

## Open House Begins at 7:00, Wed., 11 November 2015

**Volume 78, No. 11**  
**November, 2015**

- Open House
- One-Page Exhibits
- Bio: Clair Hostetter
- A Better Club Auction
- Musings: Poppies
- APS/ATA Packets

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

President :  
Bill Greiner III , 717-394-0879  
sunfighter@verizon.net

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President :  
Hal Klein, 717-272-5234  
halklein@comcast.net

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:  
Doug Milliken, 717-330-4062  
ldmilliken@me.com

**Past Pres. & Publicity:**  
Len Kasper, 717-723-1864  
hotrodparts33@aol.com

Secretary:  
Joy Bouchard ,717-367-9106  
jl672@yahoo.com

**Treasurer:**  
Lou DiFelice, 717-295-5536  
loudifelice@gmail.com

Membership & ATA  
Representative :  
Lucy Eyster,  
lucyevyster@yahoo.com

**Newsletter Editor, Programs, & APS Rep:**  
Paul Petersen, 717.299.5640  
pcpetersen@comcast.net

There just seems to be so much to do getting ready in the fall, with the raking, cooking, and all the other kinds of winterizing. Examples of this are on my naval covers; it is called “battening down the hatches,” something they do in preparation of foul weather both at sea and in port. When done, I can slow down and work more on my collection.

The Reading and Sunday Stamp shows are here, and Lucy's menu for the Christmas Party is mouthwatering. And she adds that there is quite a list participants on the just first sign-up alone. Let's hope that the food does not run out! Though it never has.

Our slate of 2016 club officers is almost complete, so I'm

hoping for the nomination of  
a good candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
President.

I can't top the old Irish Blessing below that Ed. found, but my mom and I wish you every blessing for this Thanksgiving season, a time for us to reflect and to give thanks. Our best to you for 2015 and 2016. *Bill III*



## An Irish Blessings at Thanksgiving

*As plentiful as the grass that grows,  
Or the sand on the shore,  
Or the dew on the lea,  
So the blessings of the King of Grace  
On every soul that was, that is, or  
ever will be.*

This is a fun time of the year with the holidays approaching, and as some call it, the beginning of eating season. PSLC, too, kicks off the season with an Open House and its own good snacks.

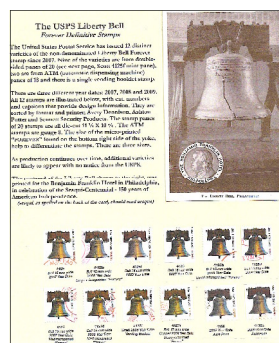
We expect a solid turnout, so please bring your collecting friends. It may be your best investment in the hobby, the club, and old and new friends.

A dozen members have signed up to participate for the 1-Page (or more) exhibits. There are no rules or judging, so it is just plain sharing of materials

with other collectors. As time allows, exhibitors will have a minute or two to point out some intricacies of their material to those interested.

Len Kasper has lined up two speakers from PSLC who will provide short overviews of the hobby. These include Dave Hunt who will discuss the range of collecting interests including several specialty areas. Al Schaub will discuss the benefits of participation and membership in a local stamp club. As always, our bourse and sales tables will be open to all.

Below is an example of a 1-Page exhibit by Peter Butler examining twelve of the Liberty Bell Forever definitive stamps which were first issued in 2007.







## November Bio

Clair Hostetter

Clair started collecting as an adult while in a customer service position which included mailed correspondence. Impressed with the variety of the incoming stamps, he began an accumulation and sought additional sources at markets, garage sales, and country auctions at good prices.

The bulk of Clair's collection is used U.S., though he has an accumulation of foreign stamps which he intends to address one day! He organizes his stamps by denomination on stock sheets, and he has up to 16 volumes! His wife gave him a gift of the three volume set of the American Heirloom Collection albums. This too, is on his "to do" list! These albums, he feels, will be a more organized collection to pass on to his family.

Clair has other interests including hunting and a badge collection. Most interesting is his collection of items related to 1942, his birth year. This includes stamps, postcards, coins, magazines, front pages, and more. An intriguing item of this collection is a pair of vice grips with 1942 etched into it, and one wonders if it is a sailor's souvenir from the war. Then there is Robert Taylor on the Black Heritage stamp series. He lived from 1868 to 1942.

A few years ago he learned of PSLC at Lancopex, and he attended meetings for several months. He realized that he enjoyed many in the club along with the educational programs, auctions, monthly access to stamp dealers, and the Christmas Dinner. He & Beth are already looking forward to this event in December.

For most of his life Clair worked in customer service, but about ten years ago his job moved to Georgia. So being a Lancaster native through and through, he declined the move choosing to remain here with family. He has worked at the Manheim Auto Auctions since 2005. Clair and his wife Beth have four grown children and eight grands, two of which may be "semi-interested" in the hobby.

