

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society  
American Topical Association-Chapter 118  
Website: <https://lpcs-stamps.org>

**Please note that all meetings are virtual starting at 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 14 and 28 December 2022**

## The Veranda Chronicles

Well, it is the holiday season when our minds perhaps return to past times and events in our youth and link these to the present as we once again celebrate with family and friends. And on December 21<sup>st</sup>, PSLC will have that opportunity for our 12:30 Luncheon at Fiorintino's. Looks like we will have a full house. (*Ed's note: See Pg.-5*)

Of great news is that we will start to meet in person once again on January 11<sup>th</sup> at Landis homes, the venue where we met prior to the pandemic. The meetings at Landis will be on the second Wednesdays of each month. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. Appreciation is extended to our people, Fred Sargent and Lou DiFelice, who worked with Landis Home's people to bring this about.

Plans are fluid right now as to the content of the in-person meetings, but there will be some similarities to the our pre-Covid-19 meetings with a medley of auctions, in-person presentations, an Open-House, the August Picnic, the December Dinner, and pre-meeting bourses at most meetings. (*Ed's note: See page-5 for more meeting information and directions to Landis Homes.*)

And we will continue to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays virtually on Zoom as we have since

early 2020. We have a catchment of speakers wide and far. And like our Newsletter Exchange some of us have spoken virtually at the meetings of the other clubs. Now that the decision has been made for our second Wednesday meetings, we'll soon be filling in the rest of the year for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, so watch the schedule.

APS re-launched its competition for clubs' websites and newsletters under the new banner of the Star Route Awards, and this is the second year of competition. According to the APS website, the Star (postal) Routes were "the most challenging routes in the country to deliver U.S. Mail.

Congress called for contractors to deliver the mail with 'celerity, certainty, and security,' soon replaced with three stars. Our chapters serve and grow the hobby in those same terrains with that same mission."

So now for the shout-out: The PSLC Website won a Large Vermeil Award, and the Newsletter won a Gold Award. These digital communications are germane to the growth we have seen in our club in the last several years. In the age of digital media, PSLC communications go far and wide. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to our communication endeavors. Wishing you all a very happy holiday. *CJDi*



**14 December 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

*Why Postcards Matter-Dawn Hamman*



Picture postcards offer a window into history and culture. They show us what people were doing and thinking at different times. Join ATA President, Dawn Hamman on a journey through the history of picture postcards, learning about who was sending hundreds of billions of postcards in the 20th century, and why.

**28 December 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

*Blood Donation on Stamps & Covers-Ken Martin*

American Philatelic Society Director of Expertizing, Ken Martin will speak on the development of a thematic exhibit sharing both the good and bad techniques from his exhibit on Blood Donation. The spark for this collection came from the intersection of his three greatest pursuits, dedicated service, lifelong stamp collecting, and blood donation. The result is an interesting history of the subject seen in stamps, covers, and other related ephemera. Ken notes he will also be available to answer any of your questions about expertizing and APS.



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**Visitors are Always  
Welcome**

PSLC meets virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen (See contact info below)

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# 9 November Minutes & Treasury

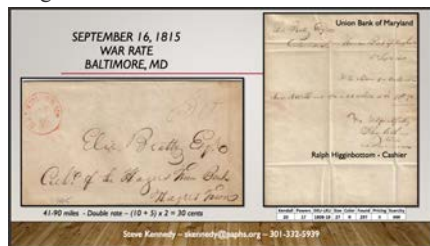
Dave Weichert, Sect'y and Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

**Opening/Announcements:** Paul Petersen started the session at 6:32 p.m. **Mike Bach** shared with the club the sudden passing of **Roy K. Baardsen** on 1 November, highlighting the various activities he accomplished with both the Lancaster and Reading stamp Clubs. This resulted a few years ago when APS Executive Director **Scott English** presented Roy with the Nicholas Carter Volunteer Award for Local Service. Paul shared that there are about 14 signed up for the 21 December **Luncheon at Fiorintino's**, and any anyone who wishes to sign up should contact him. He also noted that 48 members (37%) have paid their **2023 dues** and encouraged the rest to follow suit to make it an easier task this year for the Membership Committee members who work hour after hour to get this done. **Bill Greiner** said that his mom, long-time club member, **Truyde**, remains in the hospital but sends her appreciation to PSLC for the card. Bill will keep us updated.

