

Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society

American Topical Association-Chapter 118
Website: https://lcps-stamps.org

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

The Veranda Chronicles



Back in March of 2019, the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County, in partnership with the North Museum of Nature & Science (for which I serve as Board President), launched a joint program called the "Passport to Discovery". The program offered a variety of thematic activity stations across the Museum, e.g., Women's History Month, Live Animal Room, Dinosaurs, Earth and Space, etc. Participants completed a task to earn stamps for their Passport, after which it was canceled with a special hand stamp that I fashioned for the program.

The year following the Passport launch, COVID-19 altered many of the Museum's existing plans. However, after a three-year hiatus, I am pleased to announce that the program is back with a new Passport and activity stations throughout the Museum. We are also working on a weekend Speakers Bureau, where yours truly will kick-off the lecture series on a human interest, postal history topic: "From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again. A Five Month Journey of a Baptist Missionary Cover in 1856-1857." So save the date, Saturday, Oct. 21st at the North Museum. The program will start in the morning, likely at 10:00 a.m. We'll send you, our PSLC family an invite as time draws near, and please bring the kids and grandkids. Our North Museum Explorers Society members and friends will also be in attendance. Donations of stamps and covers to the Passport to Discovery program are kindly accepted.

Thank you to the six dealers and 50 philatelists that came out on a hot Sunday in late August to the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster County to attend the August 2023 K2 Lancaster Stamp Show (there are six shows a year, every even month).

I ran into many Philatelic Society of Lancaster County and affiliate stamp club members and friends who came from far and wide. I also acquired a nice selection of U.S. First Issue Revenues (D.T.'s and experimental silks) and U.S. Private Die Proprietary Revenues (one still on its original wrapper – the scarce Himrod's Asthma, Diptheria & Common Cold Cure). Pictures from that day are on pages 17 and 18 of this newsletter.

Hope to see you all at the next K-2 Lancaster Stamp Show in October!

Dr. Charles J. DiComo

Upcoming Programs

PSLC September Auction

13 September 2023: Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
A short business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Auction starts promptly after the meeting.
Hosted by Don Barron and Richard Shaefer

This is our last in-house auction for 2023, but what a great year it has been as we are back into face-to-face meetings, club auctions, stamp shows, and more. **Please note:** we will be meeting in The Crossings Conference Room, which is on the second floor where we usually meet. *This is a*

change in plans, as the large room on the first floor where we normally hold our auctions is not available on the night of the 13th. As usual, dinner will be available if you make your reservation in advance (information on ordering has been provided via email). The number of lots per member is **seven (7)**. Everything else remains the same.

Procedures:

Please register for a numbered paddle when you arrive. Place this number on all of your items to be auctioned, and use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will ensure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited.

Be sure that all of your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are examining.

Auction lot description forms have already been emailed and a limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting. You may also access this form on the website at any time. While the auction lot description sheets have been sent out and are available, you can make your own as long as the pertinent info is included.

Fiscal transactions will be completed after the last lot has been sold. No early settlements will be made.

The Auction Committee recommends that you:

- Bring cash to pay for the items that you win
- Keep a running total during the auction of the items and prices of the lots that you sell and win
- Attach your sales information <u>very securely</u> to the lots you are entering into the auction. This will help avoid misidentification with other sellers' lots.

Bidding Rules:

- Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot
- The minimum bidding increment is 50 cents.
- Only dues-paying PSLC members may participate in the auction.
- Auction participants are limited to seven (7) lots.
- You may also donate items to the auction, as donations are a welcomed, necessary source
 of funds for our operations, and help defray the cost of special events, storage lockers,
 newsletter, and website expenses, as well as advance deposits to secure special event
 locations.



Postalhistorygb.com

A Prize Agent, A Naturalist, and A Navy Captain: A Penny Black Story Presented by Michael L. Wilson

27 September 2023 at 6:15 p.m. Virtually on Zoom

Mike is primarily a collector of U.S. pre-1900 singles and U.S. postal history, but in early 2022 he acquired a folded letter from 1840 franked with a Black Penny (Great Britain Scott #1), the first adhesive postage stamp in history. As he delved into the letter's contents, he uncovered three fascinating individuals that touched not only the history of Great Britain but the U.S. as well. His presentation will describe the journey he took to bring those three people to life. Mike wrote an article on this letter that was published in the 3rd quarter 2023 edition of Kelleher's *Stamp Collector's Quarterly*.

