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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I've been RPA President for two years and I am ready to hand off to the new President come July 1. The RPA has managed to move to new quarters at the Rochester Museum & Science Center at East Ave & Goodman. This IS where the RPA was born in 1913. The Museum Complex not only offers the RPA Meeting space but also the opportunities to use the Eisenhart Auditorium space at a special rate if the club should want to hold a large public program. There are currently 27 different clubs meeting during any month at the RMS. New improvements to the lighting of the Parking Lots will happen during the Summer Months as the Museum readys the opening of the New RMS Main Entrance.

Rochester will host a First Day Program for **FOUR ANTIQUE TOY STAMPS** at the **M.W. Strong Museum July 22**. More info will be posted on the RPA WEB PAGE. Start designing your cacheted FD covers for this event. Please be thinking about developing your own Slide Program on your special areas of philately during the summer. The RPA pays for all the expenses for photo and slides, all you have to do is write up an outline of a Talk with slides with 30 minutes length in mind. It's fun to do and everyone should volunteer.....If you would like to run for RPA Office please see me, your RPA President, and we will nominate you.....See everyone at future RPA meetings and bring a friend with you. We are always looking for NEW MEMBERS. RPA President, John Kellas III

PROGRAMS

5/9/02 Thursday: *Plate Numbers on Coils* program and Silent Auction. Also Nominations for all RPA Office will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Also the RPA Auditing Committee should contact Treasurer George Fekete to arrange to look at the Finances and ready a report for the Annual RPA Business Meeting in June 13th. Help move two more Locking Book Shelve Units down into our RPA Meeting area at the Museum.

5/22/02 Wednesday: *Mining Covers of the Eastern States* and Silent Auction. Nominations will close and a ballot will be mailed to all RPA members in good standing.

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We meet on the second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in the Eisenhart Auditorium, behind the Main Museum building, on East Avenue. 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 2001-2002

President — John Kellas III
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Corresponding Secretary — John Cali
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Immediate Past President — Ed Kawasaki

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Norm Wright (term expires June 30, 2002)
Chuck Schultz (term expires June 30, 2003)
Joe Doles (term expires June 30, 2004)

Membership Chair — Florence Wright
Librarian — Joe Doles

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6/13/02 Thursday; This is the Annual RPA Business Meeting and Election results. The Auditing Committee Report will be announced.

6/20/02 Thursday: Annual RPA Banquet will be located at Remington's, 425 Merchant Road, Rochester NY 14609 (482-4434). Cash Bar 6:30 PM; Dinner 7:30 PM (1). Custom Salad & Dressings (2). Entrée: \$20 Baked Chicken Breast Mes-sola; \$20 Vegetarian Medley Special; \$25 Prime Rib all meal with Roast Potatoes & Vegetables. (3). Dessert: Ice Cream Special (4). Beverages: Coffee and Tea. Please contact Mark Hull, Vice Pres., with your choices and money (checks payable to RPA) at any meeting before the 20th.

PLEASE NOTE: *6/27/02 THE RPA MEETING* WILL BE LOCATED AT The Twelve Corners Church's Barn Office in the Main Parking Lot, 1200 S. Winton Road (next to the Brighton High School large parking lot). This is the last program of the RPA Meeting Season. Strawberries and a program *What Are Revenues?* This Field Trip was requested by three of the RPA Board so that members could see the *Barn* office space.

Editor's Observations

Dear Members: This column will in all likelihood be my last as your editor. It has been a pleasure to serve you during this past year. I will continue in some capacity to aid the organization.

The content of for this issue has come from a variety of sources. Among the contributors are Nancy Z. Clark, Florence Wright, Ken Martin and Tom Fortunato. If I have somehow overlooked someone, please accept my apology.

Another First Day for Rochester is certainly grand. Antique Toys seems appropriate for many of us. Some folks say that this something that they really relate to. I am hopeful that there will be data on this supplied to the membership as it develops. President Kellas has presented the details as he is aware of them. Tom Fortunato has done his homework in supplying us word of these details as well.