### Feature Presentation:

*Elie Beatty-Cashier of Hagerstown Bank 1807-1859-Steve Kennedy*

Elie Beatty, Esq. (1775-1859) was a leading citizen in Hagerstown, MD in the first half of the 19th century. While he had been an assistant PM and longtime board member of a private academy, it was his great tenure (1807-1859) as cashier of the Hagerstown Bank, two of the years he served as president, that resulted in one of the most important postal history finds of the 20th century. He saved and organized everything, and in the 1930s, about 10K covers, surfaced, those stamped and stampless alike. It is known as the Beatty or the Hagerstown Bank Collection.



Tonight Steve described the Beatty covers of the stampless era to 1847 with the appearance of the first U.S. postage stamp on 1 July. There were, however, residual stampless covers still allowable for several years into the 1850s.

Steve owns or has access to nearly 1K of the covers, as he is working on an inventory and is seeking info or scans from PSLC members and other collectors worldwide. What makes this collection so special is the fifty-two year constancy of incoming covers to one individual at the same venue allowing the postal historian the opportunity to inspect these and appreciate the half-century of trends in routes, rates, postmarks, auxiliary marking, and other philatelic phenomenon. We observe the transformation of the content and style of the postal markings.

For starters, there is a 25 May 1800 cover from Beatty to the PM of the Hagerstown PO, but the critical mass of the Hagerstown Bank Collection is comprised of covers to Beatty, largely consisting of business related interests. While this can be looked on as a local/regional postal history collection, it is, however a snapshot of so much more, as there are many slices of Americana as will be seen.

Starting with the 1799 rates. Steve described the consistent prices for mailings based on distance traveled and number of pages as illustrated through the six (6) rate charts from 1799 through 1 July 1851. The Beatty collection forms an exemplar for this period. Distance was based on one of five to six mileage zones, and in 1845 this dropped to two zones, less than or greater than 300 miles by ounce. In 1851 the two zones were less than or greater than 3000 miles by the ounce, a long awaited price reform.

Per Sheet	<40 miles	40-90	90-135	135-300	300-900	>900
Single	8 ¢	10 ¢	12 1/2 ¢	17 ¢	20 ¢	25 ¢
Double	16 ¢	20 ¢	25 ¢	34 ¢	40 ¢	50 ¢
Triple	24 ¢	30 ¢	37 1/2 ¢	51 ¢	60 ¢	75 ¢
Quadruple	32 ¢	40 ¢	50 ¢	68 ¢	80 ¢	100 ¢

And while most all of the covers' charges are based on distance and number of pages, there are some examples where the weight of the letter in ounces is used in place of the number of pages, adding just one more variable for postal historians with enquiring minds.

While not documented through these covers, one can also appreciate the changes in names and/or spellings of the towns. In 1739 it was called Hager's Ferry, changing to Elizabethtown in 1762. Finally, it became Hagerstown in 1813 where it remains today. Sometimes it was spelled "Hagers Town."

And while occurring following the passing of Elie Beatty, an interesting vignette occurred during the U.S. Civil War. Here the CSA captured the Hagerstown Bank and threatened to destroy it unless a ransom was paid, which it was, allowing the bank to continue.

While this evening's presentation is Part-I of the Beatty collection, Steve gave us a sneak preview of Part-II, which will take us through Beatty's death in 1859.

It will be recalled that the first U.S. stamps were issued on 1 July 1847, but the mandatory use of such did not occur until April 1855. In these eight (8) years are examples of stampless and stamped covers. But more so, extant are U.S. covers following the 1855 cut-off date which were still mailed stampless with the recipient paying the fee upon delivery. This is an

# Club Notes

Programs & Shows

### 2022 Programs

(Description of many of these programs are on the PSLC website.)

**14 December:** Why Postcards Matter. Dawn Hamman

**21 December:** December Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., No-host, Reservations needed. Contact Paul to sign up.

