

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## MARCH MEETING – Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

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

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

**TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**PROGRAM: Postal History of Outagamie County and Silent Auction**

*Reminder: To Randy Younger to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting, if you can’t, please find someone else to do it – thanks.*

**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.**

## February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of the January 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:

Nomination Committee: President Dave Burrows announced that he had appointed Mark Schroeder, Darryl Ruprecht, and Clete Delvaux to the nominating committee. These guys will be looking for candidates for club officers, please give serious consideration to helping out if asked, or better yet let one of them know if you would be interested in running for one of these spots. Thanks.

### Unfinished Business:

BAYPEX ‘18: Show Chair, Mark Schroeder announced that 9 of the 10 dealer tables are spoken for. He has one table left and has a dealer in mind and is just waiting to hear back from that dealer.

Mark asked that members set aside time on Friday afternoon March 23 to help set up the venue, time in the morning on Saturday March 24 to help move dealers in, and time that afternoon to help move dealers out and take down the venue. Mark further asked members to set aside time and resources to do some shopping at the show.

### New Business

Ray shared that he had received a mailing from APS looking for participants in their junior fellow program. Youngest age in which one can participate is 16 years. The information was given to Randy Younger for review with Emmanuel and Yessinia.

Dave Carney attended the Sarasota, FL show while he was in Florida. He commented that it was an amazing show with some 40 dealers participating and a program full of other activities going on during the show. Dave said that there were at least 100 people waiting in line for the show to open. A show program was passed around the room. Thanks Dave.

Ray shared a couple of things from WFSC Executive Committee meeting this past weekend. First, Across the Fence Post (ATFP) will be a bit shorter in the future in an attempt to control costs. The July/August and December issues will be 12 pages in length. The other 8 issues will be 8 to 10 pages in length (4 of each). Second, the committee began discussions around the possibility of digitizing past issues of ATFP. It is not cheap, but

will go a long way toward insuring our history is protected for the future. The APRL is working with local philatelic organizations to do this. This thought will be further discussed at the WFSC annual meeting at WISCOPEX. It was suggested that the club discuss this at the March or April meeting to provide input to the club's delegate to the annual meeting.

### February Program:

The February program was the annual "Trivia Contest." The questions/clues with answers are shown below:

1. What is the first US Stamp to depict the person honored by Walt Whitman's poem "When Lilacs Last in the Doorway Bloomed"? [Abraham Lincoln: U.S. 77 \(1861, 15-cent, black\)](#)
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. [Lincoln Ellsworth: U.S. 2389](#)
3. Which western European country's first stamp, issued in 1853, features Queen Maria II? [Portugal, 1](#)
4. What is the name of the "American Indian" featured on the 14-cent value of the U.S. 1922 definitive series? [Chief Hollow Horn Bear of the Brule Lakota: U.S. 565](#)
5. Which country has a post office in Postojna Cave? [Slovenia, commemorated by Slovenia 982](#)
6. Which DDR stamp was sold for only one day then withdrawn? [DDR 416, issued in 1958](#)
7. What American inventor honored in the 1940 Famous Americans issue has also been honored by two Canadian stamps? [Alexander Graham Bell: U.S. 893; Canada 274 and 1832c](#)
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? [Mexico 1995 a-x](#)
9. What type of global projection is used on the first "Christmas" stamps (Canada 85 & 86)? [Mercator](#)
10. Which western European country introduced syncopated perforations with its 1925 definitive series? [Netherlands](#)
11. What are the five countries whose flags are depicted on U.S. 537, commemorating the end of WWI and the allied victory? [U.S., United Kingdom, France, Belgium, and Italy](#)

12. What country issued the first self-adhesive stamps in 1964? [Sierra Leone 257-63](#)

13. Survivors of the Great London Fire of 1666 landed on which island that commemorated the event in 1967 with a stamp? [St. Helena 197-200](#)

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? [Cape of Good Hope 178-80, issued in Mafeking](#)

15. In what year were U. S. Christmas Seals first introduced? [1907; U.S. WX1](#)

16. What is the first U.S. stamp with the U.S. flag in its design? [U.S. 121, 1896 Eagle and Shield flanked by flags](#)

17. Which is the only Christmas Seal to have both the Cross of Lorraine and a Greek cross pictured on it? [U.S. WX24 of 1919](#)

We had a large number of participants. Two even sent their answers in by mail. Yours truly forgot to bring them to the meeting, they came in tied for first place (yes, I can hear the moans already, so I'll bring their entries to the next meeting to be verified ☺). Shown below are the top 5 places.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – tie with 16 out of 17 correct – Darlene Waterstreet and Bob Petersen.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – with 14 out of 17 correct – Dave Burrows.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – with 12 out of 17 correct – Clete Delvaux.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – tie with 11 out of 17 correct – Yessinia Gutierrez and Randy Younger.
- We had many other participants and it seemed as though all had a good time. Many commented on the difficulty of the questions. Apparently when we write our own questions we up the ante a bit. Thanks to all who participated and a big shout out to Kirk for organizing the contest.

We also had the usual silent auction to allow members to pick up a few goodies for their collection.

