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FEBRUARY MEETING – Happy Valentine Day!

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: February 15, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PROGRAM: Trivia Contest and Silent Auction

*Reminder: We need volunteer members to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. February's volunteer is **Randy Younger**.*

Note: Winter Months Reminder: in the event of adverse weather the meeting will be canceled if either the Green Bay Public Schools, or Green Bay Public School activities for the night of the meeting are cancelled.

January Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of the December meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was approved.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Mark Schroeder reported that table invitations went out to the dealers in January. He reminded club members that help would be needed setting up the venue at about 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd. Darryl got information to put the show posters together.

Unfinished Business:

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop: Bob Tregoning said that he would be willing to take on leadership of that project. Ray offered to help him out. Ray and

Bob will meet with the Scouts to set up a workshop for later this spring.

Ray reviewed the Linn's Stamp Poll and brought ballots. Several were filled out and returned to Ray. They will be submitted to Linn's. Ray will let the club know the results of the poll when they are published in the next few months.

New Business

Disposition of the Club Projector: our president mentioned that our projector was outdated and obsolete. The club passed a motion to allow the president to dispose of the projector.

Our president read a very nice note from member, Bob Petersen. We wish Bob and his wife the best and hope that Bob will again be able to join us for our meetings in the future.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed.

December Program:

The January program was "Way Out Topical Night." We had a total of 7 entries. They are shown below:

- 1st Place – "Let's Go to the Dance" by Chuck Sanders
- 2nd Place – "Gastronomy" by Arno Jacobsen
- 3rd Place – "Attraction of the Moon" by Tom Johnston

- “Nauru – the Original” by Dave Burrows
- “Promoting Conservation of our Natural Resources” by Don Buntman
- “Skinheads on Stamps” by Clete Delvaux
- “Germany – 1936 Olympics” by Dave Devroy

We also had the usual silent auction to allow members to pick up that philatelic item that just has to be added to their collection.

February Program:

As announced in last month’s newsletter in addition to our regular silent auction, we will have our annual Philatelic Trivia Contest in February. The trivia contest rules and questions were first published in last month’s newsletter. They are again published here. Have fun and good luck!

Now here are the rules for the Trivia Contest. Bring as many of the stamps related to the following clues as possible to the **FEBRUARY** meeting. You may bring in the correct answers and Scott numbers. In order to accommodate out-of-town members or members that can’t make the meeting, any member can mail the answers and correct Scott numbers to Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311 or email them to: fiveperrys@athenet.net

Here are the clues:

1. What is the first US Stamp to depict the person honored by Walt Whitman's poem "When Lilacs Last in the Doorway Bloomed"?
2. What famous U. S. polar explorer explored both the north and south polar areas? Hints: He and a colleague were once stranded at "Little America" in Antarctica for two months before being rescued. His support ship was named the "Wyatt Earp" after his hero.
3. Which western European country's first stamp, issued in 1853, features Queen Maria II?
4. What is the name of the “American Indian” featured on the 14-cent value of the U.S. 1922 definitive series?
5. Which country has a post office in Postojna Cave?
6. Which DDR stamp was sold for only one day then withdrawn?
7. What American inventor honored in the 1940 Famous Americans issue has also been honored by two Canadian stamps?
8. The U. S. 1996 “Endangered Species” issue (U. S. 3105) was released simultaneously with the “Let’s

Preserve the Species” stamps from which North American country?

9. What type of global projection is used on the first “Christmas” stamps (Canada 85 & 86)?
10. Which western European country introduced syncopated perforations with its 1925 definitive series?
11. What are the five countries whose flags are depicted on U.S. 537, commemorating the end of WWI and the allied victory?
12. What country issued the first self-adhesive stamps in 1964?
13. Survivors of the Great London Fire of 1666 landed on which island that commemorated the event in 1967 with a stamp?
14. Lord Baden Powell, acknowledged founder of the Boy Scouts, was first commemorated in 1900 on a stamp issued from what besieged fort during the Boer War?
15. In what year were U. S. Christmas Seals first introduced?
16. What is the first U.S. stamp with the U.S. flag in its design?
17. Which is the only Christmas Seal to have both the Cross of Lorraine and a Greek cross pictured on it?

Dues Reminder:

Remember that dues are now past due. Please save your officers the trouble of having to track you down for payment. The annual dues are still a bargain at \$10.00 for the year. Where else can you have so much fun for less than \$0.85/meeting.

Dave’s Deliberations

It was during the business portion of our Xmas meeting that Tom J. reintroduced a topic which I believe is important and constructive. It is that of establishing a workable library that can be used by our members.

Mark S. has previously offered space for the storage of books, and at the Xmas meeting offered to maintain a listing of all material available to members.

Many members, and I consider myself within this grouping, have literature that could be included in a listing of items available to members, but they would prefer to have such material under their own control.

I myself have items I consider should not be uniformly grouped. For example, I have books of short articles and books of a single topic that I would have no problem being lent for a month or more at a time. At the opposite extreme are specialized catalogs that I would be reticent to loan for more than a very few days. Person to person loan arrangements can easily be arranged once there is a listing.

It is my intention, that by the time this article is published, to have a listing as described in the previous paragraph in Mark's hands. I encourage all other members to do likewise prior to the March meeting.

