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JANUARY MEETING – Happy New Year!

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: January 18, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PROGRAM: Way-Out Topicals 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. January'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.

night of the meeting are cancelled then the GBPS meeting will also be cancelled. As always, use your own judgement when determining whether or not to venture out. If you are not comfortable with the conditions, please don't feel bad about missing a meeting.

December Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of both the October and November meetings. They were approved as read.

In Treasurer, Kirk Becker's absence, Ray Perry presented the Treasurer's report, prepared in advance by Kirk. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was approved.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

The Bad Weather Meeting Cancellation policy was discussed. It was decided to amend the policy to include Green Bay Public School activities for the evening of the meeting. So, if either the Green Bay Public Schools or their activities scheduled for the

Our support of the Boy Scout Merit Badge program was brought up. We still need to find someone that is able to be vetted by the Boy Scouts who is willing to take on leadership of this activity. The person that had expressed some interest last month was not present, so this item was tabled until next month.

Ray introduced the Linn's Stamp Poll. If you did not get a chance to vote this month, Ray will bring the ballots again next month.

Ray mentioned that we had received a donation request from the National Postal Museum. It was decided to pass on this request for now.

Ray mentioned that our APS dues are due. It was determined that this is covered in our list of memberships we support on an ongoing basis. The club decided to continue to donate the *American Philatelist* to the main branch of the Brown County Library.

We also received a request from APS to participate in their Club Ambassador Program. It was decided to pass on this for now.

On a sad note, Cleve Delvaux mentioned that long-time GBPS member Don Kimps had passed away. Don has not been a member in some time now, but was quite active back in the day. Several members discussed some of his extensive collecting interests.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed.

December Program:

The December program was our annual Christmas party. We had a wonderful time sampling the multitude of treats and socializing through the evening. Thanks for all who brought something to share. If your taste buds weren't in overdrive it is your own fault.

We also had the usual silent auction to satisfy your philatelic taste buds.

January Program:

The January program will be our Way Out Topical contest. The rules are shown below:

1. Bring a display of no fewer than **6** but no more than **12** different stamps mounted on one album page or stock sheet.
2. Choose an appropriate title for your topical display.
3. Your stamps should depict a common topic that is consistent with the title.
4. Place your name or initials on the back of the display.
5. After the business meeting, all entries will be displayed on a table so that all members can inspect the creativity of their colleagues. After members have inspected the entries, each will vote for his/her favorite. Runoff ballots will decide any ties.

One note here – please note the first rule (no fewer than 6 and no more than 12 stamps) – in the past there have been some violations of this rule. I know it is hard to limit any of us to just 12 stamps, but rules are rules.

Second note here – please bring a photo copy of your Way Out Topical, I will send it in to the Federation for posting on the website. If you don't want your entry on the website, just let me know.

Prizes: \$5 for 1st place, \$3 for 2nd, \$2 for 3rd.

There will also be a silent auction.

February Program:

In addition to our regular silent auction, we will also have our annual Philatelic Trivia Contest in February. It is customary to get the questions out a month in advance to allow plenty of time to find the answers. Below are the rules and the questions for the trivia contest to be held at the February meeting.

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. Or 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 the correct Scott numbers to Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave. Green Bay, WI 54311 or email them to Ray at 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.

Ray's Ramblings

Last month we reviewed some different types of covers. I enjoyed that. I have recently started collecting covers and find them very interesting. Now to get them organized ☺. More on that some other time.

A number of years ago, I was talking with fellow GBPS member, Clete Delvaux. The subject of topicals came up. As many of you know, Clete is an avid collector of "authors on stamps" among other things. That particular night he suggested an idea he had been thinking about. This topic was kind of a dual topic. Clete's idea was to collect explorers on stamps along with maps of the areas they explored on stamps. I really liked the idea and decided to start on this dual topic. The first explorer I chose was Jacques Cartier.

Cartier was the first Frenchman to set foot in what is now Canada. He was 43 years old at the time. This occurred in 1534 while Cartier was searching for the Northwest Passage to the Far East. He is shown on France Scott 296 and 297 below.



France 296



France 297

For the map of the area explored, I selected Canada Scott 890, the first in a set of 4 stamps that show the evolution of Canada's growth from east to west over the years. This stamp shows the early areas explored and settled. Cartier explored much of this area. The stamp is shown below.



Canada Scott 890

Cartier and much of his crew nearly died from scurvy on these explorations. They owe their lives to native Americans who taught them to brew a drink from the needles and bark of northern white cedar trees that was rich in vitamin C and cured them of the scurvy. Unfortunately, 25 of the sailors did perish before the rest were shown how to brew the vitamin C rich drink.

Canada issued a rather attractive stamp on July 1, 1934 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Cartier's landing. This stamp is shown below.



Canada 208

In 1984 Canada and France collaborated on a joint issue, to commemorate the 450th anniversary of Cartier's first voyage. On his first voyage Cartier and his crew sailed in 2 small ships. You can see the 2 ships on the French stamps shown previously. One of the ships, presumably Cartier's ship is shown on this joint issue pair shown below.



Canada Scott 1011



France Scott 1923

On his first voyage to the area, Cartier planted a 30 foot wooden cross on the Gaspé Peninsula claiming the area for France. This is pictured just to the left of Cartier's head on the joint issue stamps.

On his second voyage Cartier explored the St. Lawrence River, the area around Quebec and Montreal. He is credited with naming the area around Montreal as "Mount Royal." Below is a cinderella stamp showing Cartier, a crew member, and a native American looking over the country from Mount Royal.



Cinderella

There are more Cartier related stamps, some are out of my price range (Canada 7 and 103) and some prove difficult to find (St. Pierre & Miquelon 160-64) for me anyway.

Maybe this has whet your appetite for a new topical collecting interest. As with most philatelic interests this is educational and can be expanded to the extent desired by showing stamps related to the explorer's

home country and so on. One can also vary the extent of the topic by choosing better or lesser known explorers. For instance, think of the large number of stamps related to Christopher Columbus, or the few number of stamps related to a lesser known explorer like Vasco da Gama or John Cabot. There are all kinds of ways to have fun with this topic, which after all is the main purpose in collecting.

Reminders

- Dues (\$10.00/year) are now past due, if you haven't already, please be sure to rejoin. We need each and every one of you.
- Put your Way Out Topical entry together for the January meeting.
- Start to work on the trivia contest for the February meeting.

Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

Jan. 20-21 MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, WI

Feb. 10 Janesville 59th Annual Exhibition and Show, Janesville Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville, WI

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

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

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

January	Way-Out Topical Night
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.