## October Minutes and Treasury

Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** Bill Greiner opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

### Business meeting:

**Minutes:** The September meeting minutes and treasurer's report were approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Editorial Correction:** Ed. made apologies to David Hunt for confusing him with his cousin Al in a photo caption in the October edition. Apologies were gracefully accepted.

**Membership:** Lucy Eyster introduced tonight's visitor, Thaun Pham who heard of the club from John Brownell at his stand at Green Dragon. Dues (\$10.00) are due tonight or in November. Lucy will not be collecting dues at the Christmas Party as to not commingle dues and dinner monies. (See pg.-4 for dues info.) Attendance tonight was 48.

**2016 Officers:** Diane Meek was "encouraged" to stand for PSLC Secretary by the Read-



ing Delegation, and she accepted. The office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP remains vacant.

**Dinner:** Lucy announced that the Dinner will be held on 9 December at the Garden Café. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the buffet meal will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person to be paid at the door, and the club will subsidize the rest. Please bring exact change if possible. There will be entertainment and gift exchanges of philatelic and non-philatelic items of a value of \$5.00-\$8.00. The menu will be published in the December newsletter. The last date to add or cancel with Lucy is high-noon, Wednesday, 2 December 2015.

**Drawing:** Door prizes were won by Fred Mackey and Bob Paire.

**Stamp Collecting 101:** Hal Klein said that he has the materials from APS in hand. Daisy Detweiler will follow-up with the Boy Scouts.

**Coming Events:** Paul Petersen passed around sign-up

sheets for the **APS/ATA Stamp Packet Nite** on 21 October and for **One (or more) Page Exhibits** on 11 November. He provided carpool information for the 7 November **Reading Stamp Show**. This info is also contained in the October Newsletter.

### New Business:

**Donations:** Bill Snyder and Paul Petersen made companion motions that were approved to make donations to the APS Stamps Teach program and to the United States Postal Museum for \$50.00 each. There is currently a matching program for Stamps Teach, so our donation will realize \$100.00. Treasurer Lou DiFelice will follow up with checks to both of these organizations.

**October Program:** This month's program was a lively and well attended auction. (See below)

### Treasury Report

Opening: \$4,954.24 (1 Sept)

Income: \$162.00

Expenses: \$221.34

Closing: \$4,894.90 (30 Sept)

3-CDs valued at \$6,948.93

## A Note on Auctions to Realize Better Prices

The Fall Auction drew almost fifty people, however many items didn't sell. This is a concern. The Auction Committee members have been asked to compile recommendations to remedy this.

While there are a variety of extant issues, two are of prime interest right now.

Our auctioneers, RD and Woody are well-versed in worldwide stamps and postal history, but as Hal Klein said, they are not mind-readers. Let's look at the issues.

The first includes stamp lots and sets which have little description. The consigners have to sell their material, and details will help. For stamps, this should include Scott number, variety if needed, condition, watermarks, and perfs, and etc. A savvy bidder will want this. RD and Woody don't have all that info at their fingertips.

The other issue includes 'junk lots' which many of us like. With detailed information of the contents, they should sell better. Detailed recommendations are coming soon.







## Musings: 11 November 2015

### Poppies as Remembrance and Topicals

At 11:00 a.m. exactly ninety-seven years ago today, the world's greatest catastrophe to date ended, later known as The Great War. The world's postal departments, government and private, are issuing stamps for the 1914-1918 Centennial. The U.S. should be on board in 2017, the year she entered the war. One of my WWI topical spin-off collections is poppies, and these are now very popular to collect.

This column started on our ATA/APS Packet Nite when Lesley Botte gave me one of the recent Canadian poppy stamps for my WWI and poppy topical collections...



Actually, this column started 100 years earlier in the Flanders or western part of Belgium. This salient saw consistent action throughout the war compared to many other areas along the Front which were mostly quiet except for some brutal offensives.

Having just lost a friend in the Spring of 2015, Canadian Army Surgeon John McCrae penned the poem, *We Shall Not Sleep* (later renamed *In Flanders Fields*), verse that many of us learned in school.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row by row*

*That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

In Flanders it was only the orange-red poppies that loaned

any color at all to this darkened and blighted battleground. In fact, some varieties thrived on disturbed earth which was not in short supply in this area (↓).



The poppy became a symbol, though not overnight. Most think the memorial or remembrance poppies were of British origin, but they were, in fact, American, the vision of professor Moina Michael (↓).



A professor at the University of Georgia, Moina Michael (1869-1944) took a leave of absence to help the war effort in the New York City office of the YWCA where she prepared the YWCA workers for service overseas. Back at Georgia in 1920 and teaching disabled veterans, coupled with McCrae's poem, she had a vision of the poppy for both remembrance and fund raising for the veterans' needs. After months of groundwork, the Georgia and then the national American Legion groups adopted the poppy and its sales for their organization. The rest is history. A French worker at the NYC YWCA was likewise convicted and took the concept to France, Australia, NZ, Canada, and Great Britain.

