

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311

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FEBRUARY MEETING – Happy Leap Year!

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER
300 S. Adams St., Green Bay, WI 54301

WHEN: February 20, 2020 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, No Business Meeting in June, July, and August

PROGRAM: Great Americans Presentations and Silent Auction

*Reminder: We need a volunteer member to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day before the meeting or the day of the meeting. February's volunteer is **Ray Perry**.*

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

In the absence of President Mark Schroeder, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dave Carney.

Visitors: There were no visitors this month, however, Bob Mahn was in attendance. It was good to see Bob again after a long absence. Bob, we hope to see you again soon.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes from the December meeting, they were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was passed to approve the report.

Correspondence

Ray reported we received a very nice card and note from John Spangler with his dues for 2020. John, it was great to hear from you. We hope all is well in Kansas. If you ever get back this

way, please let us know and maybe we can get together for coffee or breakfast/lunch/dinner – whatever might work out.

Kirk mentioned that the club had received a very nice thank you card from Chuck Sanders' wife for our expression of sympathy.

Darryl read a "closed album" article he wrote for inclusion in *Across the Fence Post* for Chuck. It was well done, thanks to Darryl for his efforts.

Committee Reports

There was some discussion around finding a youth group or some other group of younger and more energetic individuals to help us out with set up, take down, and moving dealers in/out of the show. It was decided to further investigate this possibility. Ray will look into possible groups to help out. If anyone has any specific ideas, please let me know. I will also clear it with the church.

Unfinished Business

Key: We forgot to ask for a “key” volunteer to pick up the key for next month. Ray will do the honors for February.

Ray reminded the club that we still need a properties chair. We really need somebody to keep track of where all our belongings are located. You may not have to provide the storage location, just keep track of our properties, the bulk of which are exhibit frames. Please give some thought to volunteering for this role. Thanks!

New Business

Ray asked if there was any input for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Winter Executive Committee meeting on January 25. One thought that was discussed was not charging for dues multiple times for people that are members of more than one club in the Federation. There did not seem to be strong feelings one way or the other at the meeting.

Richard Krainz gave an update on his project of developing a curriculum for using stamps in education. There are thoughts on using this day in history, stamp identification, making cards and other art projects. Richard assigned all of us a bit of homework for the next month – that is to think about ways to use stamps in education. He encouraged us to think outside the box. Thanks Richard, for your energy in moving this project forward.

Ray reviewed the February program. There are a couple of additions to the program from last month when it was introduced the first time. First, we had several members at this meeting that were not present at the December meeting. They chose their “great American.” If anyone else would like to participate, please let me know and I’ll get you a subject. Remember, the presentations are to be short - two minutes or less and only a couple of sentences. Introduce the “great American” and tell what he/she did to deserve recognition on a U.S. stamp. Second, Dave Carney has donated a \$5.00 gift certificate to Dave’s Stamps for the best presentation. It is

yet unclear on how that will be determined. One thing is certain - if the presentation is over two minutes long, it will be disqualified. I believe we have 16 “great Americans” to review, so time is of the essence. More on this later.

Ray also passed around ballots for the annual Linn’s U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll. I will submit the completed ballots in the near future. Thanks to all those who participated.

January Program

Dave Burrows put together a compilation of several YouTube videos pertaining to stamp collecting in various forms. There were stamps set to music, stamps used in various forms of artwork, and a piece on U.N. stamps. Thanks to Dave for a very informative and interesting program.

We also had a silent auction.

February Program

The February program will be done by members giving very short (one to two minutes, three or four sentences) presentations on one of the people commemorated in the Great Americans series issued between 1980 and 1999.

| Scott # | Great American | GBPS Member |
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| 1844 | Dorothea Dix | T. Schroeder |
| 1845 | Igor Stravinsky | R. Krainz |
| 1849 | Walter Lippmann | M. Schroeder |
| 1853 | Richard Russell | D. Buntman |
| 1858 | George Mason | R. Perry |
| 1859 | Sequoyah | C. Delvaux |
| 1860 | Ralph Bunche | D. Carney |
| 1861 | Thomas Gallaudet | B. Petersen |
| 1864 | Frank Laubach | D. Ruprecht |
| 1865 | Charles R. Drew | D. Waterstreet |
| 1867 | Grenville Clark | D. Burrows |
| 1868 | Lillian Gilbreath | T. Aldrich |
| 2169 | Mary Lyon | T. Johnston |
| 2172 | Hugo L. Black | K. Becker |
| 2173 | Luis Muñoz Marin | A. Nommensen |

Ray had members attending the December and January meetings pick a Great Americans series stamp out of a hat. That stamp will be that member’s subject to present at the February

meeting. The participants and their stamps are shown in the table on the previous page. This is meant to be both fun and educational – just like our hobby.

