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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2023 Farm & Home Center, Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM

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MAY MEETING

After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, President Susan glass opened the meeting attended by 32 people. Following corrections made to the April minutes, they were approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4,035.46 and was approved as read.

The door prize was won by Betty Beck. It was Betty's lucky night – she also drew the 50-50 drawing.

There were 6 entries in the postcard amusement park competition with entries from PA, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. The Competition subject for June will be "Scenes from American History"

Aaron Heckler than gave an interesting presentation on the amusement parks from the early 1900's that were located in Southeast PA. His talk included history of Bushkill Park, Island Park, Central Park and Dorney Park. He challenged the audience to determine what type of entertainment was provided in the building identified as 'Rigamarole' at Island Park.

Next month's program will be presented by Bob Kramer; the subject will be Women in military during World War II.

Under old business, Susan brought to the attention of the club that there are lots of cards in the cage downstairs of the Farm and Home Center. Susan will plan to get a group of club members together to sort thru them and decide what to do with them.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Schopf, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's June, a time for graduations, celebrations, picnics and the start of summer vacations for many. June is the month with the longest daylight hours in the Northern Hemisphere so enjoy it!

I hope you can join us for Bob's talk about Women in WWII. I'm sure he will give us some facts and provide some humor as well. Have a enjoyable month and hope for some rain.

Susan



Happy Father's Day!

JUNE PROGRAM

Please join us as club member Bob Kramer presents his program on "Women in the Military WWII". See page two for more details.



2023 PROGRAMS

July – Picnic

August – Expo

September – "Railway Post Office System (RPO)" – Ed Close

October – "Harvard's Glass Flowers Models 1886-1939." - Betty Beck

November - "Women in WWI" - Pam Tronsor

December – Holiday Party

MAY POSTCARD COMPETITION

First: Leighton Stover - "Rocky Springs Roller Coaster"

Second: Jennifer Fink - "Great American Racing Derby" postcard from Euclid Beach, Cleveland (currently located at Cedar Point

Third: Dick Pendergrast – "Luna Park in Coney Island"

Honorable Mention: Paul Smoker – "Riverview Beach, Pennsville, NJ, Bob Kramer – "Glen Echo Park in Maryland, Jeanne Schopf – "Rocky Springs Pool in Lancaster, PA"

2023 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

July: Children Playing

August: Expo

September: Lighthouses

October: Famous Interiors (and the stories behind them)

November: Eating/Drinking

FUTURE SHOWS

August 5 – Summer Chesapeake Postcard & Civil War Show, Havre de Grace Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD Sat. 9-4, Admission \$3.00

August 19 – 29th Annual Postcard Expo, Lancaster County Postcard Club, Farm & Home Center, 1381 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA, Saturday 9-5, Admission \$2.50(50 cents off with card or ad)

November 17 & 18 – 2023 York International Postcard Expo, York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA, Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5, Admission \$5.00 Good for both days.

Women In The Military in World War II – Post Card Images and Messages

By Robert Kramer

When the US entered World War II the only women associated with the military were a small number of army nurses. Immediately the coast guard hired civilian women for office work, but it soon became obvious that large numbers of women were needed to free up men for combat purposes. Although they were against it, all branches of the military were forced to form female branches of service.

Thus we had WAACS- Women's Auxiliary Army Corps -soon to be shortened to WACS (Woman's Army Corps), WAVES- Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, WASPS- Women Air Force Service Pilots, and the Coast Guard SPARS- Semper Paratus – Always Ready. Only the Marines, who resisted females the longest and hardest, refused to come up with an acronym. A Marine was a Marine whether male or female.

350,000 women served in the military. They were not allowed in combat. In fact, SPARS couldn't even serve in Hawaii and Alaska until the last months of the war and certainly not overseas. But 543 women died in military accidents and 16 from enemy fire.

Early training was at colleges such as Hunter & Mount Holyoke and the women billeted in apartment houses. Eventually facilities were established as bases such as Fort Olgethorpe in Georgia and Camp Claborn in Louisiana.

Taking all this into account, there are not that many post cards of women in the military. However, those that do exist give a good insight into the times.



Fred Harvey issued a series of post cards showing military uniforms of U.S. and Allied troops. This is one is for U.S. women in the military.



Camp Claborne, Louisiana in 1943. Quite a few of the color guard are women.

Comic Card. WACS appear on most comic cards that feature women.



Postcard Message



This undated Real Photo PC was received by Miss Eleanor Arnett in Phila. "Dear El, You don't write to me but I took for granted that you would want one, so here it is. Frances Phelps is "La Belle" as you see marked. You won't think she's pretty because you don't think anyone is, hardly. But never the less she is. Write me soon. As ever. Monie."

This is one of a series of postcard messages for you to enjoy!

How would you rate Frances?

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From the Editor

I'm sure many of us have had a relative or knew a woman who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. My mother, a nurse, joined the Army. During her time in the Army Nurse Corps she served in many places, one notable place was Tripler Army Medical Center where she arrived by ship on December 24, 1941. She also spent time at Walter Reed General Hospital and the Valley Forge Medical Center.

We thank them for their sacrifice and service.

