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A G-P ERA ENDS - LEIA LEAVES FOR LAS VEGAS



For almost eight years, Leia Piotowski served as our regular waitress at the Friday night gatherings of the Cleveland locals who dine together before our regular meetings. Over that time she got to know us better than we imagined. Not only would our favorite libation be served (without ordering) moments after our arrival at the large round table we always use, but for those who did not vary their week-to-week entree the food order could be placed with a simple nod of the head. And most of the time she provided a light, but tasty dessert, more often than not something she made herself - Greek pastries, chocolate candies, cakes and pies. And for the true blue regulars, she produced a birthday cake, complete with fireworks, if the anniversary fell on a Friday when we met.

October 25th was her last night on the job at Holiday Inn, Lakeside. She has moved to Las Vegas to be close to her son who found a job at one of the casinos. Leia hopes to secure similar employment, and we all know whoever hires her will have found a true gem! In the photo above Tony Smith presents Leia with a remembrance for the many years she indulged us. We were truly spoiled!!

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Just when he was getting comfortable with our group, Gayland Stehle has a new job that takes him away from the Cleveland area. We haven't heard the particulars of his new position but hope he will drop us a line one of these days telling all.

Vince Lucas has quit his job with the postal service and has made the decision to move to Mexico. He is looking for a place in San Miguel de Allende, about 175 miles northwest of Mexico City and situated among mountains on the high plateau at about 5000 feet elevation. He will relocate as soon as he sells his condo in Westlake and gets his migration papers in order. San Miguel, as it is usually referred to, is only a few kilometers from Dolores Hidalgo, where the 1810 War of Independence had its inception with Father Hidalgo. Since the late '40s it has been popular with retirees and artists. We wish Vince well on his new venture and hope he can make it back to a March Party once in a while.

Out-of-town member Robert W. Richardson, of Bellefonte, PA, spoke to the Akron Railroad Club on December 6 at a banquet celebrating its 60th anniversary. Railroads and stamp collecting have been his life-long hobbies. Prior to his retirement a few years ago, he completed a 33-year stint as executive director of the Colorado Railroad Museum (Denver). Bob joined G-P in 1933 and has had, by far, the longest continuous membership in our Club for any living member. Since his return to Pennsylvania, Bob has attended several March Parties and, as many of you may recall, wrote some anecdotal stories about his early experiences with G-P that were published in the *Perryscope* under the title "A Backward Glance."

We extend our sympathies to Tom Allen, whose mother passed away November 22. Originally from Norwalk, OH, she had lived with Tom since 1986 and occasionally accompanied him when he attended stamp shows in interesting locations.

MEETING PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

1997

- Jan 3 Annual Reports and Induction of New Officers
- Jan 10 APS Slide Show - "Ships on Stamps" by Audrey Pankratz
- Jan 17 **Grant Ricksecker** will give us a program on one of his favorite topics, "British West Indies."
- Jan 24 **Ray Zunk** - "Ghost Towns Along Ohio Canals."
- Jan 31 **Bob Toth** - "Egyptian Post Cards"
- Feb 7 **Gordon Wean** - Gordon has a special affection for the U.S. Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898 and will talk on his prize-winning exhibit of these stamps.
- Feb 14 Clothesline Night - Bring an item to hang and harangue.
- Feb 21 To Be Announced (We're working on something special)
- Feb 28 Member's Auction - Generate some cash for the March Party by disposing of duplicates or unwanted material. The Club will collect no commission at this sale.
- Mar 7 APS Slide Show - "U.S. Postmasters' Provisionals" by J. David Baker
- Mar 14 Final planning for the March Party
- Mar 21 - 23 107th Anniversary MARCH PARTY. Masonic Auditorium, E. 36 & Euclid Avenue. Hours: Fri 11 - 6; Sat 10 - 6; Sun 10 - 4.
- Mar 28 No Meeting - Good Friday
- Apr 4 March Party Review and committee reports.
- Apr 11 Members participation - "My Best Purchase at the March Party."
- Apr 18 **Dr. Terry Martzial** - "Zeppelin Mail"

If you have program suggestions or would be willing to give one yourself, please contact Dick Parker or Bob Toth. They are always looking for new ideas and would be happy to have your input.

If you can spare the time, mark your 1997 calendar for Thursday, March 20, to come down to the Masonic Auditorium and give us a hand setting up the show. There is always plenty to do even though the work flow is not always uniform. We expect several of our out-of-town members to be here and it will be a good time to visit with them, too. And don't forget to bring a warm sweater, if it is cold outside, that room can become quite cool while the dealers are moving in.

MARCH PARTY NEWS

As we put this issue of the *Perryscope* together there is less than four months time before opening day of our 107th anniversary March Party. If you have been alert to previous announcements, you will know that it will take place the weekend of March 21 - 23 at the usual spot, Masonic Auditorium, E. 36th and Euclid Avenue. The Holiday Inn - Lakeside, our normal weekly meeting location, will serve as headquarters hotel and the site of the Friday night wine and cheese reception and the sociability rooms. The latter are especially popular with those who would rather talk stamps (or other topics) than sleep.

