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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Christmas Meeting/Party – Dec. 16, 2013. Farm & Home Center. Christmas Dinner – we eat at 6 PM sharp!

Club website: WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster or Google search: Lancaster County Postcard Club

NOVEMBER MEETING

Business

Thirty-four (34) members signed in. There were 5 visitors. Treasurer Barabra Mowrer reported that the balance in the treasury as of November 18, 2013 was \$7017.86. The minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted.

Door prizes were won by Jackie Flaherty (\$2.00 Club Certificate) and Elmer Fry (package of postcard sleeves). Susan Glass won \$18.50 in the 50-50 drawing. Susan will donate her winnings towards the Christmas party. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Program

For the evening's program, club member Al Schaub, shared with us a humorous postcard-illustrated presentation titled "Love is in the Air". Romance usually implies an expression of one's strong romantic love, or one's deep and strong emotional desires to connect with another person intimately or romantically. But how is this love expressed on postcards? Al showed us as he discussed three different types of love as defined by the Ancient Greeks: love of family/kinship – Famili, divine love – Agape, sexual/romantic desire – Eros.

RESTAURANTS ON POSTCARDS

In the November issue Don Tribit shared with us restaurants featured on postcards and asked us to take his quiz. How did you do? Here are the answers.

QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Maxwell House | Nashville, TN |
| 2. Toll House | Witman, Mass |
| 3. Bookbinder's | Philadelphia, PA |
| 4. Haussner's | Baltimore, MD |
| 5. Longfellow's Wayside Inn | So. Sudbury, MA |
| 6. Rockefeller Ctr. Restaurant | New York City, NY |
| 7. The Rose Bowl | Lancaster, PA |
| 8. Knife & Fork Inn | Atlantic City, NJ |
| 9. The Blackstone Restaurant | Chicago, IL |
| 10. Brown Derby Restaurant | Los Angeles, CA |
| 11. Village Restaurant | Lancaster, PA |
| 12. Tom Breneman's Restaurant | Hollywood, CA |
| 13. Childs | New York City, NY |
| 14. Algonquin | New York City, NY |
| 15. Waldorf Astoria | New York City, NY |

DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY

Our favorite party planner, Sharon Gromis, announced these details for the Christmas Dinner – Each member/family provides a hot or cold covered dish or dessert with serving utensil. LCPC will provide hot and cold beverages and place settings. Please contact Sharon at 717-892-6864 to sign up. We will eat at 6 PM sharp! No gift exchange this year.

Membership Participation will be the program for the evening. Please bring your favorite Christmas card to share.

NOVEMBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Ten (10) members participated in the evening's single card competition on the subject "Military Card."

First: Walter Mowrer Military Campe America
Second: George Stiles Ship's Cannon
Third: Don Tribit Blue Jackets as Guests of the South Shore Country Club, Chicago
Honorable Mention: Barbara Heim General Shannon

Additional Participants: Susan Glass – Yeoman of the Guard, Jere Greider – Navy Living Photo, Bud Heim – Civil War Vets from Columbia & Wrightsville, Dick Pendergrast – Pup Tents, Marsha Stiles – Busy Soldiers's Correspondence Card, Gisela Winters – Marine Corps Graduation

December competition – Music Makers – single card

2014 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January: New Year Postcards - board

February: Something Red - single card

March: Disaster - board

April: Easter - single card

May: Clowns – single card

June: Handmade Card - single card

July: Camping – single card

August: Expo – consider entering a board at the show

September: School Building K-12 - single card

October: Covered Bridges – board

November: Thanksgiving - single card

December: Santas - board

Happy
Holidays

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

By Jim Ward

-- with ample material from the Internet supplied in no small measure by Gisela Withers.

Christmas hymns date from the 4th Century and Ambrose, Archbishop of Rome: and there was the Spanish poet Prudentius (d. 413), Bernard of Clairvaux in the 10th Century, Adam of St. Victor, St. Francis of Assisi and John Awdlay, a Shropshire chaplain in 1426. But it was Martin Luther and the Protestant churches of the Reformation by which the Christmas carols gained prominence.



Ein frohes Weihnachtsfest



Frohes Weihnachtsfest

By 1833, Wm. Sandy's "Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern" included: Adeste Fideles (O, Come All Ye Faithful), God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, The First Noel, I Saw Three Ships, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and more.

Almost all well-known carols were not sung in church until the second half of the 19th century. Silent night (German: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht) was first sung in Oberndorf, Austria on December 24, 1818.

The German instrumental quartet and trio are postcards furnished from Gisela's collection.

