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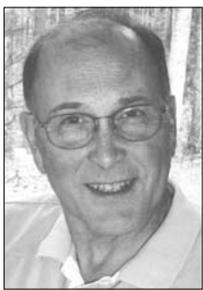
American Philatelic Society Chapter #350, American Topical Association Chapter #107

President's corner

Make yourself known

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

When reading philatelic periodicals, I always look for the names of Wisconsin stamp collectors.



Lately, in fact, I've been weeding through stacks of old magazines and newspapers (yes, there's a fuzzy line between "collector" and "packrat") to reduce the volume in my stamp room. The idea is to save the occasional feature that I want and toss the hundreds of other pages that I have no use for anymore. It's a fun pastime in itself, and I find myself continuing to look for names I know.

I was surprised, when weeding out some old copies of *Scott Stamp Monthly*, to find a couple of articles written by Pat Loehr, the departing secretary of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. One was on the sport of golf on stamps, and the other was related to the Vince Lombardi stamp. I had known that she had a golf-related topical collection, but I didn't know that she had written about it.

One place I do find Wisconsin names is in the list of new members of the American Philatelic

WFSC member club Christmas ads

A long-standing tradition of member clubs of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs has been to run special holiday ads. We will resume this tradition in the December issue, with two options for clubs.

Individual ads may be purchased at normal *ATFP* rates and designed either by the club or the editor and placed in desired locations in the issue.

Society, which runs every month in the APS magazine, *American Philatelist*. I frequently find three names from Wisconsin. Usually, I don't recognize any of them.

Do our member clubs check that list for names also? I'd bet it would be a possible source of new members because some people might join a large, visible organization and not even know that a local club was right nearby. All you'd have to do is use the clues in the listing to track down the new APS member or contact APS headquarters. His or her town is listed, along with age, occupation and collecting interest. Then it's a matter of checking the telephone

The second option is to be part of a larger ad with a \$10 sponsorship. Either way, all copy needs to be received by the editor prior to Nov. 17.

Information should be sent to: *ATFP* Christmas Ad, Editor Wayne Youngblood, P.O. Box 111, Scandinavia WI 54977-0111, or emailed to youngblood@tds.net.

book and making a phone call. Showing some interest can't hurt. If the new APS member didn't know about the local club before he might appreciate the call; if he did know but doesn't want anything to do with you, at least he's aware that you're interested in his hobby.

I'm usually disappointed when I check out the letters columns in the stamp periodicals. Seldom do I find any letter writers from Wisconsin.

One name did pop up from time to time as I looked through old copies of *Mekeel's* and the new incarnation, *Mekeel's and Stamps* – that of Paul Schroeder, the just-retired treasurer of the

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We need you !

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions.

Secretary: The Federation's secretarial duties may be divided among two or more people. We still need someone to fill this vital position. Duties are typical of a secretarial position: Prepare executive board meeting agendas, record and submit minutes, submit reports, respond to inquiries and maintain files.

Stamp Suggestion Chairman: Recommend to the USPS stamp subjects with Wisconsin connections and help to promote ceremonies in conjunction with stamps issued in Wisconsin or having Wisconsin connections.

Blue Book Coordinator: Ensure that the information and guidelines in the Federation's *Blue Book* procedures for stamp show organizers are accurate and up to date.

Chairman, Judging Committee. The chairman coordinates WFSC judges for shows with competitive philatelic exhibits.

To volunteer or nominate someone for these positions, please contact President Maurice D. Wozniak.

Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

Publishing in your club bulletin a complete schedule of programs for the year is a good idea on more than one count. The **Oshkosh Philatelic Society** and the **Kenosha Stamp and Cover Club** did that this fall, for example.

First of all, such a list lets your club members know what's on tap. It shows that the club officers are planning, not just sitting around. It reveals to all any holes you might have – planned or unplanned – in your program schedule. Others who might see the schedule might decide to drop by for a topic that might appeal to them. It allows club members an opportunity to prepare something if their participation is sought.

The Oshkosh schedule, incidentally, is especially impressive – 19 programs from September 2008 to June 2009, mostly with club members presenting programs. First on tap was a talk on forgeries.

The Kenosha schedule relies mostly on slide shows from the American Philatelic Society, a good source for interesting, visual topics designed to hold a viewer's attention. The club's first program was a show-and-tell event, "What I Did (with Stamps) This Summer."

