



# The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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**NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY JULY 5th at 7:00 pm**

**Social Time from 6:30 pm onwards**

## ***Polish Occupation Forces In Italy 1946-7***

...presented by Dr. Kent Weaver

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### Editor's Update:

The church is located at 1009 Elizabeth Avenue in Laureldale. Elizabeth Avenue crosses Kutztown Road in the Muhlenberg Township area. Find Kutztown Road and turn east on Elizabeth.

The Hershey Harvest, a small popular farmy-type country store is on the corner where you turn onto Elizabeth Avenue. Elizabeth changes to a one-way road going east at that point. The church is about two blocks on the left. For those who are joining us for the first time, below is a picture of the door that you enter the building. We meet in the lower level. Down two flights of stairs or you can use the elevator which is to the left after you enter.



This is the door you use to enter the church building.

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**LANACSTER STAMP CLUB...**

**ZOOM MEETINGS IN JULY at 6:30pm**

July 13<sup>th</sup>: USS Local presented by Ron Breznay

July 27<sup>th</sup>: APS and the State of the Hobby presented by Scott English

These are always followed by club members "show and Tell"

Let me know if you need the link... Mike B.



Following WW II, Polish volunteers who had stood next to allied troops in major engagements were stationed in Italy as occupation forces. Refusing to cooperate with communism in their native Poland, many thousands served as stabilizing units in Italy. Once offered resettlement lands on the Italian peninsula, the offer was withdrawn. But while they were there in 1946-7, they used the special stamps pictured in this article to frank homeward going mail.

Unfortunately, these stamps do not appear in Scott's catalogs and many consider them "cindarellas" or poster stamps. (This makes no sense to your editor, since they were postally used.) Dr. Weaver will tell the story of these fascinating stamps at our July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. What had the Poles done to win respect during the war? First, Patton reviewed them and declared them to have the sharpest appearance of any of the troops he saw during the war. They particularly fought well at Monte Cassino, Ancona, and Bologna.

By wars end, they totaled 55,780 men, about 1,500 women and one bear! They lost 2,301 killed, 535 missing and 8,540 wounded.

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### RSCC Treasurer's Report:

Current Account: \$ 2,387.63 as of 05/31/2022 : CD \$ 3,174.14 as of 12/31/21

Dues for 2022 are NOW DUE: If you have already sent me a check..Thank You.  
IF NOT: Please send check payable to RSCC to my address above as soon as possible  
Many Thanks, Mike

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### Editors Comment:

So far this year we have had three meetings. Attendance at each has been, 6, 6 and 7 members respectively. At total of 10 members have attended across the three meetings. Before COVID we used to have between 15 and 18 members attend.

Where are the rest of you? Not interested anymore? Don't like the location?

**We need feedback. Let us know. We would like to see more of you!!!!**

This edition starts with a tribute to Ukraine! Starting with Ukraine's new issue in July it is followed by stamps issued by countries supporting Ukraine. I have another eclectic series of articles that I hope you enjoy and finishing with a stamp tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who has now reached her Platinum Jubilee (1952-2022)

**Well I am a Brit so it's my choice.**

## July Ukraine stamp design revealed

Written by catpaw June 15, 2022

Ukrposhta has revealed their newest stamp design for the "Good evening, we are from Ukraine!" competition. The winning submission is the *Ukrainian tractor pulling an abandoned Russian tank* entry. The image of a tractor pulling a tank has become one of the iconic symbols of the war.



Over 834,000 votes were cast by Ukrainians. with 3400,000 voting for the tractor. Release date has not been announced, but expect it sometime in July, along with details about the designer. 5 million stamps will be released.

## Stamps showing support for Ukraine



Since the war in Ukraine began in February a growing number of post offices around the world have issued special stamps to lend support and, in most cases, raise funds for organisations helping with the country's humanitarian crisis. See the full list of stamps for Ukraine in our stamp guide.

