



**COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY**  
**APS Chapter #043067**  
**South Carolina's Oldest Active Philatelic Society**  
**NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Message & Commentary**

We had attendance in October of 14 members. I thank Fred McGary for standing in behalf of myself. I was the guest at the Asheville Stamp Club as I presented the program for the meeting. Visiting our "neighboring" stamp clubs provides opportunity to exchange ideas, see how other clubs function and, hopefully, bring back some ideas which will help CPS. I think I accomplished that in Asheville and found their members hospitable and friendly. But, folks, trying to be honest with you, I have tried to bring new opportunities as well as challenges to the membership in form of new activities and ideas. The response, by my assessment, has been less than rewarding for the efforts I have extended. It is disheartening to work hard and try to be a leader, but when the overall membership does not respond, then I find it must be the leader and not the members who need a change. Well, you as a member will have that opportunity in December to select new individuals to run CPS in 2018 as ALL officer positions are up for election. So, if you have not been satisfied with the present set of officers, then it is your opportunity to try new "blood" who can be given the opportunity to lead CPS in the coming new year. CPS is a VOLUNTEER organization. Unfortunately, we do NOT have a Constitution nor By-Laws to govern us. We as a group of collectors just gather and go through the motions of being an active philatelic society. That shows by the lack of attendance we have at our meetings and very limited participation we have for programs, show & tell as well as "workers" at our two semi-annual shows. May I suggest you attend, you volunteer and then you support the activities of CPS so your input can be received to make CPS a more viable society rather than a small group of collectors who come together for some unknown reason.

There will be NO circuit books for November. Not enough response from members. Does anyone care about having this access to an unlimited supply of stamps of their collecting habits at great prices? This is an item on the agenda for the meeting.

Our member and APS President, Mick Zais, has been nominated to fill post of Ass't Secretary of US Dept of Education. Mick is currently in Washington and Thursday was to be interviewed before the Congressional Committee on his nomination. Thank you, Mick, for your willingness to continue to serve your country.

Since I was not given a informed summary of business than was to be conducted in the October after the meeting, I do not know what transpired so most of those items are still on the agenda.

The CPS quarterly treasurer's report will be given as well as handouts on additional financial summations on the summer show and Total Solar Eclipse project. Your attendance will avail you of this information. If you are absent, you will have to request a copy be forwarded to you to stay in touch with your society's finances.

In the meanwhile till December meeting (17<sup>th</sup>), I extend my personal wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**News/Events**

Christmas Banquet is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, catered by Seawells, here in the building. Your President has a pre-picked menu which is adjustable to better suit the membership. If you do not attend this Sunday's meeting when the final menu is set, you will have to take what those attending decide for the menu. The alternative date of the 19<sup>th</sup> was not available due to it being the AL meeting night. The meal cost is \$16 person. CPS will pick up the tab for taxes, etc. A copy of the contract is will provided to officers for review and approval and will be available at the meeting. A guaranteed number must be provided by Dec.18<sup>th</sup>.

RSVP for reservations will be accepted and requested. Mark your calendar, make plans to attend and we will All have an enjoyable time.

The Solar Event Project report is available as to the financials. Though this was not a financial success as anticipated, it brought a lot of exposure to philately and, I believe, to CPS. I want to publically thank Linda Nelson who manned the Saluda Shoals Park venue and her helpers from Atlanta, Barbara Asher and her daughter, Mia. Thanks especially to Dale Carruth, Mark & Susan Postmus, Wayne Peelman and his wife for their tenure and support at the State Museum venue. Dale and I manned the table the entire time and also Chris Lazaroff for his support in table next to ours. Joint collaboration with USPS and Chris both paid off for better relationships, the project, and for promotion of philately. Thanks to all of you. You are appreciated!

The January show is fast approaching, January 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Mark Postmus will give us an update on plans. We will also be passing out sign-up sheet for helping with show setup, registration desk and other jobs Mark will need help with. There will be a special cover and cancellation as in part marking the show. Additionally, an exhibit centering around the show theme will be put together which will require assistance and participation by members. Be in attendance Sunday to hear the details and for committing your support of the show.

As Bill Mitchell mentions in the monthly post card reminder, YOUR CPS needs your volunteer efforts for featured programs, show & tell and refreshments. Fred McGary is still VP in charge of program through end of December. See him even for volunteering a program in Jan-Feb-March of 2018. Same for refreshments.

### **Program & Refreshments**

Bill Mitchell also stepped up and volunteered to bring refreshments. Who will provide the refreshments for the December meetings?

Mark Postmus has the Show & Tell program while Dr. Harvey Teal will delight attending members with a recent acquisition of rare and fascinating collection of CSA covers and others he was able to secure. Don't miss this opportunity.

### **Announcements**

We need volunteers for our monthly meeting: a greeter(s) for December (2017) then Jan, Feb & March (2018); program leaders for featured plus S&T needed thru December. See Fred McGary for those commitments AND beyond.

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 on by and see what you might be missing.

The Southeast Stamp Show & Expo will be held last week of January (26-28<sup>th</sup>) 2018 in Norcross, Ga at the Hilton NE Hotel. Rooms are allotted and in limited number with the special rate. See your President for additional information.

**A reminder, only one month remains of the service of the present officers. If you are interested in serving CPS in 2018, please make contact with the President or Vice President to submit your name. Election will be in December on 17<sup>th</sup> at regular scheduled meeting. As noted in opening remarks, ALL offices are open for election.**

