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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2017. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

NOW IS THE TIME ANNUAL DUES SHOULD BE PAID. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS TO -

Membership chairman: Richard Pendergrast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., I-506, Willow Street, PA 17584.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Thirty members and guests signed in. Our guests were Dr. Charles DiComo and Lou Difelice, members of the local Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. Currently Doug Milliken is the president. The society meets the second Wednesday of every month (except August & December) at the Farm & Home Center. An invitation is extended to our members to attend a meeting.

The minutes were approved as read and Barb Mowrer reported a treasury balance of \$7,704.25. Jere Greider reported that the Expo contracts are going out at the end of the month. The date of the 2017 Expo is August 19th.

Joe Glass won \$14 in the 50-50 and the door prizes went to Walter Mowrer, Jean Schopf and Ed Close.

Susan Glass presented "Oxford, PA" featuring postcards from her hometown. Oxford was founded by Irish Presbyterian immigrants in 1754. Many of us have traveled through Oxford on the way to the bay or shore, so it was interesting to hear historical details of this Chester County town.



** MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – TIME TO PAY DUES

It's March and once again time to pay dues. Dick Pendergrast will happily take your money at the meeting or you can send him a check.

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**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).

MARCH PROGRAM

The program on "Railroads" will be presented by Leighton Stover. Please join us for an interesting and informative program.

Future Programs

March - Railroads - Doug Milliken & Leighton Stover

April - Trolley to Pequea - Mark Arbogast

May – Members Market

June - Flowers - Walter Mowrer

July - Picnic August - Expo

September - Oldest, Biggest, Smallest - Don Tribit

FEBRUARY POSTCARD COMPETITION

20 members competed in the single card competition on the letter "L".

First: Walter Mowrer Lincoln's Inauguration

Second: Ken McClain John Lennon

Third: Susan Glass Lobster Valentine Card

Honorable Mention:

Betty Beck Longfellow
Bob Kramer Latvia
Dick Pendergrast PB Lovers

Leighton Stover Laurel Inner Urban Railroad Kay Feight "L" entwined in flowers Dede Schaeffer 1909 Landisville School

Maria Schurz Lenhartsville Sue Sweeney Lighthouses

Donna Bashore Liberty Cap, Yellowstone NP

Jean Schopf Lapland Sharon Gromis Lancaster

2017 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

March - Trees

April - Rabbits

May - Sports - board

June - The U.S. Flag

July - The Color Purple

August - Expo

September - Diners

FUTURE SHOWS

March 24-25 – Morlatton Postcard Club, 42nd 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

CLAY PIPES

By Alan LeMay

Ceramic pipes, made of molded and then fired clay, were used almost universally by Europeans before the 19th century. The material is not very strong and the early varieties had long thin stems, so they frequently broke, but were cheap to replace. They were made in molds with the bore created by pushing an oiled wire inside the stem. The preferred material was pipe clay or "tobacco pipe clay", which fires to a white color and is found in only certain locations. In North America, many clay pipes were historically made from more typical terracotta-colored clays. According to a British writer in 1869, the French preferred old pipes and the English new, and the working class preferred short stems but the middle class long ones. Clay pipes were once considered disposable items and the rapidly changing designs in the past are often used as an aid in dating by archaeologists. They were once very popular in Ireland, where they were called a duidin'.

In keeping with St. Patrick's Day here are some postcards featuring clay pipes – short and long.

SHORT PIPES



Bring my pipe and fill it's bowl, that I may puff to sooth my soul. For it is sure to clear my brain And bring old memories back again.

While shaking hands & smoking the "Pipe of Peace" the A.O.H. man has a bottle behind his back while the other man has a club behind his back.

Do you know what is the A.O.H.?





Nothing beats a good parade!





"Let Erin Remember"







Long Pipes

From Erin's Golden Harp
Resounds the silvery strain,
Come Back to Erin
And my heart's once home again

Irish Memories

May the Heart of Ireland
Ever beat true
For the land where
Shamrock
Ever grows
new





St. Patrick's Day Greeting