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RPA Referendum

As discussed in the last issue of H&T, the RPA Board has recommended two changes to our constitution. A ballot is enclosed for your consideration to be received by January 1.

Item 1. 6.0 RPA Officers Selection, Duties & Eligibility Change of elected officer terms from 1 year to 2 years. (Board terms remain at 3 years.)

Current wording:

The officers, who are elected for a one year term, serve without salaries or compensation.

Proposed Revision:

The officers, who are elected for a two year term, serve without salaries or compensation.

Item 2. 5.1.12 Board of Governors Placing a limit on the amount of money the Board can spend without membership authority and deleting the dictates of the budget/review process, as such matters are brought up as necessary already in a less formal manner.

Current wording:

The Board of Governors shall adopt a prudent monetary policy so as not to incur expenses in excess of the treasury. To accomplish this goal, the Board of Governors shall have prepared and adopt a line item annual budget listing the anticipated expenses each club officer may recommend. A progress review of budgeted versus actual/anticipated progress shall be on the agenda of each Board of Governors meeting. Club funds shall be disbursed only by the treasurer as authorized by the Board of Governors.

Proposed Revision:

The Board of Governors shall adopt a prudent monetary policy so as not to exceed \$750 per item without the membership approval by written vote, excluding a current insurance policy premium and any ROPEX expenditures. Club funds shall be dispersed only by the treasurer as authorized by the Board of Governors.

RPA Season Kickoff Banquet



September 25's meeting was off site, as 28 RPA members and guests attended the annual season kick-off banquet at the Morningstar Restaurant.

The evening concluded with an auction of about 25 lots. Depicted above are new RPA life members Chuck Schultz, John Cali and Tracy Russo (Chuck's daughter).

Bernice Watson Smith is the only member eligible for life membership in September, 2009!

RPA Welcomes Another Life Member

Bob Meegan of East Aurora, NY is the newest RPA life member. A review of membership records from the past decade revealed an oversight in that he should have been recognized last year as life member.

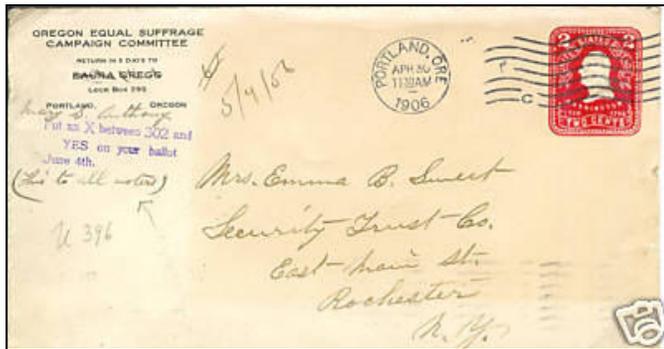
That brings the life member count to 22 out of our total membership of 119.

Rochester Suffragette Postal History



Two interesting pieces of Rochester-related postal history have recently appeared on eBay. A 1902 cinderella with a Rochester socked-on-the-nose cancel touts, "In Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho women

vote on equal terms with men." It came on an envelope from the Security Trust Company on East Main Street and was sent to Fargo, North Dakota.



A 1906 cover from the Oregon Equal Suffrage Campaign Committee was sent to a Rochester woman addressed to, you guessed it, the Security Trust Company! Was the company a hot-bed of the suffrage movement here?

Per a Wikipedia entry:

"Security Trust Company of Rochester was formed in 1892. Beginning in 1944, the bank began to grow through mergers with and acquisitions of other banks in western New

York. In 1984, the company officially shortened its name to Security Trust Company, dropping the "of Rochester" from its name." Over the years the bank was the target of many mergers, acquired by Norstar Bancorp in 1984, then Fleet Bank. It is now part of Bank of America.

The 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was proposed on June 4, 1919 and ratified on August 18, 1920. Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby, certified the ratification on August 26, 1920. It states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

RNA Show Cancel



Rick Kase, Ray Stone and John Cali manned a table at Rochester Numismatic Association's annual coin show at the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center. The cancel design above was used on each day of the show, November 1 and 2, used on a special cachet envelope commemorating the event, held since 1972.



Error Time



This gem comes courtesy of RPA member Jim Bell. The error contains an imperf pair of the Marilyn Monroe “Legends of Hollywood” stamp issued in 1995, Scott #2967, but what makes this pair so special is that it is attached to a part-perf corner stamp.

RPA Board Meeting Notes

The RPA Board met on two dates, August 28 and October 30. Here’s a summary of topics:

- A PC projector was purchased at Staples to be used for meeting presentations, replacing the borrowed one that needed a new bulb.
- A laminating machine was purchased for producing special mementos for meeting presenters and life membership cards.
- Joe Doles was given authorization to purchase 10 sheets of plexiglass to replace damaged ones in the ROPEX frames.
- The RPA’s two insurance policies were reviewed. Property insurance coverage was doubled to \$100,000 to cover replacement value for our frames, library, electronics and other incidentals. Liability insurance remains at \$2 million coverage.
- Frank Tritto purchased and donated an entire collection of ATA DVDs to the club.
- A minimum of \$300 must be sold from the monthly APS circuit books for the club to receive free shipping back and forth to APS headquarters. Otherwise postage alone can cost the club between \$10-\$20. Continuing shipments will be considered at the close of the stamp season.
- Bring your empty HP ink cartridges to RPA

- meetings. Each one brings the club \$3.
- We hope to have a complete inventory of the RPA library available by the close of the stamp season.
- The RPA has approached company “Scale 2” to create a replacement design for the ROPEX frames should they ever be needed and to determine a price per frame for insurance purposes.