**28 December:** Blood Donation on Stamps & Covers. Ken Martin

### 2023 Programs

**11 January:** All-member bourse

**25 January:** British Inland Airmail, 1933 to 1955. M. Bach

**8 February:** TBA

**22 February:** The Wilkensburg Souvenir Sheets. Stevan & Chris Cady

**8 March:** The History of Condom. Dick Colberg

**22 March:** The 2022 Europa Issues: Myths and Legends. Ron Breznay

**12 April:** Dining Cars-Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails, Bill Schultz

**26 April:** GAR-First Days: First Day Covers and History of the 1949 Grand Army of the Republic Issue. Steve Plunkett

**10 May:** EFOs-An Emphasis on Fold-overs, David Hunt

**24 May:** The Stamp Man, Rick Barrett

### Events

**8-9 December:** 12<sup>th</sup> Postal History Symposium on Zoom via the National Postal Museum [www.stallhistoriumuseum.si.edu](http://www.stallhistoriumuseum.si.edu)

**16-17 December:** K<sup>2</sup> Stamp Show. Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

interesting study in itself, as some of these covers go into the early 1860s. This is more grist for history students of the postal regulations, and non-compliance of same. And add to this, for further interest is the free-franking of the U.S.A soldiers in the Civil War.

Steve would like to hear from any collectors with comments or willingness to share scans of Beatty covers for the inventory. He can be reached at [skennedy@paphs.org](mailto:skennedy@paphs.org). He can also direct you to the archives in progress.



## 23 November Proceedings

**Opening:** Paul Petersen started the meeting at 6:32 p.m. He said that our newest members are **Charles Anderson** and **Mike Korich**, both of Lancaster County, and **Donald Barron** of Douglasville. Latest census on the roster is 135 members. Dues are arriving, so please continue the trend if you haven't already done so. Sixteen (16) have signed up for the Wednesday, 21 December Luncheon at Fiorintino's and there is room for eight (8) more. Contact Paul if interested.

**Truys Greiner:** Bill Greiner gave an update on his mom who is showing some health improvement but with a way to go. He shared the address where she is under care, and Paul will send it out to all membership via email.

**Attendance:** +/- 30

### Treasury: 1-31 October 2021

**Lou DiFelice** gave the October Treasury Report (below) and noted that \$600.00 of the expenses is for PSLC's web hosting.

<b>Opening:</b>	\$4714.65
<b>Income:</b>	\$56.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$667.80
<b>Closing:</b>	\$4102.85
<b>Two (2) CDs:</b>	\$6067.66

### Feature Presentation:

#### *Semipostal Issues of the Philippine Islands-George Hauber, Sr.*

George started with a brief history of the Philippine Islands (PI), and in his exploration east, Ferdinand Magellan was the first Westerner to locate PI and to circumnavigate the earth proving that it is round. This was from 1519 thru 1522. Of all the crew on the five ships that left Spain, only 18 of the originals returned in 1522. Magellan was killed in battle in 1521. Many PI issues honor this explorer. Spain occupied PI and other territories such as Cuba, and more until 1898 with the Spanish American War when they were driven out.

PI was then under U.S. Administration until 1935 with the branding of independence - subject to a transition period. This arrangement ended abruptly on 8 December 1941 with the Japanese occupation of the islands. To say that the Filipino people in this war-torn occupied country were under an extreme hardship is an understatement, a topic worthy of another presentation.

But what are semi-postal stamps? These are postage stamps sold by a stamp issuing entity and priced greater than face value. They have a dual purpose to pay the correct mailing rate, with the additional cost going to a charitable cause. The

denomination on the stamp would appear something like 15c+5c, where, in this example the 5c would go to the charity. In the Scott Catalogues, the semi-postal stamps have the "B" designation where airmails are "C" and the definitives and commemoratives are the "A" stamps. The "A" is rarely used; it is just understood. Buying the "B" stamps is usually voluntary - but not always.

Returning to the Japanese occupation, PI issued its first semi-postal stamps to support the Red Cross campaign to promote produce and preserve food. The second issue, an overprinted one, was for victims of the major flood in 1943 in Luzon. These are listed in Scott as NB, NB1-4 and NB 5-8 in this case, the NB standing for Occupation Semi-Postals. By 1949 PI was an independent republic, and they issued semi-postal stamps to repair their war-damaged public libraries. This is the first listing in Scott with the B designation, in this case it was B1-3. The next or 1950 charity cause was for widows, children, and WWII vets and are B4-5. Semi-postals of 1952 and again in 1959 supported the planting and care of fruit trees for children.