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Program ideas

"Once a collector, always a collector," Bob Mather noted as he prepared a talk for the **American Topical Association Chapter 5** chapter, Waukesha. He explained that he collects dirt samples from his travels, and he said

it's more bulky than his stamp collection. He also asked club members to bring examples from any secondary collections they might have.

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What others are doing

Fred McBeth, secretary of the **Kenosha Stamp and Cover Club**, has been named Jack Larsen Memorial Member of the Year for the club.

"If you see Pastor Steve Cowens of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, be sure and thank him for making his meeting room available to our stamp club as we were temporarily dislocated from the First Lutheran Church due to their summer vacation Bible school activities," Jim Stearns, bulletin editor for the **Northwoods Philatelic Society**, Iron Mountain, Mich., noted. Everybody knows it's a good idea to spread around the thanks, but it doesn't hurt to remind folks now and then.

The newsletter editor for the **Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club**, Rhinelander, grumped, "It's hard to believe that politics could play a role in stamp issue." The issue at hand is whether the Postal Service will issue a stamp for the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It's good to keep these things in club members' minds and maybe get some action to boot!

Tim Wait, editor of the **Rockford (Ill.) Stamp Club** newsletter, *Stamp Notes*, observed, "Think about all the trivia knowledge you have recorded in your brain. Do you ever watch a game show on TV and say, 'I know that answer, from collecting stamps?' I know I do!"

John Fisher, a member of the **Milwaukee Philatelic Society**, began collecting when he

was 7 or 8 years old and found an old stamp album, Carol Schutta noted in the *Milwaukee Philatelist* newsletter. He continued collecting through high school and into college, and when his sister spent a year in Spain she sent him stamps and got him interested in the Spanish civil war of the 1930s. Brief items on club members can stir up a lot of interest.

Information for "Clubs Are Trump" is gathered from club newsletters. Please send newsletters to Maurice D. Wozniak, 1010 Berlin St., Waupaca WI 54981.

WHO'S WHO IN THE HALL OF FAME

The Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame was established to recognize prominent Wisconsin philatelists for contributions to the hobby in the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

This series of short columns will familiarize *Across the Fence Post* readers with some of the individuals who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since 1976, as well as some of the interesting details about them.

Which individual most closely matches the following statements? The correct answer appears elsewhere in this issue of *ATFP*:

This month's HOF member was WFSC president going back to the 1961-62 term and again for the 1971-72 term. This member also is a coin collector and a coin dealer.

- (a) Vern Witt
- (b) Henry J. Schmidt
- (c) Frank Moertl
- (d) Tom Sanford

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WFSC Receives Grant Monies for Youth Projects

MaryAnn Bowman

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs has received grant monies to underwrite the costs associated with two youth outreach programs.

One program is aimed at introducing the hobby to children who have to spend extended amounts of time in hospitals or other care facilities due to health concerns and other at-risk situations. Called "Stamp Collecting in a Bag," the outreach program provides a simple album, stamps, hinges and an opportunity to expand the collecting interests of youth through hands-on activities. The program includes a minimum of three visits per new collector. At the first visit, the child is introduced to the hobby

through the sharing of the kits. Demonstrations include soaking and hinging of stamps.

In the second visit, the volunteer would help the child write a letter requesting a free packet of stamps and instruct the child on how to address an envelope and the use of a stamped, addressed envelope. The request will be mailed to a third party who has packets pre-assembled so that the order can be filled quickly and returned to the child via the mail stream. Kids love to get mail! Upon completion of the task, these young collectors would be allowed to choose more stamps for their albums.

On the third visit, the young collectors will be introduced to first-day covers and allowed to

create a cachet for an upcoming stamp issue. The volunteer will mail the covers to the appropriate city. For completing the task, children will again be allowed to select stamps from a new source. (Won't the kids be surprised when the FDC arrives in their mailbox!)

The second grant was given to underwrite the cost of having a table and booth space at KIDSfest, an annual two-day event of fun, entertainment and hands-on activities for families held in Milwaukee at State Fair Park. The dates for this upcoming event in 2009 are April 18-19. Introducing stamps to youth and families was very well received when it was last presented several years ago.

President's Column, from Page 1.