A Happy Return



Looks pretty ordinary, doesn’t it? I mailed this cover on July 22, 1992 to a stamp dealer in St. Paul, Minnesota. But here’s the rest of the story. I found it 16 years later in a dealer’s dollar box while visiting the national Sescal show in Los Angeles on Columbus Day weekend!

The find raised quite a stir at dealer Ed Dimmick’s table from Concord, CA. He believes he purchased the cover in a lot sold to him some time ago by Wayne Hassell, long-time proprietor of Juno Stamps.

The cover is going into my Rochester sprayed-on markings collection

ROPEX Update

Mark your calendars for ROPEX 2009, set for May 15-17 at the ESL Sports Centre at MCC.

We anticipate 200-225 frames of competitive exhibits, and yours should be among them! It’s not too late to submit your application. Frames

are \$10 each, or \$20 for a single-frame entry. See the ROPEX web site for details, or ask Tom Fortunato for a form.

Yes, there is still dealer space available. Again, see the web site for details, or speak with Dave Robinson the Bourse Chairman. Around 30 dealers will take tables at the show.

Don't expect a first day, but, hey, you never know. More definitives and airmail rate stamps are expected to be releases March through May.

As always we can use your help for setup and take down. Donations will also be accepted for our second "You Choose" raffle. More details on all of these will appear in the next H&T issue.

Unique Worldwide New Issues



June 11, 2008 marked the release date of Hong Kong's jellyfish issue of six stamps and a souvenir sheet. Besides being colorful, they glow in the dark. The first glow-in-the-dark stamps were Canada's 1997 "Supernatural Creatures," featuring goblins, vampires, werewolves and ghosts!

U.S. Stamp Program: December-February



January 3
42c Alaska Statehood
FDC: Anchorage, AK



January 8
Lunar New Year
FDC: New York, NY



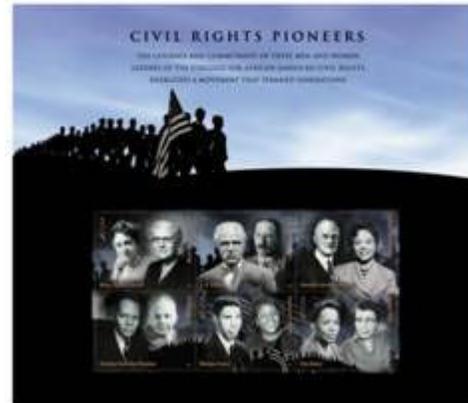
January 14
Oregon Statehood
FDC: Portland, OR



January 18
Edgar Allan Poe
FDC: Richmond, VA



February ?
Abraham Lincoln
FDC: Washington, DC



February 12
Civil Rights
Pioneers
sheetlet
FDC: New York, NY



February 21
27c Miami University
postal card
FDC: Oxford, OH

RPA Iron-On Patch Available



Order your 3 inch patch today! \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Send your check and SASE to the RPA PO box, or buy them at any RPA meeting.

Photos from the RPA Banquet

Who do you recognize?



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Dec 21 Albany Capital District Stamp Show
Holiday Inn Express, 946 New Loudon Rd.
Hours: 10-4. Bourse.
Contact: John Nunes, (518)399-8395.
Email: Nunesnook@aol.com

Jan 24 St. Catharines, Canada
60th CATHEX Show. Sponsored by the St.
Catharines Stamp Club. Grantham Lion's
Club, 732 Niagara St. Hours: 10-5. 12-14
Dealers, club circuits, lunch counter. Bourse.
Email: stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca Website:
http://home.cogeco.ca/~stampclub/home.htm

Feb 8 Syracuse Syracuse Stamp, Coin &
Collectibles Show. Holiday Inn- Carrier Circle,
NYS Thruway exit 35. Hours: 10-5. Bourse.
Contact: Ed Bailey, (315)452-0593.

Next RPA Meetings

Thursday, **Dec 11**.... Florence Wright, "Seals"
Thursday, **Jan 8**..... Owney, the Postal Dog
Smithsonian presentation
Thursday, **Jan 22**..... ATA DVD presentation
Thursday, **Feb 12**.... Everyone-A-Dealer Night
Thursday, **Feb 26**... Linn's Stamp Poll

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Next Board Meeting: TBA

Do you know of a stamp collector that might be interested in joining the RPA?
Membership is the best way to both add to one's collection and learn about the hobby.

Article submissions always welcomed!

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VOTE! Constitution change ballot is enclosed!

RPA Meetings are at Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church
1200 Winton Rd South, just south of Brighton High School