### March Program:

The March program will be by Dave Carney. Dave will do a program on the postal history of Outagamie County. Be sure and be there so you don't miss what promises to be a very interesting program.

## Dave's Deliberations

BAYPEX is our celebration of the stamp collecting hobby.

Everyone is invited. We have guests who look for this event every year without ever having been a member of a stamp club, there are those that come from neighboring clubs, and of course as we are the hosts most of our own members are present.

We are fortunate to have the support of dealers that fill our tables. In so doing they enjoy having a substantial number of collectors looking at and buying from their offerings. It is our responsibility to both our guests and the dealers that all depart with good feelings.

I first learned of the GBPS through the notice of BAYPEX in our local newspaper. That year BAYPEX was in a confining area of a motel. The venue now is substantially more welcoming. I had at that time retired and was embarking on the daunting process of establishing some order to the accumulation of material I had made over the prior forty-five years. I was a cryptic (hidden) stamp collector who under no circumstance could be called a philatelist. At that point I was mounting my stamps by country with no knowledge or understanding of systematic order or even the preferred way of handling stamps. In addition to no order there were no boundaries, everything was collected. It is with GBPS that I have gained knowledge and experience to advance from stamp accumulation, through stamp collecting to basic philately. There is still a long way for me to travel.

We have the experience to have an excellent show. May we hope that another newly retired (or close to retirement) individual or two, attend and follow the path that I have enjoyed now for the past fifteen plus years.

### Ray's Ramblings

Last month we took a look at the engraving of Czeslaw Slania. I still can't get over the detail and beauty of his work. This month I thought I'd share a

couple of philatelic learnings I've had recently. They are totally unrelated, except for the fact that they are both stamp related.

The first, I learned at our last club meeting. Actually, there were a number of things I learned from the trivia contest, but this was separate from that. I was getting a silent auction lot out of my brief case to put out for bids when Mark Schroeder said, "you can't put that out, some of those stamps are Vichy stamps." Mark pointed out that the real stamps have the "RF" in the upper left corner of the design. The Vichy stamps do not have that marking. One of each of these stamps is shown below.



Legitimate stamp on top,  
Vichy stamp below

The Scott catalogue says the Vichy stamps were issued in France, but never sold in French Equatorial Africa. While I had heard of Vichy stamps before, I did not know how to tell them apart. Thanks for the education Mark.

The other area of learning that I have recently experienced concerns the U.S. Liberty Series. Two or three years ago, my wife gave me a book titled "The Liberty Series." It was written by Ken Lawrence, C. David Eeles, and Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz. I am finally getting around to reading it. The book is packed full of information on this well-known series. I wish my retention limit was better 😊. I have really just started the book, having read about 60 out of 250 pages so far. I had no idea how many subtle differences there are yielding different stamps within this series. For example, just the 3-cent liberty stamp has sheet,

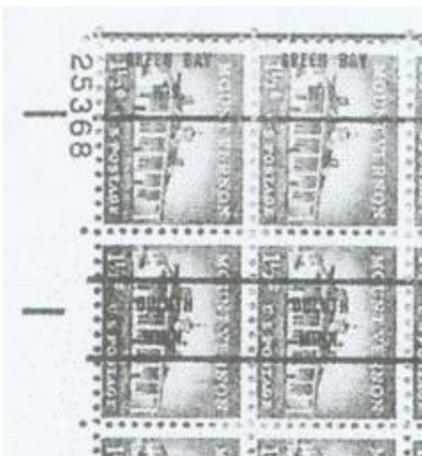
booklet, and coil stamps. Wait, there are also wet and dry printings, large and small hole perforations, different gums, and different tagging. Then there are the different pre-cancels. There is almost no end depending on how deep you want to dig. Shown below are two 3-cent liberty stamps. The stamp on the left is from the dry-printing process, the stamp on the right is from the wet-printing process.



dry-printing                      wet-printing

The book says that the two papers start out with about the same moisture content, but the wet-printed paper is pre-dampened to about 35% moisture content while the dry-printed paper is pre-dampened to a moisture content of about 18%. As a result, the colors on the wet-printed paper seem to be better defined and darker than those of the dry-printed paper.

Of particular interest to Green Bay, Duluth, Minnesota, and Wisconsin collectors is the misregistered precancel with 10 stamps precanceled Green Bay, WI and 90 stamps precanceled Duluth, MN. The two precancels were being applied at the same time to two adjacent sheets. The sheets were misregistered resulting in the example below. A sample of this sheet is shown below courtesy of John Hotchner, well-known philatelist and philatelic writer. Thanks John.



Green Bay, WI on top row,  
Duluth, Mn on other nine rows.

In addition to the sheet, coil, and booklet stamps shown below, there were also several pieces of postal stationery issued. This postal stationery came



\$1 sheet stamp 3c booklet stamp 4c coil stamp

in postal cards and paid reply postal cards. Shown below is an example of the four-cent liberty postal card used for international mailings.



Scott UX45

I have only scratched the surface and I am learning more daily. Maybe I'll share some more in a future newsletter. Until then, have a great month.

### Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**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, Voyageur Inn and Conf. Center, 200 Viking Dr., Reedsburg, WI

### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

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.**