The conflict in Ukraine has affected millions of people, and the response to the humanitarian crisis has prompted a response from around the world, including from post offices and stamp collecting communities. Nations to issue stamps include:

### Latvia: 'We Are with You!'

Latvia issued a block of three stamps, and 'a special explanatory coupon', in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with half of the proceeds from sales going to the charity fund Ziedot.lv programme in support of Ukraine.

The stamp block features the national flags of Ukraine and Latvia, Ukraine's Independence Monument in Kiev and Latvia's Freedom Monument in Riga as well as inscriptions in Ukrainian and Latvian saying 'We Are with You!' and 'Glory to Ukraine!'



### 'Glory to Ukraine!' stamp from Estonia

Estonia's simple 'Glory to Ukraine!' stamp design shows a dove against a background of the Ukraine flag; a postcard with a similar design will be given for free with all purchases of the stamp.



### Poland's 'We Are with You!' stamp

Poland's 'We Are with You!' stamp shows a handshake with the hands painted in the national colours of the two countries.



### Canada's 'Help for Ukraine' stamp

Canada Post has revealed the design of a fundraising stamp, set to be issued on 7 July, marking the first time Canada has issued a stamp in support of a country in need of humanitarian assistance. Funds raised through the purchase of this stamp will be distributed through the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF), which is currently delivering aid wherever it is needed, from heavily shelled areas in Ukraine's north and east, to the displaced Ukrainians to the west and in neighbouring countries. A donation of \$1 from each booklet of ten stamps (and ten cents from each official First Day Cover) will provide much-needed financial assistance to those affected by the war. The Canadian stamp shows a sunflower, the national flower of Ukraine and now a widely recognised symbol of peace and unity. Canada Post originally issued a stamp with this colourful image in 2011, with the 2022 version featuring the text 'Help for Ukraine' title.



### Luxembourg charity stamp

POST Luxembourg have also released a charity stamp, to help Ukrainian refugees. All proceeds from the sale of these stamps will be donated to the organisation ASBL LUKRAINE to support their actions for refugees from Ukraine. The stamp, available in national and international denominations, in sheets of eight, features the colours of the Ukrainian flag with a dove of peace integrated into the design.



## Lithuania: defenders of freedom in Ukraine

Lithuanian Post has also issued a single stamp for 'defenders of freedom in Ukraine'. The simple image on the stamp again features the blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag, and shows two figure hugging. The €2 stamp is a semi-postal, with half of the stamp cost covering the cost of postage and the remaining €1 being donated to the organisation Mėlyna ir Geltona (Blue / Yellow), a 'non-government organisation' that 'provides Ukrainian soldiers and volunteers with non-lethal supplies to help them battle Russian aggression.'



## Croatia: For Peace in Ukraine

The stamp 'For Peace in Ukraine', issued by the Croatian Post features a simple design showing a rapeseed field below blue sky. The stamp is intended as 'an additional symbol of friendship between the Republic of Croatia and Ukraine, as well as strong mutual support for comprehensive efforts to bring peace to Ukraine, the return of its displaced and refugee citizens, and the normalization of life on the Ukrainian territory.'



## Austria's semi-postal stamp

The semi-postal stamp issued by Österreichische Post is a semi-postal, meaning a proportion of the cost of the stamp - in this case €1 – will be donated to the Austrian organisation "Nachbar in Not" and the international organisation UNICEF.



## Moldova for Peace

Moldova Post Office launched their stamp on 19 April with the aim of 'promoting peace in the world and in our homes through each letter sent.' Of the 250,000 copies of the stamp printed, 5,000 were given to refugees and volunteers, so they can send letters to those still in Ukraine.



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## 1924 Paris Olympics, the last of the modern Olympics that paid homage to the ancient Greeks

- Post author • By [John C](#) • Post date • [June 15, 2022](#)



The ancient or the modern. It is easy to both idealize the ancient and get bogged down with the modern. It was understandable that a modern elite might view backwards toward Greece as a roadmap toward self improvement. So slip on your smoking jacket, fill your pipe, take your first sip of your adult beverage, and sit back in your most comfortable chair. Welcome to today's offering of The Philatelist.

