



MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH TIME: 7:30 P.M. LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well, here it is another new year. We have just completed a year with several notable events. We have naugurated the APS circuit sale ooks, we had a very successful show, we had a one-day trip to Washington, D.C., and our recent December party was outstanding. All of these events was made possible by the cooperation of our membership. I hope this continues through the coming year.

Our program committee is working on ideas for the coming year. We should have our programs set up for our meetings by our February meeting. With our show coming up in early May, I have invited Dick Colberg to speak to us at our January meeting on the preparation of exhibits. Dick's exhibits appear at many local and national shows. Dick writes a weekly informative article for the Lancaster New Era on stamp-related subjects. Bring your questions and ideas to the January meeting. I hope to see everyone there!

Bill Greiner, President



JANUARY HOSTESS

The "hostess with the mostest" for the January meeting will be our expresident, MARILYN SHIRLEY. We hope to see how her kitchen expertise is working these days! (She would like to take lessons from DON WEBER)

JANUARY PROGRAM -

The January Program will be an informative presentation by Dick Colberg on "Preparing an Exhibit For a Stamp Show". Dick is well-versed in this area and has served as a judge for some area stamp shows. Bring your ideas and questions regarding your future exhibit for our show in April. Dick will be an invaluable help to you. He is most willing to advance the cause of Philately in any way he can,

L.C.P.S. LOSES TWO CLUB MEMBERS

Our sympathy is extended to the families of two of our members.

WILLIAM A. CARROLL died Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at Brethren Village. Bill was a native of New York City. However, he moved to Miami where he set up an advertising and fund raising business.

In 1960 Bill moved to Lancaster. He was a very enterprising young man. He founded Carroll Associates-Allied Personnel. Due to his efforts, many people were able to obtain employment. Bill also served as district justice in Manheim Township and was the Democratic Committeeman for the First District.

Among the organizations Bill served was the Lancaster County Philatelic Society. He was a Past President, and Life Member of the club. He served in many positions and chaired many committees. Bill is also a member in good standing of the American Philatelic Society. The last official position Bill held in the club was that of Publicity Chairman.

Bill has a spirit of willingness to serve and contagious enthusiasm that will be sorely missed at our club meetings.

Bill was married for 41 years and has one son, Brian Scott of Los Angeles.

EDWARD F. EVANS died Friday, November 18, 1998. He was a long-time member of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. Ed played second violin for 20 years with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra.

Among Ed's other interests was the hobby of philately. Ed was a late member of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society. To our knowledge Ed never got a chance to attend a club meeting, but he did appreciate the newsletter and working on his

stamp collection.

Besides his wife, Ed is survived by three sons, John, Kenneth, and James and one daughter, Pamela. Our very warmest sympathy is extended to the Evans family.

Ed belonged to he Hamilton Park United Church of Christ.

In memory of WILLIAM CARROLL AND EDWARD EVANS, the L.C.P.S. will send a contribution to the American Philatelic Society.



Since DICK COLBERG is scheduled to speak to our club in January, I thought a copy of his article written for the LANCASTER NEW ERA on Tuesday, November 7, 1995 would be of interest to members.

CLUBS NEED TO PROMOTE EXHIBITS BY NOVICES

This is the time of the year when the stamp show season is in full swing. A topic that seems to go hand in hand with stamp shows is the lack of new exhibits, I hope I'm not alone in feeling that many of the exhibits we're seeing at area stamp shows are becoming tired. Many of these exhibits have had nothing substantial added to them in at least two or three years.

There is a natural tendency of stamp show organizers to accept any exhibit that is submitted, and be thankful. I've been there, and it's true. But we don't do the hobby any favors by doing this. Two years ago at LEBPEX in Lebanon, the judges refused to judge a particular exhibit because it had been in the show for several years running, without much change, and on top of that they felt that it was too advanced an exhibit for a small local show,

What's the answer to this dilemma? The obvious answer is that we need more collectors to get their feet wet and put up an exhibit. Infortunately, non-exhibitors are put off by what they see at exhibits and tell themselves that they don't have anything "that good" to exhibit. Perhaps there is an alternative to getting into exhibiting "cold turkey" as I did in 1979. Gratefully, I had a positive experience and a lot of support from the judges. I've been hooked on exhibiting ever since.

