

## ***PHIL-A-TELLING AROUND***

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

The July auction was well attended and bidding was active—see Don Weber's report below. Thanks to Dick Shaefer, Don Weber, Jim Boyles, Woody Hahn, and Bob Noble for their help with the auction,

Our annual picnic is at my house in Millersville—6:00 p.m., Wednesday, 11 August. So mark your calendar! This is strictly a social event and a chance to get to know club members better. Spouses are welcome. A map showing directions appears on page 3.

The program for September has changed. Bill Snyder and Jim Boyles have switched dates. The September program will be an APS Special on the collection of August Dietz called "Confederate Stamps." The program is of interest to all—not just the southerners in the club! In October, Bill Snyder will discuss computers and stamps.

An important issue must be resolved at the September meeting: whether to change meeting places (and meeting dates). Hopefully we can come to a decision satisfactory to all members.

**SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!! --Marilyn**

### **FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK**

We had a rip-snorting auction at the July meeting. Four tables laden with albums, collections, individual stamps, assorted boxes of US and foreign stamps changed hands. Our two auctioneers—Jim Boyles and Woody Hann—kept the auction moving at a rapid pace, allowing us to close before our 9:00 p.m. deadline. The proceeds of the auction amounted to \$787.25, with \$380 of the total going to the Club! Thanks to everyone who bought, sold, and helped with the auction. --Don Weber

## **STAMP CLUB MINUTES, JULY 14, 2004**

Many items were brought to the auction and members eagerly perused them until President Marilyn Shirley began a short business meeting. Treasurer Don Weber reported a balance of \$5,720.43 in the checking account.

Diane Meek reported that Grace Baptist Church was available the fourth Thursday and any Monday evening. Bill Greiner reported that Manor Township would refund the rental money balance if we decide to move to the church. The proposal was tabled until the September meeting.

To determine how many to prepare for at the August picnic at Marilyn's, a sign-up sheet was passed around. Marilyn will provide barbequed chicken and corn; attendees will bring everything else.

Bill Snyder and Jim Boyles switched months for the meeting program.

Marilyn distributed a new membership list. Members not at the meeting will receive their list in the mail.

John Ford thanked the newsletter staff for using commemorative stamps on each month's mailing.

Truyde Greiner won the \$10 drawing.

After a break to view auction items, Woody Hahn and Jim Boyles conducted the auction. It went as usual; some items sold and some items didn't. Overheard were these comments. "Oh! I can't bid that much; I don't have enough money!" "The album's empty?! I take back my bid!" "Come on, it's only money." "I can't bid now; it's too much now." "Anyone for \$1?" "You can't win them all."

The meeting adjourned by 9:00 p.m., with many of the 36 members present taking home treasures to incorporate into their collections. The August meeting is the picnic at Marilyn's, at 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. --Lucy Eyster, Secretary