In 1958/9 were semi-postal issues related to the care of tuberculosis (TB), and these contained the double-barred Red Cross of Lorraine seen on worldwide Christmas Seals to this day. Also in 1959 was a set to promote the Boy Scout Jamboree. All remaining semi-postals from 1959 through the last issue in 1974 were TB related with the Cross of Lorraine.



In 1958 the semi-postal stamps were the only postage stamps available for a six-week period to maximize the money raised for charity. This is the exception to the tradition that purchasing semi-postals is voluntary.

In total, there are 51 Scott Catalogue numbers for PI 'B'-designated semi-

postals, plus three Scott numbers for air-post semi-postal stamps and a souvenir sheet. Then there were the already-mentioned eight semi-postals under Japanese occupation (NB1-8). As an added bonus, George briefly reviewed the seven USPOD semi-postals that started in 1998 with the breast cancer stamp through the latest, that for supporting those with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

### Show, Tell, 'n Ask

**Larry Rosenblum** showed two French items known as Porte Timbres. These are perforated gummed labels that fit in the upper right corner of a cover, to which a definitive stamp is affixed in the middle. The result is the appearance of a frame around the stamp used for a message or advertising. Below the green Porte Timbre is a warning about the evil of drink, especially absinthe. The blue item is a stamp dealer's ad with a 15c red RF stamp.

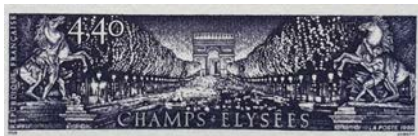


**Steve Kennedy** said that the replacement to "retroreveal.com", the app for enhancing postmarks is now "postmark-reveal.com". Steve also shared some images of local stamps from the Westtown School (Chester County, PA) used from 1859-1867.



**Mike Bach** has a question about a 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1893 1d UK postal card to Switzerland with a variety of postmarks. His question is with the L-1<sup>D</sup> notation in the hexagonal date stamp seen above. Some opinions were offered that it is probably a notation that it is a late posting for overseas. A few members said that they would send some links to him through Paul.

**George Hauber, Sr.** had a question regarding his new acquisitions of postal cards UX1 or UX3 and the issue of a "big hole variety." What is this? There were responses, and **RD Noble** showed the reference *U.S. Postal Cards Catalog, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition* (2015). There is a plate deficit in the left side of the frame of the postal card, which looks like a hole. This phenomenon increases the value of the postal card to greater than published catalog value.



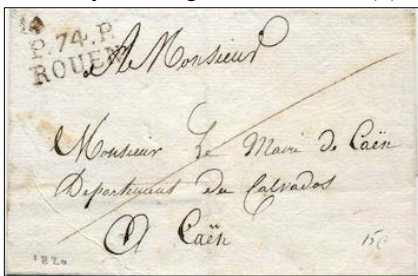
**Dick Colberg** has shared his philatelic activities while in France this fall and is looking forward to the Christmas luncheon with many in the club on 21 December after he and Nancy have arrived home from their abode in Normandy.

In Versailles he attended the annual exhibit and convention of *L'Union Marcophile*, a RF postal history association that had 40 12-page frames and eight (8) postal history dealers. This was followed that evening with a well-attended post-event banquet.

*Rue Drouot* is a 3-block street in Paris that is loaded with stamp shops. There aren't many cover dealers, but there is an Yvert & Tellier outlet. They are producers of the RF stamp catalogs which Dick says is always an interesting place to visit.

Dick attended the monthly meeting of the Club Philatelique de France, with an attendance of fifteen. It was "Show and Tell Night" with some outstanding material that he was able to see firsthand. "Some real heady stuff," he notes.

One of the highlights was the large stamp bourse in Paris, in Champerret on the edge of the city. He bought two nice items (♥).



The 1820 stampless cover is from Rouen, from the mayor of Caen of the Department of Calvados. The P.74 indicates that the postage is paid with 74 representing the Department (county). The diagonal line across the cover indicates that the postage has been pre-paid. Dick notes that this cover will be the perfect bookend for his Rouen to Serquigny RPO exhibit.