The operative word here is "support." Novice exhibitors must have support from everyone: fellow exhibitors, fellow club members, judges, dealers. The Lebanon Stamp Club annually awards at LEBPEX an award called "The Hollis Kelly Novice Award."

This award is given to the best novice exhibit or exhibit by an exhibitor who has not won an award at a recognized exhibit. The award is named for Hollis Kelly, a member of the Lebanon Stamp Club who died a few years ago.

Kelly was a long-haul truck driver, which made stamp collecting very difficult. He tried his best to be in Lebanon the night of our monthly meeting, but that was not always possible. When on the road he would occasionally stop in a strange town to see if there was a stamp dealer. I think he bought more stamps on the road than at home.

A seasoned exhibitor in the stamp club convinced Kelly that he should put an exhibit together. They worked together and did just that. Kelly won a nice award and the novice award. In less than a year Kelly was dead from a heart attack. We renamed the novice award in his honor.

We had a new exhibit from a Lebanon Stamp Club member this year. It has taken three years of prodding by me to bring this about. At the meeting prior to the show the whole club membership sat down with the exhibitor to review his proposed

display. We offered suggestions and there were even offers of material which would enhance the exhibit. We will continue working with the member to improve the exhibit.

I believe other stamp clubs should follow this course. Start working on new exhibits the month after your annual show closes. This allows plenty of time to develop an exhibit and secure items deemed necessary to improve the exhibit. There should be time set aside in every club meeting for working on next year's exhibits. The APS has a good book on philatelic exhibiting and one on philatelic judging. Every Club have both of these should publications. They provide a great road map to a successful exhibit.

We can't all be Gold Medal winners, but I'm confident that there are several undiscovered Gold Metal exhibits right here in the Susquehanna Valley. It's not too late for the Lancaster Stamp Club to nurture some new exhibits for their show in the spring of '96.

Ed. Note: Bring your ideas and materials along to the meeting and get some help and encouragement from Dick.



YES, ONCE AGAIN DUES ARE DUE

With the turn of the new year, you will need to turn the page of your checkbook. As of January, your yearly dues of \$5.00 are current. Please make your checks payable to L.C.P.S. and send it to Don Weber, 410 Quarry Place, Quarryville, PA 17566 -- or bring it along to the meeting.

The L.C.P.S. wishes to extend a special "THANK YOU" to Mr. Robert Lamb, of the American Philatelic Society for attending our 60th Anniversary Recognition Dinner and presenting the club with a letter of special recognition from the APS.

The 60th birthday banquet was a huge success. DON and HELEN WEBER did an outstanding job of cooking and serving approximately 50 people.

Many people worked together to make the event a success. Some of the members who received special prizes were HUDSON ARMERDING - door prize - poinsettia plant. LESLIE BOTTE and BILL RIDGEWAY - door prizes - stamps. HERB TINDALL - 1938 Scott Stamp Catalog. CHARLES KILGORE - Exhibit of Lionel Train (1938) - voted most popular item on memorabilia table.

We extend a special thanks to our violinist, CRAIG' ROBERTSON for his renditions on the violin.

The evening ended with a musical stamp quiz supplied by the APS which everyone seemed to enjoy.

HATS OFF TO ALL THOSE BEHIND THE SCENE WHO MADE THE EVENING POSSIBLE.



CONGRATULATIONS!

JOHN FORD just became the father of a 10 lb., 6 oz. baby girl (Carolyn Elizabeth) on Tuesday, January 5, 1999. What a joy to start the new year. Best wishes to all the Fords!

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