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**NOVEMBER MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving!**

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

**WHEN:** November 16, 2017 (third Thursday of every month)

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

**PROGRAM:** APS DVD: Japanese Multi-Year Series 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. November's volunteer is **Randy Younger**.*

## October Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

In Secretary, Ray Perry's absence, pinch hitter Kirk Becker read the minutes from the September meeting. I want to thank Kirk for filling in for me in my absence and I want to thank the club for the well wishes sent in the card.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by treasurer, Kirk Becker. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read was approved.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

### New Business

There was discussion concerning our annual contribution to WFSC for a Christmas Greetings ad in *Across the Fence Post*. A motion was made to continue adding our name to the group Christmas Greeting ad in *ATFP* for \$10.00 with an additional donation of \$5.00 to be applied to *ATFP* expenses.

New member, Dave Carney reminded attendees of the upcoming auction on November 4 and the Oshkosh show on November 11.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed.

### October Program:

The October program was an APS DVD about the doctoring of postage stamps. Your editor heard through the grapevine that it was a bit of a disappointment. That the program listed a few ways stamps are "doctored" but went in to very little detail about how this was accomplished or how to identify doctored stamps. Too bad, as I had high hopes for this program being very informative and helpful to us as collectors.

We also had the usual silent auction.

### November Program:

The November program will be on Japanese Multi-Year Series. I think that Kirk Becker is going to pull this program together and I for one am looking forward to it.

There will also be a silent auction.

### December Program:

Don't forget to get your Philatelic Trivia Contest question(s) in to Kirk Becker by the December meeting. The trivia contest is scheduled for February, but we want to publish the questions in the January newsletter to give everyone lots of time.

## Dues Reminder:

Remember that dues are now due. Ray and Kirk will be set up after the business meeting to collect them at the November meeting. 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.

## New Member:

We want to welcome new member, Dave Carney to our club. Dave is no stranger to GBPS, having taken a booth at BAYPEX for many years and having attended our club's meeting now for the past 6 months or so. Welcome aboard Dave!

## Dave's Deliberations

The joy of stamp collecting is that if something philatelic is liked or admired, as long as it can be afforded, it can be collected.

Collections are made with a defined start and very definitely have an undefined end. For a beginner it is first the choice of a country or group of countries. As time passes for most the pocket requires choices and limitations, but at the same time the natural inquisitiveness wants expansion. Quite often there is a time period assigned to a collection, and some countries are emphasized over others. At the same time the intensity applied to a specific part will allow, as an example, collection of used, mint, covers and other ephemera.

The extreme occurs when a collection becomes a study. An example of this could be the choice of just a single stamp or issue, showing both its production history from the purpose needing to be filled, through its design, production, and material inputs such as paper, perforations, gums, and inks.

It is at various 'PEXs' such as CHICAGOPEX where these philatelic studies can be seen. CHICAGOPEX this year will have 290 frames. New York last year had over 4000 frames. It is always interesting to peruse these studies/frames because within many there will be a gem existing that explains something of the viewer's own more mundane collection.

## Ray's Ramblings

That old dilemma has bitten me again. What to cover in this month's "Ray's Ramblings." Of course, November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, but I already wrote something on Thanksgiving for *Across the Fence Post*. So, for that article please see page 3 of the November issue of *ATFP*.



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Now, what to cover in this month's GBPS newsletter. For a long time I have been enchanted by the stamps of Greece. I think that I have mentioned before that one of my favorite sets from across the globe is Greece C1 to C4 pictured below.



Greece C1-C4

I think that the engraving and colors are magnificent and that one is hard pressed to find a more beautiful set of stamps from anywhere. I think if we explore Greece a bit we might find more beautiful stamps to appreciate.

Greece as most of us are aware is a republic in southeastern Europe. It is located on the Balkan

Peninsula and borders on the Ionian, Aegean, and Mediterranean Seas. Its population is estimated to be about 10.5 million people and its capital is Athens. Greece has fluctuated between a monarchy and a republic since the early 1920s. Shown below is the best image of a Greek flag on a Greek stamp that I could find.



Greek flag on stamp

The first 100 plus stamps issued by Greece feature the head of the Greek god Hermes. Hermes in Greek religion and mythology is the son of Zeus. He was an Olympian god and was the messenger of the gods – fitting for the featured design on a postage stamp to deliver the mail. There were different prints of these Hermes Head stamps. I have shown a couple examples below.



Greek Hermes Head Stamps

These stamps are made difficult to identify by various prints, watermarks, and papers among other things.

Of course, Greece is famous for the Olympics. So, naturally one of the early commemorative sets of Greek stamps shows various Olympics related themes. One of these stamps shown at the top of the next column shows an image of the Stadium and the Acropolis. Please note the beautiful engraving on this stamp.



Greece 125 showing Stadium and Acropolis

Between 1942 and 1944 Greece issued an 18-stamp set depicting a variety of truly beautiful Greek landscapes. These stamps are printed in a single color by lithography. This is not an expensive set, most of the stamps are listed at the Scott minimum catalogue value. Shown below is Scott 451.



Ponticonissi Corfu (Mouse Island)

Greece is full of culture from Greek gods and mythology to Olympics (both ancient and modern) to the many philosophers in its history. There have been many Greek Olympic stamps as one might expect. Shown below are a couple. The one on the left is from 1984 and the one on the right is from 2004.



Athletes training



Elisavet Mystakidou  
Silver Medalist

