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**JUNE MEETING – Summer Arrives**

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

**WHEN: June 15, 2017** (third Thursday of every month)

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

**PROGRAM: Philatelic Phellowship 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. June's volunteer is **Randy Younger**.*

## May Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Mark Schroeder in the absence of President, Dave Burrows. Visitor Dave Carney was introduced. It was good to see Dave again. He explained his absence at BAYPEX as having something to do with maintaining marital bliss in his household – Dave and his wife spent a couple months in Florida enjoying a well-deserved hiatus from our Wisconsin winter.

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

Treasurer, Kirk Becker gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kirk also gave a summary of the financial results of BAYPEX '17. We were in the black. Kudos to Show Chair Mark Schroeder for organizing a good show within budget.

### Committee Reports:

**Picnic:** There was some discussion about the picnic and the suggestion that a committee be organized to plan the event. It was suggested that we hold off on that until next month when the host of the picnic, Dave Burrows, will be back. Everyone thought that was a good idea and the matter was tabled for the time being.

**Property:** Dave Devroy, chair, passed around an inventory sheet for club property. In addition to the usual items like display frames we are looking for a set of 3 DVDs which the club acquired from the American Philatelic Society a few years back. If you weren't at the meeting, or even if you were, please let Dave know of any club property that you may have in your possession so that we can accurately update the inventory. Thanks a bunch.

### Unfinished Business:

**Use of Microsoft Word:** Ray explained that he looked into the possibility of using his subscription, but found that he would have to share his password with others that would be on the subscription. Understandably (I hope) he is not willing to do that. Kirk Becker shared that he has found a software that is compatible with Word and is free. He suggested we give that a try. I will work with Kirk and Darryl to try it out this month. Thanks Kirk for bringing this up.

### New Business:

Our visitor, Dave Carney, mentioned that there may be a meeting of members of the WFSC Hall of Fame (HOF) sometime in the next year. Recall we have 2 members of the HOF that are also members of GBPS. Those members are Jim Stearns and Clete Delvaux.

Ray mentioned that the annual APS report is due and received confirmation from the club that we will forgo the free club membership to avoid sharing our members contact information and to help APS with its finances by paying our annual membership fee. Ray also confirmed that the subscription to American Philatelist, that comes along with our club's APS membership, will be donated to the downtown branch of the Brown County Library. Ray will submit the report accordingly.

Ray also gave the annual GBPS membership report. He announced that as of May 1, 2017 we had 2 fewer adult members than we did on May 1, 2016. Ray reported that there are 3 members off last year's role that have not renewed their membership. He has contacted all 3 and 2 of them indicated that they expected to renew. Since that time 1 has renewed and another has decided to drop out. Ray also announced that he expects one more new member to join. We have lost 6 junior members, 5 due to travel logistics and 1 due to just getting older and moving on to new things in his life.

### **May Program – Election of Officers:**

In a very close election the following slate of officers were elected.

President	Dave Burrows
Vice President	Mark Schroeder
Treasurer	Kirk Becker
Secretary	Ray Perry

As I'm sure you are all aware the stuff about a close election was very much "tongue in cheek." We have had a long history of club members being willing to pitch in where needed with helping out to keep club activities running smoothly. We as officers want to thank you for those efforts on your part. To remain a vibrant club we will need those kinds of efforts to continue in the future.

We had a silent auction.

### **June Program:**

Reminder #1: no business meeting or formal program in June, July, and August.

Reminder #2: no newsletter in July and August, I will try to get a reminder post card out both of those months.

We will have a silent auction and social gathering at the June and July meetings. The August meeting will be the club picnic at the Burrows household.

## **Dave's Deliberations**

Thanks to Kirk's canvass of our members, we know that we overwhelmingly indicated a preference for programs presented by fellow members.

This year beginning in September and ending in May of 2018 there are a total of eight meetings where there can be presentations. December is always the Xmas Party and September has already been taken for a presentation by Ray and myself. That leaves October, November, and January through May open for other members.

Club members are looking to find more of other members' interests in their collections. A presentation can be made with "hand a rounds" as we do with "Show and Tell", or can be video either as individual scans or a continuous play as I presented several times in the past. Sound is most easily from the presenter personally, but also can be included in a video.

Working individually or with a partner can be very rewarding. Why don't you select a month for your presentation now. Please let Kirk know so that as program chair, he can get it scheduled.

## **Ray's Ramblings**

Before we get started this month, I want to put in a plug for an article in the May/June issue of *Across the Fence Post*. That article is written by Michael Mules. Michael is the chairman of the WFSC's website committee. The article is on page 7 of the issue and is titled:

"You've got links... [www.wfscstamps.org/links](http://www.wfscstamps.org/links)." It is an excellent article on several features of the Federation's website, please take a few minutes to look it over and see if it doesn't peek an interest.

Well, now that I've given you some homework, I'll get on with some fun stuff. What should we explore this month? I went through in my mind various topics to discuss this month including another article on Czeslaw Slania engraved stamps, different countries around the world, and various other topics. Then it hit me like a block of cheese – how about Wisconsin on stamps. Being a native of the Badger state I have kept my eyes open for Wisconsin related material. A while back, I came across an album for Wisconsin on stamps on the American Philatelic Society website at the following address: <https://stamps.org/userfiles/file/albums/Wisconsin.pdf>

There are about 32 pages containing spaces for about 75 stamps. Alternating pages contain a brief description of each stamp represented and how it relates to Wisconsin.

