

The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc
HINGES & TONGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS SEPT.-JUNE AT ST. PAULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TRADING & TALKING 7PM FORMAL PROGRAM 8PM

January - February

editor
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**Ten things that children can teach
us about stamp club meetings**

1. Don't sit down all the time--move around.
2. Don't just listen, also look.
3. Be honest and admit that sometimes meetings are boring.
4. Wear loose-fitting clothes to meetings.
5. Make notes and drawings on the stamp club's newsletter and then take them home and put it on the refrigerator door.
6. If something happens that is funny, laugh.
7. If something happens that is sad, cry.
8. Sit next to friends at meetings.
9. Sit next to someone you don't know and make a new friend.
10. If you don't understand something, ask someone to explain it to you.

adapted / updated by Chuck Schultz
12/17/96

REMARKS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RPA CONSTITUTION

*Only one written response was received.
As was promised, here is that response
un-edited and in its entirety*

Proposal #1: Make no changes at all to the sections on terms of office.

Proposal #2: If change is indeed indicated, especially regarding the president's term of office, we strongly urge the membership to modify Article IV, Section 1 thus: "The President, **who may be re-elected for a second one year term only**, shall preside - - (etc)."

(We would be wise to heed the decisions made 12 years ago by the formers of the present Constitution who felt - rightly so - that limiting the term of president would guard against a possible "monarchy" type administration. Many of us have seen what happens to an organization when that occurs. However, extending the president's allowable tenure to a maximum of two one-year terms - if so voted at the annual election - has the benefit of continuity; limiting the term has the advantage of opening the office to other members. Rochester Philatelic Association is a volunteer hobby group, not a business or a political organization, and we should keep as much of the membership as possible involved in its activities.)

Proposal #3: Reword Article V, Sec. 1 to read: " - - and the immediate past President **who may serve up to two years.**" The previous wording of this section beginning with "The three Governors-at-Large - -" and ending with " - - as necessary" should be restored as it clarifies any scenario that might occur.

(We need to give thought to changes in Article V, Sec. 1. Think of the consequences if the same person is elected president year after year: the immediate past president remains the same, and continues to hold a place on the Board of Governors. This clearly was not the intent of the constitution, which was to allow for input from various people who have served as president and would contribute to the decisions of the Board.

Proposal #4: Any changes to the constitution, especially as pertain to terms of office, will not be effective until after the June 1997 elections.

(Reason for this is that the present officers were elected under the present constitution and serve under the provisions which were in effect at the time of their election; business being conducted now is under the constitution as it now stands.)

We respectfully request the membership to carefully consider these suggestions and recommendations.

Thank you.

Nov. 14, 1996 Norm & Florence Wright

More discussion on these proposals will take place at future meetings and you will be kept informed through the Hinges & Tongs..

BUFPEX 97

The Buffalo Stamp Club will present its annual stamp exhibition and bourse, Bufpex 97, Feb. 7-9, 1997, at the Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Hours of the show will be 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking will be free.

Present during the show will be 24 dealers from the United States and Canada. The USPS will have a retail sales booth.

Two stamp auctions will be conducted during the show, one Friday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m., and the other Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m.

Stamp exhibits will be on display throughout the show.

The Buffalo Stamp Club is the oldest philatelic organization in the Buffalo area.

For more information, contact John A. Nickel, Bourse Chairman, 224 Nokomis Parkway, Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225.

ROPEX'97

ONE FRAME COMPETITION

The annual one frame competition will be held at the January 23rd meeting. Eight pages are required for entry into this competition and the winner will receive a free frame at ROPEX'97. A total of 16 pages will be needed to fill out the exhibition frame at ROPEX. All you have to do is bring your 8 pages to the January 23rd meeting.

The winner also receives the RPA 1-Frame medal.