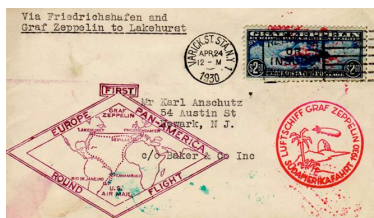


The PPC is from Le Neubourg at the turn-of-the-century, about 20 miles from Dick's home in Normandy. The view of this famous market looks much the same now.

## An Aerophilately Adventure

**Al Schaub**

Attending Aerophilately 2022 in November at the APS headquarters and APRL was an outstanding philatelic experience! Attendees were warmly welcomed by APS & AAMS greeters who gifted visitors with 3 air mail related books: *Mail in the Air*, *Aerial Mail Service*, and *Pan American Final Flights*. Too detailed to list, the show had thirty-nine exhibits, and about twelve lectures, all of which were of potential interest to airmail collectors.



The bourse consisted of eight dealers and three auction houses. Most dealers primarily had quality airmail covers. Thus it was not the place for the budget-minded, generalist collectors.

When the show closed on Friday, hospitality again kicked in. Sponsored was a reception at which pizza, subs, cake, and cocktails and soda were served. The reception was continued at the show hotel at 7:00 p.m. Also, to be noted is that free coffee was available at APS during the show hours.

The show hotel was the University Park Inn & Suites, about eight miles from APS. The room rate was \$82.00 a night, and this included a hot and cold buffet breakfast.

Without a doubt, Aerophilately was indeed a philatelic adventure as well as being a very pleasant social event/party.

## Reading Show

The Reading Stamp Show was held on 5 November, and several members from PSLC were in attendance, as many of us are in both Clubs. Pictured are **Mike Matus**, **Todd Kreider**, **Pete Baney** and the RSCC President, **David Hunt** at the Stamp Show's registration table. (Photo submitted by **Lou DiFelice**)



## With Great Praise

It is the end of the philatelic year when so many need to be recognized for their participation with aspects of the club in which I have some responsibilities. I hope that I have not overlooked anyone.

With the newsletter, I want to thank the contributors for timely submission, including: President **Dr. Charles J. DiComo** for his 'Veranda' column and for proofing the newsletter; Treasurer **Lou DiFelice** for his detailed monthly financial reports; and Sect'y **Dave Weichert** for his input. Appreciation to my helpmeet, **Carol Petersen**, for her dutiful monthly proofreading to keep me honest. As she says, "At least the newsletter is not in your questionable handwriting, and that in itself is a blessing, that it doesn't drive me crazy as did your dissertation 43 years ago."

I am indebted to so many for newsletter submissions, from feature articles to other submissions, and this includes **James Strycharz**, **Scott Ney**, **Frances Case**, **Dr. DiComo**, **Richard Colberg**, **Cathy Brachbill**, **Ron Breznay**, **Laura Duncan**, **Len Kasper**, **Tom Bowman**, **Mike Bach**, **Al Schaub**, **Cathy Kotanchik**, and **Bob Kotanchik**.

There are photo and other images by **Ron Breznay**, **Lou DiFelice**, **Dr. DiComo**, **Bill Schultz**, **Laura Duncan**, and **Len Kasper**.

Wearing my other hat as Program Manager, the process of recruiting 23 feature speakers each year can only be accomplished by the participation of many, and this year includes the following outstanding collectors, speakers, writers, and researchers, both members and non-members of PSLC:

**Richard Colberg**, **Larry Rosenblum**, **Mick Zais**, **Ron Breznay**, **Diane DeBlois**, **Robert Dalton Harris**, **Tony Wawrukiewicz**, **Bill Schultz**, **Rob Sternberg**, **Stanley Jones**, **Alan Warren**, **Dr. DiComo**, **Scott English**, **David Plunkett**, **Steve Kennedy**, **Ron Leshner**, **Dave Hunt**, **Rick Barrett**, **George Hauber, Sr.**, **Dawn Hamman**, and **Ken Martin**.

Adding both color and zest to augment our feature presentations has been the **Show, Tell, & Ask** element of our virtual meetings. With Zoom capabilities, both members and visitors are able to share stamps, covers, and more with the audience. This long list includes the following, many which have shared at more than one meeting.

