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Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Our Featured Topic

for February



Those attending the meeting will get to choose amongst the most recently acquired DVDs in our library for the evening's program:

This will be followed by a

SHOW and TELL

Everyone should bring one or more items for discussion that illustrate their collecting interests. Your talk should be about 5 minutes long.



Up Coming Shows & Times

- March 6-8, **Garfield-Perry March Party show**, Holiday Inn, Strongsville, Oh.
- March 7, & April 4 **Merchantville Monthly Bourse**, Martin Luther Chapel School Gym, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, NJ
- March 14, **Westfield Stamp Show**, Municipal Building, 425 Broad St., Westfield, N.J.
- March 21-22 **SPRINGPEX** show, Robert E. Lee High School Cafeteria, 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield, Va.
- April 18, **DELPEX** show, Nur Shrine Temple, 198 South DuPont Highway (U.S. Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, Del.
- April 24-25, **LANCOPEX**, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
- May 1-3, **Philatelic Show**, Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, Mass.
- May 29-31, **ASDA Spring Postage Stamp Show**, Watson Hotel, 440 West 57th St., New York City
- June 27, **Eastern Pennsylvania Stamp Show**, Jordan United Church of Christ, 1837 Church Rd., Allentown, Pa.

New Meeting Time

The Giant Supermarket is cutting back on hours for use of the Community Rooms, so that we have to end our meetings by 8:30 PM. Therefore, we will be starting our meetings at 7:00 and ending by 8:30.

For those who enjoy having dinner beforehand at the Willow Inn, the **SOCIAL HOUR** will begin at 5:00 and **DINNER** will be at 5:30.

President's Message

I'm down here in warm sunny Florida about to hit the Sarasota show Feb 7-9. It's always one of the best in the country. I should be able to make our March meeting. Meantime am thinking of you guys.



Steve

NEEDED Club Treasurer

We are in need of a volunteer who can take over the office of Club Treasurer for the remainder of 2020.

Our treasurer of long standing, Vince Costello, will be moving away shortly and unable to finish out his term. Notify any Club officer if you could help out.

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Minutes From November's Meeting

VP **Phil Russell** introduced our speaker, **Ron Hill**. **Ron** presented a program on the 1938 Marie Curie Omnibus Issue by France and its 21 colonies. The issue was proposed by France to raise money for research to fight cancer and to honor the Curies on the 40th anniversary of the discovery of Radium. **Ron** spoke of the history of Marie and Pierre Curie, their discoveries and the Nobel Prizes that they were awarded.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: All dues for 2020 have been paid and an updated membership list will be sent out shortly. We currently have 47 members.

We had a visitor, **Jack Dakessian**, who also became a member tonight. (See the Meet the New Member article.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$4,389.48 in our account. **Vince** announced to us that he will be moving in a month or two and that we need a volunteer to take over his job as treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: Vince also mentioned that our philatelic library, which has been stored in his home, will have to be moved. After discussion it was decided that we will liquidate the collection since it gets almost no use. A list of the titles will go out and our members are encouraged to ask for any books, catalogs or bulletins that we have. Email **Vince** and he will bring the materials that you would like to the next meeting for pick up. The remainder of the library will be offered to the APS. Unwanted material will be disposed of. Our DVDs will be kept for future programs.

We have been told that the Giant Supermarket is cutting back the hours for the employees who monitor the Community Rooms in the evenings. All events will have to end by 8:30 in the future. Therefore we will start and end our meetings one half hour earlier. New start time: 7:00. Those meeting at the Willow Inn will likewise meet and dine one half hour earlier.

Respectfully submitted by Letty Moon



US MNH singles and Plate Blocks.
Email Ed with the Scott numbers you need for special prices.

Awards & Recognition



At the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition earlier this month, **Mark Schwartz** won a large gold, the United States Philatelic Classics Society award and the show's Reserve Grand Award for his "The New York Postmaster Provisional." At the same show **Steve Washburne** received a large vermeil with his "Portuguese Commercial Air-mail Rates 1934-1945."

In the philatelic articles literature competition **Mark** and **Bill Schultz** received a large vermeil for their co-authored article "The Detached Rate Markings of Lynn, Mass., 1835-36" that appeared in the Chronicle of U.S. Classic Postal Issues.

