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# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday/Month-Meet in Person at Landis Homes at 6:30 p.m.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday/Month-Meet Virtually at 6:15 p.m.**

## The Veranda Chronicles

It's no big secret that we are all looking forward to meeting in person in a few days, our first face-to-face session that's a month short of three years. There'll be bourses, auctions, presentations, our usual socials in August (picnic) and December (dinner), and plenty of long-awaited fellowship. One of our goals is to see if we can go hybrid. This means that we'll try via computer and Zoom to include our out-of-town members in our in-person meetings. It all depends on the technology and skill sets available.

I was sorry to miss the club luncheon just before Christmas at Fiorentino's, but work has been keeping me on the road and out of town. However I heard that it was quite successful and well-attended. Perhaps this portends a full house this week at Landis Homes.

And some of you may have heard that the Stamp Show organizer and dealer, Kevin Kellman (K2) was injured in a bad auto accident in mid-December. In a memo late last week, he reports

being on the mend, but recovery will be slow, and it may be a while before the Sunday Shows are up and running. There is some talk that the participating stamp dealers will keep things going during this interim. The key is that Kevin heals fully and painlessly and will soon be back with us. We'll keep you fully informed both on Kevin's progress and the viability of the K2 Shows scheduled for 2023.

And while discussing stamp shows and their great importance for us, we are seeing some contraction of the market with shows combining. This allows the shows to continue, but there are fewer of them; they occur less often, and one may have to drive longer distances to get to them. Available to us are Internet sales, auctions, approvals, and circuit books to name a few outlets for our philatelic procurement. But this is not the same as being at a stamp show.

And here is the analogy. My wife and I both have full-time careers, and also (*See Veranda pg.-3* →)

**11 January 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** (In person meeting)

Club member Bourse and Show and Tell

Snacks: TBA

This is our first in-person meeting since February, 2020, a get-together to inaugurate our post-Covid world-if we are there yet. Time will tell. But let's enjoy getting together. Bring your stuff to sell and trade, and bring currency and coins to make change for when you sell and when you purchase others' items. After isolation, many are hungry to restock and perhaps identify another collecting area or two. This is the night. There will also be time for 'Show & Tell', so bring your items and stories, or bring a scan of the item on a flash drive along with your story. Be forewarned: There will be the dreaded sign-up clipboard for snack hosts and speakers for the rest of the year. Consider your contribution.

**25 January 2023 at 6:15 p.m.** (Virtual Meeting Via Zoom)

British Internal Airmail: 1933-1934-**Mike Bach**



In 1934, three and a half million pounds of mail was delivered by Imperial Airways (forerunner to British Airways) throughout the world, however not a single letter or package was delivered by air within the United Kingdom. That's the crux of this story. RSCC and PSLC member Mike Bach's presentation will show the attempts that the various airlines made to start to establish an internal airmail delivery service within the UK. In this clamber not all airlines would be successful. But for those that did,

many great covers resulted, ones containing an abundant array of local stamps (both air and rail), some smashing auxiliary markings and etiquettes, and varied cancels. Included in this presentation are some period ephemera including timetables, travel posters, and maps among others. And believe it or not, this story begins with the Great Western Railways (yes, a railway!) on "April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1933."

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**Visitors are Always  
Welcome**

→PSLC meets in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (Except August & December) at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17542. (See website for directions.)

→PSLC meets virtually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Membership dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information, sample PSLC newsletters, and virtual meeting links, contact **Paul Petersen** (Below)

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# 14 December Minutes & Treasury

Paul Petersen Acting Sect'y, Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

**Opening:** Dr. DiComo opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with a welcome. He continues to regularly update the website, Facebook page, and PSLC's YouTube videos. He and Lou DiFelice discussed PSLC's remaining exhibit frames, which are now in a paid storage facility. They hope to find homes for the frames and save the increasingly costly rental fees.

**Membership:** Paul Petersen shared that as of 9 December, the membership census is 136, and of this 47 (34.5%) have paid their 2023 dues.

**Return to In-Person Meetings:** Paul said that all is in order for our 11 January meeting at Landis Homes. Preliminary plans, location, and directions are in the December Newsletter and on the website. More details will follow in January, but save the date.

**December Luncheon:** There are 23 signed up with one 'maybe.' Paul will send out the final list and will build a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Contact him if you wish to attend and aren't already on the list.

**K2 Stamp Show:** Don't forget the show this coming Friday and Saturday, 16-17 December at the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

**Election of 2023 Officers:** By online public acclaim, the vote was unanimous in approval of the proposed officer slate for the coming year. (See Pg.-3 for the 2023 officers and board.)