An athlete celebrating his victory wearing a toga. Not how the Olympics are seen today. A fitting way to show the games as they were the last ones organized by the Frenchman Pierre, Baron de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics. Coubertin believed that emulating the ancients was a way to uplift modern elites to be better. The 1928 Olympic stamps showed modern athletes and showed additional modernity by having a surcharge to help pay for the elite's games. I don't think the Baron would have approved.



Today's stamp is issue A27, a 50 Centimes stamp issued by France on April 1st, 1924. It was part of a four stamp issue for the Olympics in various denominations. According to the Scott catalog, the stamp is worth \$5.75 used. An imperforate version of this stamp is worth \$1,000.

Pierre de Coubertin was a French nobleman who was dismayed by the French loss in the Franco-Prussian War. In the same period the British Empire was at its height. He attributed the relative success of Britain to the elite public school system that many of its leaders passed through. The English public schools had played each other in athletics modeled after how they imagined the ancient Greek Olympic games. Coubertin thought the lack of athletics in the equivalent French schools left the aristocracy worthless and weak. He conceived a revived Olympics as a way to turn the system around. The events chosen were demonstrations of manly strength and soldierly skills. Intrinsic in the vision were amateur athletes and gentlemanly sportsmanship that tended to keep out potential participants from the working classes.

Coubertin's vision of the modern Olympics was naturally watered down after his retirement. One of the most famous stories from the 1924 Olympics was told by the movie "Chariots of Fire" from 1981. The movie told the story of a Jewish English runner who competed and won despite his wealthy but less than Noble background. He further offended by hiring a coach as part of his training, that some felt violated the spirit of the amateur athlete. The story is told as a hero overcoming anti-Semitism and was that, but also demonstrates that the times were changing.

The 1924 Olympics were played at the Stade Olympique de Colombes first built in 1907. The stadium's renovations have seen it shrink from 50,000 to 15,000 seats. It is still slated to host the field hockey event when Paris hosts the 2024 Summer Olympics. The 1924 Olympics only had revenue of 50% of the costs of the games, despite large crowds. The much more commercial 1928 games, after Coubertin's retirement, almost broke even. Something gained, something lost.



**Labels issued for the games  
(issued in several colours)**



**Kyrgyzstan issue in 2002 re Paris 1924  
with Rhythmic Gymnast**

**Editor Note: I have added to this article the Mini-sheet and Postcard with Olympic Cancel at the start of the article and the above labels plus the stamp-on-stamp issue from 2002 to illustrate this article.**



**A THOUGHT:** Is it true that when you studied the reverse side of this paper you were awed by the immensity of the universe? You were thankful that by the wonders of God's handiwork you were fashioned as you are to enjoy life on this planet of ours and help us to live better lives, helping our fellow man. Selah!

**OCTOBER 6th MEETING** visiting the ALLENTOWN CLUB 2nd floor First National Bank Bldg. (air-conditioned room) Check with Prexy Parkes (Phone 374-5405) after 6 P.M. or Ed Hinz (376-2322) for time or use of your car. This visit will necessitate having our first meeting on

**OCTOBER 13th** - at 300 N. Sixth St. Look around and find some of those valentines of yester-year, bring them along and compare them with slides of postally used ones. In addition the collection of Red Cross stamps belonging to member Mrs. Earl L. Madeira will be displayed.

**SURPRISE:** There will be a mix at the October 13th meeting.

**OCTOBER 20th MEETING** will feature Quiet John Renner showing his collection of Italian stamps. Don't miss it!

Again a mix presented. The September 15 meeting was called to order by Pres. Charles Parkes and the presentation of the name of Vincent A. Serafino, 727 N. 10th St. (1st reading) and 2nd reading of George Mathues, 9W. 34th St., Reiffon, who was unanimously elected.

**SECRET:** The Librarian is much upset for the reason that some "skulking knave" has surreptitiously loaned, removed, swiped or what have you, the combined 1963 and Scotts #2 for 1964. They have been missing since May. You all understand the library is for all to read and use but rules must be adhered to. Will the offender please return them by next meeting night?