Up to December 1st we had accepted eight exhibits totalling 63 frames. This is about 30% of the number of frames we would like to have, so there is plenty of space still available. For some reason or other the usual overabundance of applications to exhibit in our show has not materialized the past two years. And so, if any members reading this would enjoy the challenge of competing at our March Party, please send for an application. You can also help by passing the word to friends who exhibit. The prospectus and application is available from: Dale Pulver, 7725 Beaver Creek Drive, Mentor, OH 44060-7121.

Again, the judges for the '97 MP will be: Ann Trigg (chair), Paul Larson, Roger Schnell, Phil Stager, and Jay Stotts. Diane Bohret will be an apprentice.

Two societies will hold their annual meetings here: The Postal History Society and the Ohio Postal History Society.

IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE

Two members did quite well at the recent stamp show in Dayton, **AIRPEX XXI**. **Dr. Frank Shively**, won the Reserve Grand Award, together with a gold, the APS 1900-40 Medal of Excellence, and an American Revenue Society gold for his showing of "The Yukon Territory: Klondike District, A Revenue Stamp Story, 1898 - 1908." Dr. Shively has entered this exhibit in our next March Party.

At the same show, **Dick Parker** won a gold, the Classics Society medal and the Ohio Postal History Society first for "Erie County 19th Century Postal Activity." This exhibit will also compete in the March Party.

At the **PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION**, **Stan Bednarczyk** took a gold medal with "Chicago Railway Street Post Office - Postmarks and Usages." Stan also won the Mobile Post Office Society Plate.

In the Display Class at **FLOREX '96**, one of our favorite Florida associates **Clyde Jennings**, took firsts for two of his tongue-in-cheek exhibits, "Gittin' Thar, Rebelese for 'Getting There'" and "A B-I-I-I-I-G Belly Ache."

I hope we haven't overlooked anyone. You are always welcome to drop us a note about your philatelic conquests or any other noteworthy philatelic activities for that matter.

EDITOR'S CORNER

If all goes well, this issue of the *Perryscope* will reach you about Christmas time; at least you should have it before we're halfway through the meeting programs listed on pg. 3, as was the case with the two previous issues.

A couple of weeks ago regular members received, along with their dues notice for 1997, a ballot for the annual election of Club trustees. If you're not a regular attendee at the Friday night meetings, you may notice some new names on that list. Or perhaps, more strikingly, the absence of a few of the old familiar names. This is a deliberate attempt to get some of our newer members involved in the management of Club affairs. Name recognition seemed to play a big role in the election results, particularly those members who have long been involved in Club activities. For example, Joe Egar who, except for one year when he was on sabbatical, has served as perennial Club secretary since 1973, advised he wished to retire from that job. He therefore decided not to stand for reelection to the Board. So a new secretary will be chosen from the newly elected trustees.

Let me lead the Club membership in thanking Joe for his long and loyal service in the secretary's office. I, for one, will miss his witty, brief and lucid minutes, but I am sure his successor will capably follow Joe's established tradition.

Dick Parker and Bob Toth have lined up some worthy entertainment for the first quarter of 1997 and I urge all local members to support their Club by attending our regular meetings as often as they can. I have always considered our Friday get-togethers as something special and hope that you feel that way, too!

FRAMES FOR SALE

As reported earlier, the Club has reserved for purchase 200 aluminum 16-page frames from **PACIFIC 97**. They will be shipped to us immediately following the close of that show. Between the end of our '97 March Party and the arrival of our new frames, we must find new homes for our old ones.

We have approximately 240 of the 12-page frames in three styles: the original G-P frames (120); new GP frames (60); and frames we bought from the Masonic S.C. (60). The new and Masonic frames are in near perfect condition, while the older GP frames are showing their age after some 40-odd years of use. But they are still quite serviceable.

The Board met and decided we would offer our old frames to interested stamp clubs in lots of 20, complete with the wheeled carts to store and move them at the following prices: \$5/frame for the older frames, and \$7.50/frame for the new GP and Masonic frames, with the buyer to assume loading and shipping costs from the Masonic Auditorium. Depending on demand, there may be a few available on an individual basis to interested parties.

We already have a serious prospect for 60 frames, and would be happy to hear from other clubs who might have interest. We will sell them on a first come, first served basis. And we believe the charges are fair -- the cost of a new pane of glass to fit these frames is several times our asking price.

Send inquiries to the Club c/o Holiday Inn - Lakeside, 1111 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114.

SCENES AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE



Shown above are the G-P "Knights" of the round table on Leia's last evening with us. She is at left taking orders and clockwise are: Joe Egar, Shawn Wilson's nose, Bob Terry (guest speaker), Dick Jaeger, Bob Toth, Kent Johnson, Frank Knurek, Tom Allen, and Tony Smith (back to camera).



Bob Terry from the Akron Collectors Club gives us the lowdown on British Columbia law stamps, adhesives representing revenue collected by the B.C. provincial government for legal transactions. Besides the various issues of the stamps themselves, Bob showed us many interesting legal documents bearing such stamps. A most interesting lecture!

Best Wishes
for the
Holidays
&
Health & Happiness
in the
New Year!!

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