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PROGRAMS

The May 10 will be a single page night while May 24 meeting will be on Pictorial Canceled.

June 1, 6:30 PM Friday, will be the Annual Banquet at Green Lantern, Fairport.

June 14 will be the Annual Business Meeting with elections of officers. June 28 will feature the annual StrawberryFest and Kilo-ware.

Hinges & Tongs

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROPEX is a difficult act to follow when writing a letter to the members. This issue is the final one for the summer.

APS elections are coming up. APSers will find a ballot in this month's APS Journal. Of significant note is the fact that we have four RPA members running for office. They are listed elsewhere in this publication. The members are Ann Triggler, Ada Prill, Nancy Z Clark and Dr. John Flannery. We wish them well.

Nominations will be accepted by contacting the Nominating committee. The membership will be advised who they are May 10. You may contact an officer should you be interested in serving in an elected capacity.

John Kellas III, RPA President

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, on the corner of East Avenue and Vick Park B, across from the George Eastman House. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

Current RPA Officers 2000-2001

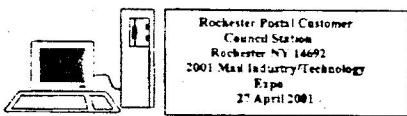
President — John Kellas III
Vice President — Mark Hull
Treasurer — George Fekete
Corresponding Secretary — John Cali
Recording Secretary — Jim Piecuch
Immediate Past President — Ed Kawasaki

Board of Governors

Ray Stone (term expires June 30, 2001)
Norm Wright (term expires June 30, 2002)
Chuck Schultz (term expires June 30, 2003)

Membership Chair — Florence Wright
Librarian — Joe Doles

Pictorial cancellations for April and May are listed here. These cancels can be obtained for 30 days. They are destroyed after that.



April 27, 2001

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POSTMASTER
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ROCHESTER NY 14692-9998



Maple Festival Station

April 27-29, 2001

Western New York Maple Festival
Committee

April 27, 2001

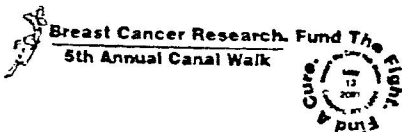
Franklinville NY 14737

MAPLE FESTIVAL STATION
POSTMASTER
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FRANKLINVILLE NY 14737-9998

May 13, 2001

Mother's Day Breast Cancer
Canal Walk

MOTHER'S DAY CANAL WALK
STATION
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138 EAST AVE
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MAY 26, 2001

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Editor's Observations

This is probably the last issue prior to summer recess. There are many things that I would like to do with the Hinges & Tongs but will probably not be incorporated into these pages due to other more important data. However, I try to accommodate all.

The March 29 Pan Am Exposition inverts have not found their way into many postal service outlets. Philatelic stores and like facilities are the ones that you can find these philatelic items relating to this issuance.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES are extended to Brad Sterling on the recent death of his father, Henry.

PLEASE WELCOME RPA welcomes two new members to the Club. *Peter M. Jehrio* of N Tonawanda, has re-joined the group after an absence of a few years. His collecting interests include postal history of New York, and topicals of trains, marine life, and space. Peter is the author of several railroad books, and says he is working on another one; plus a novel.

Dr. William J. Brorein, Jr. of Rochester joined RPA at ROPEX 2001. As has been the practice in the past, RPA gives the added bonus of 4 months free membership when joining during the ROPEX show.

Nominating and Auditing Committees

A Nominating and Auditing Committee will be formed at the May 10 meeting. Please speak to the officers to find out who they are if you are unable to attend. This is the very necessary step if you are considering a candidacy for any office. Also to be viewed is the treasury to make sure our finances are in order.

BUFFALO PAN AM ISSUE

Philatelists shuffled off to Buffalo on March 29 through 31, 2001! The attraction was the unofficial First Day Ceremony for the Pan American Exposition Centennial sheet. The public was invited to the dedication ceremony for the reissue of the "inverts" of the Pan-American Postage Stamps originally issued in 1901 to coincide with the Exposition.

This popular ceremony was held at 1 p.m. in the Buffalo and Erie County Historical building which was built for the 1901 Pan American Exposition as the New York State Building. The room was filled to overflowing with eager collectors and historians. The program consisted of music by the City Honors Choir and the Junior Band of the Buffalo Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts.

Speeches were by Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Congressman John J. Lafalce, Postmaster Donald L. Gross, and stamp technicalities by Buffalo Stamp Club past president Robert Meegan.

The Buffalo Post Office wisely ordered enough Pan Am sheets, press sheets and first day programs to satisfy everyone. The cancellation was a replication of the 1901 Barry machine duplex cancel, a double outline triangle inside six-bar killer with the words: Pan American Exposition 1901, Buffalo Stamp Club, First Day of Sale March 29, 2001.

