



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

**OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Message**

**News**

October 10<sup>th</sup> as you are aware was officially COLUMBUS DAY, according to Federal standards with the Monday holiday change back some 40 years ago. Nonetheless, October 12<sup>th</sup> used to be the official day so if it pleases you, celebrate again. Recall the e-mail I sent out the other day from a stamp dealer about the first US commemorative series of 1893 honoring Columbus, Scott #230-245. Issued in conjunction with the spectacular Columbian Exposition of 1893, celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CC's discovery of the New World, an event that set into motion a change in a course of events and a challenge that continues until today. According to the Mystic catalog, if one would purchase these from Mystic, a complete mint set would be valued @ **\$13,407.50** while the same in used condition would fetch **\$6174.85** from one's bank account. Remember when you started collecting stamps, particularly US, what the prices were sixty or more years ago? Does anyone in CPS have the complete set, mint or used of the Columbus issue? Aren't you fortunate and foresighted!

October has another special event upcoming. The American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) is having its Grand Opening festivities Oct 28-29<sup>th</sup>. Of course, our own CPS member and APS President, Mick Zais, is attending. Your current CPS President has toured APS hdqts as well as the library (then not complete-2015) and it is a functional, useful and state-of-the-art facility, something ALL stamp collectors and philatelic fans should be proud of. But it is more than just a building housing historical and philatelic publications. It is a living and breathing research facility that awaits your use, whether you are an APS member or not. I am hoping Mick will be able to give us a recount of the grand Opening next month.

**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.

The treasurer will provide a report on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter standings at the this meeting. If you have questions on anything financial, see Jim Sneed or Dale Carruth.

The January show is three short months ahead and the planning is underway for this to be a productive and exciting event. The theme is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening of Camp (now Fort) Jackson, our neighbor on the east side of Columbia. We are in the planning process of having a couple of special events during the show. IF YOU WANT TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN PLANNING, VOLUNTEER. These two shows we put are basically organized and run on by a handful (5-6) people. Additional help is needed in advertizing/media promotion, exhibits and for January and the special events. We are also planning to have a special USPS cancellation and cachet as in past. See Mark Postmus, Bill Mitchell or John Owen for additional details.

Two additional business items: annual officer election and Christmas banquet. All offices are OPEN for nomination and election. We will hold our election at the last meeting in December on 18<sup>th</sup>. Step up, volunteer

to serve. The Christmas banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Venue TBA. More info next meeting on Novemner 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday meeting. MARK YOUR PERSONAL/HOME calendar. This has become a much enjoyed event.

### **Program**

Bob Anderson completed his program on CSA material: stamps, covers and it was a fine presentation over two meetings. Thanks, Bob, for your participation and preparation for a well done program.

Your President has the featured program Sunday. Since it is National Pharmacy Month, the program will review historically and philatelically the Pure Foods & Drug Act of 1906 as this year represents the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its passage. Bill Mitchell has the S&T protion of the program.

### **Announcements**

Wayne Peelman has the refreshments for meeting Sunday. Bill Mitchell needs volunteers for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017 for refreshments, S&T and featured program. Let Bill know when you can serve.

OCTOBER Birthdays are as follows: Ralph Mulkins- 1<sup>st</sup>; Keith Dionne-6<sup>th</sup> and Larry Jeffcoat-24<sup>th</sup>. They will be recognized on Sunday. *Congratulations birthday members!*

Monthly auctions at our regular meeting will 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.

### **Postlude**

Philately is fun, interesting, educational and enjoyable. Share this with someone who wants to know what you do for a hobby. Invite a friend, provide a ride to our CPS meetings. It takes effort to build a good organization. YOU can help. Remember, though you are one among many, together we can! See you this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Doors open at 1:30 to set up auctions for items and to socialize. Meeting starts promptly at 2 pm. Be there! Fifteen members were in attendance in September. We need to increase this number but we need feedback on WHY you come and WHAT you expect. Meetings and programs are for YOU. Without your feedback, we cannot meet your needs or expectations.

