

# THE CARD – Vol. 28, No. 2, Issue 315, February 2017

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting: February 20, 2017. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM

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## JANUARY MEETING

Happy 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Twenty-five people celebrated with chocolate cake provided by Barb Mowrer. Past-President Glass filled in for President Walter Mowrer who was sidelined by a sore throat. The minutes were approved as read and the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7,887.81.

Dick Pendergrast reminded us that club dues are due in March but he will take our money at any time.

Vacancies still exist in the leadership of the club. A Vice President is needed as well as two Board members. Contact President Mowrer if you are willing to serve.

The program featured special cards from members. Maria Schurz had a card of the Mount Vernon Auto Motel, which was slated to be burned to the ground as a practice exercise for the local fire department. Kerry Mohn had a cracked negative from Keystone State Normal School taken by WW Detrick of a Keystone State Normal School group. The caption read, "Some stood up, a dozen or more sat on the clover and some roosted high. Betty Beck brought a postcard written by her uncle to his grandmother from a training camp in New Cumberland. He was a paratrooper during World War II and served in Africa, Tunisia, and Sicily under Eisenhower and Patton. Dick Pendergrast brought a lovely art rendering of a University of Pennsylvania college girl, one of 6 in a series.

PC sent to Mr. John  
Ullrich, Balto. City, MD

Dearest John – Wishing  
you a very Happy and a  
joyous Valentine with  
Love,

from your affinity



## FUTURE SHOWS

**March 24-25** – Morlatton Postcard Club, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Postcard Show, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, PA, Friday 11-6, Saturday 10-4, \$2.50

**April 1** – Spring Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD, Saturday 9-4, \$3.00

## \*\*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 Walter Mowrer (717-684-5331) or Susan Glass (717-872-0810).

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

At an intersection on the main road between Baltimore and Philadelphia, a tavern was built before the Revolutionary War. Hoods Tavern became a rest stop for stagecoach travelers between those cities. It was also the beginnings of the town called Oxford, Pennsylvania, where Susan Glass grew up and graduated from high school. Susan will use old postcards and recent photographs to illustrate some of the highlights of her hometown.



## Future Programs

**March** - Railroads – Doug Milliken & Leighton Stover

**April** – Trolley to Pequea – Mark Arbogast

**May** – Members Market

**June** - Flowers – Walter Mowrer

**July** - Picnic

## JANUARY POSTCARD COMPETITION

Nine members competed in the single card competition on the subject "PC with #17 or 17 Items on card".

**First:** Maria Schurz Tall Ship w/17 sails

**Second:** Kerry Mohn 17 members of the KSNS Keystone State Normal School) football team

**Third:** Walter Mowrer New Year's Greeting w/17 letters

### **Honorable Mention:**

Ed Close Postal Card from Malta, IL train wreck

Betty Beck St. Patrick's Day card celebrated on March 17

Bob Kramer 1917 military card from WWI

Dick Pendergrast 17 mile Road Ghost Tree

Barb Mowrer 1917 New Year's card

Leighton Stover Florida Reef Fish

## 2017 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

**February** - The Letter "L" – single card

**March** - Trees

**April** - Rabbits

**May** - Sports - board

**June** – The U.S. Flag

**July** – The Color Purple

# Malta, Illinois Train Wreck - December 29, 1901

By Ed Close

The Postal card below was sent by George Fox (Boulder, Colorado) to his wife and posted December 30, 1901. The wreck occurred at Malta, Illinois on December 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5:30AM. The wreck was a head-on collision between the Chicago & Northwestern Atlantic Express passenger train and a freight train. The dead and injured were overcome by steam and fire and were located in the train's three passenger cars. The Chicago Tribune (12/20/01) listed Fox as among the slightly injured. Fox wrote the message below on the back of the postal card to his wife.



Card is very dirty, full of bends and some minor tears. I surmise that since he was heading to Chicago, he must have had this card on his person, thereby getting damaged, to send to his wife to inform her he arrived.

7 O'clock A.M. Malta, Ill. Dec 29/01

Dear wife and children, I was in the wreck that occurred about 5:30 A.M. Got off with a badly cut face. Am waiting for a physician to wash and dress my face. The Dr's are all busy with the badly injured and dying. 2 killed outright and more dying. Don't worry. Will write more later.

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# THE BEAUTY OF SIMPLICITY

By Jim Ward

A page of clean, clear simple designs is what most of us could use every now and then. These two PCs are the solution. The first is an Art Deco rendering by Evelyn von Hartmann. She emphasizes the clean lines of the ink bottle and the graceful curves in our writer's broad-brimmed hat. Remember ink wells? Pens with points? And French fold greetings? They harken from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



**The Language of Love Stamps** - Victorian lovers found secret ways to send messages through the mails – on postcards and letter envelopes.

Our example is from Great Britain but most examples can be found on most European cards of the period from 1890 to World War I. The code used by young lovers – so their parents wouldn't have a clue – was the position on the card's surface and the orientation of the stamp's face. Here are examples of the Language of Stamps.

Upside down, top left  
Crosswise, top left  
Straight up & down  
Upside down, top right  
Straight up & down  
Right angle, top right  
Right angle, top left  
Upright, top right  
Centered on the right  
edge

I love you  
My heart is another  
Write no more  
Write no more  
Goodbye sweetheart  
Do you love me?  
I hate you  
I desire friendship  
Write immediately



## HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

This multiple presidents card was done by Rick Geary - an American cartoonist and illustrator. He was born February 25, 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was first introduced to comic readers with his contributions to the Heavy Metal and National Lampoon magazines. He has also created a number of postcards - one which can be seen here.

The PC is one of an edition of 1,000 cards commissioned for B.J. and Jonell Daves of Wichita, KS during the Clinton administration.

How many of these presidents can you identify? Bring your answers to the February meeting and you may win a prize.



## MORLATTON POST CARD CLUB INC.



### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Postcard Show

Farm and Home Center  
1383 Arcadia Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
(off Manheim Pike Rte. 72)



**Friday, March 24, 2017 - 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**  
**Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

For more information call  
Kay Feight, (717) 263-1638  
Dolores Rowe, (610) 444-0641

Admission \$2.50  
(50 cents off with ad)