**Dr. DiComo**, **George Hauber**, **RD Noble**, **Al Schaub**, **Alan Warren**, **David Silcox**, **Cathy Kotanchik**, **Larry Rosenblum**, **Jim Strycharz**, **Mike Bach**, **William Griener, III**, **Dick Colberg**, **Mick Zais**, **Rob Sternberg**, **Bob Kotanchik**, **Dave Hunt**, **David Plunkett**, **Tom McCormick**, **Tom Bowman**, **Dan Martin**, **Ron Breznay**, **Lou DiFelice**, and **Ron Leshner**.



## Columbia Pennsylvania's Significant Contribution to Postal History

Scott Ney

On November 09<sup>th</sup>, we were treated to **Steve Kennedy's** presentation on the stampless covers of his favorite bank cashier, Elie Beatty of Hagerstown, MD. There are thousands of covers that were addressed to Beatty that have found their way into collections, both modest and remarkable. Lancaster County also had a bank cashier who punches above his philatelic weight; today he is still thought of, if not quite remembered for, the thousands of covers that bear his name. The name is Samuel Shoch (1797-1889), sometimes spelled as "Shock".

If you have a collection of stampless and early stamped covers, chances are good you have one or more that were addressed to him. Shoch was a cashier for the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company, and served in that capacity for many years, like his counterpart at the Hagerstown Bank. Many folders containing records from the company are held in the collections of the Lancaster County Historical Society; and many of the covers from the company's cache that once contained bank drafts are in our private postal history collections.

Colonel Samuel Shoch/Shock was born on May 29, 1797, in Harrisburg. He might have picked up the title when he served with the Harrisburg Artillerists shortly after the British burned the Capitol in Washington in 1814. He began studying law at age 20, and was admitted to the Bar of Dauphin County in 1820. Many covers are addressed to "Samuel Shoch, Esq." Before becoming cashier at the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company, he served as a clerk in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and as secretary of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1837.

Col. Shoch kept busy with many endeavors both public and private throughout his life, but of most interest to us is his position at the Columbia Bank and Bridge Company, which he started in 1839. According to his 1889 obituary, "he maintained his relations with this

establishment until a few years ago, when he resigned on account of his old age."

I became acquainted with Col. Shoch and his covers at a Sunday Stamp Show at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, back when we were still emerging from our pandemic-induced lock-downs. I bought a few inexpensive stampless covers at that particular show, including four addressed to Elie Beatty. The nicest cover I took home with me on that day was one with a Scott 11A and bold, blue Lancaster circular date stamp (CDS) that was addressed to Samuel Shoch (below).



I also picked up a stampless cover addressed to him with a York CDS. Since that time I've accumulated a couple dozen more, with and without stamps (not shown).

Col. Shoch, "Columbia's oldest citizen" at age 92, died on May 24, 1889, and is buried in Columbia's Mount Bethel Cemetery.



Above is a U.S. Scott 10A "First Day Cover" addressed to Samuel Shoch (The Harvey Mirsky Collection of the United States 1847 Issue, in the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries Sale 1023, April 24, 2012)

Reference links:

Columbia Bridge Company Collection, 1809-1843 – LancasterHistory.

Col Samuel Shoch (1797-1889) - Find a Grave Memorial

## In-Person Meetings Return

**When: 11 January. Doors open at 6:30**

Starting in January we will be returning to Landis Homes for our second Wednesday meetings. Schedule is in progress, but on the 11<sup>th</sup> we'll host an all-member bourse. Details will follow in the January newsletter, but in general, the format of the meetings may be similar as in the past.



It is a great facility, and we have held up to sixty at our meetings prior to Covid-19. There will soon be a call for hosts to provide snacks, and we hope to have hot coffee available at the time. Stay tuned. It will be great.

### Directions to Landis Homes

Landis Homes is located at 1001 East Oregon Road, also known as Route 722. Rt.-722 runs in a somewhat East-West direction between the Lititz Pike (Rt.-501) and the Oregon Pike (Rt.-272). You can easily reach this facility from any direction.

**From the North or the South via Lititz Pike:** Take Lititz Pike (Rt.-501) toward Neffsville. Just 0.3-0.4 miles north of Neffsville is a traffic light at East Oregon Road (Rt.-722). Turn east, and it is two miles to Landis Homes, which is on the south side.

