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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2018. Park City Diner - 6 PM.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Vice President Susan Glass called the meeting to order as President Milliken was ill. She opened the meeting by having everyone stand and salute the flag.

Guests at tonight's meeting were Bud Heim's son, Mitch, and Emory Hay who is particularly interested in local history. VP Glass asked veterans to stand and be recognized. Steven Mummert, Susan Glass, Jere Long, and Dick Pendergrast stood and were recognized for their service.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,498.34. There were no committee reports.

There was a discussion about the Christmas party on December 17th. It was decided that we would meet at the Park City Diner, using their back room. Dede Schaeffer called and made the reservation for 6:00 p.m.

Two dollar vouchers were won by Emory Hay and Steven Mummert. Maria Schurz won the \$10 50-50.

Aaron Heckler presented an exceptional program about "Christmas Traditions as Shown on Vintage Postcards." Included were postcards showing early decorations such as nuts, cookies, pretzels, fruits, which could be enjoyed and then eaten. The yule log was never burned all the way, but the remains were saved as the starter for next year's yule log. Using mistletoe was a tradition, and every kiss meant a berry was removed. Postcards showed the various Santas both in the United States and in other countries, including the Belsnickel, Father Christmas, and Kris Kringle. This program gave an overview of the changing ideas and customs as Christmas celebrations have evolved from the early pagan celebrations of the winter solstice into a Christian celebration of Christ's birth.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

FUTURE SHOWS

December 8 – POCAX 2018, Aloft Hotel 558 Fellowship Rd. (at Route 73) Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, Saturday All Day



**INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the Lancaster City Schools are closed on the day of our LCPC meeting – **the club will not meet.** For those of you, who use FACEBOOK; go to LCPclub page for a cancelation posting. If the weather prediction is questionable contact the President Doug Milliken (717-330-4062) or Susan Glass (717-872-0810).

DECEMBER MEETING

This year we will gather at the Park City Diner in Lancaster, PA for our annual Christmas party. The festivities will begin at 6 PM. Each member is invited to bring one guest. Please call Sharon Gromis at (717) – 892-6864 to reserve your spot. We will be meeting in a separate room and the reservation is in Dede's name.

Park City Diner
884 Plaza Blvd
Lancaster, PA

This is located 1.5 miles from the
Farm & Home Center @ Park City .



2019 PROGRAMS

January – "One of My Favorite Postcards" - Member participation

NOVEMBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Five members competed in the board competition on the subject "Thanksgiving".

First: Ken McClain	Thanksgiving
Second: Maria Schurz	Thanksgiving
Third: Gisela Withers	Happy Thanksgiving
Honorable Mention:	
Bob Kramer	Patriotic Thanksgiving
Susan Glass	Thanksgiving

2018 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January – A postcard with the #19 or #19 items
February – Anything Red
March – Marching Bands
April – Lancaster Downtown
May – Lancaster County Historical Sites
June – Mechanical Card
July – Clowns
August - Make a Expo Board
September – Antique Automobiles
October – Anything Orange
November – Food
December – Churches

November Postcard Competition

First Place - Ken McClain



Second Place- Maria Schurz



Third Place - Gisela Withers

F. EARL CHRISTY

(No. 3 in a Series on Signed Artists)

F. Earl Christy was born in Philadelphia in November 1883. He studied art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

His work began to appear on postcards in 1905. Although most of his art featured pretty women he was famous for college girls on postcards. Many colleges were represented but the most common were cards of the eastern Ivy League schools. His illustrations appeared in many magazines and his cards were published by many different companies. He died in 1961.