**Attendance:** +/-30

### Treasurer's Report

<b>Start:</b>	\$4702.85
<b>Income:</b>	\$70.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$0.00
<b>Closing:</b>	\$4772.85
<b>2-CDs(value):</b>	\$6067.08

### Feature Presentation

#### Why Postcards Matter-Dawn Hamman

American Topical Association President Dawn Hamman said that the ATA is offering a free downloadable checklist on Christmas Stockings. See the ATA website for this. This list is free to ATA members and non-members alike. Dawn described the picture postcards (PPCs) of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century functioning like the Twitter of today. Back then, a penny for the card, and another for the stamp, and one was good to go.



But backing up, she described the many goals of PMG John Wannamaker (in office 1889-1893), and on the top of his impressive list of goals

(telegraph and telephone service, parcel delivery, and a postal savings bank, etc.) was the establishment of free mail delivery to rural homes. He started his plan, but it would not be realized until another ten years of wrangling following the end of his term when America had a permanent 'rural free delivery' (RFD) up and running. One of the biggest obstacles to its institution was the inability to accurately project the cost of the RFD services. Ironically it was the income brought about by the proliferation of the PPCs, particularly in the rural areas that turned the 1909 postal debt of \$17M into a \$200K surplus by 1911!



Postcards were popular, and this turned into postal profit. Dawn presented some stats here: From 6/07 thru 6/08 Americans sent 667.8M PPCs. There are interesting demographics of senders and receivers as to gender, ethnicity, and geography. Germany led the world in the quality and quantity of PPC production, and in the U.S. the majority of senders were of Anglo-Saxon and German descent. Many were rural customers. Postcard shops were abundant.

Postcard images often portrayed the idolized view of rural American life. Holiday scenes were popular as well. (Lower left)

A most popular product was the 'real photo' picture postcard (See above). These were photos of people, their homes, and more that they could take themselves with a camera (a dedicated but inexpensive camera from Kodak) and have images printed in a PPC format to mail. There was even a place to affix the stamp. Photographers also had businesses to take snaps of the people (sometimes with fancy backdrops) and print them as one or more real photo PPCs for their customers.

Dawn presented some of the history of U.S. postcard production, especially the Curt Teich Corporation of Chicago which grew to a large concern with 100K employees working three shifts in their peak years. She concluded with some digital resources for researching PPCs.

Discussion was lively, as Florence Wright shared about her PPC exhibit on TB. Bob Toal discussed additional resources which led into further discussion on the role of PPCs in philatelic exhibiting.

### Show, Tell & Ask:

(See 14 December on Pg-4 →)

# Club Notes

## Programs & Shows

### 2023 Programs

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

### 2023 Programs

- 11 January:** All-member bourse
- 25 January:** British Internal Airmail: 1933-1934. Mike Bach
- 8 February:** Club Auction
- 22 February:** The Wilkensburg Souvenir Sheets. Stevan & Chris Cady
- 8 March:** The Postal 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. Dave Plunkett
- 10 May:** EFOs-An Emphasis on Fold-overs, David Hunt
- 21 May:** (Sunday) Outdoor Bourse in Millersville
- 24 May:** The Stamp Man, Rick Barrett
- 28 June :** Enhancing a Philatelic Collection or Exhibit with Ephemera and Artifacts, Edwin Andrews
- 9 August:** Club Picnic, Freedom Memorial Park, Millersville, PA
- 13 December:** December Dinner. Venue & time TBA



### 2023 Events

**K2 Stamp Shows:** These are held at the Farm & Home Center in Lancaster, 1383 Arcadia Road. Tentative dates include 12 February, Late April, 18 June, 27 August, 29 October, and 15-16 December. PSLC will try to confirm these shows with you as the time draws near.

**June Dates TBA:** APS Summer Session, Bellefonte, PA

**10-13 August:** Great American Stamp Show, Cleveland, OH

## 28 December Proceedings

**Opening:** Paul Petersen started the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with a welcome and some announcements. Following screen polls, there seems to be interest in a club auction on 8 February and a return of the club member's outdoor bourse in May at Freedom Park in Millersville. He will make arrangements with the venue. He said that a snack host is needed for the 11 January in-person meeting and that volunteers for this should contact him.

**Attendance:** +/- 29-30



### Feature Presentation:

*Blood: The Gift of Life: An Introduction to Thematic Exhibiting-Ken Martin*

APS's Director of Expertizing, Ken Martin discussed thematic exhibiting using one of his early exhibits to demonstrate some steps to take and some others to avoid.

Ken started with some of the background of exhibiting, namely what constitutes an exhibit and the online and published resources available to both get started and excel. He noted that only a small portion of collectors do exhibit. There are both benefits of exhibiting and requirements to do so.



