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Winners of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors team competition hoist the trophy recognizing their achievement. The team included, from left, Rocco Caponi, Greg Shoults, Bob Farley and Scott Pendleton. The fifth member was Jere Dutt.



COURTESY OF CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Team players GP members among group winning AAPE team competition

A team of five local collectors took home top honors during the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors team competition at Chicagopex 2024.

Calling itself *Déjà vu*, the team hoisted the trophy during the awards ceremony at the show, held Nov. 22-24. The show is sponsored by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Team members included Rocco Caponi, Jere Dutt, Bob Farley, Scott Pendleton and Greg Shoults. All are members of the Akron Collectors Club. Caponi, Dutt and Shoults belong to Garfield-Perry.

The entries and their results were:

-- Wayne Farley, Soldier Due Uses from West Virginia during the Civil War: Large Gold

-- Greg Shoults, The Production of Rotary Press Coil Waste Issues 1918-1922: Large Gold

-- Jere Dutt, Birth of a Colony: Dahomey 1850-1903: Large Vermeil

-- Scott Pendleton, Uses of the 1902 Second Bureau 15 Cents Henry Clay: Large Vermeil

-- Rocco Caponi, Centenary of the U.S. Postal Card: Vermeil Shoults' single-frame exhibit received the Reserve Grand Award at the show, helping carry the team to the title.

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Members elect trustees for 2025

By Ken Nilsestuen

Resident Garfield-Perry members elected seven trustees for 2025.

The seven members who received the most votes, alphabetically, are: Ray Beer, Rocco Caponi, Howard Chapman, Chris Duston, Clint Many, Ken Nilsestuen and Carol Thatcher.

As you can see, most of them are returning to the board. Duston is the sole new member.

After the club's December meeting, the newly elected trustees held an organizational meeting. Perhaps it is not surprising that they elected the following officers:

- President: Howard Chapman
- Vice president: Ray Beer
- Secretary: Clint Many
- Treasurer: Ken Nilsestuen

As you may know, Matt Liebson serves as our legal counsel and is invited to our board meetings.

We wish our trustees great success in 2025. They encourage members to contact them with any ideas to increase membership, improve our website or discuss any other club matters.

From the president

Winter is the time of year we should be attending stamp shows around the area or elsewhere.



Whether you are a buyer or a looker, being at a show increases your love of the hobby.

There is always something of interest at a show

whether it's a stamp or cover for your collection, an exhibit to enjoy and/or to learn something about, or an opportunity to visit with friends or make new friends.

When I talk with collectors and dealers at out-of-state shows I am always pleased to hear the positive comments regarding the Garfield-Perry March Party, which will be 135 years old this year. Our show is a well-respected philatelic event, known for hosting great exhibits and outstanding support from wonderful and knowledgeable dealers.

I have listened to people discussing stamp shows and describing March Party as one of the three top annual shows in the United States. This causes me to smile and think of all the people who travel to Cleveland/

Strongsville during the cold month of March to enjoy our great hobby and the March Party. The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who give their time each year, and continuously throughout the year, to maintain the legacy of the March Party.

We are truly blessed to have Ken Nilsestuen and Rocco Caponi as co-chairs of our March Party. Please do your part to make March Party 2025, set for March 14-16, an even better event than our show in 2024.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman

Team

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A second team from the Akron Collectors Club -- calling themselves the Akron Phils -- also entered the competition. Participants included Ed Andros, Michael Bass, Ken Nilsestuen, R. Steven Saks and Bill Ullom. All are GP members.

The Akron Phils finished sixth out of the seven teams that entered.

In addition, Andros won the Rossica Society's President's Award, an unexpected honor that surprised him.

Meanwhile Farley won the Auxiliary Markings Club Award as well as the Military Postal History Society Award. Ullom received an AAPE Award of Honor.

Nilsestuen, who serves as AAPE president, announce that the team competition award has been named in honor of Tony Dewey, an experienced and talented exhibitor who came up with the team competition idea to make exhibit-

ing more enjoyable.

AAPE has sponsored a team competition at a World Series of Philately show since 2006. Early on, the rules favored experienced exhibitors with classic material.

To encourage other entrants,

AAPE has revised team competition rules several times. The rules now encourage novice exhibitors and new exhibits and include the Grand Award winner of the annual Single Frame Competition hosted by Chicagopex.



Holiday cheer

Garfield-Perry members and their spouses celebrated the holidays Dec. 2 during a gathering at D'Angelo's Italian Ristorante in Twinsburg. Fifteen people enjoyed good food, good conversation and friendship.

APS STAR ROUTE COMPETITION

Perryscope, website earn honors in annual APS Star Route Competition

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club newsletter and web site earned honors during the recent Star Route competition sponsored by the American Philatelic Society

Perryscope, the newsletter, earned a gold award while the website, garfieldperry.org received a large vermeil award from judges.



history of the U.S. Post Office Dept. contracting with horseback riders and then stage coach drivers to deliver mail in some of the most difficult-to-reach locations throughout the country.

The competition allows local clubs to submit their newsletter and website to see how well they stack up with others across the country in the eyes of a panel of judges.

Scores are averaged after judging to come up with the final point total.

Perryscope was among 30 newsletters submitted for judging. The Grand Award went to Stamping Around, published by the Mid-Cities Stamp Club in Texas.

The website was among 26 entries submitted. The Grand Award went to the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society.

The website received high marks for its consistency in design across pages, communication about meetings and membership, readability and philatelic content that included numerous links to members' exhibits and online presentations.

The panel of judges complimented the newsletter for highlighting members through profiles and collecting interests, philatelic news, club activities, conveying information about stamp events and membership and layout.



The competition is named for the practice early in the country's



DENNIS SADOWSKI

A youngster adds to her fledgling collection during March Party 2024.

Donations help boost offerings for beginners

Garfield-Perry recently received two significant donations that will help enhance the offerings in the Beginners' Room at the upcoming March Party, reported member Bob Weygant.

The estate of Peter Rimmel contributed a "very generous donation" to the club in the fall.

A second gift from Sally Boyden of Cleveland included binders, albums, supplies, loose stamps and packages of used worldwide stamps.

Weygant invited GP members

to donate any material they have that may be taking up valuable space in their stamp room.

"This year we will be indicating to guests and dealers that any remuneration for contributions would be greatly appreciated in supporting Garfield-Perry programs to newcomers to our hobby," he said.

Materials can be given to Weygant at an upcoming club meeting or brought directly to the Beginners' Room just off the main floor of the show.

Upcoming events

Jan. 7: Lunch and Learn program: “Lorain County Postal History” by Dennis Sadowski, Lorain Public Library, 351 Sixth St., Lorain

Feb. 1: Mid-winter Stamp and Coin Show, Ashland Stamp and Coin Club, Mozelle Hall, Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio

Feb. 8-9: MSDA Cincinnati Stamp Show, American Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd., Greenhills, Ohio

Feb. 14-15: Fernpex 2025, Birmingham Stamp Club, 23600 West Warren Rd., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

Feb 21-22: Toledo Stamp Expo 101, Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Graystone Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 29101 Hufford Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Wyndham Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs are:

Jan. 2: Ray Beer, “Counterfeit Stamps 2024: A Year in Review.”

Feb. 6: March Party mailing.

March 6: March Party planning and final arrangements.

April 3: March Party review.



Club Officers

Howard Chapman, president

Ray Beer, vice president

Clint Many, secretary

Ken Nilsestuen, treasurer

Rocco Caponi, Chris Duston, Carol Thatcher, trustees

Matt Liebson, legal adviser

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