the picture postcards were private issues (almost) and have a large collecting base. You'll learn of the colorful postal history and view some fine examples of these items since inception.



(From Krimmel on Pg.-1) is realized and through symbolism and extant recorded history, a wonderful narrative of historical interest unfolds.

(From IGY on Pg.-1) IGY through stamps, covers, and other related ephemera and memorabilia.

23 February 2022 Proceedings

Opening: Paul Petersen started the meeting at 6:33 p.m. with a welcome to all. He reminded folks that the 2022 dues are due and the PayPal option is available, and he encouraged us to explore the continually updated club website.

Volunteers will be needed for Lancopex on 30 April for setting up, staffing registration, and show take down. More info will be forthcoming. And as well, PSLC will be helping to plan, set up, and carry out the Student Auction on 20 June during the APS Summer Session. Any PSLC members in attendance at that event on that date would be most welcome to assist. He will follow up by email and more details in soliciting this help. He noted recent awards by club members (*See Rogue's Gallery article to the right*). Alan Warren mentioned that he just learned that Mark Schwartz won a gold medal with a score of 91 for his Salem, MA exhibit at the London 2022 Int'l Stamp Exhibition.



Attendance: Tonight's attendance was +/-38.

Feature Presentation:

Alfred Hitchcock on Stamps. Ron Breznay.

Ron shared the statistics regarding the productivity of Alfred Hitchcock (AH) in his film-directing career of many decades. It is a wonderful thematic area to collect. He nicely



illustrated his presentation with stamps of AH's image and others that depicted the films he made, the actors and actresses who starred in his movies, and other behind-the-scenes people. Included were stamps and cover cachets that showed images of places and items that were used in AH's films. Questions and comments were plentiful. One viewer encouraged Ron to write an article for *Topical Time* of The

American Topical Association.

Show and Tell:

Larry Rosenblum followed up on his presentation of 9 February on French definitives with some interesting information on two of the stamps that he did not have time to cover. With all the overprinting, they are quite busy looking, making it difficult to interpret.



Following WWI and Versailles, the left stamp was overprinted for Memel and revalued at 40 German pfennigs. On the right, the blue stamp was also overprinted for Memel, revalued at nine (9) German marks, and given another overprint for airmail (Flugpost).



Rob Sternberg searched for U.S. stamps depicting earthquakes. In the hunt, he came up with an interesting item. It is a naval cover from the U.S. Frigate Constitution of 10 March 1933. The vessel is out of Long Beach, CA, and on 10 March 1933, there was an earthquake affecting Long Beach. In the quake, some workers were killed. Inside the cover was a clipping from a stamp magazine telling the story of the earthquake.



Paul Petersen showed a few quick items. His wife has a mail carrier friend on the west coast who sent him the following when learning that he was a stamp collector. One is a bright red mail pouch tag for political campaign mail, dtd March, 1977. It is the same on both sides.

The second item is a pair of peel and stick labels for the carriers to use when there is an unpleasant dog living in a home along their delivery route. ➔ His last item was a case of modern postal history, and he explained how the double cancel in this 2/22 piece of mail came about. ➔

Adjourn: The meeting ended about 7:30 p.m.

Rogue's Gallery

Kudos are in order for several talented club members recently recognized for their philatelic prowess as reported in the *GPS&CC Newsletter*.

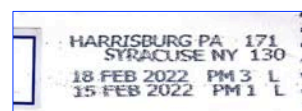
Alan Warren was awarded the Barnard Hennig Award at Chicagopex for his service as a philatelic judge who has worked with the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges. He has presented seminars on judging FDCs and mentored exhibitors. Even more, at the Southeastern Stamp Expo, Alan won a Vermeil Award for his exhibit: "Denmark: The Christian X Definitive Issues of the 1940s on FDCs."

Mark Schwartz won three awards in Sarasota: •Large Gold and Single Frame Grand Award for "Boston Paid in Grid." •Large Gold for "Newburyport, Mass During the Stampless Period 1755-1855." •Large Gold for "Postal History of Salem, Mass: Domestic Mail through September 1883-Foreign up to UPU."

