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JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello all. Hope you are surviving winter ok. After a mild January we are having a snowy February.

Main item I'd like to mention is we are watching how things go with covid to see about meeting in March. I would like to see us meet again but it will depend on covid cases continuing to decrease.

Special thanks to the members that have agreed to give a program when we start meeting again. We need program speakers; if you can do a program, let us know.

Mark Arbogast

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please consider writing an article for *The Card*. I will help. All I need are your postcards and your written article. I will format it. You can send me the information, put it in an email or text me the information. As Mark said - we don't know for sure when we will be meeting again but if you have a favorite category of postcards why not share with the group? People love to look at postcards so why not share! Be bold, be willing to help! Thank you.

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THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman *Februalia*, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

February is **African-American History Month**. During this month many institutions pay tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.



February 2 – Groundhog Day

February 12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Chinese New Year

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 15 - Presidents' Day, Susan B. Anthony's Birthday

February 16 – Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday"

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

February 22 – George Washington's Birthday

LCPC 2021 PROGRAMS

March - Mark Arbogast - "The Trolley to Pequea"

Dates to be determined:

Jean Schopf - "National Parks/ Yellowstone."

Bud Heim - "Another of Bud's Train Shows"

Members Market

Brian Frankhouser

2021 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

March – Postcard Folders

April – National Parks

May – Continental Cards

June – Baseball

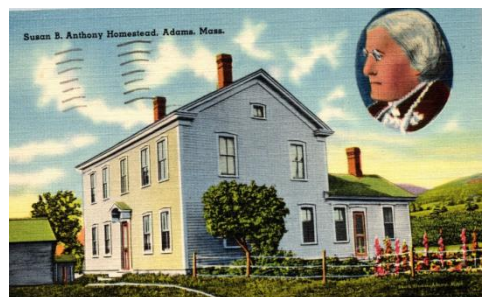
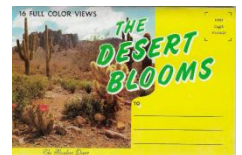
July – Homemade Cards

August - Make a Expo Board

September – Large Letter Cards

October – Horse Drawn Vehicles

November – Lancaster County



EXCHANGING VALENTINE GREETINGS

By Jim Ward

The youngsters in our valentines would seem to be about six or seven years old – first or second grade, maybe older. Even so, they are grade-school age, when exchanging real valentines – the ones you could actually touch – was a big event.

It made a trip to Woolworth's or McCrory's Five and Ten Cent stores a necessity. Maybe, if you lived in Lancaster, you were fortunate enough to be close to Rebman's Holiday Store. We're talking late 1930s through the 1950s.





For a young girl or boy, this might be the first time you had to make a decision. Just what box of 20 1-cent cards should I pick? Would I be allowed to choose a couple of the larger, or fancier ones -- to spend 2 for 5 cents or even 5 cents each?

Deciding who would get these special cards was a problem. We could make them at home, where there was calm and quiet – away from the hustle and bustle of the crowds in the stores





Adding the “special” person’s name to the front of the envelope, after you’ve put your initials inside, was the final step. The cards were ready for tomorrow’s Valentine Exchange Box next to the teacher’s desk.



Eddie hopes for a strong wind to carry his precious Valentine over the head of Mickey (himself) McGuire. Toonerville’s tough guy was a challenge to most of the neighborhood kids. Good Luck to Eddie. This Fontaine fox cartoon was hand – made into a postcard especially for **The Card**.

