RPA Club Meeting Minutes October 24, 2013

28 members attended the fourth meeting of the fall season.

Rich Spinelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Business items included

Dave Robinson reported the success of last meeting’s auction and the health of the treasury. He also reported that one of our long time ROPEX dealers, Harry Tong, was recuperating from major surgery. Club members signed a get well card to send him.

Fred Haynes reported that the Penfield Library would host an RPA exhibit in November and that H&T would come out soon. Update as of Nov. 2 (Library exhibit is in place and H&T will be out by Nov. 8th)

Tom Fortunato and 3 other RPA members entertained a number of seniors at Maplewood Estates in Perinton on October 12th. We hope to do more outreach events like this in the future.

Mark Scheuer updated us on the status of the 1847 Cover Census for US Scott #1 and #2. The full story is in the Nov/Dec Stamp Insider.

Somehow we ended up debating the etymology of the word philately. A lively discussion that was ended when George Fekete consulted Google!

The program of the meeting was “Psycho-Philately: Adolf Hitler”. The research and text was the work of Dr. Anthony Labrum. Tom Forunato added some related images and made the presentation and did the meeting. The topic generated a lot of discussion, particularly amongst those with WW II memories themselves or of their parents. The presentation is available on the website.

The ROPEX committee will meet on Wednesday November 6th. Tom noted that an auction is being planned for Friday May 16th after show closes for the day at 6 PM.

Our next club meeting is on November 14th.

The silent auction was brought to closure and Rich adjourned the meeting shortly after 9:00 PM.

Filed by Fred Haynes (Recording Secretary, RPA)