PSLC Calendar

Descriptions for many of these programs are found on the PSLC website

13 September: Club Auction

27 September: A Prize Agent, A Naturalist, and A Navy Captain: A Penny Black Story. Mike

Wilson

11 October: British Internal Airmail: 1933-1934. Mike Bach

25 October: Only You Can Collect Smokey the Bear. Rick Barrett

8 November: Development of Perforations in the U.S. by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co.:

1855-57. Dr. DiComo

22 November: The Peak of Post-Great War Hyperinflation in Germany and in Eastern Europe.

Scott Ney

13 December: December Dinner. Venue and Time TBA

27 December: Advertising Covers with Interesting Philatelic Features. Mike Wilson

10 January 2024: PSLC Auction

14 February 2024: Future Glimpses of the Hobby – Nick Carter Award. Scott English

13 March 2024: U.S. Earthquakes (Not) on Stamps. Ron Sternberg

24 April 2024: Radio Reception Verification Labels. Ron Breznay

12 June 2024: PSLC Auction

14 August 2024: PSLC Picnic – Memorial Park, Millersville

11 September 2024: PSLC Auction

23 October 2024: Greenland Ghost Stories on Stamps. Ron Breznay

11 December 2024: December Dinner. Venue and Time TBA

2023 Lancaster Stamp Shows: These are held at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. The final two shows of the year will be held on 29 October, and 15-16 December.



2023 Capital City Philatelic Society Stamp Show

This year's CCPS Harrisburg Stamp Show is on **September 30, 2023** at the Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, in Middletown, from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There is ample free parking, and lunch is available.

The dealers attending the show include D. McCullough, K2 Stamps & Collectibles/Stamp Mobile, Eastern Shore Stamp Co., R. Houser, Robbin's Stamps, Geezer's Tweezers, Papatella's Stamps, Dutch Country, L&R Stamps, WDW Philatelic, and R. Kline. We hope to see you there!



Dr. Charles DiComo

What a GASS!

By Dick Colberg

On the weekend of August 10-13, I attended the APS national stamp show, GASS (**G**reat **A**merican **S**tamp **S**how), in Cleveland, Ohio. Though I have not seen any attendance figures, it looked to me like the show was very well attended. APS members from all over the country (and outside) were there. I was in one meeting with two guys from Panama and India! Area dealers, Wayne Gehret from Ephrata, Dutch Country Auctions from Wilmington, DE, and Eric Jackson from Leesport, were there. I also managed to touch base with a dealer friend from England, Steve Taylor. He is the supplier of all my foreign-destination Lititz covers. This show was also jointly attended by the American Topical Association (ATA) and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS).

There were society meetings from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day – over 50 different societies! I attended two of them, as well as one society breakfast. There were 85 dealers, three different governmental postal agencies, and 42 society tables. There were even 10 cachet makers represented. There were eight First Day of Issue ceremonies by the USPS. Truly something for everyone. There were the usual show cancellations available, and the USPS workers so assigned were kept busy. For my part, I was involved in putting postage on 1200 envelopes to Pennsylvania APS residents from the Pa. Postal History Society and submitting them for the show cancellation.

At the beginning of day #3 of the show dealers were all smiles when asked how they were doing. I assume that held true for the 3rd and 4th days as well. Many dealer tables had all of their chairs full all of the time. Sadly, I did not find anything for my own variety of collections.

Oh yeah, there was a stamp exhibit, too! There were just under 1,000 frames of stamp exhibits as well as a 50+ entry literature competition.

What's next? Well, get your calendars out. Next year's GASS will be in Hartford, CT, August 15-18, 2024. And, slightly farther down the road, the next U.S.-sponsored international stamp show, Boston 2026 will be held in Boston, MA, from May 23 to 30, 2026.

The Henoch T. Rod Philatelic Library

This new section of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PA) library was donated in loving memory of Henoch T. Rod, the late father of our member Steven J. Rod. His dad started Steven's collecting at Gimbel's Stamp Department for his 9th birthday with a brand-new "All American Album." We are eternally grateful for this kind gesture; which affords us the opportunity to share information and advance the knowledge of United States stamps and postal history by means of educational and historical research, which is a key tenant of the Society.

https://lcps-stamps.org/library-henoch-t-rod/

Inventory of Materials

Below is the detailed inventory of philatelic material contained within the library, properly archived and stored in a humidity-controlled environment. For those members interested in "checking out" an item, please contact Society President (and for this invaluable library, our archivist) Dr. Charles J. DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com.

