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1998-99 ELECTIONS

At the May 28 meeting, nominations for club officers were held. The nominees are:

For RPA President, **Thomas M. Fortunato** or **John P. Kellas, III**.

For Vice President, **Edwin Kawasaki**.

For Treasurer **David E. Roehrig**.

For Recording Secretary, **James M. Trenton**.

For Corresponding Secretary, **Joseph K. Doles**.

For Governor-at-large, **Paul R. Gerwitz** or **Raymond M. Stone**

All offices are for a one year term except the Governor-at-large seat which is a three (3) year term.

You can mail in your ballot or bring it to the June 11 business meeting.

New APS Award to Encourage Exhibits of Modern Material

The APS is making a new award available to all World Series of Philately shows. In place of the previous Award for Excellence for exhibits consisting primarily of post 1940 material, two awards are now being offered. The first award covers the time frame of 1940-1980 and the second is for post-1980 material. The new medal is meant to encourage and provide additional recognition for exhibitors of modern material.

Early winners of the award include Raymond Stone for his exhibit titled Rochester's Transportation Coils at the March 6-8 ROPEX in Rochester New York and Michael J. Komiensky for Holograms on Stamps shown at the April 25-26 Plymouth Show in Michigan.

The new medal was recommended by the APS Awards Committee and approved by the APS Board in August 1996. Implementation was held off until recently to allow for the existing supply of the post 1940 medal to be used.

Four APS Medals of Excellence and Research Award are provided free of charge to the 33 World Series of Philately shows. Each of these shows use APS accredited judges for their exhibitions which are required to include at least 2,500 pages.

I Quit Writing for Stamp Collector

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FROM THE WORLD WIDE WEB

My son's inheritance just went down a bit because I quit writing my "Stamps and Politics" column and my monthly PNC column for Stamp Collector. It's all about the definite article.

Here is what I wrote in a recent column:

Before I continue, I must state emphatically that I will not accept foreign dictates on the use of English. Most Slavic languages lack a definite article. Thus, a Russian will say: "I put book on table," when he speaks English when he means to say "I put the book on the table." When the nation of which Kiev is the capital achieved independence in the breakup of the U.S.S.R in 1991, Ukrainian-Americans insisted that it was incorrect to say "the Ukraine" because one does not say "the France." But I say "the United States" and "the Netherlands." I shall continue to write "the Ukraine." If my editor removes the "the," I shall stop writing for him.

He did and I did.

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THIRD TIME GOLD

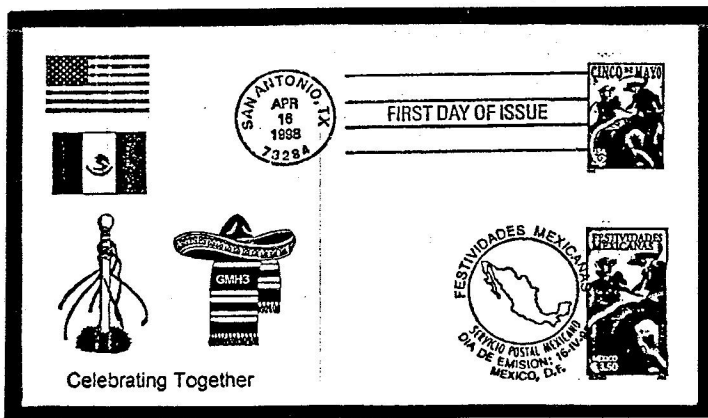
The RPA and ROPEX Program Editor, Joe Doles, have been notified by Jane King Fohn, Manager of The APS CAC Stamp Show Program Critique, that Joe has earned his third gold award since 1994. This award was for the 1997 ROPEX program. Joe was a judge for the 1995 critique and was not entered in the 1995 competition.

The American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee's 1997 Stamp Show Program had twenty one clubs represented in the competition. There are three classes of competition. Class I: Publications that are single-page programs (i.e., bifold, trifold, etc.) from shows sponsored by an APS Chapter. Class II: Programs that have multiple pages from shows sponsored solely by an APS Chapter. Class III: Multiple-page programs from shows co-sponsored either by an APS Chapter, state federation, or a national or international show/bourse, including those that combine stamps with other collectables.

The RPA is in Class II and is in good company. Other Gold winners in Class II were:

GULFPEX 97, Gulf Coast Stamp Club (Mississippi). **1997 MID-CITIES STAMP EXPO**, Mid-Cities Stamp Club (Texas). **OKPEX 97**, Oklahoma City Stamp Club (Oklahoma). **VALPEX 97**, Spring-Ford Philatelic Society (Pennsylvania).

ADD-ON CACHET



The above cover was created by George Hill, III. (GMH3). George purchased the joint first day cover from the USPS and added his color cachet. The trick is in the elements used for the cachet. They all tie the stamps to the cover subject wise. This cover would be an excellent addition to anyones collection. Good job, George!

