



COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
APS Chapter #043067
South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society
APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message & Commentary

At last, after a cold March but with some warm days, APRIL arrived with better weather and welcomed the blooming flora and pollen cascade as well. Allergy season is again upon us. Spending time still indoors with your stamp collection is a good way to avoid the "dusting" and allergens floating in the air. Spring is a good time as well as to see what you can do to filter and sort through your collection, removing unwanted or duplicate material and preparing it for auction at our monthly meetings. It appears that the better auctions we have, better is the meeting attendance. So, help yourself out by "weeding" thru your stamps and covers, etc, you can offer at our auction and help promote CPS attendance. See you Sunday!

News/Events

VP Fred McGary and wife visited New Zealand in March. Fred will share some of his travel itinerary and, hopefully, philatelic ventures on the trip at the meeting Sunday. Your President participated in the St. Louis Stamp Expo over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Well attended show with over 40 dealers and several societies convening. Your president mounted a four framed exhibit, garnering a bronze medal/award. He also learned some valuable information from a personal friend who was a judge on improving the material presentation and the recommendations will become the "framework" for future exhibits to make a more favorable judged exhibits in the future. He, too, will share some thoughts on his attendance at the show.

In April we celebrate three birthdays: **VP Fred McGary** (13th), **Beverly Triber** (14th) and **Scott English** (21st). Congratulations to all and may each of you have many more life celebrations.

Again, thanks to Bill Mitchell for getting the meeting notice cards out. It always help to have an early reminder on the meeting schedule and he has has faithfully produced and continues to do so. We appreciate your efforts, Bill!

Your President submitted a proposal to PM Walter Rowland and SC District Coordinator, Kertina Epps, for two philatelic promotions. First is for a single A frame exhibit, one 15 pages consisting of covers prepared and issued for the 20th Anniversary of the US Air Mail Service & 1st National Air Mail Week of 1938 and a 2nd exhibit on one of two topics: US Air Mail stamps or a recap of the historical discovery of the Inverted Jenny issue of 1918 along with the re-issued pane of the \$2 Jenny stamp of 2017. The exhibit would be put in the main post office lobby May 14-18 for display. The second request was to have USPS-Columbia issue a special commemorative pictorial cancellation noting the 100th anniversary of the US Air Mail Service, franked with the new Forever commemorative stamp honoring this anniversary, scheduled for release May 1st. I indicated in my request CPS would provide a cachet for the cancel unless USPS wanted to issue their own. At this point, **no** reply has been received from PM Rowland and Ms. Epps. CPS membership will be notified ASAP of the USPS decision. Help will be needed to make this a reality if approval is granted.

Up for discussion is resumption in May (during day light savings time months) of a second meeting for APS circuit books. Let your President know if you are in favor and you want to participate. Another consideration is we can add the circuit books at our regular monthly meeting. Feedback is needed. Discussion of this will be an agenda item for Sunday's meeting.

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Last announcement is that the American Legion, Cayce Memorial Post will host a BBQ Chicken Dinner, Friday, April 13th, from Noon to 6 PM. Price of meal inclusive is \$10. Tickets can be purchased by calling Commander Wayne Smith @ 803-603-8930, Service Officer Duane Johnson @ 803-960-4252 or Adjutant Darlene Walton @ 803-794-7624. Take out or eat-in is available. Address is 402 Naples Ave. where we hold our meetings. Your support is requested by your President.

Program & Refreshments

Dr. Harvey Teal has committed to offer the featured program Sunday while Bill Mitchell (Mr. Reliable) will provide the Show & Tell. Remember, programs are up to the membership and everyone is free to participate.

The refreshments are provided by efforts of Gary Baker. Thanks, Gary, for your continue participation in and support of CPS.

Announcements

Jim Sneed has a **free** service. Stamp and other collectible supplies are ordered for members at cost plus postage. See Jim to avail yourself of this service.

FREE literature is available at meetings: previous copies of LINN'S Stamp News, sales catalogs with wonderful color photos of stamps and postal history and additional specialty society publication will await anyone who wants. Browse by the table and see what you might be missing.

NEEDED: meeting auction material. Re-read first paragraph of NL.

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Remember, dues for 2018 are collectible & considered Past Due. But, we welcome payment anyway.