Boxes 1, 2 and 3: A remarkable and rare set of 23 hardbound volumes of USPOD and USPS News Releases of all the new issues from 1954 thru 1978. This is a unique "primary reference" regarding all new issues and announcements and related information. This series is particularly rich for Liberty Series, Prominent Americans and the Americana Series.

1. Box 1: 1954-1963 2. Box 2: 1962-1970 3. Box 3: 1973-1978

Boxes 4 and 5: A complete run of Linn's Stamps News from Vol. 1, No. 1 in 1928 through Volume XII, Number 52 in November, 1939 (all complete years in VF condition).

- 1. Also in Box 4: Sherman, U.S. Patriotic Covers of WW II AND Sloane's Column published by the BIA
- 2. Also in Box 5: Beecher and Wawrukiewicz, U.S. Domestic Postal Rates 1872-2011.

Box 6:

- 1. The balance of the Linn's run: Volumes 13 and 14 (1939-1941); both are incomplete years but still very useful.
- 2. The Expert's Book Washington-Franklin Issues 1908-1923 Schmid
- 3. Beecher and Wawrukiewicz U.S. International Postal Rates 1872-1996
- 4. Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection S. Trepel with Lawrence
- 5. U.S. Booklets and Booklet Panes 1900-1978 Vol. 1 -Littlefield & Frank
- 6. The 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway Joint Issue and its Invert Verge
- 7. Pat Paragraphs Elliot Perry
- 8. Guide to US Vending & Affixing Machine Perforations 1907-27 Belasco
- 9. Specialized Catalog of First Day Ceremony Programs Pelcyger
- 10. America's Stamps Petersham
- 11. The Americana Series Maniker
- 12. An American History Album Worek & Worek
- 13. Pictorial Treasury of U.S. Stamps
- 14. Motorized Mail Postal Vehicles from 1899 to date Bruns
- 15. American Philatelic Periodicals –Smith (A listing of all known Stamp Periodicals and their publication dates.)
- 16. Philatelic Announcement Cards Finder
- 17. Mailed via "Mailomat" Kelsey

Box 7:

- 1. The U.S. Commemorative Stamps of the 20th C Johl Vols I & II
- 2. The U.S. Postage Stamps of the 20th Century
- a. Vol. 1 -King & Johl
- b. Vol 2 King & Johl
- c. Vol. 3 Johl,
- d. Vol. 4 Johl
- e. Vol. 1 Revised King & Johl (several are autographed)
- 3. Complete 20-volume set of the renowned The Stamp Specialist by Minkus. Unlike most runs 18 of 20 volumes have perfect spines and Vol. #1, #4. Contains the elusive paper samples in their original glassine, missing from most runs.

Box 8:

- 1. The Post Office Seals of the United States Perkal & Kazman
- 2. My Hobby is Stamp Collecting Ernest Kehr
- 3. Famous Americans (The Series) George Hahn
- 4. The Stamp Machines & Coil Stamps George Howard
- 5. Philatelic Almanac 1936
- 6. Scott Identification Guide to US Stamps Micarelli
- 7. A Stamp Collector's History of the US Samuel A. Tower (NYT)
- 8. Printing Postage Stamps by Line Engraving James H Baxter
- 9. History Bureau of Engraving & Printing 1862-1962 rare 1st ed. with souvenir card stitched in.

- 10. The Stamp Collector Vol. 1 No. 1 thru Vol. 1 No 12 November 1909 Thru Oct 1910 hardbound extremely rare: George Linn's monthly 19 years before Linn's debuted
- 11. Heroes on your Stamps John Gregory
- 12. Angels to Zeppelins A Guide to US Stamps 1847-1980 Lehnus
- 13. Commemorative Stamps of the USA Fred Reinfeld
- 14. United States Stamps: A History Vol. II The Bureau Era Frangipane
- 15. United States Postage Stamps Barbara Mueller (strange inscription)
- 16. United States Postage Stamps 1902 1935 Max Johl (Quarterman)
- 17. Linn's US Stamp Yearbook 2010 Hardbound (Sadly, final year of pub.)

