



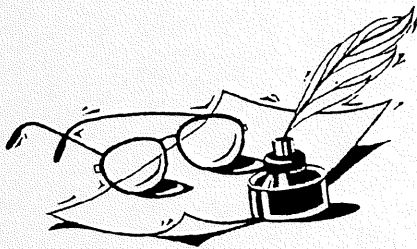
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MEETINGS, 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

Mailing address:
L.C.P.S.
19 Circle Rd.
Millersville, PA 17551

Next Meeting - Wed., OCTOBER 13, 1999
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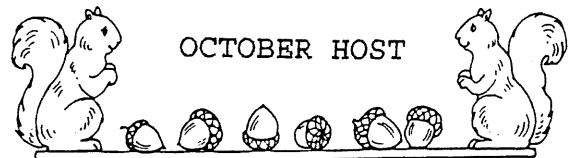


FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Tonight we have a special meeting planned which consists of a stamp and philatelic material sale and auction. Enclosed with this newsletter is a listing of material that is for sale, free, or will be auctioned. Come prepared to have some fun.

Discussed at our last meeting were several items of general interest. Please read the "Special Announcements From the September Minutes" report which again are included in this newsletter.

Finally, tonight we must nominate a new vice-president for the year 000.



One of our prominent citizens from Millersville will be our host for the October meeting. Yep! You guessed it -- JACK DEANER will be doing the honors.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Items from the late Charles Griffiths stamp collection will be put up for auction. Many books will be available for free or a small donation. There are other items that will be bid on thru a "bid sheet" and there are possibly other things that will be auctioned. Take your time to look at the items. A listing of the display is included with this newsletter.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
FROM THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES

CAN WE "PICK YOUR BRAIN" PLEASE?

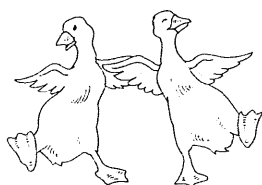
At our September meeting a discussion of what sort of meeting we should have for December resulted in a proposal to have no Christmas party or birthday party. A normal regular stamp-based meeting was the decision. BILL GREINER will contact Lancaster Township officials to reserve our regular meeting place for December 8. The possibility of an anniversary party in May 2000 will be explored.

The president would appreciate any ideas you may have relating to the holiday season for the December program. Please let BILL GREINER know YOUR idea for the meeting.

YES, IT'S FREE!

LESLEY BOTTE announced she has some FREE tickets for the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition at Fort Washington Expo Center on October 1 thru 3, 1999. Contact LESLEY if you are interested in going.

Note: This newsletter is being published early this month because our Data Processor, Marilyn Shirley is flying to Seattle, WA for a few weeks.



LCPS FALL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON

PETER BILLIS, Chairman of the Bus Trip, reported on the upcoming trip to Washington for the day. As of the last contact with PETER, the date is set for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1999.

The cost of the trip will be \$20.00 per person. If you plan to go, please make your checks payable to: PETER BILLIS and mail them to him at 208 East New Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Anyone who has gone on these trips before knows what a good time we have -- snacking all the way!!! This is also a good opportunity to get to know our sister club in York a little better as this is usually a joint effort in filling the bus.

If for some reason the trip would be cancelled, you will have your money refunded.



BRING A FRIEND!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM RECAP

A special THANK YOU to LUCY EYSTER AND TRUYDE GREINER for their informative program about postal cards beginning 1875 to the present. We learned a lot of business could be transacted quickly and quietly for 1 cent.

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSO. CONVENTION
JULY 30 - AUGUST 1, 1999

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of our members, LUCY EYSTER, attended the 199 ATA Convention in Milwaukee this summer. She has graciously consented to share this report with the rest of the club. Thanks, LUCY!

Since I had had so much fun attending the ATA convention last summer in Falls Church, VA I decided to fly to Milwaukee, WI this summer for the annual convention which happened to be the 50th anniversary of that organization. I signed up for EVERYTHING they had planned which meant getting to Milwaukee the day before the formal start of the convention and staying a day later. The flight which should have been a short hop-and-skip wasn't, so the tour of the city of Milwaukee was missed (which was probably just as well since their temperatures hovered around 100 degrees just like back home).

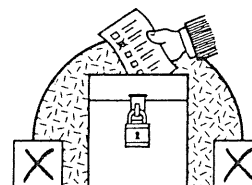
The highlight of these conventions is meeting interesting people. There was immediate rapport with Dasa from Israel who received several awards for her exhibit on succulents, Laurie from Ohio who is working up an exhibit on hedgehogs, ? who collects astronomy, specifically eclipses, Otto from Canada who is getting out the word about the international stamp show in Vienna, Austria summer 2000, and Roberta from Wisconsin who enjoys making her own first day covers. She was busy July 30 during the first day ceremony for the "Billy" Mitchell and Rio Grande stamps.

There was time to make contact with new dealers, attend seminars, slowly examine the exhibits, attend judges

critiques, and swim in the hotel pool. The last day was a bus trip to the House-on-the-Rock, a place that is hard to describe but is one man's vision and life's work for a collection, museum, and entertainment place. It has to be seen to be understood.

The next day was an uneventful flight home with many fond memories of this ATA convention and already looking forward to the 51st Annual Convention in Buffalo, NY June 23-25, 2000.

(Idea: Maybe next year our "bus trip" should be to Buffalo for a weekend.)



**ELECTION
OF
OFFICERS**

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

At the November meeting we will be electing a new vice-president. There are many hidden talents in our club and we are asking you to search your heart and consider volunteering as a candidate for vice-president. This is a very rewarding position and you can influence the direction of the Club in its pursuit of the hobby of philately. So, won't you carefully consider this opportunity to serve?

(From the Falls Philatelic Flyer the following article was published by their editor. This may be of interest to some of our "soaking" members.)

As I was perusing publications this month, I came across the following item out of Linn's from Ken Reichard of California, who supplies us with the following ideas about removing holiday-season stamps that arrive on colored envelopes. First, separate all the stamps on colored paper, and ready them to be place in a half-full bowl of water. Float the stamps face down, but do not immerse the stamps in the water. Of his soaking experiences, Reichard said, "In most cases, the stamp will drop to the bottom of the pan without a sign of color."

He also has a technique for the obstinate stamps that remain partially attached to the paper and pick up some of the dye from the envelope paper: soak the stamps in milk. An overnight soaking will usually remove the unwanted color. "On some stamps, a second fresh-milk bath may be necessary." Reichard says. He also cautions, "Be very careful in handling the stamp when washing out the milk."



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A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the man moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice Sam replied, "The balcony."