



December Dinner
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Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the
American Philatelic Society
American Topical Assn., Chapter 118
Member, NY Federation of Stamp Clubs

**2020 Dues are due.
\$10-See B. Buchanan**

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, 8 January 2020
Auction lot inspection at 6:30 pm, Meeting/Auction at 7:00 pm;
Hal Klein, Host

The Veranda Chronicles

It is with great satisfaction that the **Officers** and I accept your vote of confidence to lead the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County for another year.¹ We will continue to strive to deliver great programming with lectures, auctions and bourse; our annual Stamp Show & Exhibition Lancopex; and of course an enduring camaraderie that brings us back for more, year after year. A reminder that we have a vacancy in our Secretary slot – I am putting a call out to our dedicated membership to consider joining the leadership team, you will not be disappointed – please see myself or Paul if willing to serve. On December 15, many of our members and guests were treated

to the last **Some Sunday Stamp Show** of 2019 at the Farm & Home Center in Lancaster. Kevin Kellman and friends did not disappoint. I know I spent at least 3 hours searching through a large box of 250+ covers containing the U.S. 3 Cent Stamp, 1851-57 Issue – nothing like picking up some last minute Holiday gifts! Kevin's 2020 schedule is on our website and on Pg.-2 of this newsletter.



At the event, I also was fortunate to speak to a number of topical stamp and postal history collectors new to the area – whom I, of course, invited to our next meeting as well as Lancopex in April. I do hope to see more new faces around the club, as we continue to enhance and diversify our Society. On December 18, the Society held its **Holiday Dinner** at the Garden Café at Woodcrest Villa. Forty-nine members and guests were in attendance and it was an evening to remember. Paul will cover this in more detail in this issue, and I have posted photos from the dinner on our website.² This was one of my favorite events of this past year and I am already looking forward to next year's. **See: Veranda, Pg.-2**

NOTICE: New meeting room for auction: The Auction will be held on the ground floor of our regular building. It is the High Conference Room. When you enter make your first left at security and then your first right. This larger room has more table space, which insures us greater surface to display and inspect the lots prior to the auction proper.

First Auction of New Decade-Don't Miss It

It is a new decade in a new Conference Room and one new rule: The number of lots per member is seven (7). Everything else remains the same.



Instructions: ☐ You'll receive a numbered paddle when you arrive. Place this number on all your items to be auctioned, and use this paddle during the auction when you are bidding. This will insure that what you buy and what you sell are accurately credited and debited. ☐ Be sure

that all your lots are accompanied by an accurate and detailed description, as this helps buyers to better understand what they are examining. ☐ Auction lot description forms have already been emailed, and hard copies will be available. You may also access this form on the website at any time. ☐ Fiscal transactions will only be made after the last lot has been sold.

The Auction Committee recommends that you: ☐ Bring cash to pay for the items you win. ☐ Keep a running total during the auction of the items and prices of the lots you sell and

win. ☐ Finally, please attach your sales information very securely to the lots you are entering into the auction. This will help avoid any misidentification with other sellers' lots.

Bidding Rules: ☐ Minimum bids are \$1.00 per lot. ☐ The minimum bidding increment is 50¢. ☐ Only dues-paying PSLC members may participate in the auction. ☐ Auction participants are limited to seven (7) lots. ☐ You may also donate items to the auction, as donations are welcome, a necessary source of funds for operating a viable club, especially the subsidy for the December Dinner

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**Visitors are Always
Welcome**

PSLC meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Crossings Meeting Room, Landis Homes, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Paul Petersen at 717-299-5640

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Save the Date

Lancopex: F/S: 24-25 April,
Farm & Home Center, 1383
Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Veranda: From Pg.-1 In closing, I am pleased to announce that in 2020 the Society shall again be hosted at **Landis Homes** on 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA in the Crossings Meeting Room and we will start off the New Year on January 8th with our Winter Auction in the Calvin & Janet High Conference Room on the main floor near the security desk. I am looking forward to seeing you for what will surely be a very rewarding 2020. **CDI**

¹ <http://lcpss-stamps.org/club-officers/>

² <http://lcpss-stamps.org/presentations/photo-journal/>



PSLC 2021 Officers

L to R: **Dr. DiComo**, President

John Hostetter, 1st VP

Wm. Greiner III, 2nd VP

Lou DiFelice, Treasurer

The Secretary position remains vacant, so we will probably draw a name to fill this slot when we entertain Door Prizes in January.

There was no business meeting in December, but Treasurer, Lou DiFelice prepared the financial report for this newsletter edition.

Treasury: 1—30 November 2019

Opening:	\$5,084.97
Income:	\$593.00
Expenses:	\$1,369.44
Sum:	\$4,308.53
2-CDs @	\$5,818.10

Storm Cancellation Policy:

Should there be a storm or the forecast of one, the PSLC Board will make a decision on the status of the evening's meeting. When this is decided, they will inform **Paul Petersen** who will send out an email. *Those not on email should call him at 1-717-299-5640 for further cancellation information.*



Forty-Nine Attend Dinner Special Recognition with Thanks

This year's December Dinner was again a packed house. **Deb Ehleiter and Co.** distinguished themselves. The starters, main meal of three entrees, salads, and the desserts, well, we'll not go into these. Stories of desserts at the Garden Café stay in the Garden Café!

