



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
American Philatelic Society
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

75th Anniversary Celebration-11 December 2013

**Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. 📍 Buffet Served at 6:30 p.m.
Event to be Held in the Garden Café-Menu on Pg. 3**

From the Desk of the President

Wow, it was a fast year, wasn't it? And Barb and I just sold the house rapidly. It was a good ending to 2013. And it was a full year for the club.

The philatelic season opened sadly with the unexpected passing of Bob Epler who had just finished his term as PSLC president. But we are grateful that his wife, Bettina joined us and has been an engaging club member. We are very fortunate for several other new members as well.

Early in the year PSLC received some TV news publicity with our part in the unofficial second-day unveiling of the Charles Demuth stamp at the CD museum in Lancaster.

We had a very successful

Lancopex show in April receiving the best feedback scores from the dealers since collecting this data. While it was our first show without competitive exhibits, club members filled ten frames with interesting items from their collections.

At our biannual visit to the "new & revised" Postal Museum in DC, we were treated to a tour inside the vault to see some of the treasurers along with a special museum tour from the curator and a presentation and demonstration from the archivist. Many thanks to Roy, Mike B., Mike M. and Pete who coordinated this.

To the delight of many club members this year, stamp dealer Kevin Kellman from

Maryland has resumed the Sunday Stamp Shows at the Farm & Home Center. We had our first Open House in years, and it was deemed a success on all fronts.

The club was recognized by The American Philatelic Society in several areas. We reached 75 years as an APS member and received a certificate. Lucy Eyster won the Nicholas Carter Award for Regional and Local Service. Our PSLC Newsletter received its second gold APS award in as many years.

Much appreciation to VP-Len Kasper, Sec.-Joy Bouchard, Treasurer-Lou DiFelice, Board Members, Lancopex people, and others. Many thanks to you all. **Bob**

Happy Holidays

📍 **Dinner Details** 📍

📍 **Time:** 6:00 PM

📍 **When:** Wed. 11 Dec.

📍 **Where:** Garden Café

📍 **Why:** Great Taste

📍 **Cost:** \$8.00 per person

Optional Gift Exchanges:

To enter the exchanges, please bring a wrapped \$5.00 philatelic and/or non-philatelic gift. You may participate in either or both gift exchanges. Spouses and guests are invited to participate. Please mark all non-philatelic gifts as such. 📍📍

Officer Slate

There is a full slate of officers for the 2014 calendar year. Rising president Len Kasper will meet briefly with officers and board after dinner to schedule a planning session. Lou DiFelice and Paul Petersen will be working on job description updates for officers.

President: Len Kasper

VP: Bill Greiner

Sec.: Joy Bouchard

Treas'r: Lou DiFelice



Eleanor Wheeler, Dave Hunt, and Len Kasper listen to **Lou DiFelice** and **Bettina Heffner** discuss their One-Page Exhibits. See Pgs. 2-3 →



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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Exhibit Titles

Chuck Kilgore: •Cape Hatteras Light, North Carolina

Lucy Eyster: Stereoscopic items from •Belgium (The Titanic) and •San Marino (Several scenes from this country)

Dick Colberg: •Baltimore Carrier Stamps, •French Revenues, •French R.P.O. Cancels, •French Ration Card Applications

RD Noble: •An Early Precancel Cover from Boston

Hal Klein: •1¢ Prexie, •1¢ Cent Rotary #452, •2¢ Washington-Franklin Issue Attleboro Type Machine Perf Usage on Cover with Columbia Ielfield Machine Cancel, •The 1939 Worlds Fair

Roy Baardsen: •150th Anniversary of the First French Stamp

Paul Petersen: •APS on Stamps, •Seeking the Ideal, •The 1876 Centenary & Beyond, •Family Crash Mail, •V-Mail during WWII, •A Wartime Cover from Chungking, China via Bombay

Lou DeFelice: •The Statue of Freedom Portrayed

Joy Bouchard: •Iceland Stamps, •Around the World in Stamps

Mike Bach: •Great Britain Air Service Cinderellas and Labels

Dennis Bouchard: •Gettysburg FDC & Related Information

Bettina Heffner: •John James Audubon with a Twist

David Hunt: •S.S. Great Britain, •Rowland Hill, •The Sistine Madonna, •U.S. First Ladies, •Capetown Triangles, •Honorary U.S. Citizens

Many PSLC exhibitors are planning to include these exhibits in the framed displays at the Lancopex-2014 Show in April at the Farm & Home Center on Arcadia Road.

November Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

Opening: RD Noble opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. In his remarks he thanked PSLC for all the support for the Reading Stamp Show. He led a discussion for the nomination of a Vice President for 2014, one who would rise to the Presidency in 2015.

Membership: Lucy Eyster introduced new member Betty Lentz who is working with her father's stamp collection. Also in attendance was long time visitor, Brian Wagner, a missionary teacher from Kenya who is home on furlough. A new guest was stamp collector Bill Gogler, a friend of Bettina Heffner. Lucy will be collecting dues for 2014. Meeting attendance was about 40.

Minutes & Treasury: October reports contained in the newsletter were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Drawing: Winners were Fred Sargent and Truysde Griener.

2014 Snacks: Paul Petersen passed around the sign-up list.

Anniversary Dinner: Lucy reviewed the process for 11 December. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet will start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person to be paid at the door. It will be held in The Garden Café. Directions will be in the December newsletter. If you sign up to attend, and cannot do so, you will be responsible for the meal charges unless you cancel on or by 4 December with Lucy at 735-2586. Paul announced the gift exchanges, and details will be in the Dec. newsletter.

75 Years with APS: Joy Bouchard announced that the committee will hold a final celebratory event at the dinner.

2014 Lancopex: Show co-chairman Dick Shaefer stated that contracts have gone out to 19 dealers. There are usually 21 or so. Some dealers have retired. He engaged dialog regarding the show cachet. Diane Meek will look into this. Len Kasper will cover PR, publicity, marketing, and

advertising along with the snack program. Bill Greiner & Paul will transport the exhibit frames.

2014 Meeting Programs: Paul and Len discussed the options for the remaining two meeting program slots for next year.

Future Shows: Lesley Botte reminded the club of the 1 December Sunday Stamp Show at the Farm & Home Center.

Snowflake Pre-sorted Stamps: Paul has some of these at face value as purchased by club member Bob Larken.

One-Page Exhibits: Paul thanked PSLC for preparing the many exhibits that were posted on the meeting facility walls. He outlined the procedures to follow for the discussions of each.

Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,004.50 (1 Oct)

Income: \$52.53

Expenses: \$11.82

Closing: \$4,045.21 (31 Oct)

3-CDs valued at \$6,862.04

1-Page Exhibits Make a Hit at November Meeting

The process started with an inspiration at the '11 APS Summer Session elective class on 1-Page Exhibits by Dick Osman and Peter Butler. In '12 Dick gave PSLC a PowerPoint presentation on the art & science of these exhibits. Last month they became a reality.

There were 13 exhibitors with 31 different exhibits comprising 40 pages and two 3D stamps with accoutrements. Some samples are included to the right. →



Chuck Kilgore's 1-Pager on the lighthouse at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.



Ed's exhibit on the 1876 Centenary with 1926 & 1976.



Miscellaneous Club Notes: Programs/Hosts and Upcoming Shows

2013 Programs and Hosts

11 December: 75th Anniversary Celebration-6 pm (Please note early starting time.)

2014 Programs

8 January: Club Auction. Len Kasper, Host

12 February: APS Video: Canal Zone Gems. Joy Bouchard, Host

12 March: The Westtown Locals. Bill Schultz. Dick Shaefer, Host

9 April: 1.) The Patriot Postal Cards of the 1970-1980s. John Brownell. 2.) Lancopex advert

card preparation for show. John and Deb Ehleiter, Hosts

14 May: Spring Auction. Bill and Truys Greiner, Hosts

11 June: Rogue River Mailboat. Bob Brown. Paul Petersen, Host

9 July: U.S. International Philatelic Expo Stamps, Covers, Labels & More, Paul Petersen. James Ziogas, Host

13 August: Club Family Picnic

10 September: Fall Auction. Lusy Eyster, Host

08 October: Great Britain Inland Airmail Service: 1935-

1937. Mike Bach. Fred Sargent and Fred Mackey, Hosts

12 November: Open house, One-Page Exhibits, and Your Best Stuff Extravaganza. Len Kasper. Bob Paire, Host

10 December: Dinner

2014 Local Shows

Some Sundays Stamp Bourse: Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. 16 Feb 2014, 22 June, 17 Aug, 5 Oct, 7 Dec. Kevin Kellman (K²), Manager; 301-371-4558