Ray's Ramblings

Last month we looked at a topic or maybe I should say thematic on collecting explorers along with maps that show the area they explored. I mentioned that I got the idea for the thematic from fellow GBPS member, Clete Delvaux. Clete mentioned at the January meeting that he had put some of these together too and would share one for a future newsletter. So, you can look for that in the future. Thanks, Clete for that offer.

As for this month, it has been a while since we have discussed Czeslaw Slania's work. As most of you know, Slania is perhaps the most famous stamp engraver. A few years ago, I started collecting the issues he had engraved (there are between 1,000 and 1,100 of them). His work is marvelous as I think you will agree when you take a look at the set of Faroe Island stamps pictured below.



Faroe Islands Scott 197-200

These stamps depict the bird cliffs of Suduroy. Suduroy is the southern-most island in the Faroe Islands. Its western side contains nesting areas important for many species of seabirds including petrels, puffins, and guillemots. Please note the detail so well incorporated in these designs.

Slania engraved stamps for many different countries (32 to be exact). He did several very interesting sets

for Great Britain. One of these sets (Scott 991-95) shows five different naval commanders with their respective ships. Shown below is the 24p stamp featuring Lord Nelson and his ship "Victory."



Great Britain Scott 993

Another set that Slania did for Great Britain commemorates the bicentenary of the Bath-Bristol-London Mail Coach (Scott 1062-66). Various mail routes and mail coaches are depicted on the five different designs. Shown below is the stamp depicting the Norwich Mail in a Thunder Storm in 1827.



Great Britain Scott 1064

Another country that Slania engraved many stamps for is Monaco. Seven pairs of these stamps depicted works of art from the Belle Epoch period. Wikipedia says that the Belle Epoch was a period of time from the end of the Franco-Prussian War in 1871 to the start of WWI in 1914. It was sort of a "Golden Age." With art like that depicted on the stamps below, who can argue?



Monaco Scott 1436-37

The two paintings shown on the previous page were painted by Hubert Clerissi. The 4fr stamp is titled "Rue Grimaldi," the 5fr stamp is titled "Train Entering Monte Carlo Station."

Slania was born in Poland and did his first stamp engraving for Poland, so it is only right that we should show one of his Polish stamps here. Shown below is one of three stamps with the same design showing President Bleslaw Bierut in the middle flanked on the left by a manufacturing plant and on the right by an agricultural scene. The stamps were issued in dark carmine (45g), deep green (60g), and deep blue (90g) shown.



Poland Scott 520

Slania's largest body of work was for Sweden. He engraved about 560 stamps for Sweden between the years of 1957 until his death in 2005. He was appointed the Royal Court Engraver of Sweden in 1972. One set of Swedish stamps that intrigues me contains five stamps (Scott 1203-07) and according to the 2007 Scott catalogue commemorates the poem "The Calle Schewen Waltz" by Evert Taube. The scenes on the stamps are scenes from the poem and the bars of music are from the song. Two of the five stamps in the set are shown below.

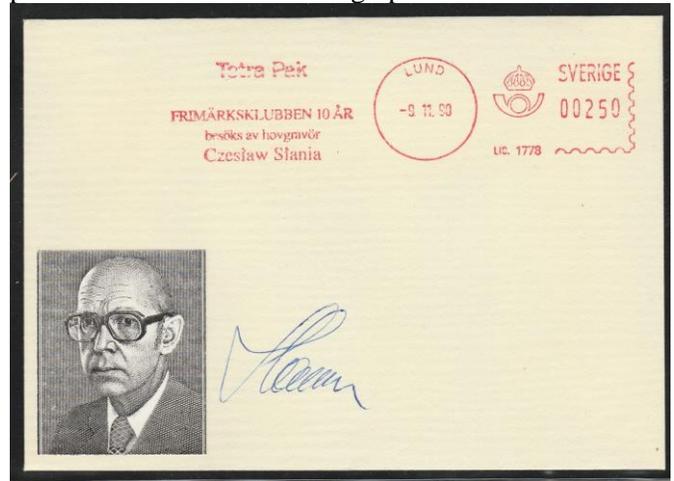


Sweden Scott 1203



Sweden Scott 1206

I will wrap up with a Swedish card containing a picture of Slania and his autograph.



I hope you have enjoyed our review of some of Slania's work and that you appreciate it as much as I do. He truly was a master engraver.

Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

Mar. 3-4 STAMPFEST '18, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Location to be announced.

Mar. 9-11 ASDA Midwest Postage Stamp Show, American Stamp Dealers Assoc., Holiday Inn Chicago, 17W350 22nd St., Oak Park, IL

Mar. 10-11 ROCKFORD Stamp Expo, Rockford Stamp Club, Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd., Rockford/Loves Park, IL

Mar. 24 BAYPEX '18, Green Bay Philatelic Society, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI

Apr. 7-8 MSDA Spring Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Ramada Inn Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

Apr. 8 DANPEX '18, Badger Stamp Club, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI

Apr. 7-8 MSDA Spring Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc., Ramada Inn Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

May 5-6 WISCOPEX '18, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Voyager Inn and Conf. Center, 200 Viking Dr., Reedsburg, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

February	Trivia Contest
March	Postal History of Outagamie County by Dave Carney
April	"Hey, Look What I Found"
May	Elections
June	Special Silent Auction (no business mtg.)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Picnic at the Burrows residence (no business meeting)

Note: There will be a silent auction each month except at the picnic.