While to the outsider, exhibits may appear to be similar, i.e. items in frames that fill the room, there is a wide variety of exhibits that can be broken into different categories, and he discussed a few. Exhibiting has its own system of taxonomy. Tonight Ken emphasized the principle parts of a thematic exhibit, and he began with the difference between a topical and a thematic exhibit. With topical exhibits of blood i.e. on stamps, these exhibits are largely limited to blood and blood products as depicted on stamps.

In a thematic exhibit, the blood stamps are still important, but also allowed are a wide range of appropriate philatelic material, not always seen in a topical exhibit. Further, in a thematic exhibit one can include add'l matters such as blood transfusion, blood as fertilizer, dialysis, hospitals, pharmacies, blood banks, the

heart and other parts of the circulatory system, blood cleansing, and yes, even bats, vampires, and Dracula. Those scientists and physicians associated with blood-related research and clinical practice also make pertinent inclusions for the thematic exhibit. Other appropriate philatelic ephemera appropriate for the thematic exhibit includes, for example, meter slogans and slogan cancels, selva, advertising booklets, PO notices, corner cards (i.e. research institutes and appropriate hospitals), and many more.

As Ken demonstrated the appropriate elements for inclusion in a thematic exhibit, he shared some of the nuts & bolts of the exhibit stressing the importance of the title page, that which tells the viewer what is to be expected, the plan, the vignette of the story told by the exhibit.

He emphasized the need for good condition of the material, though this does not necessarily make it expensive, as it may just be hard to find.



Ken shared several examples of windowing in an exhibit page, that is cutting a hole or window into the page to reveal only part of an item that is attached on the back. This is space saving, and creative when done well.

An exhibit is to be like prose, whether a novella or short story, but one with a good intro, a consistent narrative, and a solid conclusion. In this the exhibitor must find a way to convey to the viewer just why the story and subject is important.

He ended with the criteria for judging thematic exhibits and displayed a page of web resources on exhibits and judging. As an accredited judge, Ken speaks with the wisdom of experience. Questions and remarks were plentiful, all displaying a very engaging speaker and audience.



**Closing:** Paul allowed a few minutes for the participants to procure their bubbly beverages, and he then ended with a toast to the closure of 2022 and for the well-being to all for a better year in 2023, wishing all the best of health and prosperity. The meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.

(←From Veranda, Pg.-1) in the house are our two daughters, college and high school students. Everyone is busy. Grocery delivery services, especially since Covid-19 in the early spring of 2020 are in abundance. These are great for a can of tuna fish, a bag of chips, and the other non-perishables. However, with produce and perishables, we like to choose these ourselves. With produce, we desire to hold it and squeeze it, and examine it closely for any flaws or whatever else is needed. We prefer this to having someone else choose for us.

It is the same with our stamps, and with coins, postcards, and fossils and fountain pens with our fellow collectors. We like to see what we purchase and hold it in our hands rather than purchasing these items without first-hand inspection.

Let's hope that in 2023 we'll see progress in all areas, that our meetings will be safe and productive. Best wishes, *CJD*

### New Postal Rates

(Approved)

#### 22 January 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Class (1 oz.).....	63¢
Post Cards.....	48¢
Extra Ounce remains @..	24¢
Foreign Correspondence	
Letters (1 oz.).....	\$1.45
Post Cards.....	\$1.45

There are additional rate increases for services such as certified mail, post box rentals, money orders, and several others.

### Club Needs

**Picnic Assistants**-Volunteers are needed to purchase and cook food for the 9 August Picnic. Lists and details are available.

**Trekmeisters:** With the weaning of Covid-19, the possibility of bus trips increases. Planners are needed. (See Paul for either)

## The 2023 PSLC Officers & Board

(As elected on 14 December 2022)

**President:** Dr. Charles J. DiComo

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** John Hostetter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Wm. Greiner, III

**Secretary:** David Weichert

**Treasurer:** Lou DiFelice

As for the appointed **Board of Directors**, Tom Nichols is taking over as **Membership Chairman**, Len Kasper will remain with **Publicity**, and Paul Petersen remains as **Newsletter Editor and Program Chairman**.

**Congratulations** to all, and many kudos for serving so faithfully.

## Thinking Out Loud

Recall the USPS trial balloon several years ago when they leaked an intention to drop domestic mail delivery from six to five days a week in another cost-saving attempt. There seemed to be outrage all around, and the topic died as quietly as it appeared.

Fast forward to mid-2022, and something else is happening, at least in Lancaster County, PA, as I have observed personally and have heard via word of mouth.

It seemed that every two weeks or so we had no mail delivery. It is not that there was no mail to deliver to us, as between our bills, personal correspondence, and 3<sup>rd</sup> class mail; we always have a pile. Mz. Ed's international pen pal and calligraphy letters alone could fill a mailbox. And then are my magazines and journals, which often turn into give-aways at PSLC meetings.

