



# CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Meetings – 7:00 PM the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly at the Lower Paxton Municipal Building, Room B, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA

Officers: President: Keith Nonemaker; Vice President: Ray Biemiller; Secretary: Eric Muir; Treasurer: Beth Nonemaker; Board Member 1: Marlin Wilson; Board Member 2: Mike Marino; Board Member 3 – George Rohrs

Presentations: Ray Beimiller will make a presentation on Sept. 6 titled “Private Printed Franks on U.S. Government Envelopes. There will be a CCPS stamp auction on September 20.

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Pay Eric Muir your **dues** of \$5 at a meeting or mail him at 306 Nebinger Street, Lewisberry, PA 17339.

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**We are holding CCPS’s Stamp Show at the Lower Swatara Fire Hall on September 30, 2023, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Address: Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. Mike Marino is contacting vendors.**

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*Lancaster Sunday Stamp Show 2023 Schedule:* August 27, October 29, and December 22-23; 10 AM – 4PM Location: Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA

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## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2023 STAMPS



**John Lewis** - Issued July 21 2023, Forever 66c, Sheet of 15 for \$9.90 - Celebrates the life of civil rights and congressman John Lewis (1940-2020). Devoted to equality and justice for all, he spent more than 30 years in Congress defending and building on key civil rights gains he had helped achieve.



**Plate Flaws:**



14 I



15 I



16 XII



16 XVII



17 I

North German Confederation (North German Postal District) (1869)

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14 I	white dot in „S“ in „POSTBEZIRK“, scratch in „H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	75,—	120,—	50,—	120,—
15 I	scratch near „1/2 GR“ of „1/2 GROSCHEN“	75,—	120,—	50,—	120,—
15 II	spear-shaped ink stain between „R“ and „P“ in circle above	75,—	120,—	50,—	120,—
15 I	„CHER“ on „NORDDEUTSCHER“ damaged (like MiNr. 4 I)	50,—	75,—	25,—	75,—
15 II	upper line of second „E“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“ hollow (like MiNr. 4 II)	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 III	„H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“ mutilated on upper right (like MiNr. 4 III)	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 IV	four colored marks near upper horn (like MiNr. 4 IV)	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 V	like 16 IV, however upper mark is missing (corrected plate)	—,—	—,—	50,—	120,—
15 VI	like above, however only two colored marks (corrected again)	—,—	—,—	50,—	120,—
15 VII	scratch from outer circle through „R“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“ (like MiNr. 4 V)	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 VIII	depression in lower frame under „IN“ of „EIN“ (like MiNr. 4 VI)	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 IX	scratch through left upper wing and outer circle up to „H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 X	scratch across entire stamp	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XI	like above, however scratch repaired on bottom, but gap in design over „N“ of „NORDDEUTSCHER“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XII	„H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“ mutilated on bottom, gap in oak wreath over „N“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	—,—	—,—	75,—	180,—
15 XIII	„H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“ mutilated on upper left	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XIV	gap in downstroke of the last „R“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XV	depression in lower frame under „E“ in „GROSCHEN“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XVI	two depressions in lower frame under „SCH“ in „GROSCHEN“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XVII	depressions and deformations in left frame near posthorn	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
15 XVIII	round mark in inner circle under „C“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	60,—	100,—	40,—	100,—
17 I	gap in outer circle above „H“ in „NORDDEUTSCHER“	80,—	120,—	50,—	120,—
17 II	broad, vertical white „line“ to the left of the „G“ in „GROSCHEN“	80,—	120,—	50,—	120,—
18 I	„O“ in „POSTBEZIRK“ broken on bottom (like MiNr. 6 I)	—,—	—,—	100,—	250,—

By Paul A. Michelson, BS, MS, PharmD

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS SEALS**

By the end of the 1800's tuberculosis was among the worst diseases known to man. All groups of people—whether they were children or adults—could get his dreaded disease. The “white plague” was found more in the crowded big cities where it was easily spread. Sometimes it killed quickly, other times slowly. Keats, Chopin, and Robert Lewis Stevenson, all caught TB. This is a fast-spreading respiratory disease.

The story began in 1871 when Edward Trudeau was diagnosed with TB in northern New York. He spent most of his time in the mountains resting and finally recovered in the fresh air, eating well, and being in the sunshine. He was convinced a healthy lifestyle could help in recovering and opened the first sanatorium-TB hospital in 1884. Soon, similar facilities opened.

In 1907 as other facilities were opening, one of the hospitals, on the Brandywine River in Delaware was running out of money. Joseph Wales wrote to his cousin Emily Bissell about money being raised in Denmark for children with TB. Emily had some experience as a fundraiser. Apparently, small seals were used to raise the funds during the Christmas season successfully and were even supported by the King of Denmark in 1904. Over 4 million seals were sold and financed the building of 2 hospitals. Finally, after much work and speaking to many groups she received permission to sell the seals at the Wilmington post office in 1907.

Sales were not good. She then boarded a train to Philadelphia and went to the leading newspaper, the North American, where they thought the idea of seals to help fight TB a great idea. They bought 50,000 seals and used the newspaper to promote the idea. In 1908 the seals went nationwide and \$135,000 was raised. That year the American Red Cross took up the banner. In 1909, the forerunner of the American Lung Association, then the National TB Association started to run the campaign in 1920. In that year the double-barreled cross appeared.

Today, the American Lung Association runs the Christmas Seals mission which supports research into respiratory diseases such as lung cancer, pollution, cigarette smoking, asthma, and other respiratory issues.

There is a small section of the oldest Christmas Seals in the Scott Specialized Catalogue. References: Christmas Seals History, American Lung Assoc. -&- The Story of Christmas Seals, American Lung Association