Meet Our Newest Member...

Our newest member is **Jack (Hagop) Dakessian**, who moved here with his wife from Michigan last year to be closer to family. He collects pre-1963 used and mint stamps.



Jack was born in Lebanon and grew up in Beirut. When he was about 10-12 years old he started noticing stamps, and he often passed a stamp store on his way home from school. That got him started and he has been collecting worldwide continuously for the last 65 years.

His family immigrated to the US in 1963 and Jack attended the University of Michigan. At age 20 he bought his first Scott Catalog and he decided to limit his collecting to just pre-1963 worldwide, used stamps. He does, however collect mint, never hinged stamps from Armenia, Israel, France and the US. He has a collection of hard to find stamps from Nagorno-Karabagh, the area between Armenia and Azerbaijan. He is interested in learning more about stamp shows and clubs in our area.

Jack is retired from teaching economics for 42 years at Jackson College in Michigan. His other interests are history, mathematics, physics and astronomy.

Jack also speaks several languages: French, Armenian and English and knows a smattering of Russian, Turkish and Arabic.

DELPEX 2020

STAMP SHOW & BOURSE

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2020 Meeting Dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant

FOR 2020

FEB. 18TH MAR. 17TH APR. 21ST MAY 19TH JUN. 16TH NO MEETING IN JULY
AUG. 18TH SEPT. 15TH OCT. 20TH NOV. 17TH DEC. 22ND - HOLIDAY DINNER

Members in the News

Mark Schwartz has an article in the February issue of the APS magazine American Philatelist. He writes about two early letters sent from the United States to the city of Trieste on the Adriatic Sea. One is a March 1846 cover bearing two copies of the 5-cent New York Provisional issue. The other is a September 1847 letter franked with two copies of the 5-cent Benjamin Franklin, Scott No. 1.

Accidentally went
grocery shopping on an
empty stomach and now
I'm the proud owner of
aisle 4.



“ Steve Washburne met with these well-dressed stamp enthusiasts in the Falkland Islands.”

Below is a condensed list of all the books, catalogs and bulletins in our Club library which is being liquidated. If you would like any of this material before it is disposed of, please contact Vince Costello as soon as possible at vinman2119@aol.com or call 215-742-4508 H, or 267-760-4720 C.

Club Library Collection

3 cent stamp of the United States 1851-1857 issue 1975, The
300 years of Postmarks of the Netherlands
A Comprehensive & Specialized Cat.of the Exporta Issues of Mexico
A guide to collecting Mexico 1981
A Postal History of Spain
A Study of the Stamp of Greece 1978
Album Weeds or How to Detect Forged Stamps 1892
American Bank Note Company, The Story of, 1959
American Issue (The US Postage stamp 1842-1869) (1984)
American Philatelic Congress Vol 62-65, 70-87, 89, 91, 92
An Historical Reference List of Revenue Stamps of the US, 1990
An Outline of Philately Stamps by Kent B Stilles (1919 5th printing)
BIA (Bureau Issues Assoc.) Vol 1-78, bound, 1930-2007
Billig's Philatelic Handbook 1963 Vol 1
Billig's Philatelic Handbook 1972 Vol 33, 19th Century US Fancy Cancellations
Bookman Europe 2005
Bookman USA/Canada/UN 2009 & 2013
British Empire review 1961-1968
Canada & Newfoundland Postal Stationery Catalogue
Cancellations & Killers of the Bank Note Era 1870-1894 1995
Care and Preservation of Philatelic Materials. The
Classic United States Stamps 1845-1869
Color Treasury of Stamp Collecting, 1967-72
Domfil post Europe 2005
Domfil Thematic Stamp Catalogue Disney 2000
Early Forged Stamp Detector 1979
Early Philatelic Forgeries of All Countries, The, 1862
Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties, 1979
Essays for U.S. Adhesive Stamps 1941-77
FACIT Scandinavia area 2014
Falkland Islands and Dependencies 1800-2000 (2000), The
Forged Stamps of All Countries, The
Foundations of Philately, 1955
Fun & Profit in Stamp Collecting, 1955
Fundamentals of Philately, 1971 & 1990
Handbook of Cuba 1982, The
Hawthorn, The Australian Commonwealth Specialist's Catalogue 1978
Hibernian Postage Stamps of Ireland 1922-1972, The
History of the United States Postal Service 1775-1993
History-Bureau of Engraving & Printing 1862-1962
How to Collect Stamps, 1932
How to Detect Damaged, Altered, & Repaired Stamps 1979