Since summer, the rate of non-delivery has increased to once a week, and a few times we have gone two days. In fact on the front page of a late fall Lancaster newspaper was a local gentleman in front of his mailbox holding the week's worth of mail that he put in his box that was never picked up. Obviously there was no delivery either. A source said that one day 17 routes in our area were not delivered. It is rumored that when one's mailman is off, there is no substitution, and the postal customer has to await the next day of delivery.

The best-case scenario is to blame it all on Covid-19. This seems to work for everything else. However, I agree that there may be postal illnesses and that some positions go unfilled. But USPOD jobs have always been plum employment as are many other government positions, usually based on salary and benefits. What am I missing?

However, there may be another reason for the episodic non-delivery of mail. Again, recall that earlier mention of dropping home delivery from six to five days a week. It didn't fly at the time. Perhaps our current situation is another attempt to try to reduce the number of delivery days.

But won't the public outcry to the PO with choruses of complaints be successful in reinstating our daily deliveries?

Normally I would say "Yes," but have you ever tried to call your local PO, especially with a complaint? Can't do it! I dare you! And if you get through, it's to an underling, and your message goes right into the file. When Congress challenges the USPOD with "Why are you reducing the number of delivery days?", the PO can say that they have heard no complaints about this and that they assume that folks are OK with the current reduction schedule. Hmmm!

How about your area? Are you seeing a decline in your number of delivery days?

## Ave et Vale

Truyde Greiner, 1929-2022

We were all saddened to learn of Truyde's passing just before Christmas. A lifelong collector, she and her husband, Bill joined PSLC in 1987. She remained engaged until this summer. She was a regular at all our picnics, dinners, baseball, meetings, auctions, and local stamp shows. So all the Lancaster members in our club knew her.

Next to collecting herself, her other passion was promoting stamp collecting to the kids. She set up her tables the night before the show and remained there throughout the event including a few lean years when the youth foot traffic was limited. Also at Lancopex Truyde covered the lunches for all the dealers and the show volunteers. When there was leftover funding in her lunch budget, she re-donated this to help subsidize the Christmas party meals.



When hearing of Truyde's passing, member Rick Barrett sent in these images of Truyde and her Son, Bill (above) that he took on his visit here in May, 2019 when he presented on the Buffalo Cinderellas. In the image on Pg.-1, she had just won the extensive door prize that Rick donated to the club.

The Greiners were a collecting family. Her husband, Bill served as president and other board positions until his unexpected death early in the millennium. Her son, Bill III, has followed in their footsteps also serving as president and now as Lancopex Exhibit Frame Transport Manager, among others. As an editorial remark, I recall one of Truyde's statements, and just recently Bill reminded me of it. Truyde was never shy about her age, and she told me that when she was born, people started to jump off buildings. All one has to do is recall the early events of the Great Depression that started in 1929.

She was generous with her expertise, as one club member noted, "Truyde could identify any stamp that I showed her." Truyde was a PSLC institution, a friend and collector who we shall miss deeply. Sleep well, our friend; you have made a difference in so many lives.

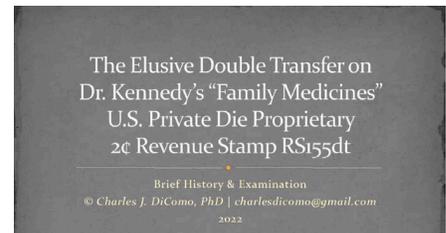
(←14 December from Pg.-1) George Hauber had an interesting PowerPoint entitled *The First U.S. Postal Cards*. He received these in a lot and decided to do some study of UX1 and UX3. At the last meeting he discussed their printing flaws known as "the large and small holes."



Tonight George shared how to watermark these items, sans fluid, bright light only, and how to differentiate the two postal cards based on watermarks (and its varieties) and frame size. He added that the specialty organization for these, the United Postal Stationary Society has its own numbering system, adding a dimension of complexity.

Bob Toal said that there is a new book on plating these cards.

Dr. DiComo shared a short PowerPoint entitled *The Elusive Double Transfer on Dr. Kennedy's "Family Medicines" U.S. Private Die Proprietary 2c Revenue Stamp RS155dt: Brief History & Examination*.



This variety first appeared in Scott's in 1941, but it has not been seen in more than 80 years as the double transfer is rare though the stamp is not. Due to this, the RS155dt's value is not listed. For decades he has been looking through hundreds of the RS155s for such a transfer. He talked about how to differentiate a double transfer from stray ink and gave comparative examples.



He also described a 'foreign transfer', which occurs when a plate is reused to make new stamps but is improperly prepared. It leaves a hint or two of the previous stamp image, which may then be transferred to the new stamp, one made with the reused but improperly prepared plate. These are rare occurrences.

**Adjourn:** The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.