York Stamp Show: Agriculture Hall, Fair Grounds, F/S 24-25 January 2014

Dinner Menu

HEALTHY STARTER

Iceberg Lettuce Wedges with Assorted Dressings

ENTREES

Medallions of Beef with Sautéed Mushrooms in Wine Sauce

Flounder with Crab Stuffing

Roasted Vegetables Wrapped in Lasagna Roll-ups

SIDES

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes

Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows

Brussels Sprouts with Pancetta

Peas

DESSERT

75th Anniversary Cake

Vanilla Ice cream with Hot Fudge Sauce

BEVERAGES

Coffee & Tea

Exhibitors Discuss their 1-Pagers with the Club



←Joy Bouchard presents Dennis B's Gettysburg cover. Dick Colberg identifies nuances of French revenues.↓



Lucy Eyster's 3-D stamp from Belgium→



↑Hal Klein shows his 1¢ rotary #452.

RD Noble with his Boston pre-cancel from the late 1800s. →



✂ Date: _____

Please clip this notice, complete it, and turn in with \$10 to Lucy Eyster at the December Dinner. You may also mail it to Lucy at 2001 Harrisburg Pk., B-503, Lancaster, PA 17601. Call 735-2586 with questions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Please check the APS/ATA box (s) above if you are a paid-up member.



Summa Cum Laude, Etc.

Many thanks to the club officers **RD Noble, Joy Bouchard, and Lou DiFelice** for their regular written input for the presidential column, minutes, and treasury report for this newsletter. In production and circulation of the publication, I am indebted to Proofreader **Carol Petersen** and Circulation Assistant II **Diane Meek**. I received columns, copy, ideas, and articles for review from the following: **William P. Snyder, Dick Colberg, Lucy Eyster, Joy Bouchard, Carol Petersen, and Lou DiFelice**. I could not do this newsletter without them.



Reader Challenge: Input Sought

Ed is seeking feedback from readers regarding the 19 November release of the U.S. Harry Potter stamps and variety items. So what do you think about this? Is this a good idea? Yes-No? Why? Why not? Please submit your comments and opinions—don't hold back. This is needed ASAP for the January PSLC Newsletter that's now in production.



Above ↑: Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter on a U.S. Forever stamp released by USPS on 19 November.



Musings: December-2013

Succession planning for PSLC...

Lou DiFelice and I have been working on job descriptions for the club officers and committee chairmen. We started with paper and pencil and followed with free association into a 4-page MS Word™ document. That's a lot of detail. We realize what good people we have to get things done. Many work very hard, so this document will add nothing new; it merely serves as a checklist for what is already being done.

Let's move on to **succession planning**. This is a process where the leaders in a group (i.e. a business, a non-profit) actively prepare the next generation of leaders to run the organization.

To illustrate, I recently met a man who has just started a new job. He is in his mid-fifties and was in his last position for 20 years as the one in charge. Since 2002 Mike has been adamant about developing leadership among his senior subordinates. He's been engaged in succession planning through mentoring and training of those around him. He wants them to be able to upgrade their responsibilities with one of them to eventually replace him. He estimates that he has about fifteen working years left, and

if he had remained in that position, he and those he had mentored would all retire about the same time. If this came to fruition, the subordinates would never realize their potential in any upgraded capacity, and this posed a risk to the organization. Further, those even less subordinate would be minimally prepared for the jobs ahead. By leaving now Mike has left a new generation of prepared leaders who have stepped up to serve. They, in turn, will continue to mentor those behind them.

So what does our club's task checklist have to do with succession planning and Mike's old job? Let's look at the connection and view it in terms of a stamp club. Every few months *The AP* lists another APS stamp club chapter closing down. As I have snooped around, the reason for the closure of many clubs is not a lack of club members. There are just not enough workers and others to take the responsibilities of leadership.

In February-2012 I wrote a synopsis of John Leszak's 24 Dec '10 article from *Mekeels and Stamps Magazine*. John described a solid stamp club who relied on two members

who willingly and joyfully ran the annual stamp show by themselves. Unfortunately they both died within a few months of one another. Even worse, few club members were either prepared or willing to take up the slack. They contracted for much of the show services costing them more than they earned, greatly putting the club into debt. They then made one bad financial decision after another until the club lost enough membership to threaten its existence. Fortunately some stepped up, and within a few years they were on their way to recovery.

There are many things that need to be done to keep a club running. If asked to take on a task or a leadership position, "Just say yes!" Many are prepared to help you start your journey if needed. Ed. ☐



To the Garden Café

Enter Woodcrest Villa from Harrisburg Avenue. Go about 75 yards to a T intersection. Turn left. Make the first right. The Garden Café is at the end of this road. There are white columns and the facility is very well lit.



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