

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## **JANUARY MEETING – Happy New Year!**

**WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER**

**WHEN: January 17, 2019** (third Thursday of every month)

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

**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 **Mark Schroeder**.*

**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.

## **December Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark Schroeder.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes from the October meeting. They were approved as read.

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

## **Committee Reports**

Show: Show Chair, Mark Schroeder, commented that the dealer invites will go out shortly after the first of the year.

## **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

Dues are now past due, they are still only \$10.00/year. If you have not already paid your dues, please get them paid either at the January meeting, or by sending a check to: GBPS, Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311. We really need each and every one of you, so please pay your dues and save a fellow member from having to make a follow up call. Thanks!

Clete Delvaux shared some troubling news concerning GBPS member, Dave Devroy. It seems Dave was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He is currently under treatment for the tumor. We don't have a lot of information but ask that you would keep Dave and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Dave, we look forward to seeing you back at our meetings soon.

Ray mentioned that GBPS member, Darlene Waterstreet received some nice recognition in the Northwoods Philatelic Society newsletter for her recent articles in our newsletter about Zip Codes and Mr. Zip. In fact, NPS newsletter editor, Jim Stearns suggested that members look up the articles on the WFSC website at

[wfscstamps.org](http://wfscstamps.org). Kirk Becker also commented on Darlene's articles, explaining how they brought back memories of long-time member, Ruth Fisher. Ruth had an extensive collection of Mr. Zip material. Thanks to both Jim and Kirk for sharing these tidbits. It is this kind of fellowship that draws me to continued involvement in our great hobby.

Key: Thanks to Dave Burrows for picking up the key for the December meeting. We forgot to ask for a volunteer to pick up the key next month. Mark Schroeder said he would pick it up in January. I'm betting he won't forget to ask for a volunteer at the January meeting ☺.

### **December Program**

We missed the program on Christmas Seals scheduled for the December meeting. Maybe next year. We still had our annual Christmas party complete with coffee, punch, and a large number of goodies brought by members. Everything from pickled herring to cookies and cheese & sausage to salad. Members did a fine job of bringing these tasty treats. There was good philatelic conversation and fellowship throughout the evening.

In addition to the party we had a silent auction. There were not a large number of lots, but one bears mentioning. In memory of Ken Coakley, Dave Carney brought a "cigar box" lot. Also, in Ken's memory, Dave donated the proceeds of that lot to the club. Many of you will recall that when describing what he collected Ken's response was "U.S. cigar box material." Thanks, Dave for providing some fond memories of Ken and for your generosity.

### **January Program**

Our program schedule shows that the program for January is "Way Out Topical Night." For those of you that aren't familiar with the rules for "Way Out Topical Night," it is a fun way to showcase GBPS member's creativity and maybe draw a little interest to topical collecting. So, put on that creative hat and put together an entry

for the contest. The rules are shown below

### **Way Out Topical Contest Rules**

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.

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.

Please pay careful attention to Rule #1 as that rule has been overlooked on more than one occasion in the past. Yes, there are prizes for this competition, they are as shown below.

Prizes: \$5 for first place, \$3 for second, and \$2 for third.

Above all – HAVE FUN!

### **Ray's Ramblings**

You are all aware of my interest in collecting covers or postal history. I started out collecting everything that looked a little different. For some reason I always seem to go overboard. I have special markings, various stamps on cover, first days, ship cancels, and so on forever.

It was a little over a year ago that Dave Carney gave his presentation on his collection of Outagamie County postal history. I found it very interesting and thought here is a way I could limit my cover collecting. Why not limit it to covers from two counties special to me.



My wife is originally from Green Bay in Brown County, WI. We lived in Green Bay for two years in the late 1970s and our daughter was born here. Most recently we have lived in Bellevue since 1986.

There are a couple of interesting covers from Brown County. The first is a post card showing the pavilion at Bendersville, WI. The card says this is near Green Bay, WI. I googled Bendersville, WI and got something for Benderville, WI (no "s" in the name). Turns out that is located along Green Bay going up the east side of the bay. I found a map showing it about two thirds of the way from Green Bay to Dyckesville. The card is addressed to a Chicago address. The message is dated 11/23/09 and cancelled on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Was this a swimming beach? Was it similar to Green Bay's Bay Beach? Can you imagine climbing all those steps coming up from the water? That would be some workout.



Pavilion at Bendersville



Message side

There is one more cover to show. That is a cover post marked in Green Bay on Dec. 14, 1898. The return address indicates it is from Murphy Box Company in Green Bay, WI and Chicago, IL. It is franked with a Scott U.S. 286

and is addressed to Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. in Southington, CT. Peck, Stow & Wilcox manufactured a number of small hand tools. Could it be that Murphy Box Co. supplied Peck, Stow, and Wilcox Co. with boxes for their hand tools, or did they purchase hand tools from the Connecticut company?



Murphy Box Company cover

A quick check shows that Murphy Box Company was founded in 1898 as a subsidiary of Murphy Lumber Company. It was located near the mouth of the Fox River. The company also operated a logging camp near Armstrong Creek in Forest County. It appears that both companies were out of business by 1911, however members of the Murphy family were owners of Murphy Supply.

**Reminder:** 2019 dues are now due. THANKS!

#### Stamp Shows

**Jan. 19-20** MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

**Feb. 9** 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition & Bourse, Janesville Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl., Janesville, WI

**March 2-3** STAMPFEST '19, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1441 S. 92<sup>nd</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

**March 9-10** Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, Rockford Stamp Club, Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd. (Hwy. 173), Rockford, IL

**March 23** BAYPEX '19, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multi-Purpose Room, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI

#### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

January	Way-out Topicals
February	Stamp Trivia Contest
March	UPU Stamps – Tom Johnston
April	Fakes and Forgeries – Mark Schroeder
May	Elections
June	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.