**From the North or South via Rt. 222:** Take exit for Oregon Pike (Rt.-272). At Oregon Pike, turn north for 0.3 miles. Turn left on Creek Road for 0.3 miles, and then right on East Oregon Road. Landis Homes is about 0.8 miles on the left or south side.

**To the Meeting Room:** Off Oregon Road there are three labeled entrances to Landis Homes: (1) East; (2) West Entrance; and (3) middle or Main Entrance. Enter here at the Main Entrance. The large building right in front of you is the **Calvin and Janet High Learning and Wellness Center**. Park here. The **Crossings Meeting Room** is on the second deck of this building, and there is an elevator to take you up one floor. If you have never been there, you might take a practice run during daylight.

## December Luncheon

This will be held on Wednesday, 21 December at 12:30 p.m. at Fiorintino's Restaurant. This fine eatery is located in the terminal building at the Lancaster Airport, with an address of 500 Airport Road, Lititz. For us old-timers, this is the same venue where we held our pre-meeting dinners with our out-of-town speakers prior to the onset of Covid-19 in February 2020.

The room holds 24, and we have 23 on the list with one "maybe." If you wish to be on the waiting list, please contact Paul. He will keep everyone notified as the event draws near. This will be a no-host, no-frills (i.e. no entertainment) event, and diners will order off the menu with separate checks. Barring any unforeseen happenstances, there should be door prizes! Cheers!

### PSLC 2023 Officer Election Slate

The time has come for the election of the 2023 PSLC officers, however we're still in the Covid-19 quasi-isolation mode, and it is better to keep leadership in place until most of these health issues have been worked out. All currently serving officers have agreed to remain another term in office.

At a December meeting, membership will be asked to vote on the officer slate that is listed below for the 2023 philatelic year.

- For President: **Dr. Charles J. DiComo**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: **John Hostetter**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **William Greiner, III**
- Secretary: **David Weichert**
- Treasurer: **Lou DiFelice**

Note that the board positions are filled by PSLC volunteers who are appointed by leadership, and they will remain until replaced.

- Membership: **Thomas Nichols**
- Public Relations: **Len Kasper, II**
- Programs: **Paul Petersen**
- Newsletter: **Paul Petersen**

### More Gold and Stars for PSLC

Several members were honored by their peers for their exhibits, websites, and newsletters.

**Mark Schwartz** won a Large Gold Award at NOJEX in October for his exhibit entitled "The New York Postmaster Provisionals."

Also at NOJEX, **Bill Schultz** won a Gold Award for his single-frame exhibit entitled "PA Bridges and Trolleys". This was his first exhibition of this material.

It was previously noted that in the 2022 APS Star Route Awards, **Dr. DiComo** won a Large Vermeil Award for his PSLC website. However in the same notification, he was awarded three (3) additional Star Route Awards as noted below:

- Empire State Postal History Society's website-Large Gold Award
- United States Philatelic Classics Society's newsletter, *The Chairman's Chatter*-Large Gold Award
- Empire State Postal History Society's newsletter, *The Bulletin*-Vermeil Award



**December Lines & Quotes:** Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa clause; *Ho Ho Ho*; And God bless us, everyone; Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; I saw Mama kissing Santa Clause; You can't have a BB gun for Christmas - you'll shoot your eye out; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, and Blitzen; It's the most wonderful time of the year; Baby it's cold outside; Peace on earth and good will to men; Every time you hear a bell ring, it means some angel just got his wings; Fairy lights on winter nights; There's snow place like home; Make it a December to remember; 'Tis the season to be jolly; Santa Clause is coming to town; And to all a good night.

**2023 Dues are now 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 you are using PayPal and there are any changes in your renewal information, please inform **Dr. DiComo** (charlesdicomo@gmail.com). Changes could include address, email, phone number, or status in ATA and/or APS.

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

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Please clip this 2023 dues renewal notice, complete, and mail to **Lou DiFelice, 1024 Woodridge Blvd, Lancaster, PA, 17601-2251** with **\$10.00**,  Checks only, no cash. Be sure to sign your check. Thank you in advance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATA Member

APS Member

Please check the appropriate ATA/APS box(s) if you are a paid up member.  Make checks payable to **Philatelic Society of Lancaster County**. Please advise of any changes in address, phone/cell, email, or change in APS/ATA status.