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**Attention:** APS Nominations Committee

**Subject:** Nomination for the Nicholas Carder Volunteer Award-Local Service

It is a pleasure to nominate **Lou DiFelice** of the APS and the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA) (PSLC) for the **2022 Nicholas Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for Local Promotion/Service**. Mr. DiFelice has approved this nomination on his behalf.

Lou has been a member of PSLC since January 2002, and he made an impression very early in his tenure with us, as not too many years later, he was elected president (for the 2004 year) where he oversaw some important improvements in the club. He also excelled as the long-standing club treasurer and as co-chairman for our annual show, Lancopex.

He was elected treasurer in 2010 to begin his tenure in 2011 where he has served ever since. Here he has paid the outside bills and has reimbursed officers and board members for expenses. He's prepared a financial report every month for our business meeting, and this is recorded in our club newsletter as an archive. Lou has never missed a report or payment. He submits tax statements and returns to the Commonwealth of PA following our show regarding the sales tax from our show covers. He collects and deposits the annual dues submissions from members and pays the quarterly storage fees for our exhibit frames.

Regarding our annual show, Lancopex, Lou has been co-chairman for several years, and he is now the solo-chairman due to the ill health of the other member. In addition to being the treasurer for the show, he is also the bourse manager, procuring contracts and payments for typically twenty-one dealers. He is present from set-up on Thursday night through cleanup on Saturday night, often running interference throughout the show as needed, and there is always something. And did I mention hauling exhibit frames and his shift as late-night security watch?

Lou is the one who interfaces with the owner of the storage facility for our frames, the director of our meeting venue, and the manager of our local Farm & Home Center where we hold our shows. He negotiates the contracts and pays the bills. And for the last several years he has procured the postage and mailing labels from APS and local records and has personally prepared the advertising cards that he mails to the many potential Lancopex customers.

As should be obvious, Lou is one of the most highly respected members of the club, and is always there to help, always reliable, a friend to many. And as all collectors know, outsiders seek our help with inherited collections, or better, inherited accumulations. It is a common occurrence; "What do we do?" Lou happened to be the one to assist two different families who inherited storage lockers full of postage-literally! With great effort he helped both of them to liquidate their treasures after warning them not to expect a pot of gold for the several hundred sheets of Elvis Presley stamps among others.

Both our stamp club and annual stamp show have been quite successful, and this includes the interim since Covid-19 in 2/20. These achievements are due in large part to the leadership, vision, initiative, and sweat equity of member Lou DiFelice. It is common in most clubs that a very few are responsible for the success of the operation, and for the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County, this holds true for Lou. Should he ever move out of town, his loss would be traumatic, as he would be very hard to replace.

I encourage you to give strong consideration to this candidate as a recipient of the 2022 Carter Award for his decades of service. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further inquiry.

In the meantime, my best wishes to you all for a wonderful holiday season, Paul Petersen