Box 9:

- 1- Jim Farley's Story The Roosevelt Years James A. Farley
- 2- Linn's United States Stamps 1927-32 Gary Griffith
- 3- Linn's United States Stamps 1922-26 Gary Griffith
- 4- The World's Greatest Stamp Collectors Bierman 2 volume slipcase
- 5- The Wild Side Stephen R. Datz HB signed
- 6- Stamp Investing Stephen R. Datz
- 7- Top Dollar Paid! Stephen R Datz
- 8- The Buyers Guide Stephen R. Datz signed
- 9- My Appointed Round 929 Days as PMG J. Edward Day
- 10- Post Office Manual USPOD 1952
- 11- United States Postal Policy Clyde Kelly
- 12- Secret Service of the USPOD P.H. Woodward Durst Reprint
- 13- Behind the Ballots James A. Farley
- 14- Mr. Democrat Jim Farley Daniel Scroop
- 15- Every Stamp Tells a Story Ganz w Sheahan

Box 10:

1. 20 books – to be listed, updating inventory. Appreciate your patience.

PSLC Meeting Proceedings

PSLC Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2023 - Landis Homes

Attendance: 36 members and guests

Opening: Members and guests began to arrive at about 6:15 PM with a time for those present to look over the lots to be presented in this evening's auction. President Dr. Charles DiComo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with several announcements about upcoming meetings and events, noting that there were sign-ups for the upcoming picnic on August 9 (both for attendance and food), for live-meeting snack hosts, and a condolence card for Cathy Kotanchik.

Door Prizes: 27 door prizes were given out by random drawing

Secretary's Report: Secretary David Weichert read the minutes of the June 14, 2023 and June 28, 2023 meetings, which were accepted as read.

Feature Presentation: Auction. Approximately 100 lots were submitted for auction, with about 85 lots sold to the highest bidder.

Following the auction, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

PSLC Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2023 - virtual meeting via Zoom

Attendance: 30 members and guests

Opening: President Dr. Charles DiComo opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with a welcome to all present, shared updates on: the PSLC website; PSLC Facebook page; the September Society Auction; the August Lancaster Stamp Show; BALPEX in September, and congratulated treasurer Lou DiFelice for being honored with the APS Nick Carter volunteer award for local service. Paul Petersen reminded all that the Society Picnic at Millersville Park will kick off at 6 PM on August 9, and also thanked Suzanne Uhl for her efforts in setting up the Zoom meetings, recording them, and taking on post-production. These lectures will be processed by Dr. DiComo to our PSLC YouTube Channel for all to enjoy. Paul then introduced Ron Breznay, Wyoming Valley Stamp Club President for our main presentation for the evening.

Feature Presentation: The Headsville Post Office, Ron Brezanay

Ron's favorite place to visit at APS headquarters is the Headsville Post Office. He makes it a point to stop in every time he visits there. He shared that the Headsville Post Office was built in Headsville, Mineral County, West Virginia, in the 1860s, as a combination general store and post office. In the early 1970s, it was disassembled and moved to the National Museum of History and Technology at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Around 2007, the P.O. was moved to APS headquarters where it remains to this day on "permanent loan" from the Smithsonian. The presentation explored all three locations of the post office, and included photos, Post Office Department documents, other documents, and covers, and was followed by a lively Q&A session.

Show, Tell and Ask:

Dr. Charles J. DiComo shared a presentation on a new discovery entitled "An Unlisted, Major Double Transfer on the Trenton Match Co.'s U.S. Private Die Proprietary 1¢ revenue stamp RO176d". Eagle-eyes has struck again. He has already reached out to the Editor of *Scott Catalogue* with his research to have this variety listed in a future edition.

Following the presentations, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, David Weichert Secretary

The 2023 Society Picnic



Dan Martin called the winning numbers for door prizes. Some lucky numbers were called twice!

The 2023 PSLC picnic, again at Freedom Memorial Park in Millersville, was a very successful event with 33-35 in attendance, and this was only enhanced by great weather ordered by past-president **Doug Milliken**. It was the first picnic in which we grilled burgers 'n dogs since the last pre-COVID soiree' in 2019. From 2020 through 2022 our food was a bring-your-own self-catering affair, some calling it an eating frenzy. But this year members and guests returned to bringing appetizers, side dishes, and desserts galore, and the club provided everything else - and eat we did!