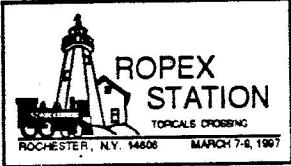
NATIONAL STAMP SHOW

ROPEX'97

March 7-9, 1997

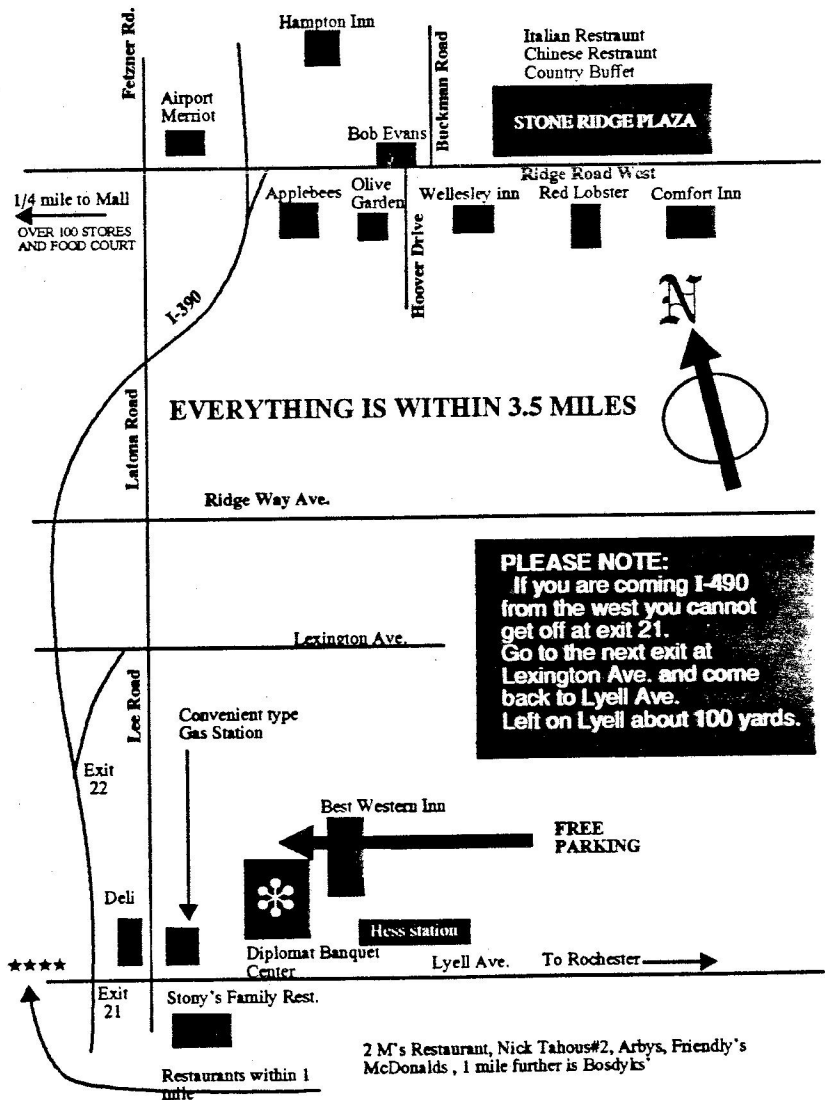
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150 years
of Stamps in the
United States

Diplomat Banquet Center
1 Diplomat Way
1390 Exit 21 at Lyell Ave.
Rochester, New York



ROPEX STATION
TOPICALS CROSSING
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14606 MARCH 7-9, 1997

PRESENTED BY THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.



January 9- Ray Stone Quiz
one page exhibit competition- any subject

January 23- APS Slide Presentation
"The Tale of the Kicking Mule Cancel"
ROPEX one frame competition- any subject

February 13- Najjar Estate Live Auction
one page exhibit competition- "Wintertime"

February 27- ROPEX Preparation Night &
Slide Presentation if time allows.

March 6 ROPEX SET-UP
Join a committee and share in the fun, see
Ray Stone

March 7-9 ROPEX '97, Diplomat
Banquet Center,,
Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun.10-4

March 13- Exhibiting Basics by Tom
Fortunato
one page exhibit competition- any subject

March 27- APS Slide Show
"The Black Jack"

April 10- Program to be determined*
one page exhibit competition-
"My Favorite Cover"

April ?- Red Wing baseball opener at
Frontier Field (details to follow)

April 24- No Meeting (Church
Unavailable)

May 8- Everyone-A-Dealer Night / possible
Live Auction
one page exhibit competition- any subject

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