2020 Dues

Notice, notice, notice!!! 2020 dues are now past due. You can pay your \$10.00 annual dues (that's right, still only \$10.00/year) at the meeting or send them to Ray Perry at 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311. So far, we have 21 members that have paid their dues. I have put together a table showing members that have paid their 2020 dues. If your name is not on that list we do not have a record of you paying your 2020 dues.

| Members that Have Paid their 2020 Dues | |
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| Dan Pierce | Kirk Becker |
| Bill Robinson | Dave Burrows |
| Ray Perry | Don Buntman |
| Cliff Binder | Marcelo Cruz |
| Dave Carney | Tom Johnston |
| Darlene Waterstreet | Collin Dahl |
| Tom Schroeder | John Spangler |
| Arnie Nommensen | Milt Wirth |
| Bob Mahn | Bob Petersen |
| Richard Krainz | Darryl Ruprecht |
| Oliver Skrivanie | |

In addition to those listed above as having paid their 2020 dues, we have two lifetime members (Clete Delvaux and Randy Kuehl). Again, if you are not on this list, please get your dues paid. We really do need each and every one of you in the club. Thank you.

Ray's Ramblings

Last month we took a look at the Transportation Issue or Transportation Coils. We wrapped it up with a few that might apply to a collection of Wisconsin on stamps. Kind of a "fun" discussion. This month, I'd like to have a little more fun. Not that philately isn't always fun, but sometimes it can be more fun than other times.

As you can see from the cachet on this month's envelope, it is Leap Year. February 29th only comes around once every four years. Before we get into that though, while putting this

newsletter together, I noticed something about this month's meeting. Have you noticed it? The meeting date falls on February 20, 2020 or 2/20/2020. A lot of two's, zero's, and twenty's in that date. You may want to get a cover or two ready for mailing on that date.

Okay, back to leap year, four years ago, I read an article about somebody that had put together a Leap Day cover using stamp denominations to represent the date 2/29/2012. I thought about that and figured out that the same could be done for February 29, 2016. I put the following cover together using a two-cent James Fenimore Cooper stamp for February, the two-cent and nine-cent Americana series stamps for the 29th day, and the 20-cent fire pumper Transportation Coil along with the 16-cent Americana stamp for the year 2016. I applied the postage to an envelope cacheted with a stylized frog and the words Monday, February 29, 2016. This cover is pictured below.



February 29, 2016 Leap Day/Year Cover

Unfortunately, I couldn't find a way to get the current first class rate to work out to 2/29/2020. So, what else can we explore that might be related to Leap Year? How about some frogs. The recent USPS frog stamps are pictured in the cachet on your newsletter envelope and again here.



U.S. frogs on stamps Scott 5395-98

The frogs depicted in these stamps are from top left clockwise squirrel tree frog, northern leopard frog, Pacific tree frog, and American green tree frog.

Frogs have many special adaptations for living in our world. For instance, in the current issue of *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine it is reported that a couple of frogs native to Wisconsin (spring peepers and wood frogs) will freeze solid during the winter. It seems that they produce a natural anti-freeze, then their heart, breathing, and all brain activity cease. They appear dead, but in the spring they thaw out as if nothing happened.

Other adaptations include special suction-cup like feet to help them climb trees and hang on to vegetation. We're all familiar with the long tongues they have to help them catch insects.

One of the more notorious adaptations is the toxicity of the central American poison dart frog. According to Wikipedia, its skin is toxic from its diet of certain ants and mites. This causes its predators cardiac problems and to convulse. It can result in death to the predator.

A Nicaraguan stamp showing one of these poison dart frogs is pictured below.



Nicaraguan stamp showing poison dart frog

These poison dart frogs have 15 to 30 different color patterns. The one shown above is sometimes referred to as the blue jean or strawberry poison dart frog for obvious reasons. They are colorful creatures aren't they?

Lots more to learn about frogs, we'll save it for a future newsletter.

Final Note: Remember your dues.

Stamp Shows

- Feb. 29 – Mar 1** STAMPFEST '20, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1441 S. 92nd St., West Allis, WI
- Mar 21** BAYPEX '20 Green Bay Philatelic Society, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI
- Mar 21-22** 2020 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, Rockford Stamp Club, Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd. (Hwy 173), Rockford, IL
- Mar 29-31** COMPEX '20, Chicago Area Philatelic Societies, Guerin College Prep., 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, IL
- Apr 5** DANEPLEX '20, Badger Stamp Club, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI.
- May 2-3** WISCOPEX '20, hosted by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club, Fond du Lac Masonic Center, 500 W. Arndt St., Fond du Lac, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

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| February | Famous American 2-minute talks |
| March | Presentation from club APS discs |
| April | Philatelic Trivia Contest by members |
| May | Elections and Way Out Topical contest |
| June | Silent Auction (no business mtg.) |
| July | Silent Auction (no business meeting) |
| August | Picnic (no business meeting) |

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