



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

DECEMBER 2016-JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Christmas is behind us and the New Year has begun. Thanks to the great crowd gathered for our annual Xmas banquet. For each of you being there it was the best attendance we've had and you made it possible. I apologize for the location in the restaurant and noise level. This will not be a problem in future as the venue is changing for 2017. Congratulations to Fred Monk who won a free dinner. FREE 2017 membership was won by Bill Mitchell (he deserves it!). Our Columbia PM, Walter Rowland, III, gave a v. information review of his positions and experience, the working of the USPS nationally and in Columbia along with a good Q&A. Thanks to Dale Carruth and Annette Metz in providing table decorations, Susan & Mark Postmus as greeters along with Fred & Caroline McGary for their assistance as well.

As we usher in this new year of CPS, now our 82nd, let us all commit to help make it our BEST year yet. This society is not about one or two people or a small group but it is EVERYone being an active part, helping each other and our hobby of philately plus the bonus of sharing time together. As a group of enthusiasts we enrich our hobby, improve our skills as collectors, build our knowledge base while ensuring that Columbia Philatelic Society remains strong and viable. Your input, participation and active support is appreciated, not only in 2016 but now, more than ever, in 2017. I am looking for a great year with your help!

News

Our show is fast approaching, 21-22 January, slightly less than 2 weeks away. Still some "loose" ends need tying together and Bill Mitchell mentioned those last month: registration table help on Sunday A.M. We have exhibitors lined up for a fine set of presentations. You have to come to show to see the efforts. The special recognition program for Ft. Jackson's Centennial, including digitaries is progressing with final details to be concluded this coming week. May I suggest you get there early enough on Saturday to join in. Limited seating. Program starts @ 11:45 sharp. Maybe a 30 min program total time. Fourteen dealers have committed so bring your want list and go "shopping." Mark Postmus is doing another outstanding job in getting this show arranged, configured and helping create a outstanding cachet and cancellation. Come and you will see the results. USPS & CPS will have a table for cancellations on the beautiful cover.

Harold Kline is our "birthday boy" for January (2nd). Harold just lost his wife, Anne, of sixty years after a long illness. Our condolences and sincere wishes for Harold during this time of grief.

Business & Reports

Auction forms will be available at the check-in desk when you arrive if you need them. Pick up your name tags and return them to check-in table when leaving.

Elections are this meeting, Sunday, January 15th. The nominees and consenting individuals for offices are: John Owen-President, Fred McGary-VPresident, Loni Young-Secretary, Jim Sneed-Treasurer, Dale Carruth-Assistant Treasurer. This will be the first order of business Sunday after the opening, welcome and door prizes.

Next order of business in January will be quarterly Treasurer's report for Oct-Nov-Dec provided by Jim Sneed. For his participation in our annual Xmas banquet and the USPS up-coming support of our program and show, Walter Rowland, PM, was given a year's membership in APS as a special "thank you" for being a supporter.

We are hopeful for future USPS-CPS working on topics and subjects of mutual interest in philately. This should be a positive collaboration.

DUES for 2017 are “due.” Give your remittance to Jim Sneed or Dale Carruth. We want to maintain our 47 level membership and increase it as well. This is a significant number for our 2016 memberships and showed a 10% increase over the previous year. Dues are currently \$12 per annum per individual or \$20 for couples and \$25 for families (3 or more).

See the attachment on the year 2016 in review for a reminder of what CPS did as a stamp club. You can be proud but we need to continue our support of CPS by re-renewing membership dues ASAP and participating. Also for 2017, as your President (and hopefully, President-elect) I intend to advance the addition of having the APS Sales Circuit started with details forthcoming in February.

Program

Mark Postmus will provide the S&T portion of the program Sunday while David Lever will conduct the featured program portion.

Announcements

The Southeast Stamp Show & Exhibit is January 27-29th at the Hilton-NE Atlanta, Norcross, Ga. It is an easy 2.5-hour drive from Columbia. Unfortunately for those planning to go and stay overnight at the Hilton but have not made reservations, the guaranteed rate is gone, all rooms were taken as of Friday, 6th. Still other motels close by. An outstanding venue with excellent assortment of dealers (40), special programs (First day of Issue ceremony and others), a great venue of exhibits. For additional details, visit www.sefscorg. John Owen will represent CPS and participate with a program and a philatelic society table/booth.

We need a volunteer for February refreshments. Also, greeter(s) for Feb & March. See Fred McGary or John Owen to make those commitments.

Monthly auctions at our regular meeting provide basis venue for sales and exchanges. A majority of our members are collectors of US material. We have several plate block collectors. If you have a want/need list of your US collection, please bring such. Other members may have exactly what you are looking for. David Lever ALWAYS brings US collectibles but even he needs help in assisting members with specifics.

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.

Lastly, FREE literature is available at meetings: previous copies of LINN'S Stamp News, etc., and sales catalogs with wonderful color photos of stamps and postal history will await anyone who wants.

Postlude

See you SUNDAY! Eighteen members in attendance for the December 15th meeting. Thanks for being there.



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