Introduction to the stamps of Mexico 1992
Kolar (Israel) 1970
Mellon's Specialized Cachet Cat. of First Day Covers of 1950's. 1976
Mexicana Volumes 46-65, #1-4 (1997-2016)
Michel, Spain/Portugal {Andorra and Gibraltar} 1982
MICHEL WEST EUROPE 1991/92 M-Z
Minkus, The New American Stamp catalog 1958 & 1959
My Appointed Round, 1965
Nassau Street by Herman Herst Jr (1988)
Opinions I-V, The Complete Abstracts & Index, 1990
Opinions V, 1988
Opinions VI, 1992
Out-Foxing the Fakers 1993
PA Postal Historian Vol 31 to 37, book 1-4, 2003-2009
Phantom Philately, 1950
Philatelic Literature Review from 1991 thru present
Philatelic Materials, The Care & Preservation of, 1989
Philatelic Truck, The, 1984
Postal Markings, 1933-80
Postmarked Alaska 1957
Prexies 1994, The
Revenue Stamps of Mexico, The
Revenue Stamps of the United States 1979,
Romance of Stamp Collecting, The, 1948
Sana Bria, the World Airmail Catalogue 1963
Scott Specialized Catalogue of US Stamps 1932
Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue 1901
Scott Vol 1 1968
Scott Vol 1 A-B, vol 2 C-F, vol 3 G-I & vol 5 P-Si, 2001
Scott Vol 4 J-M, vol 6 San-Z, 2013
Scott Vol 4 J-O 2010
Scott Vol Specialized 2008, 2010 & 2011
Serrane Guide Stamp Forgeries of the World 1998, The
Sieger, Zeppelin Post Catalogue 1981
Sloane's Column, 1961
Small Queens of Canada 1989,
Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada and British North America 1954
Spud Paper, The
Stamp Collecting For Fun & Profit, 1961
Stamp Collector's Encyclopedia 1954
Stamp Dealing For Pleasure & Profit, 1954-55
Stamp Specialist 194, The1
Stamps of Mexico 1856-1900
Stamps of the Mexican Revolution 1913-1916 (1996), The
Stamps That Glow (Linn's) 1990
Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth & British Stamps 1840-1970, 2014
Stanley Gibbons Italy 1971
Stanley Gibbons Priced catalogue of stamp of the British Empire 1920
Stanley Gibbons Scandinavia 1971
Stanley Gibbons the General Issue of United States Stamps 1909

Stanley Gibbons Vol III Queen Elizabeth II Decimal issues 1976
Stanley Gibbons Vol III Queen Elizabeth II Pre-Decimal issues 1980
Stanley Gibbons Vol I Queen Victoria 2011
Stories to Collect Stamps By, 1968
Trans-Mississippi Issue of 1898, The USA, 1997
U S Commemorative Stamps of the 20th C., Vol 1 & 2, 1901-47
U S Errors- Inverts, Imperforates, Colors Omitted, 1988
United States 2¢ Red Brown Oe 1883-87, Vol 1 & 2, 1970
United States Commemoratives Stamps of the 20th Century Vol 1 1901-35
United States Commemoratives Stamps of the 20th Century Vol 2 1935-47
United States Famous Americans Series of 1940, 1950
United States Major Errors 1937-1972
United States Match & Medicine Stamps 1980
United States Postage Stamps 1945-52; 1954
United States Postage Stamps of 19th C., Vol 1, 2 & 3, 1966 & 1967
United States Postage Stamps of 19th C., Vol 1 & 2, 1947
US 1851-1857 ISSUES. apx 38 MIN
US commemorative Stamp Envelopes 1879-1965 1966
World of Stamps & Stamp Collecting, 1972
Worldwide Water-Marks & perforations 1840-1966
Yucatan Affair, The, (APS Handbook) 1974
Yule Log Vol 41 issue 1 Jan-Feb-Mar 2009

