



# Hinges & Tongs

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC  
P.O. Box 10206, BRIGHTON STATION  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14610-0206

Sept. - Oct. 2006

## RPA OFFICERS

2006 - 2007

President- **Rick Kase**  
Vice President- **Jim Bell**  
Treasurer- **Rich Spinelli**  
Corresponding Secretary  
**Joe Doles**  
Recording Secretary  
**Diane Bombard**

## Board of Governors

**Ray Stone**  
(term expires June 30, 2007)  
**Bob Kingston**  
(term expires June 30, 2008)  
**Chuck Schultz**  
(term expires June 30, 2009)  
Immediate Past President  
**Paul Gerwitz**

## Appointments

Membership - **Rich Spinelli**  
Librarian - **Joe Doles**

Articles may be submitted for publication  
to: **Joe Doles, Editor**

**105 Lawson Rd.,**

**Rochester, NY 14616-1444.**

Electronically to [Jkd52@aol.com](mailto:Jkd52@aol.com)

Neatly hand-written or double  
spaced typewritten is acceptable.  
Any originals submitted for scanning  
will be returned if requested.

## Annual Dues Are Due

Please send your \$20.00 annual dues  
to the Treasurer / Membership Chair.

**Rich Spinelli**

295 Raspberry Patch Drive  
Rochester NY 14612-2875

Rich is the new membership chairman

## What I Did This Summer

**September 14** will be a Show & Tell. What I did this summer, philatelically? Maybe you went to a First Day of Issue or a special stamp meeting or found that stamp or cover you have been hunting for. Bring in your special stamp items that you would like to talk about and share your enthusiasm with the group.

## Selling Stamps on ebay.

This September 28 meeting will be presented by RPA VP Jim Bell. If you have never been able to get up the nerve to sell on line, this talk may be just the nudge you needed. If you are already an ebay seller, maybe you can pick up a tip or two or share your experiences with the group.

## Be Your Own Dealer Night

**October 12** will give all members the opportunity to set up shop at the RPA. Bring in your items that have been collecting dust and see if anyone is interested in adding your items to their collections. Realistic pricing will make the difference whether you make a sale or not.

## Called Auction

On October 26 the final auction of the Sanders/Perry estates organized by Kelly and Kathy Armstrong will be held. Come early to review the lots. The RPA receives 10% and the balance goes to the families.

## SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

More and More RPA members are now online. In our continuing effort to keep all members informed of club activities, we are asking that everyone register their current email with us to receive periodic updates.

The process is simple! Just send an email to Tom Fortunato at [stampmf@frontiernet.net](mailto:stampmf@frontiernet.net). We will update our records and add your email address to the mailing list!

## ABOUT AUCTIONS

Up to seven (7) lots per member are permitted at each silent auction. Bid sheets are available for you to fill out prior to meetings. No fees are charged for silent auctions.

Five (5) lots are allowed for called auctions. Please indicate your starting price, if any. The seller pays a 10% fee to the club.

## ABOUT REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and doughnuts are provided at each meeting. Please remember to keep drinks and eats away from the auction tables and other members material. Donations are always appreciated.

## APS Recruitment Drive Focuses on Chapters

The following is the text of an article prepared for the October issue of the American Philatelist, publication of the American Philatelic Society, and is reproduced here so all RPA members not currently an APS member can take advantage of this very special offer!



All American Philatelic Society Chapters in the US and abroad received an important letter in May announcing a great deal only available through local Chapter clubs

We want to encourage all Chapter members to become members of the APS as well, so here's the offer:

Any Chapter member not already an APS member may apply for a special introductory 15 month membership from October 2006 through December 2007 at half the normal price. The cost to join will be \$19 rather than \$38 for collectors in the United States, \$20.50 instead of \$41 for Canadians, and \$24 instead of \$48 for those living elsewhere. Sorry, renewals at these rates cannot be honored.

But we're going one better with the deal. We will give the same half-price offer to any collector in your community whether they are Chapter club members or not. The "catch" is that these collectors must contact their nearest Chapter directly to obtain and submit an application. This will give local clubs an opportunity to meet local/regional collectors who we hope will consider joining their group as well. Refer to the online Chapter directory at [http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir\\_localclubs.htm](http://www.stamps.org/directories/dir_localclubs.htm) for contact information.

### Here's how it will work:

By early October all Chapters that requested a recruitment kit from APS headquarters per May's letter will have received it. That kit will contain standard APS membership application forms along with other material about the benefits of APS membership. If for some reason the forms do not arrive in time, or a club runs out of them, they may be downloaded from the APS web site at [http://www.stamps.org/TheAPS/abt\\_joinprint.htm](http://www.stamps.org/TheAPS/abt_joinprint.htm).

Cross off the full price under "TOTAL TO REMIT" (for payments placed in October, November and December) and replace it with the half-price figure. Under "Name of the Propose" write in your Chapter Name and Chapter Number.