Federation. Paul is not averse to sending a letter to a philatelic publication in response to an article or just to alert the readership about something happening in his sphere of interest. His letters enhance the publications.

This publication's editor, Wayne Youngblood, has been a regular columnist with *American Philatelist*, *Brookman Times* and *U.S. Stamp News*, and as a member of the APS board his name shows up a lot. Likewise, Ken Grant gets mentioned as president of the American Philatelic Research Library.

Bob Mather, past president and current board member of the American Topical Association appears regularly in *Topical Time*, the magazine of the group. MaryAnn Bowman writes a regular column in *Topical Time*, "Youth in Topics." In an issue this summer, Clete Delvaux had an article on Edgar Allan Poe on stamps of the world.

Delvaux is president of the collecting organization Journalists, Authors and Poets on Stamps (JAPOS) and is editor of the *JAPOS Bulletin*. I'm sure I miss some Wisconsin appearances because I don't read many specialty publications, such as *First Days*, the publication for first-day cover collectors.

The point of this column, though, is to bring to your attention my observation that I see few Wisconsin collectors' names in the general-interest stamp publications – and to urge you to help remedy that situation.

I know you have opinions about the hobby and the course of the United States Postal Service and the APS.

I know you have questions about some aspect of your collection.

I know you're proud of some activities that your club has carried out.

I know you're not always satisfied with some of the stamp articles you read.

Writing a letter is an easy way to get more involved in your hobby on a larger scale, and I know publication editors appreciate hearing from readers.

Put yourself out. Make a difference.

A new position; a little housekeeping

Wayne L. Youngblood

In addition to my volunteer work on *Across the Fence Post*, and my other freelance work (including *Airpost Journal*), I have added a new title: Vice President, Consignor Relations for Regency-Superior Auctions of St. Louis and Beverly Hills. Regency-Superior is one of the best-known U.S. stamp auction houses, is the world's largest auctioneer of space and space-flown items and is well-known in sports, memorabilia and other collectibles.

As VP of consignor relations I will be responsible for working with existing consignors, potential new consignors and helping with auctions and many other aspects of this rapidly growing business. I also will be working closely with dealers looking to turn older stock, collectors wishing to sell collections or exhibits to build other areas or anyone who has stamps, coins, space, sports and other collectibles they would like to turn to cash.

I will continue to live in Wisconsin, and my personal contact information remains unchanged: P.O. Box 111, Scandinavia WI 54977-0111; phone: (715) 467-4416; or youngblood@tds.net (home office).

However, I may also be reached through

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While there should be little or no change to the newsletter's schedule, I may not be able to reply as quickly to correspondence, since I will be traveling quite a bit more than I have been.

If you have any questions about this change, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Or, for that matter, if you have stamps and collectibles to sell...

I also would like to take a moment to thank everyone who sent or resent features, letters and other material that was lost with my computer breakdown earlier this year (in June). With everyone's help I have been able to replace most of what was lost and to continue publication without a noticeable disruption.

I'm always also looking for features, "My Favorite Philatelic Item," letters and other items for publication in *ATFP*. Electronic submissions will get published sooner.

One-day show is not the way to go!

Paul Zientek

When most stamp collecting societies are going away from two-day shows [to longer ones], the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is taking two steps backwards and going to single-day Wiscopex shows.

With a one-day show there just aren't enough hours to visit the dealers, attend meetings, have lunch and visit with friends. Besides, I do miss the nice banquet dinner and awards presentation. Many banquets also had a guest speaker. This is an annual get-together. I don't think a

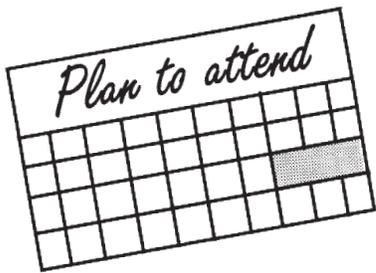
pizza party cuts it.

When Rockford, Ill., and Oshkosh host the show in 2009 and 2010, I hope it will be a two-day event with a banquet.

Let's bring back the good old days!

[Editor's note: This opinion piece was submitted several months ago in response to *Wiscopex 2008*, a one-day annual convention held in Appleton. I apologize for the delay in publishing it. — Wayne]

Answer to Who's Who quiz on Page 2:
Vern Witt



Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or other event here!
 Calendar listings are free for one WFSC member-club event per year. Classified advertising rates apply for all non-members and other events appearing in this section.