The entertainment offering this year was a buy, sell, and trade night, and this was augmented with a club sales table of donated items, another table for door prizes, with still one more table of give-away items. While club sales were brisk, especially the half price postage, inter-member sales were not as vigorous. Few brought items to sell, and it was felt that with club auctions in July and September and a Lancaster and the Great American Stamp Shows in August, collectors have plenty of other trade opportunities. Folks enjoyed getting together until about 8:00 p.m.

The Picnic was bought to us by the usual suspects: Club Treasurer, **Lou DiFelice** covered donation sales and **Dan Martin** did the same with the door prize awards. Both covered the floor addressing tasks when attention was needed. **1**st **VP John Hostetter** and **Nancy Younes** organized the serving table with the donated items and kept the food line running smoothly and everything freshened up. **2**nd **VP Bill Greiner III** and **Paul Petersen** did the grilling. Thanks also go to the many members who just jumped in to help set up and/or straighten up the venue so that it was as fresh as the condition in which we found it. – Paul Petersen

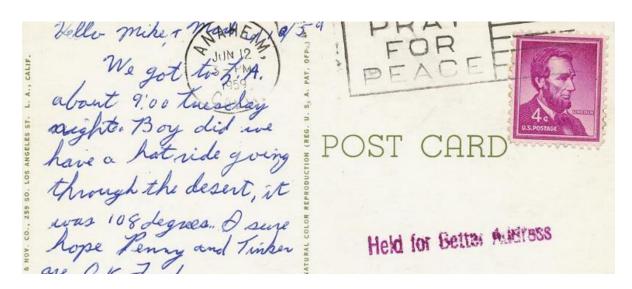


Grill master and PSLC 2nd VP Bill Greiner

Closed Album

By Paul Petersen

In the September issue of *The American Philatelist*, it was reported that **Tony Wawrukiewicz** had recently passed away. He was known by many simply as Tony W. The PSLC was fortunate to have Tony give a video presentation to us in March 2022 entitled "The Domestic Postal History of Postal, Postal-Reply, & Post Cards." This presentation spanned over a hundred years of interesting postal items that Tony collected, and included the story that he discovered behind each of them. For every item he included the postal regulation behind action taken. A large component of the items were those deemed un-mailable and un-deliverable, and Tony emphasized the great effort the USPOD took to deliver them. The November 2022 issue of this newsletter (Pg.-4) contained a report of the Top-10 meeting presentations (thru 18 October) on our YouTube Channel, and Tony's was #2 with 1376 views! At the time, Tony agreed to do another presentation, and he was on our short list for 2024.



Tony is a legend in philately, and a sampling of some of his most popular research, books, articles, and columns include the topics of U.S. and Int'l (i.e. Canada & UK) postal rates, the forwarding of mail by the USPOD, the Liberty Series, and the Australian George V two pence die-I, and many others. He has won many major awards from the American Philatelic Society, the American Philatelic Congress, The Philatelic Classics Society, and the APS Writer's Hall of Fame. He has had a regular column in *Linn's Stamp News* for decades spotlighting modern U.S. postal history. In 2022 Tony was listed in a special issue of *Linn's Stamp News* entitled "Most Influential Philatelists and their Stamp Stories," a compendium of living Americans who are influencing the hobby in myriad ways.

Club Member Anniversaries

Compiled by Tom Nichols

Here we recognize members who have joined in July since 1997. Congratulations to all of the collectors listed below:

<u>Name</u>	Date Joined	<u>Years</u>
Peter Baney	09/10/2008	15
Joe Berlin	09/13/2019	7
Peter Billis	09/01/1986	37
David Fritz	09/30/2022	1
Stephanie Harper	09/14/2016	7
Aaron Heckler	09/15/2016	7
Claire Hostetter	09/11/2013	10
James Joppy, Jr.	09/18/2020	3
James Savage	09/10/2015	8



BALPEX 2023

The 85^{th} Annual BALPEX Philatelic Convention and Bourse was held in Hunt Valley, MD on September 1-3. The proceedings included the annual Pennsylvania Postal History Society board and members meeting, and a lecture by APS Executive Director Scott English. The World Series of Philately exhibition was a stellar affair.