Just prior to the Blessing, Paul reminded the diners of the members and family lost this year and asked them to keep these families in their thoughts and prayers. Included were **Jay Eberly, Dennis Bouchard, Barb Noble, Clair Smith, and Mike Marino's** son-in-law, **Eric** just last week.

The Open Gift Exchange included unwrapped items to be chosen by lottery ticket. These ranged from stamps and souvenir sheets to a USPS Teddy Bear, boxes of chocolates, and more. The two Godiva boxes were chosen first! Participants also vied for the grand prize, a large Coleman outdoor cooler, better saved for summer. Our newest member, **Brian Wagner** won this summertime prize.

The December Dinner is also a time to acknowledge members who have served the club dutifully to make it what it is today. Lou and Paul recognized several individuals who have aided PSLC in a host of ways.

♦ **The Reading Stamp Collectors Stamp Club** has assisted PSLC in a variety of capacities from planning bus trips, volunteering at Lancopex, providing educational programs, and offering to help wherever needed. RSCC President **David Hunt** accepted this award for the Reading Club.

♦ **Fred Sargent** has been our liaison with the club's meeting venue, Landis Homes. When we were notified that Woodcrest Villa would not be available in 2019 for remodeling, Fred was the first one contacted. We had extra meetings, and we were also given a larger room for our auction.

♦ With an upcoming move, **Diane Meek** retired from her club responsibilities which she has had for several years including PSLC Secretary, USPS liaison for Lancopex, and artwork for our stamp show covers. For many years she has mailed out the hard copies of the monthly newsletter.

Fred and Diane were unable to

attend the dinner, so these acknowledgements will be presented at the January meeting.

♦ **Deb Ehleiter** first came to our meetings with her husband, John. She befriended many and helped with the December Dinner Committee for years, eventually taking the leadership a few years ago. This involves long range planning, decorating, financing, and programming. Deb just scheduled next year's event for Wednesday, 16 December. Mark your calendars.

♦ **Barbara & Lee Buchanan** joined PSLC a few years ago. Lee is the collector, and Barbara is his agent. When the chairmanship came up for the Membership Committee, Barbara accepted. They update the roster monthly, collect dues (an unending process), greet and introduce meeting visitors, and send welcome packs to new members. The Buchanans also designed and fabricated new name-tags for over 120 club members.

Paul noted special recognition for ♦ **Lou DiFelice**, who, it seems, may be our lifetime treasurer, one of the busiest jobs in the club with something to do almost every week, the most onerous, filing an income tax return for the profits of the show covers at Lancopex.

There were two (2) **Lifetime Achievement Awards:**



♦ **Dick Shaefer** has been co-chairman of Lancopex, perhaps since inception, and this includes late night security. He has been recorder at our triennial auctions, and a supporter in many other ways. Did we mention serving as club president for eight (8) terms?

♦ **Al Schaub** has been the go-to person whenever a speaker is needed for a monthly educational program or Open House. Knowledgeable in many things philatelic, Al is generous with his advice. He has also contributed to the newsletter with articles and other suggestions. PSLC is fortunate to have so many talented members willing to pitch in and serve the club.

Club Notes

Programs, Hosts & Shows

2020 Programs

8 January: Club Auction. Hal Klein, Host

12 February: From the U.S. to Farther India & Back Again: A Five Month Journey in 1856-1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo. RD Noble, Host

11 March: The U.S. 1933 Byrd Antarctic Stamp: Production, First Day & Other Uses. Alan Warren. Dick Shaefer, Host

9 April: Exploring Postal History. Bill Schultz. Tony Coccio, Host

13 May: Canada's Role in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War. Ron Majors. George Younes, Host

10 June: Club Auction. Host-
(Host slot needs to be filled.)

8 July: The Development of Perforations on U.S. Postage Stamps During the Toppan, Carpenter Era, 1855 – 1857. Dr. Charles J. DiComo. Dennis Shumaker, Host

9 September: Fall Auction. Thomas Nichols, Host

14 October: 1) GB Stamped to Order Stationary and 2) Royal Household Official Mail. Dave Hunt. Lou DiFelice, Host

11 November: Annual Open House and One-Page Exhibits, Len Kasper & Paul Petersen.

16 December: Holiday Dinner. Deb Ehleiter & Co.

2021 Programs

13 January: Club Auction

10 February: 1890: The Jubilee Celebrations of the Penny Post. Mike Bach.

Of Local Interest 2020

York Stamp Show: 24 January, 10-5:30 and 25 January, 10-4:30. Horticulture Hall, York EXPO Center, 334 Carlisle Avenue. Ride Sharing? Call P. Petersen.

Some Sunday Stamp Shows: 23 Feb., 21 June, 30 August, 11 October, and 19-20 December. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. **Lunch is free.**

DELPEX: Sat, 18 April, Nur Shine Center, 198 South Dupont Highway, New Castle, Delaware