**NEW ISSUES:** 9/26 US 4c card commemorating Social Security 50-million representatives from 92 nations will attend ceremony in Washington at meeting of International Social Security Conference. 10/5 8c airmail honoring Dr. Robert Goddard at Roswell, N.M., 10/15 American Music 5c at NYCity. No dates given for Homemakers, Radio Amateurs, Christmas (4-5c). For this issue what is required? Block of 4 or each of the stamps on a cover? - Physical fitness, cancer, 150th Ann. Battle of New Orleans, 200th Ann. birth of Robert Fulton, and hold everything, empty that file 13, prepare for 'abstract art.' A melange of red, blue and black 'squiggles' by the late Stuart Davis, born Philadelphia 12/7/94. At 16 he quit school to study art with Robert Henri founder of the "ash-can" school of art, Davis imitated some French impressionists and Van Gogh until in 1927 he found his style. In that year he painted and repainted an 'egg-beater', an 'electric fan' and a 'rubber glove' which he nailed to a table. It is truly unfortunate that the committee selecting such works did not meet our Geo. Luerssen or Emil Hess. The U.N. will present a 5c Cessation of Nuclear Testing on Oct. 23 and on Dec. 7 a 4c, 5c and 11c Education for Progress set.

**THIS & THAT** The NOJEZ cachet will have a 200 year theme based on the New Jersey Tercentenary theme (p. 21 Linns 9/21) Sabah is former North Borneo. The estate of the late Philip H. Ward, Jr. totaled \$2,802,000. The lump sale of his philatelic holdings amounted to \$1,100,000. If U.R. interested in Space Craft covers contact P.O. Box 2296 Huntington, W. Va., (p. 476 Stamps 9/19). Orders for AJMAN stamps go to Post Office of Ajman, Ajman, Arabian Gulf (via Bahrain). An exhibit to acquaint visitors with the educational, pleasurable, financial and historical aspects of philately will be held in Pepsi-Cola Bldg., Park Ave., N.Y. in Feb. 1964. Contact Ernest Kehr, 220 W. 42nd St. N.Y. 10036.

**DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?...  
ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION  
AND NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Both President Lincoln and President Kennedy were concerned with the cause of Civil Rights.
2. Lincoln was elected in 1860 and Kennedy in 1960.
3. Both were assassinated on a Friday and both in the presence of their wives.
4. Their successors, both named Johnson were Southerners, Democrats and former U.S. Senators. Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon B. Johnson in 1908.
5. John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839 & Lee Harvey Oswald in 1939. Both Booth and Oswald were Southerners, favoring unpopular ideas. Both Booth and Oswald were killed before trial could be arranged.
6. Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while living in the White House.
7. Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to Ford's Theatre. Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln advised him not to go to Dallas.
8. John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.
9. The names Lincoln & Kennedy each contain 7 letters. The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain 13 letters. The names John Wilkes Booth & Lee Harvey Oswald each contain 15 letters. We admit this had nothing to do with stamp collection. However, it might provide a basis for an interesting sideline collection.

**REPRISE:** September 1 Meeting member Richard Heffner amazed us with his display of Military Prisoner of War letter sheets. Some U.N. - fine presentation. This was followed by Part I of slides from A.P.S. of Postal stationery. Part II was presented at the Sept. 15 meeting in addition to Mrs. Anna Hinz presenting her collection of "Freedom from Hunger" stamps. A very complete showing nicely mounted.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST** is in process - **ADVISE NOW** any change of residence, change in type of collection. Call Mr. Parkes 374-5405 after 6 p.m. or mail to Box 735 Reading, Pa.

**MEETINGS:** SOJEX 10/23 to 10/25 Atlantic City. SEPAD 10/19-25 PRR 30th St. Station, Phila. NOJEX opens at Robert Treat Hotel in Newark 10/9-11.