In Great Britain, Remembrance Sunday is the closest Sunday to the 11th November. Here the Queen or her representative lays

a poppy wreath at the Cenotaph in London, their primary WWI memorial site and structure. There are smaller cenotaphs in some Commonwealth countries as that seen on this St. Helena sheet (↓).



Veteran's Day might go unnoticed for many Americans on 11 November but for the lack of mail delivery. There is certainly more positive attention paid to our veterans today than a few decades ago.

There will be many poppies on stamps through 2018. The 1914 naval Battle of the Falklands is below (↓).



A poppy topical collection is not necessarily tied to The Great War as seen in the U.S. stamp by Georgia O'Keeffe (↓).



A Rhodesia poppy Cinderella is depicted on Page-4. Ed

## Notes, Programs, Hosts, and Shows

### 2015 Programs

**11 November:** Club Member 1-Page Exhibits and Open House. Len Kasper & Paul Petersen; Len Kasper, Host

**9 December:** Dinner

### 2016 Programs

**13 January:** Winter Auction; Hal Klein, Host

**10 February:** Jamaica in World War II. An APS DVD video

**9 March:** 1.) The 5-Cent Enclosed Rate. Bill Schultz & 2.) Lancopex prep

**13 April:** History and Culture of Germany on Stamps. David Hunt

**11 May:** Coins on Stamps & Stamps on Coins. John Brownell

**8 June:** Spring Auction

**13 July:** Civil War Covers. Dennis Shumaker

**10 August:** Summer Picnic, Millersville Memorial Park

**14 September:** Fall Auction

**12 October:** The U.S. International Stamp Shows: Part 1. Paul Petersen

**9 November:** '15 Open House

**14 December:** Dinner and gift exchange.

### 2017 Programs

**11 January:** Winter Auction. Doug Milliken, Host

**8 February:** A Tour Through South Africa: An ATA DVD Video

**8 March:** TBA

**12 April:** 1.) Al Schaub; 2.) Lancopex preparation

**10 May:** Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

### 2015 Shows

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** 20 Dec. Farm & Home Center, Kevin Kellman (K<sup>2</sup>), Manager, 301-371-4558.







# PSLC's APS & ATA Stamp Packet Nite

## Wednesday, 21 October 2015

### Dues Notice

Please use reminder below to submit your 2016 PSLC dues. You may pay Lucy in Person or mail your remittance to her. Please make out checks to Philatelic Society of Lancaster County and reply as soon as possible, as Lucy will not be able to collect dues at the December Dinner.

✂.....

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ATA Member ☐ APS Member ☐

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

On the Wednesday evening following our October auction a Packet Nite was held, a club community event to prepare glassines of stamps for the American Topical Association and the American Philatelic Society. PSLC is a chapter of both of these national stamp collecting organizations.

APS and ATA will use these packets to promote the hobby to children and adults through educational programs used at headquarters, on the road, or at shows. APS will use some for their Stamps Teach program for school children.

Bluebird Commons is the perfect venue for this assembly operation. The movable tables allow us all the room we needed to spread out, and the nearby kitchenette is a plus.



*Seated are Joy and Dennis Bouchard. Standing are Lesley Botte and Douglas Milliken.*

This first estimate of the club's productivity included over fifty packets each of U.S. and foreign for APS, and 60+ packets of varied topical stamps for ATA including U.S. presidents, American Revolution, birds, animals, butterflies, airplanes, Christmas, Canadian historical figures, and several others.



*Above from left to right are Truys Greiner, Fred Sargent, and Bill Greiner, III.*

Several club members donated stamps for this event over the previous few months, and this generosity is appreciated.

What was most surprising was how fast the time went once the session got started. Perhaps it was the intoxicating effect of being elbow deep in stamps, but some participants recommended that we do this again, while others offered to bring refreshments. This evidence is a good endorsement of such an appropriate way to give back to

the hobby that has given each of us so much pleasure.

Packet makers included: Lesley Botte, Paul Petersen, Joy & Dennis Bouchard, Lou DiFelice, Bill Greiner, Truys Greiner, Deb and John Ehleiter, Fred Sargent, and Doug Milliken. Keeping them honest were roustabouts Lucy Eyster, Linda Sadler, and Sarah Mylin.

Members are encouraged to continue accumulating stamps for our next Packet Nite next spring. All are welcome. Ed



*Seated above are Deb and John Ehleiter.*



Philatelic Society of Lancaster County  
PO Box 6053  
Lancaster, PA 17607-6053



This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.win2pdf.com>.  
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.  
This page will not be added after purchasing Win2PDF.