After standing in line for autographs and cancellations philatelists still had time to drive to Niagara Falls (the other highlight of the 1901 exposition) to obtain stamps cancelled with a Niagara Falls post office cancel on the first day of sale. The fun didn't stop there. The next two days saw crowds at the Buffalo Stamp Club's annual BUFPEX show. By then, people who had been at the official first day in Manhattan had arrived with their sheets to be cancelled with the special Buffalo cancel in addition to the Manhattan official first day of issue cancel.

The first day of sale for the Pan Am stamps was nationwide on March 29. The Buffalo affair was arranged by the Pan-Am Committee and the USPS. The Historical Society building is one of the few remaining buildings from the Pan-American Exposition of 1901. The Buffalo Stamp Club designed a special cover for sale at the event or by mail at its annual BUFPEX that weekend. The club was about twelve years old during the Pan-Am Expo. The U.S. Postal Service had a station at the show, the newly issued Pan-American souvenir sheet and a cacheted cover commemorating the centennial was available. BUFPEX showcased Mark Hoff's 1901 Pan Am Exposition Postal History in the Court of Honor (it won the most votes for popular by the general public). Another was club president John Van Rysdam's Pan Am (Buffalo) Barry Machine Cancels. Robert Meegan displayed his collection of Pan Am memorabilia.

For information about: Ceremony programs, contact the Philatelic window of the Buffalo Post Office, 1200 William St., Buffalo NY 14240. Ph. 716-846-2302. First day of sale cancel, Postmaster Centennial Station, 1200 William St., Buffalo, 14240-9998. Cacheted covers: (set 3 for \$5; single for \$3). Contact the Buffalo Stamp Club at: www.bumperland.com/order_form.htm. More Pan Am related stamp cancellations are being planned. In Sept., you can expect to see a ceremony at the Wilcox Mansion on Delaware Ave., where Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as president. For more into on these and future events check out websites: http://members.nbci.com/stamptmf/rpa/rpa_usps.html; Pan American Exposition Committee <http://intotem.buffnet.net/bhw/panamex> and www.panam2001.buffalo.edu/site/events/index.html; Buffalo & Erie Co. Historical Society: www.bechs.org or <http://intotem.buffnet.net/bechs/>. Also Buffalo Library <http://freenet.buffalo.edu/library/local/pan-am.html>

The R S Stamp Co., aka Bob and Elli Steeb, listed several stamp shows that are coming up. You are sure to see them at these area shows listed below. They state that "supplements are becoming available. Give us a call and we'll get your order in and deliver it as soon as available.

Show Schedule

May 6	Lockport Stamp & Coin Show 10-4
May 19 & 20	Butler County Stamp Show 10-5/4
June 3	R S Stamp Show 10-5
July 28-29	1,000 Island Collectibles Show 10-5/4
Fall Time	Olean Stamp Show

ROPEX 2000 SHOW PROGRAM WINS GOLD

The APS's Chapter Activities Committee has concluded the 2000 Stamp Show Program Critique and announced that ROPEX 2000, George T. Fekete, editor merited the gold level award. Congratulations are issued to George for this excellent effort.

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

RPA dues for 2001-2002 are now payable. Please contact Florence Wright with any questions at the email on the masthead or call her at 716-461-9792

RPA MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN BUFPEX 2001

Several RPAers played a major role in BUFPEX 2001. Ann Triggles was Exhibits Chair, and all three judges were from the RPA: Al Parsons (chairman), Tom Fortunato and Ray Stone.

Exhibit medals were won by these RPA members: Elli Steeb – Gold for *Early Mineables*, Walter Orton – Gold for the *Battleship Proprietary Revenues*, and Marge Schleining – Silver for *Women's Songs*. Elli's exhibit also won BUFPEX 's Best Topical Award. Walter won the show's Grand Founder's Award as well as the Cunningham for best US Exhibit.

XEROX at the SYDNEY OLYMPICS

Just as Kodak played a major role in producing on-demand photograph stamps at *The Stamp Show* in London last May, another prominent Rochester Company made philatelic news at the 2000 Olympics in September.

Per an article in a recent *Linn's Stamp News*, Les Winick reports that Xerox was the driving force in Australia Post's coup in producing commemorative stamps within 24 hours of an Australian Olympic gold medal win. Xerox Docucolor 40 four-color printers were used in six major cities to quickly print the stamps in time for stamp sales by noon the next day. Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney printing stations pumped out 2.2 million stamps over 10 days. Geographically, Australia is larger than the continental US!

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

ARTICLE IV Section 1e currently reads:

e) Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for mailing all RPA notices of regular and special meetings and the mailing of elective ballots. The Corresponding Secretary is also the Editor of the RPA's publication, "Hinges & tongs", which is mailed to every RPA member in good standing. The RPA may publish and reprint such other materials as is appropriate to its purpose, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors. The Corresponding Secretary will also maintain RPA's printing equipment.