State/Possession Abbreviation

NOTE:
These are abbreviations used by the USPS. Proper state abbreviations are still recognized such as N.Y. for New York.

ALABAMA	AL
ALASKA	AK
AMERICAN SAMOA	AS
ARIZONA	AZ
ARKANSAS	AR
CALIFORNIA	CA
COLORADO	CO
CONNECTICUT	CT
DELAWARE	DE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	DC
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	FM
FLORIDA	FL
GEORGIA	GA
GUAM	GU
HAWAII	HI
IDAHO	ID
ILLINOIS	IL
INDIANA	IN
IOWA	IA
KANSAS	KS
KENTUCKY	KY
LOUISIANA	LA
MAINE	ME
MARSHALL ISLANDS	MH
MARYLAND	MD
MASSACHUSETTS	MA
MICHIGAN	MI
MINNESOTA	MN
MISSISSIPPI	MS
MISSOURI	MO
MONTANA	MT
NEBRASKA	NE
NEVADA	NV
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NH
NEW JERSEY	NJ
NEW MEXICO	NM
NEW YORK	NY
NORTH CAROLINA	NC
NORTH DAKOTA	ND
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
OHIO	OH
OKLAHOMA	OK
OREGON	OR
PALAU	PW
PENNSYLVANIA	PA
PUERTO RICO	PR
RHODE ISLAND	RI
SOUTH CAROLINA	SC
SOUTH DAKOTA	SD
TENNESSEE	TN
TEXAS	TX
UTAH	UT
VERMONT	VT
VIRGIN ISLANDS	VI
VIRGINIA	VA
WASHINGTON	WA
WEST VIRGINIA	WV
WISCONSIN	WI
WYOMING	WY

Military "State" Abbreviation

Armed Forces Africa	AE
Armed Forces Americas (except Canada)	AA
Armed Forces Canada	AE
Armed Forces Europe	AE
Armed Forces Middle East	AE
Armed Forces Pacific	AP

RPA PROGRAMS

JUNE 11

OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING and SILENT AUCTION

Bring your ballots with you or mail back
ASAP

JUNE 19

ANNUAL RPA BANQUET and AUCTION

At the Diplomat Party House

6:00 cocktails

6:30 dinner buffet

\$13.00 per person

Deadline June 14th see Paul Gerwitz
up to 7 auction lots each member

JUNE 25

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

This is the last meeting of the
1997-98 season, hope everyone can make it.

AUGUST

Keep an eye open for the announcement
on the RPA picnic..details to follow.

Join the Group

You're a topical collector, you've picked your
topic, but you are stumped as to what to do next -
besides pick up all the stamps you can find showing your
topic.

Why not consult the "Topical Time" magazine
(copies are in the RPA library) and see if there is a study
group related to your theme or topic? Nearly every
group publishes its own newsletter or journal with
articles related to the topic covered. For example, there
is a Women on Stamps group which publishes "The
Topical Woman." The editor does an excellent job of
writing biographies of various women on stamps, prints
submissions by members, lists recent issues of stamps
picturing women, and includes several illustrations in
each issue.

Similar newsletters are produced by The Medical
Studies Unit, with its "Scalpel and Tongs;" The Casey
Jones Railroad Unit, with "The Dispatcher; the
Christmas Seal and Charity Stamps Society, printing
"Seal News; and the Christmas Philatelic Club which
seals out "The Yule Log."

For a REAL boost to your topical collecting, plan
to attend the NTSS-98 in Falls Church, Virginia in July!

Battleship Revenues

The May 28 meeting on computers was
canceled at the last minute. In it's place we were
presented a live talk (not one on tape) by our
member from Grand Island, New York, Walter
Orton. Walter has obviously done his research
on the battleship revenues. Hundreds of hours
have been spent looking through the records of
the printing office putting together the data for
this presentation. Other RPA members
collecting revenues added to the evenings
program with lively give and take. It seemed to
me that the membership enjoyed the evenings
program with a live presenter. Let's have more
of them. Do you have a special interest that
could be made into a program? If you do, see
the clubs' Vice President. The VP has the
responsibility for programming.
Thank you Walter.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU

In many of the past issues of H&T you enjoyed
reading about he goings on of the RPA. The
columns were the work of Norman and Florence
Wright and I would like to thank them for
making my job (editor) much easier. Thanks
again Norm and Flo.

FLOWERING TREES

At the May 28 meeting we heard from Jim Sanders and
how he ended up at the first day of issue ceremony for
the self-adhesive stamps depicting details from
flowering trees of the United States issued March 19 at
the Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event in New York
City. Jim told of the long lines for signatures on First
Day Programs. Instead of waiting in line, Jim went into
the bourse for a time and when the lines had died down
he went back for his set of signatures. The person who
sang the National Anthem was still there and Jim
commented to him how much he enjoyed the singing but
that two words had been left out. The rest of the panel
went silent as the singer said "Oh, what two words"?
And Jim was heard to say "PLAY BALL".