APS Stampshow will be held August 15-18 in Atlantic City. Chapters and Affiliates will be gathering together this year for the first time to man a table to promote all the groups they represent. It is hoped that there will be a great representation from RPA at this year's meeting. Most of these shows are held further away than this one. Please take a look at your calendar and consider attending if only for one or two days. JC

<p>R S Stamp Show, Sunday, June 2, 2002 will be held at the Eagles Club #52 1200 Buffalo Rd. (Rt. 33) Rochester, NY 14624. Hours: 10 AM-4 PM. Door Prizes, Free Parking. 19 Dealers expected. Lunch also available.</p>



NEWS JUST IN: Just a brief note to update you about the stamps to have their First Day here July 22. First, the non-denominated toy stamps are being issued on June 7 nationwide in convertible and vending booklets of 20. It is uncertain if there will be size differences in these versions, but that is common. The denominated version of these stamps will be released in the same two booklet formats, along with an additional coil format in rolls of 100. Joe Doles has been asked to produce a pictorial cancellation for the July 22 issue which we hope will be accepted by the post office use that day. I'm trying to get RPA representation at the ceremony to sell RPA cacheted covers there. Details on the ceremony are still pending. A mock-up of the denominated stamps is displayed on the RPA main page. The denominations are my own doing, as no images of the denominated version have been found on the web as of yet. Visit our Home Page: <http://now.at/rpa/> TMF

Massive Attendance and Oodles of Fun at the Salt Lake Olympics
Report on OLYMPEX 2002
By Nancy Clark

Among Olympic memorabilia and photograph montages from the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, the OLYMPEX activities and displays were seen by over 8000 people one each of three days and not less than 4500 people on ten other days. Open to the public free of charge, the event took place on two levels of the Salt Lake City and County Building in downtown Salt Lake City in conjunction with the XIXth Olympic Winter Games.

The Utah Philatelic Society, led by Mike Keene, led tour groups from around the state through the philatelic displays in over 70 frames and staffed the table which provided opportunities for philatelic souvenirs. The philatelic exhibits were coordinated by FIPO (International Federation for Olympic Philately) and their US counterpart, SPI (Sports Philatelists International). The USPS manned an Olympic-related sub-station on site, where most of the Olympic postmarks could be requested and from which mail was sent. An outstanding display of Olympic memorabilia acted as a public draw for the exhibition. There were costumes from the Opening Ceremonies at Lillehammer, mascots, posters of past Olympic events, and torches from several prior Games.

On the second floor were a lot of interactive events. "Take my picture," said a young man leaning over a wood and steel bobsled. This tiny sled, looking like a Flexible Flyer with a small white shield with a red cross attached to its front and a hand brake to its back, was from the Lake Placid Olympics. As he grasped the steering mechanism a friend snapped the photo. A selection of interactive opportunities for young people were arranged in this area by Cape Cod resident Nancy Clark. Manfred Bergman of FIPO had arranged for the IOC to host her so there would be a Savvy Center for the visitors.

Cries of "What country is this from?" and "Are there any Olympic stamps?" ring out above the happy buzz. Against the wall is a table that appears to be a giant blob of ice cream covered with eager ants, but is really a table filled with kiloware. It was completely surrounded by young people, all having read the sign "Young people aged 18 and younger, choose ten free stamps," and eager to pick their Olympic mementos, for all the hours the exhibition was open. Young people from Poland, and Azerbaijan looked for stamps from home. Later Days Saints church members sought stamps from countries where family members had gone on their mission. And, as ever, children looked for subject matter dear to their hearts: butterflies, space exploration and "red" stamps! The area distributed over 15 gallons of kiloware and 8 gallons of on-paper stamps. The American Philatelic Society, the Postal History Museum and collectors from Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida and Arizona donated stamps for this area.

Along the walls were two banks of computers borrowed from the local post office out-dated supplies. They were loaded with games provided by Betsy Towle from the Postal History Foundation. These were magnets when the school groups went through. GeoSafari Games were on loan from the American Philatelic Society. Philatelic prizes, including stamp packets put together by Sports Philatelists International and the Postal History Foundation, were awarded to participants. First Day covers were also given as prizes.

Special materials were distributed to teachers and youth leaders, including the handbook prepared for OLYMPHILEX '96 by Edwin Jackson of Athens, Georgia. The curriculum-based content includes puzzles and activities in reproducible-format with answer keys.

A contest underwritten by the International Olympic Committee will allow a child to win a trip to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. The entry forms had the rules on one side and space to draw a proposed stamp, coin or piece of memorabilia on the reverse. Entrants could send their designs in until the end of March to the Salt Lake office which is coordinating their receipt.

"We're the winners," yell three teenage girls, all trying to stand on the middle of the medals stand from the Nagano Games and raising their hands in victory signs.

No, we who participated in this remarkable event are the winners. We got to share our love for this hobby with the world.

NEW MEMBERS

RPA welcomes four new members since ROPEX. They are:

Floyd S. Holloway of Rochester, who enjoys panes, mostly mint singles, and some First Day Covers.

Gordon C. Johnson, of Wolcott, New York.. He enjoys general stamp collecting.

Charles Adrion, also of Rochester. His interests include plate number singles, US pre-cancels, and perfins. He belongs to a number of national philatelic organizations.

David Marcus, of Rochester, collects Germany and US stamps.