## **BRIEFLY NOTED**

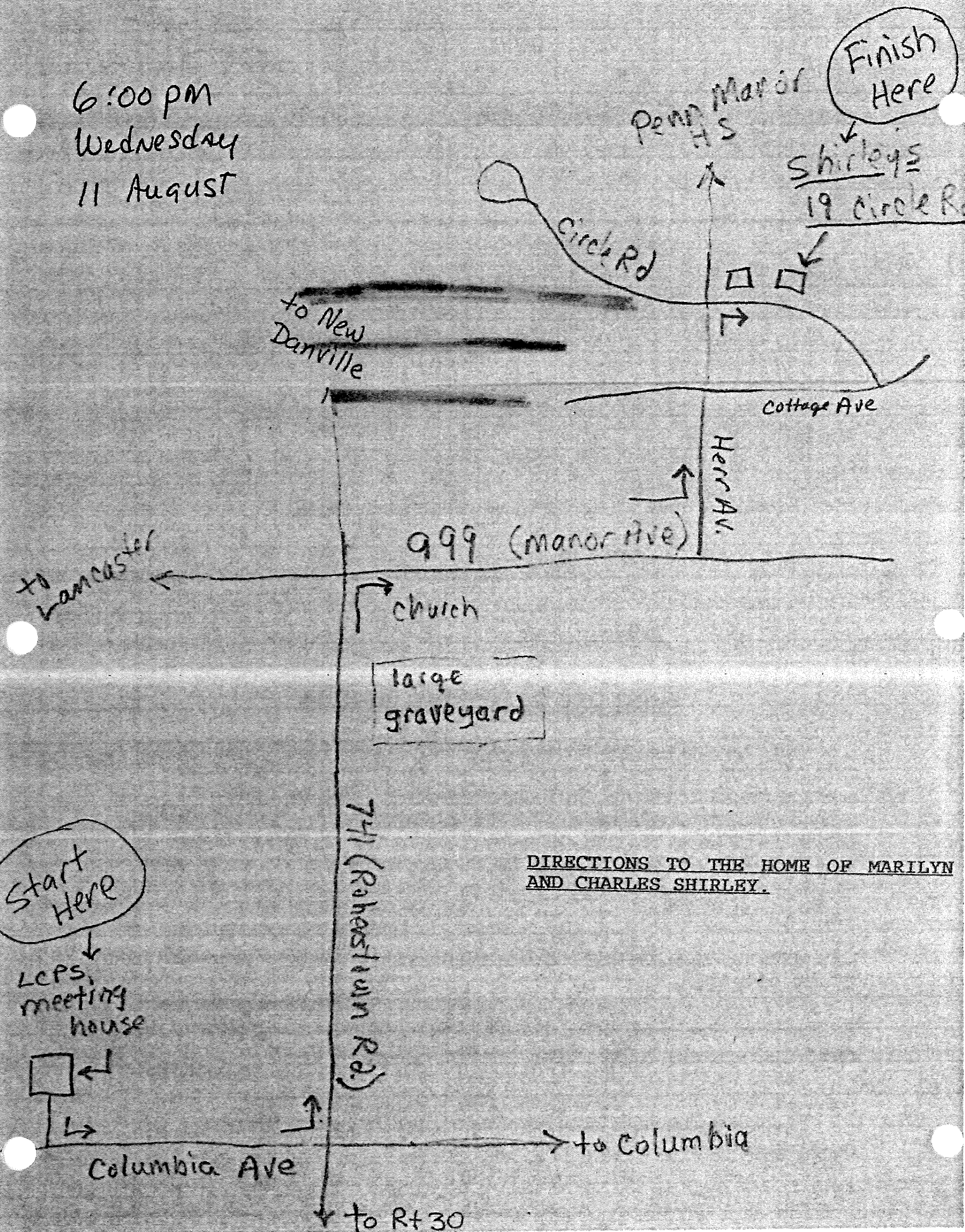
The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., 8 September, at the Maple Grove Community Center. The Newsletter will not be published in September.

The Reading Stamp Show, at the Leesport Auction Pavilion, Rt. #61, is scheduled for 11 September. For details, call 610-779-0175.

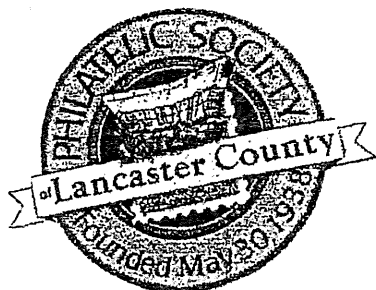
Thanks to Tom Howard, one of the LANCOPEX dealers', for donating a January 1932 Olympic 2 cent First Day Cover with a "Lancaster Stamp Club" corner card. The Lancaster Stamp Club ran concurrently for a few years with the Lancaster County Philatelic Society, but was disbanded sometime in the 1930s.

The cover will be put with other items from the Lancaster Stamp Club, and will be saved by Lancaster County Philatelic Society.

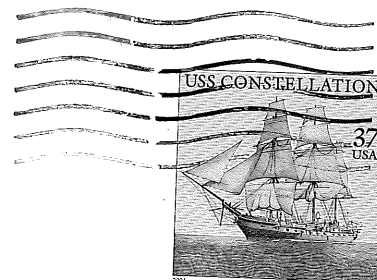
6:00 pm  
Wednesday  
11 August



DIRECTIONS TO THE HOME OF MARILYN  
AND CHARLES SHIRLEY.



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Millersville, PA 17551



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### FIRST DAY CEREMONY, JUNE 30

This summer's special philatelic adventure (in addition to the bus trip June 12 to Washington, DC) was spent at Baltimore's Inner Harbor for the first day ceremony on June 30 for the USS Constellation stamp. I got there before the ceremony in order to take a tour of the USS Constellation, the last all sail warship built by the US Navy,. The stamp commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ship's launching on August 26, 1854. The ship saw varied duty over its 150 years, including preventing slave ships from leaving Africa and, during World War II, as flagship of the US Atlantic fleet from January to June 1942. After being condemned by the Navy as unsafe in 1994, restoration began in 1996; in 1999, restored to her original 1854 appearance, the Constellation took her permanent home in Baltimore harbor.

The ceremony participants included USS Constellation Museum Chairman, the Museum's executive director, three USPS representatives, Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, and the Mayor of Baltimore, Martin O'Malley.

After checking out stores at Inner Harbor and eating a crab cake at Phillips I rescued my car from the parking garage (for \$16!) and returned home.

Anyone interested in naval history is welcome to the FDC and other Constellation "stuff" I brought back. --Lucy Eyster