Chapter clubs will be responsible for distributing APS application forms to those interested in the offer and returning them completed to APS headquarters with payment by check, money order, or Visa or MasterCard anytime in October (preferably) or November. Batching these will help headquarters process them more easily.

We're especially encouraging local Chapter clubs to hold an APS Recruitment Night sometime in October to hand out applications to interested collectors in person. This would be the perfect time to publicize your club through an article in a local newspaper and/or posters placed in libraries, schools and the post office.

Remember that APS memberships make great holiday gifts.

Tom Fortunato, Chairman,

## Do You Want to Save Money?

The Rochester Philatelic Association has a long standing recruitment program that some of you may not be aware of. For every two members you bring to the club you will receive one years paid dues.

### Annual Dues:

Adult \$20.00

Junior \$5.00

## Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

### Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult  Junior

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

APS# \_\_\_\_\_ ATA# \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RPA and give to Rich Spinelli, RPA Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

**Bertram N. Kiener**, RPA Life Member  
 Passed away on Monday, July 31, 2006 at age 80.  
 He is predeceased by his son, Barry H. Kiener.

He is survived by his  
 Devoted wife of 59 years, Betty; Daughter, Shelley Kiener; Son, Steve Kiener.

Funeral Services were held privately.

Donations may be made to

Temple Sinai  
 363 Penfield Road  
 Rochester, New York  
 14625

or  
 Humane Society at Lollypop Farm, 99 Victor Road, P.O.  
 Box 299, Fairport, New York 14450  
 in his memory...



**RPA Board Meeting** August 31, 2006

Paul Gerwitz addressed the group in regards to his granddaughter Emma. She is on the road to a full recovery. The doctors say this may take a year or two.

**Meeting started at 7:17 P.M..**

**Board Members present:** Rick Kase, Jim Bell, Rick Spinelli, Diane Bombard, Joe Doles, Ray Stone, Bob Kingston, Chuck Schultz, and Paul Gerwitz .

**Host:** Frank Tritto.  
**Guest:** David Bombard

**Rick Kase** discussed money for Stamp Camp, which was tabled until next meeting.  
**Rich Spinelli** brought up that there is a financial problem. The rent paid at the church is more than our annual income from dues. We discussed speaking on the subject at a regular meeting on what to do to save money. Possibilities are to use the downstairs meeting room or the barn at the edge of the parking lot. We will discuss further with the members at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Ray Stone**, show chairman, talked about the ESL Main Arena for the ROPEX show, ESL will supply electric for the vendor's tables.

**Jim Bell**, program chairman, announced the programs for the first half of the year. Show and Tell, Selling Stamps on e-bay by Jim Bell, be your own dealer night, conclusion of Auction by Kelly Armstrong, APS slide show, and John Kellas III on Philatelic Papers.

**Treasures report**

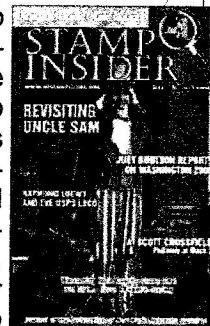
Expenses	\$2,139.00
Cash on hand	\$301.00
Balance of all accounts	\$27,630.00
Net gain	\$108.00

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

Submitted by **Diane Bombard**, RPA Secretary

**Getting the Stamp Insider by Mail**

Members of the Buffalo Stamp Club and Rochester Philatelic Association who either receive the *Stamp Insider* as part of the drop shipment to the two organizations or who do not receive it at all because they are unable to attend meetings, now can have the journal mailed directly to their homes. There will be no additional cost for those already receiving the *Stamp Insider* and a nominal charge of \$3.30 a year for those who have not been receiving it. The publication is now in full color on clay-coated, trimmed pages, and currently has 68 pages bimonthly. Currently the two clubs are receiving less than 50 copies in total — far less than a total membership of more than 200 collectively.



Our goal is to get the *Stamp Insider* into the hands of as many Federation members as possible. We hope those who are getting the journal are enjoying the improved contents and design, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

If you wish to receive the *Stamp Insider* by mail, please send a letter or e-mail to Albert W. Starkweather, Editor, *The Stamp Insider*, 5520 Gunn Hwy, #1406, Tampa, FL 33624-2847; [astarkweather@nystampclubs.org](mailto:astarkweather@nystampclubs.org).

If you haven't seen the new and improved *Stamp Insider*, please request a sample copy.

<http://www.nystampclubs.org>.

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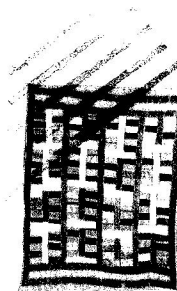
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Sept. 28</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Oct. 26</b>
What you did over the summer philatelically?	Selling Stamps on eBay by Jim Bell	Be Your Own Dealer Night	Memorial Auction Con- clusion by Kelly Armstrong
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>
Philatelic Slide Show TBA	No Meeting	Philatelic Papers By John Kellas	<i>Merry Christmas</i> No meeting

Meetings are held at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14618. Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Programs start at 7:30 pm sharp.

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