Hopefully some of you were able to attend, and took with you from the show a few good memories and good finds. These images are courtesy of Dr. Charles DiComo.



Stamp Quiz -



Test your philatelic knowledge base and see if you can answer the following: (Circle one: a b c)

- 1. Where was this stamp first printed?
 - a. at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C.
 - b. at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in San Francisco, CA
 - c. at the Philippine Bureau of Printing in Manila

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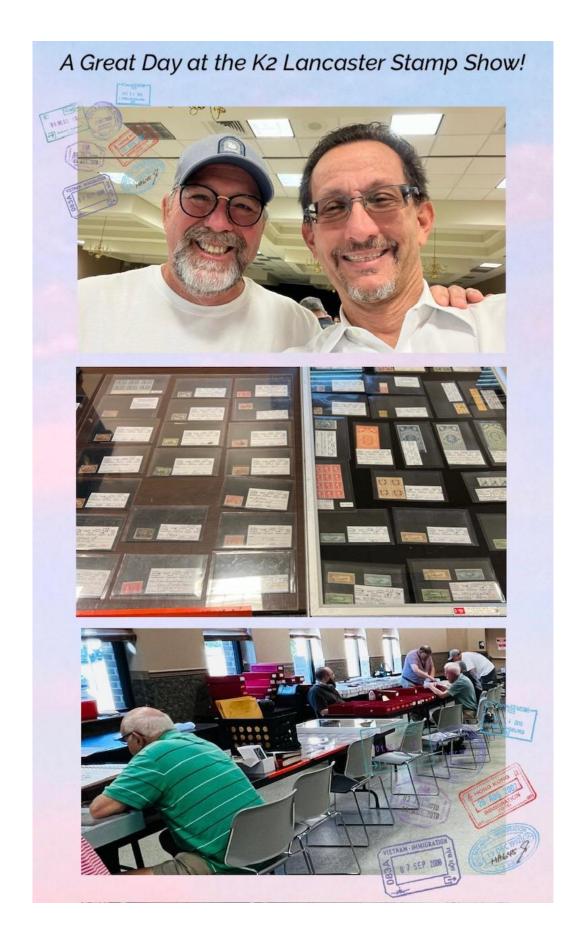
- 2. The engraving was created from?
 - a. a photograph of a Filipino lady working in the rice fields
 - b. an itinerant artist's sketch of his sister
 - c. a live model in typical Filipino dress of the time

Anyone interested in submitting a QUIZ ITEM may send a digital scan of a stamp, block, other philatelic item, along with one or more

- - a. Le Cou-ca-racha
 - b. La Filipina
 - c. Lady with a basket
- 3. This stamp was entitled: 4. How many varieties were printed?
 - a. 12 variations
 - b. 20 different over-prints
 - c. 3 different colors
- - a. 500,000
 - b. 3 million
 - c. 7 million
- set, cover or 5. How many were printed? 6. This postal rate was for?
 - a. first-class letter
 - b. airmail envelope
 - c. small package

questions to: Scott Ney (stnst2@aol.com) or to George Hauber (gdhsr2@gmail.com)





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General Information

Visitors are Always Welcome!

PSLC dues are \$10.00 a year. For existing members who want to renew their membership for 1 or more years, and/or make a donation to support our Society activities and programs, you can use PayPal-Friends by remitting payment to President Charles J. DiComo, PhD at charlesdicomo@gmail.com and denote in Notes section the reason for payment, your name, and how many years you are paying. Venmo can also be used @charlesdicomo. For new members, please mail/email your Membership Application along with a check or money order to Treasurer, Lou DiFelice.

We meet in-person on the 2nd 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 our website for directions.

We meet virtually on the 4th Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. For society information and meeting links, contact Paul Petersen (pcpetersen@comcast.net).

Visit us YouTube: Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

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The PSLC is honored to be selected a winner of the 2022 APS Star Route Awards for our website. The Society website (lcps-stamps.org) is our virtual presence; where all can access current and past issues of our award-winning *PSLC Newsletter*; in addition to useful philatelic links, exhibits, presentations, useful resources, affiliates, member spotlight, regional stamp shows, history and awards, etc., with links to our PSLC YouTube Channel and Facebook page.