**TOPICALS to look for:** Animals RioMuni; Birds & Insects Australia, Hungary, Malta, Papua & New Guinea, Fernando Poo, Tago, Ceylon; Europa Cyprus, Herm, Luxemburg, Netherland, Norway, Switzerland; Flags: U.S.R.; Flowers Hungary, Neth. Ant, Ireland, Ghana, Tago, West Germany; Kennedy Dubai, Jordan, Nigeria Paraguay, Monaco, Uruguay; Red Cross Vatican City; Scouts Jamaica, U.A.R. Ryukyu, Yemen A.R. Suggested buy Netherlands #206/8 Sports Liberia, UAR, Czech, Roumania, Mongolia, Congo, San Marino

# Crete, less than satisfied by a Danish/Greek Prince, the Cretans revolt with fake stamps

A Greek island rebels against Turk rule, sounds like a job for a Danish, no excuse me Greek Prince? I don't think so and neither did the Cretans, but the Great Powers thought they knew better. So slip on your smoking jacket, fill your pipe, take your first sip of your adult beverage, and sit back in your most comfortable chair. Welcome to today's offering from The Philatelist.



This is a fake stamp. Issued at the time of the Theriso revolt, and of no postal value and does not have any catalog value. Being therefore a revenue raiser. I would have expected less ostentation and more revolutionary zeal.

Crete was a Christian/Greek island that was long a part of the Ottoman Empire. In 1897 the Cretans revolted against the Turks. At this point the Great Powers stepped in with troop deployments ending Turk rule, though a suzerainty to the Ottomans was still paid. This occupation was under a High Commissioner, Prince George, the second son of the King of Greece and also a Prince of Denmark. He was a lot more Danish than Greek and so many Cretans were less than satisfied with the arrangement. Prince George was quite imperious, immediately demanding the Cretans build him a palace. Where after all is a Royal to lay his weary head. He also proved unable to get the Great Powers to agree to union with Greece. The Cretans rebelled against Prince George and a civil war was on. This was not what the Great Powers signed up for and they ended up paying the Cretans for the right to leave and to take Prince George with them. Greece sent another high commissioner, this time an actual Greek and then the Cretans unilaterally declared union with Greece.

Prince George ended up settling in France where he married Marie Bonaparte. She was perhaps more famous than he was. She was chronically unsatisfied sexually despite 2 children with allegedly homosexual Prince George, and many affairs with Princes, Prime Ministers and stablemasters. She began a formal study of the then important psychological issue of female frigidity in conjunction with Sigmund Freud. She studied the sexual histories of several hundred women and the physical distance between their clitoris and vagina. She discovered the greater the distance the greater chance of frigidity. She published the findings under the pseudonym A. E. Narjani in a medical journal. If the distance between the organs was greater than 2.5 centimeters, orgasm was difficult to achieve. She thought herself having this condition, she twice attempted corrective surgery.

Her frigidity remained.

## This one is for all our female philatelists

# World Doll Day

No childhood could have passed without dolls. Dolls give a child complete happiness and knowledge. Though we had a number of dolls when we were young, only a few remain in our minds forever. The one which is part and parcel of everyone's childhood should deserve a day right?

Yes, we do have a **World Doll Day**. It is celebrated every year on the **second Saturday in June** since 1986.

There is an interesting story of how posts/chain letters played a role in commemorating a day for dolls. [Mildred Seeley](#), an avid doll collector, and doll-related entrepreneur thought of having a special day for the dolls. She started sending out letters asking people to participate in the doll day and requested each person who have received the letter to spread the word to 5 more people. This spread like a wildfire and the very first world doll day was celebrated on **June 14, 1986**.

Can you believe that dolls have been around since 2000BC? Archeologists found the oldest dolls in Egyptian tombs. Thereafter dolls have been made from several materials like wood, clay, porcelain, leather, cloth, metals, plastics, nuts, and even bones. Inuit make dolls from soapstone and bone, dressed in fur.

In India, we have an [International Doll Museum](#) in New Delhi, our capital city. Celebrated political cartoonist, [K. Shankar Pillai](#) received a doll as a gift from the Hungarian ambassador. Since then, he became passionate about collecting dolls. This museum was founded by him in 1965, with over 6500 dolls from over 85 countries.

What is your favorite doll? It's time to cherish them.

The below stamp is issued by India Post in the year 2010.



# THE PLATINUM CELEBRATION IN STAMPS OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1952 – 2022)