Amend to read: **(changes in bold face type)**

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The above amendment is intended to allow another individual other than the Corresponding Secretary to handle the Hinges & Tongs. There may be instances where one's abilities in one area are better suited to the notices and ballots while another may be better suited with the Hinges & Tongs. The division of authority with board supervision would accomplish such a move.

Stamp Collecting Month Cancel to be Used Nationally

Tom Fortunato has again designed a simple common cancel to be used by any APS chapter for its activities for Stamp Collecting Month in October. Unfortunately, the USPS is no longer sponsoring the event, and there will not be any special stamp issue for it.

It doesn't seem that long ago that the first National Stamp Collecting Month promotion was announced back in 1981. At that time, COPO (Council of Philatelic Organizations) had been formed as a collaborative venture among a wide variety of stamp groups and societies to raise awareness of our hobby. Well, it worked, at least as far as NSCM was concerned. Amazing how 20 years flies by!

This year's cancel is a bit retrospective, depicting a philatelic tool we all use — a handy magnifying glass. The first 1981 NSCM cancel also featured the handy gadget.

So what should the RPA do to celebrate Stamp Collecting Month this year? We've "done the mall thing" for the past six years, and maybe it's time for a change. Any ideas? How about something a little different?

Is there any interest in holding an RPA meeting on a Saturday afternoon in October (rather than a Thursday) and especially invite some of our more senior members to come around for an open house, along with promoting the open house to the general public? See Cancel on Page 6. TMF

Local and Regional Calendar of Stamp Shows

Information provided here is for the benefit of collectors and dealers alike within the territories of the former Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies. Additions and/or corrections are welcome by email at stamptmf@frontiernet.net or by phone at (716) 621-1670.

2001 Listings

May 20 Albany/Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.

May 21 Cheektowaga Erie County Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, FJ Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee Street. Hours: 11-5. Bourse. Contact: (716) 633-4104.

June 3 Rochester, R S Stamp Show, Eagles Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd., Route 33. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact (716) 621-5019. Email: rsstamp@aol.com.

June 17 Albany/ Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.

June 18 Cheektowaga Erie County Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, F J Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee Street. Hours: 11-5. Bourse. Contact: (716) 633-4104.

July 15 Albany/Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham

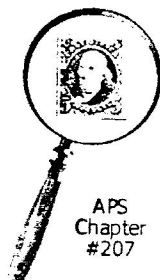
Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.

July 28-29 Clayton, 1000 Islands International Stamp, Coin, Postcard & Collectibles Show, Clayton Arena. Rt. 12E, Clayton. Hours: Saturday: 10-5; Sunday: 10-3. Bourse.

Aug 11 Cooperpex 2001, 31 Elm St., St. Mary's Ecumenical Hall. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact for additional info: Leatherstocking Stamp Club, 28 Pioneer St., Cooperstown. Email: kuchtil@capital.net

Aug 19 Albany/Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Rt. 9), 2 miles north of Latham Circle. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: (518) 399-8395. Email: nunesnook@aol.com.

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**Celebrate Stamp
Collecting Month
Station- 2001**
with the
**Rochester Philatelic
Association**
**October ##
Rochester, NY 14615**

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FOR INCITING INTEREST IN PHILATELY

The following candidates are running for American Philatelic Society offices. They are charged, if elected, to make known the goals of the organization and to heighten awareness of the hobby. Their qualifications are listed below.



Ann Triggles is part of a three member slate. Her partners in philatelic conspiracy are Janet Klug and Roger Schnell. These three are to be watched in the future if elected. They will be charged, through their election, to expose philatelic crime where they see it. Punishment will be immediate. Their modus operandi is varied given their personalities. When Ann and company work together, one can only assume that the spread of the philatelic ideas cannot be stopped!



Nancy Z. Clark is running unopposed and it is expected she will automatically be remanded to another term in the State "Penn" for her endeavors for Philately. She has, to her credit, been a former officer with RPA. Finances is her game. Watch out for simplicity and avoidance of red tape. With her guidance, the national organization is likely to have less headaches. She may be allowed more freedom to do other things provided her good behavior continues.



Ada M. Prill is running for Director-at-Large. An APS life member and is involved with the *Committee on Outreach and Diversity*. Her qualifications are known to all RPAers. Dedication seems to be a theme you will find in many of her accomplishments. If you are able to vote in the forthcoming APS elections, you will have seen her candidate statement. All that can be said here is that she is certainly qualified. Yes, she is running. If elected, she will be committed to serve a 3 year term in the State College (Penn) of Philately!



Dr. John Flannery is a prime candidate for a minimum 3 year term with the State College (Penn) of Philately. It is uncertain whether he will be expected to use his talents in this established organization. The "Factory", as some may refer to it, will no doubt find individuals of varying abilities in its midst for many periods of philatelic incarceration. Dr. Flannery is one such individual to be very careful of. He may not have his fingers in the till but anything that he touches is never the same.



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