Girl on a Wall
"Hurrah for Princeton"
(Publisher EAS)



Girl and Football
Player
"Cornell, I Yell, Yell,
Yell Cornell"
(Souvenir Publishing)



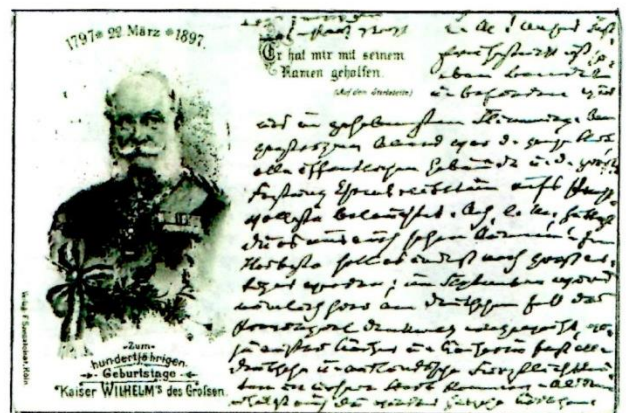
William I German Emperor

By Jim Ward

There have been many Williams who were rulers in Europe, a more popular one was Kaiser Wilhelm , but we're talking about an earlier man in German history.

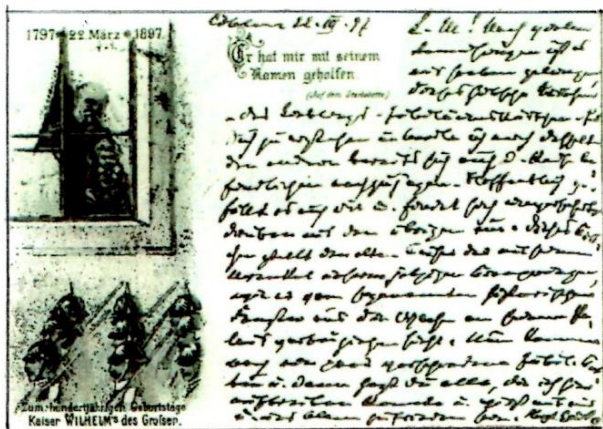
William Frederick Louis of Prussia was born 22 March 1797 in Berlin. He died in Berlin 9 March 1888, at 90. Postcards of William I are not plentiful, EXCEPT those that commemorated the 100th anniversary of his birth, for 1897 was uring the height of the era of beautiful chromolithographs. (Too bad we can't show them in color.) You deserve to look for one. Make it THE example of a chromo in your collection even if it's not your PC interest. You should be able to find one under \$10.

Prince William at age 12, was appointed an officer by his father, Frederick William III. The Prince was promoted through the ranks. At a time when cannons were unpopular, he earned the nickname, "Prince of Grapeshot" (Kartätschenprinz). With the death of his father and an elder brother, by 1861 he had become King of Prussia.



Though a conservative himself, he found it advantageous to appoint a long serving Prussian civil servant to be his ally and political advisor. It was Otto von Bismarck who led to the unification of the German states in 1871. William reluctantly accepted his new title, Emperor of Germany. He actually had twelve different titles which you can find on the Internet.

Also, William was the target of two assassinations: he settled a boundary dispute between Great Britain and the US and traveled to Russia to mend political fences.



The postcards we show here were all mailed in 1897 to a Sister in the convent of *Our Lady Help of Children* in Albany, New York. A single PC went to her at the *Convent of St. Francis* in Trenton, New Jersey.



Last, we show a certificate and medal, the latter being issued by a Royal Order of Wilhelm II on March 22, 1897 to honor the 100th birthday of his late grandfather Wilhelm I. The medals were made of bronze smelted from captured French bronze during the Franco-Prussian War. The medals were made in 3 sizes and more than one million recipients were given it.





THE POSTCARDAHOLIC

A POSTCARDAHOLIC will roister and rollick
Through junk boxes, barrels and bins.
No cards are too bad for the likes of this lad,
He'll take scuffs, he'll take creases and
thins.

So there's smears and there's smudges he cannot
erase,
Or some chocolate's been drooled on a little
girl's face?
If a part of the card has been shredded like lace,
Can he see Santa's dimple, if only a trace?

Say a corner is missing, that's not a disgrace
If the postmark is rare or the message has
grace,

Or the stamp is an early commem, in which case
He will elbow his rivals right out of the
race,

And gobble the junk at a terrible pace.

The world is his oyster, he'll proudly
embrace

The most tattered of cards in the whole bloomin'
place,

And explain that the pleasure is all in the
chase.

So this is a POSTCARDAHOLIC, besotted on Santas
and such.

Pick him up from the gutter, and here's what he'll
mutter -

I don't like collecting -NOT MUCH!!

.....J. E. (JIM) Reuter