2008-09 WFSC show schedule*

*Some dates and details may be subject to change, and there will likely be additional listings.

Nov. 22, 2008

Oshkosh Stamp Bourse
Oshkosh Philatelic Society
 Elk's Club, 175 Fernau St., Oshkosh WI
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus (920) 725-0798
 allan.marym@hotmail.com

Feb. 8, 2009

Janesville Annual Exhibition and Bourse
Janesville Stamp Club
 Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl.
 Janesville WI
Contact: Gary Wentworth
 (608) 756-1380, wnstamps@aol.com

Feb. 15, 2009

Stevens Point, Cenwispex '09
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
 Show location to be announced.
Contact: J.D. Manville, P.O. Box 845,
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
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Mar. 14-15, 2009

WISCOPEX/ROCKFORD '09
(Annual Convention and Philatelic
Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of
Stamp Clubs)
 Hosted by Rockford Stamp Club, Forest
 Hills Lodge, 9500 Forest Hills Rd.
 Rockford IL
Contact: Tim Wait, 1718 Northrock Ct.,
 Rockford, IL 61103 (815) 670-5869,
 t.wait@comcast.net

Mar. 21, 2009

Green Bay, Baypex '09
Green Bay Philatelic Society
 Best Western Midway Hotel, 780 Armed
 Forces Dr. (formerly known as Packer
 Dr.), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Ray D. Perry (920) 469-8925,
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Mar. 28-29, 2009

West Allis, STAMPFEST '09
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So.
 92nd St., West Allis WI
Contact: Carol Schutta, 10250 W.
 Sharon Ln., #5, Milwaukee, WI 53225
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Apr. 19, 2009

Madison, Danepex '09
Badger Stamp Club
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington
 Ave. (across from East Towne Mall),
 Wadison WI, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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 Madison, WI 53714 (608) 221-2311,
 lestamps@charter.net

Apr. 25, 2009

Appleton, Outapex '09
Outagamie Philatelic Society
 Four Aces (formerly Columbus Club),
 2531 N. Richmond St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus, (920) 725-0798
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May 9, 2009

Sheboygan Falls
Sheboygan Stamp and Coin Show,
Sheboygan Stamp Club
 Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo St.
Contact: Barbara Stohl, P.O. Box 907,
 Sheboygan, WI 53082, (920) 458-4883

June 13, 2009

Rhineland, Annual Show and Bourse
Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club
 James Williams Middle School, 915
 Acacia Ln., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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 Bill Julian (715) 277-2692

June 27-28, 2009

West Allis, Tri-Pex Stamp Fair
ATA Chapter 5 & North Shore Phil. Soc.
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 92nd St.
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**Other major
 non-WFSC shows
 near Wisconsin
 (below):**

Nov. 21-23, 2008
Arlington Heights, IL

Chicagopex '08
Chicago Philatelic Society
 Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W.
 Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL

May 22-24, 2009
Arlington Heights, IL

Complex '09
Chicago Area Philatelic Societies,
 Forest View Educational Center, 2121
 So. Goebbert Rd., Arlington IL

July 17-19, 2009
Crystal, MN

Minnesota Stamp Expo
Maplewood Stamp Club, Twin City Phil.
Soc., Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club,
Minn. Stamp Dealers Assoc.
 Crystal Community Center, 4800 N.
 Douglas Dr. North, Crystal MN

Obituary: Alberta J. Goff

Paul Schroeder recently passed on a news item on the death of Alberta J. Goff of Downers Grove, Ill., on June 3 at the age of 87.

While Mrs. Goff was not a stamp collector, she lived in Oshkosh for many years and is known to some collectors as the designer of a number of World War II patriotic envelopes.

According to a feature written by Schroeder on the December 2000 *ATFP*, Goff began designing envelopes as a college student in Evanston, Ill., in 1942, when the owner of a local stationery store, an M.J. Huss, lost his local artist and sought to continue producing the popular envelopes.

Goff submitted several sample drawings and was soon hired as the store's artist. She pro-

duced an unknown number (but quite a few) of patriotic envelopes that depicted not only our nation's political and military leaders, but the rank-and-file soldiers, Red Cross personnel and many other support positions.

One of Goff's designs is reproduced at right. She is survived by two sons, a sister, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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