We welcome all new members to our stamp club; do you know someone who might like to be a part of the group? Invite them to a meeting.

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A PHILATELIC SOUVENIR

Browsing through an assortment of stamps recently, I hardly expected to find a wonderful philatelic souvenir of the Twin Towers. But there it was: a stamp of Anguilla with the statue of Liberty in the foreground, and the Twin Towers and part of the New York City skyline in the background.

If you are looking for one, it is Scott Number 217, issued November 10, 1975. The stamp was for the U.S. Bicentennial, and purports to feature the Statue of Liberty. It carries a 1c value.

It is part of a six-stamp set for the American Bicentennial. Other views include: the Capitol building, Washington D.C.; Congress voting for independence; George Washington, a map and his battles; the Boston Tea Party; the Bicentennial emblem and historic U. S. flags.



As part of Bellefonte's annual Big Spring Festival the American Philatelic Society will have an open house at the Match Factory located at 367 Phoenix Avenue in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania from noon to 5 pm on Sunday, May 19. All APS members are invited to attend the event. The Match Factory was recently purchased by the American Philatelic Research Library which plans to renovate the facility to serve as a new headquarters for the Library and the 50,000 member American Philatelic Society.

The open house will include tours of the building and informational displays by many APS departments. Philatelic exhibits will show the history of Centre County through stamps and the role of Bellefonte as a primary stop on early transcontinental airmail routes. Staff will evaluate any stamps that community members may have as well as provide basic information on stamp collecting and answer questions about APS member services. A youth area will also be provided to introduce kids to stamp collecting.

Answers to many of the questions that APS members have asked about the Match Factory are available from the Society's website, www.stamps.org. The www.stamps.org/matchfac/qanda.htm.

For the minutes of all Board meetings since February 1998 including Board discussion regarding the need for a larger headquarters visit www.stamps.org/Almanac/alm_MeetMinutes.htm. Copies of Society news releases for the past 12 months are also available at www.stamps.org/Misc/pressrelease.htm.

The American Philatelic Society, the national organization for postage stamp collectors, presently serves its membership from its headquarters in State College, about ten miles from the Match Factory. The current 25,000 square foot facility includes the largest public access philatelic library, the Society's reference collection of genuine and faked postage stamps, the editorial offices of the monthly magazine sent to members – The American Philatelist, other administrative offices, and contract post office.

Additional information including membership details is available from the Society's website, by calling the APS at 814-237-3803, or by writing to P O Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. Ken Martin (kpmartin@stamps.org)

LOCAL & 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 stampmf@frontiernet.net or by phone at 585-621-1670.

May 19 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

June 2 Rochester R S Stamp Show, Eagle's Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd (Route 33). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: Bob Steeb, 585-621-5019. Email: rsstamp@aol.com.

June 16 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

July 21 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

July 27-28 Clayton 24th Annual 1,000 Islands International Stamp, Coin, Postcard Sportscard and Collectibles Show, Clayton Arena, Rt 12E, Clayton. Saturday: 10-5; Sunday: 10-3. Sponsored by 1,000 Islands AFS

Aug 10 Cooperstown COOPERPEX, Hosted by the Leatherstocking Stamp Club. Saturday, 10-4. St. Mary's Ecumenical Hall, 31 Elm St., Cooperstown. Email kuchtill@capital.net

Aug 18 Latham Capital District Stamp Show
Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com

Aug 15-18 New Jersey STAMPSHOW,
American Philatelic Soc., Atlantic City Convention Ctr., Atlantic City. Contact Ken Martin, stampshow@stamps.org; 814-237-3803; FAX 814-237-6128. WSP

Aug. 25 Cheektowaga 4th Sunday Stamp Show
32nd Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Rd., Hours 10-5. Stamp auction 12 PM, Coin Auction 2 PM. Bourse.

Sept. 8 Syracuse Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectible Show
Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, exit 35. Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact: Ed Bailey, 315-452-0593.

Sept. 15 Rochester R. S. Stamp Show, Eagle's club, 1200 Buffalo Rd. (Route 33). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact Bob Steeb, 585-621-5019.

Sept. 15 Latham Capital District Stamp Show, Latham Holiday Inn Express, 945 New Loudon Rd (Route 9). Hours: 10-4. Bourse. Contact John Nunes, 518-399-8395. Email Nunesnook@aol.com.

Sept. 22 Cheektowaga 4th Sunday Stamp Show, 32nd Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Rd. Hours: 10-5. Stamp auction: 12 PM. Coin auction: 2 PM. Bourse.

Oct. 5 Olean OLEPEX 2002 Stamp Show. Sponsored by the Olean Area Stamp Club. Ash Community Center. Hours: 10-6. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cancelled envelope Contact 814-362-4471. Email: meljean@netsync.net



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