PORRIDGE with BUTTER

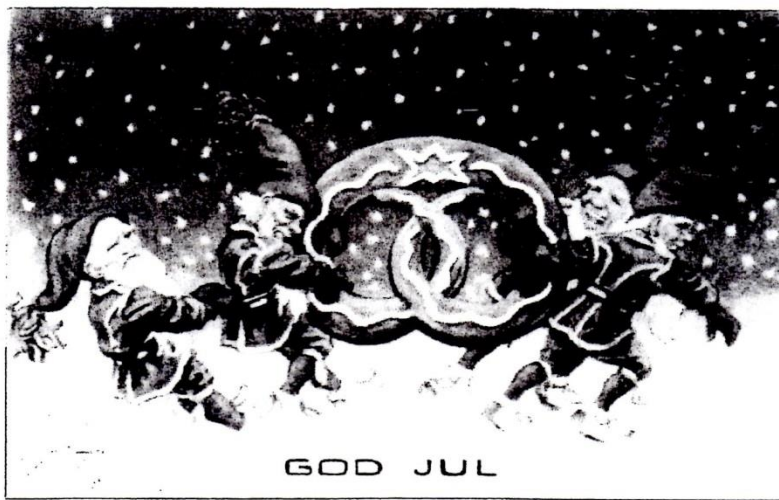
by Jim Ward

A tremendous Thank You to Gisela Withers for making time in her busy schedule to look for information on the Internet and sending it along with cards to complete this article. And to Susan Glass for jostling THE CARD's contents at a whim.

Residing in the pantry or Swedish barn, the **tomte** is responsible for the household and farm. (He's called nisse in Norway and Denmark: tonttu in Finland.) Being left to his chores, he asks little throughout the year, but at Christmastime one had best NOT to forget to put out a large bowl of porridge WITH plenty of butter, or you can be sure to find the cows' tails tied together and worse on Christmas Day.

Our tomte is surprised to find an extra big – a mammoth – bowl of porridge and a mound of baked goodies as well. "God Jul" means "Good Christmas" in Sweden where this PC was mailed from in 1930.

On the PC by Curt Nystrom, the quartet of tomtar play a game of Tug-of-War to see who ends up with the lion's share of the giant pretzel-shaped cookie.



SPINNING STARS and C + M + B

by Jim Ward

With gratitude to Gisela Withers for her Delving through the Internet to retrieve what we know of the Star Boys of Epiphany.

Finding a Christmas season postcard that features a trio of Star Boys is no mean feat. Look for three youngsters (sometimes with a girl or two) dressed in long white shirts and pointed brown or white paper "crowns" imitating the Three Wise Men. Balthazar carries a star on top of a wooden frame with a candle inside.



The silhouette card is by Dorte Guyot of Germany. The other PCs are from Czechoslovakia.



The star must be spun to keep it from catching fire. Gasper and Melchoir are armed with wooden swords and each carries a candle. Should they expect to depict the bible story, the retinue can be sizable.

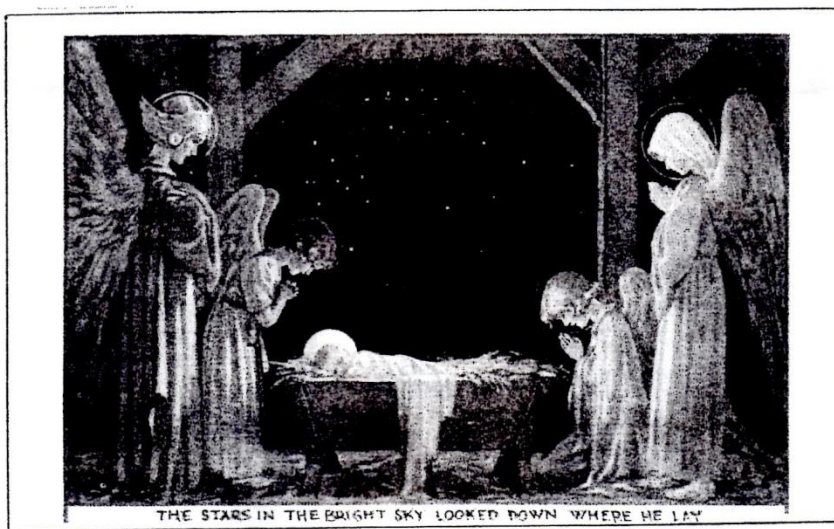
Generally, though, it's the trio we find on the postcard – singing at a doorway or enjoying treats indoor, or, in rare cases, marking on the door's lintel "C+M+B." Some folks believe the letters represent the names of the Magi, but they stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" – May Christ Bless This Home



Star Boys can still be found actively playing their roles in many Central European countries and parts of Scandinavia.



Margaret Winfred Tarrant (1888 – 1959) excelled with watercolor painting. Below is her contribution to the true meaning of Christmas.



SANTA CLAUS on POSTCARDS

Here's some Santa Claus postcards to get you thinking about getting a board ready for the December postcard competition. What's the earliest postmark you have on a Santa card? Let us know at the December meeting.



1903



1907



1909



1912