Steve Kennedy won a Large Silver in the literature competition in Sarasota for his article "Military Assistant Surgeon's Ft. Lauderdale East Florida Letter" which was published in the *Florida Postal History Journal*.

And just in over the wire...Bill Schultz won the Grand Award and Large Gold Award at the Rockford Stamp Expo for his exhibit entitled "Dining Cars-Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails."

Congratulations all!



A Late Letter

A WWII era letter from Germany that was mailed on 5 December 1945 was finally delivered-76 years later!

Overseas for almost two years years, a 22 y/o American soldier in the German Occupation Force mailed a letter home to his mother in Massachusetts expressing that he was expecting to be sent stateside in a month or two.



Of great interest was that they had just liberated a POW camp of U.S. soldiers, and along with this was his grumbling about the food and foul weather. The soldier died in 2015 at 92.

While the soldier's mother passed away long ago, the letter was received by his surviving wife in MA, now 82.

The letter was sent by the USPS Processing Center in Pittsburg to the wife by registered mail along with a cover letter.

This letter stated that they were unsure where the soldier's mail was for 76 years, but they worked diligently to find the recipient.

The family was delighted to find it. The couple met after the war and married in 1954. He studied engineering and had a long career with the GTE corporation. They had five sons.

Pen Spa Day

How many stamp spouses have complained that they are tired of seeing stamps soaking in bowls on the kitchen table or floating in the bathtub (big loads) and/or the bathroom sink (small loads). It turns out that stamp collectors are not the only "soakers" among hobbyists. There are fountain pen collectors.



Ed. is often greeted with a variety of fountain pen parts and other related accouterments soaking in the sink, in glasses, in saucers, and in bowls in various shades of colored water. Like stamps, fountain pens need tender loving maintenance. The working mechanisms vary by the pen's model, make, and age of production. Often a vintage pen must be expertized to determine its exact pedigree along with a solid program of rehabilitation. Pen soaking is key, especially when the pen has been left lying with dried ink. This can be deadly. Pen collectors call it a **Pen Spa Day**.

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

Donation of 10,000 Postage Stamps Brings a Mother and Autistic Son Together

Charles J. DiComo, PhD

On December 26th, 2021, Ophelia saw one of my many posts on our Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PSLC) Facebook page, where I was preparing shoe boxes full of thousands and thousands of U.S. and Worldwide Stamps, on and off paper, that I was hoping could find a new home, as a gift for anyone that was interested.

For years, I have been sorting and boxing thousands of stamps I have amassed, along with many other stamps that have been donated by our PSLC members and friends, usually the day after Christmas on "Boxing Day."

Ophelia reached out to me and mentioned that she was a collector, but more importantly her son Matthew, who is Autistic and in his twenties, was also starting to show an interest.



Organizing, soaking, pressing, and mounting stamps together were a fantastic way for her and her son to connect.

I wasted no time in mailing the biggest box of stamps I had to her son in Oklahoma, which he

received a few days after the New Year.

Matthew was so excited to get his package. Ophelia relayed to me that "Matthew said he's really enjoying looking at all the beautiful stamps while he sorts."



He is absolutely over the moon and brags now about having more stamps from different countries than she has in her collection.

It is clear to say, that stamps have brought this mother and son even closer together. It brings a smile to my face and warms my heart that these little pieces of paper and the hobby we all love can have this effect. My challenge to each of you – engage with someone today and share your passion for philately and postal history—you might just open up an entirely new world of enjoyment to them.

2022 Dues are still payable. There are two ways to submit your payment:

1-PayPal: See the first page of the website to participate. Please note that when you do this, you will need to choose **The Family and Friends** option. ☒

If there are any changes in your renewal information, please let Barbara Buchanan know (tallwood @comcast.net). Changes would include address, email, phone number, or status in ATA and/or APS.

2-Traditonal mail in: See coupon below to accompany your check. Thanks in advance. The Membership Committee.

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Please clip this 2022 dues renewal notice, complete, and mail to **Mrs. Barbara Buchanan**, PO Box 116, Conestoga, PA 17516-0116, with **\$10.00**, Checks only, no cash. Be sure to sign your check. Thank you in advance.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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