Happy New Year 1997

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
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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 
occurrs. 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 
voluteer 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 a. 
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.

BUFFEX 97

The Buffalo Stamp Club will present its 
annual stamp exhibition and bourse, Buffex 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.
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.
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