The album contains many stamps that Wisconsinites will be familiar with like the Tercentenary of the Wisconsin Territory (Scott 739) and the centennial of the State of Wisconsin (Scott 957). Both are shown below.



Wisconsin Territory  
Tercentenary



Wisconsin Centennial

Along with these familiar stamps are others that are almost equally familiar like “State Birds and Flowers” (Scott 2001), “Bicentennial State Flag” (Scott 1662), “Flags of our Nation” (Scott 4330) stamp and the “Greetings from America” (Scott 3609) stamp. These are shown below.

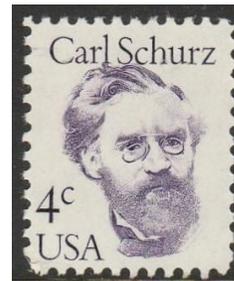


Bicentennial State Flag



State Birds  
and Flowers

Some other Wisconsin stamps you may not be as familiar with include Scott 1847 which is a stamp in the The Great Americans series of definitives. It commemorates Carl Schurz who moved to Watertown, WI in 1855. In 1866 he moved to Detroit. While he was in Wisconsin he was a staunch supporter of the anti-slavery movement. He was with the delegation that brought word to Lincoln of his nomination. He served with distinction as a Union general during the Civil War. The stamp is shown at the top of the next column.



Carl Schurz

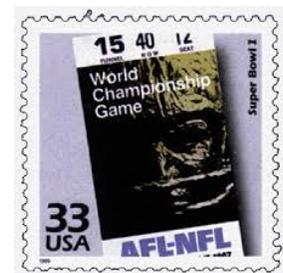
What discussion of Wisconsin on stamps would be complete without mention of the Vince Lombardi stamp (Scott 3145) and the Green Bay Packers of the 1960s. The Packers won 5 championships during the 60s including the first two Super Bowls. Several stamps have been issued commemorating those “Glory Years.”



Lombardi



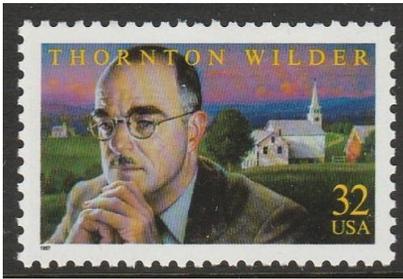
The Vaunted  
Packer Offensive Line (AFL-NFL Championship)



The 2 stamps below the Lombardi stamp are from the “Celebrate the Century 1960s.” They commemorate the Packers dominance of the NFL during that period and the first Super Bowl, then known as the AFL-NFL Championship Game. As we all know, the Super Bowl trophy is named after Lombardi. Note to Mike McCarthy, Aaron Rodgers, and the rest of the current Packers, let’s bring that trophy home this year. **GO PACK GO!**

How many of you knew that author, Thornton Wilder was born in Madison, WI. Wilder was commemorated on a 1997 Literary Arts stamp (Scott 3134). His awards include 3 Pulitzer Prizes, the National Medal for Literature, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His writings include “The

Bridge of San Luis Rey” and “Our Town.” This stamp is shown below.



Thornton Wilder

Another Wisconsin writer familiar to most of us is Laura Ingalls Wilder (no relation to Thornton Wilder). Laura is famous for the “Little House” books. She was born in Pepin, WI. It is really her books that are commemorated on the stamp (Scott 1786) shown below.



Laura Ingalls Wilder and her Little House books

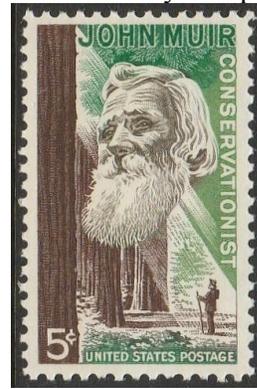
A famous Wisconsin performing couple was Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. They are thought to be one of the greatest acting couples of all time. They insisted on only acting together and never during the summer. Throughout their stage careers they did just that. They lived in Genesee Depot, WI for many years. They are featured on Scott 3287 shown below.



Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne

I want to mention one more individual that has ties to Wisconsin. This is John Muir, frequently referred to as the “Father of the National Park System.” Muir was born in Scotland, but emigrated to the U.S. at a young age when he moved to Portage, WI. He

is commemorated on Scott 1245 (shown below) and 3182j a Celebrate the Century stamp.



John Muir

I think this stamp is a beautiful stamp, besides it commemorates a man with a cause near and dear to my heart.

This will about wrap up our discussion of Wisconsin on stamps. We have only scratched the surface, we have delved into 12 of the 75 stamps shown in the album. There are still topics like the circus, speed skating, Georgia O’Keefe, Harleys, and many more. If you are of a mind to, why not look a little closer into this topic. **ON WISCONSIN!**

### Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**June 23-25** National Topical Stamp Show, American Topical Association, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI

**July 8-9** MSDA Summer Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Country Inn and Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave., Prospect Heights, IL

**July 15** Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Show, Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, Bay de Noc College, 2000 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Joseph Heirmann Bldg., Room 952, Escanaba, MI

**July 29** Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club Summer Show, Lakeland Stamp Club, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47E, Woodruff, WI

**Sept. 9-10** MSDA West Suburban Show, Midwest Stamp Dealer’s Association, Country Inn and Suites, 600 Milwaukee Ave., Lombard, IL

**Sept. 15-17** MILCOPEX ’17, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee – Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI

### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

June	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
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.**