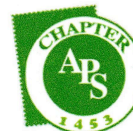




Strait Stamp Society

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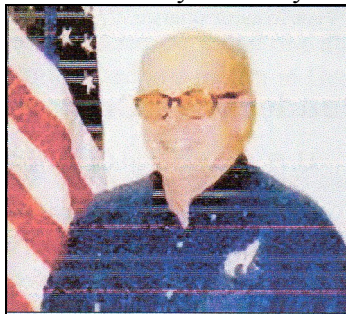
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### Presidents Message

Welcome to our January-February Newsletter.



**Wes Falor**

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Hope everyone has had a great holiday season, and is ready for another great year. I want to thank everyone for all of your help and support in making our club truly fun and special. It takes very special members to keep a club as active as ours going year after year. I want to thank you for making me part of this group, which is what makes this club so great.

For our Jan. meeting the letter is W, like in Washington, Wurttemberg, Western Ukraine, White Russia, Wadwhan [India], Wallis and Futuna Is. Western Australia ect.. I am sure you will find some other W's that exist. We would love to see any other items that you received during the holidays.

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### Jan. 5th. MEETING

As Part of the general meeting, there will be a discussion to determine the level of interest in responding to the request from the APS to prepare pages for the State of “Washington” This will be followed by a show and tell with the letter “W”.

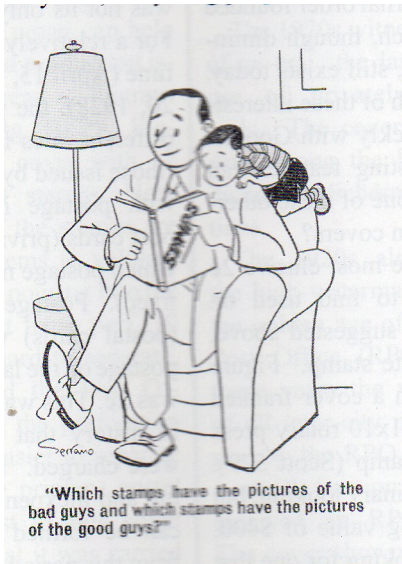
### Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. MEETING

After the general meeting, There will be a show and tell that begins with the letter “X.” This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Bring any items you are interested in selling. Silent Auction forms can be downloaded from our website [straitstamp.org](http://straitstamp.org).

Free used periodicals and some club material available for sale. ☰

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From American stamp Dealer & collector.

## Jan,-Feb, Stamp Shows

Jan.. 28, **Coins, Stamps & Collectables Show**  
Burnaby, BC

Feb. 12, **Fenwick Stamp Show**  
Seattle, WA.



## 2017 Stamp Program

Jan.-Feb. Issues

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> **Lunar New Year Rooster**  
Seattle, WA

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> **Love Skywriting**  
Chino, CA

Jan. 27, **U.S. Flags**  
Norcross, GA

Jan. 28, **Sea Shells**  
(postcard rate)  
San Diego, CA

Feb. 1 **Dorothy Height**  
(Black Heritage)  
Washington, DC

Feb. 20 **John F. Kennedy**

Feb. ? **Museum of African American Cultural**

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## President's Message

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We will also need to have a discussion about, and the level of interest in putting together of album pages for the APS show.

For the Feb. meeting the letter of interest is, the always challenging letter X. This is perhaps one of, if not the most difficult letter to generate topics about, since no countries start with the letter X. We will have a silent auction this month also, so bring the items you have lost interest in and see if someone else has an interest.

**"Everyone Have A Great NEW YEAR"**

Wesley N. Falor



Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes.

### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.**

Fourteen members enjoyed Jim K. presentation of match and Medicine proprietary stamps on Thursday night. The stamps were also used for playing cards, perfume, and canned fruit in the period 1862 - 1883. I learned a lot I hadn't known before!

The club voted to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confederation of Canada with our cancel and cachet this summer. This year's show will be August 12. so mark your 2017 calendars as soon as you get them.

The letter "U" brought us some new ideas. Henry showed us framed U.S. stamps that he has used for charity auction items through the years. Bruce H. brought us 'ungulates' – more mammals than I could have imagined. Rick K. was going to bring an 'unlisted' stamp (good thinking ! ). Chester send "UPU" Paquebot' French word boats with foreign mail by the Universal Postal Union. Dick M showed my covers to Port Angeles and Port Townsend canceled there and stamped with Paquebot. Rick help explain them to us. Dick M. brought an "Unusual' stamp from Austria (which Jim K Interdicted). And Cathie brought most of the U.S. stamps showing bells – three pages worth

### **November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Burger King at 10 am**

Was another success, Four happy collectors met for coffee, kilo ware and conversation. Bruce H. shared about his upcoming travels. Jim M. gave us a preview of his "V" show and

Tell for the December 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting. Some of us learned witch country was K. S. A. And we got more ideas of what to do with our penny stamps. Grace and Cathie helped eat the cookies and fries and time to break up came sooner then we thought.

There is still room for two more at the main table, with other tables and chairs we could add. For a pleasant morning of 'stamps' join us at the Second meeting in January and you'll get to go homer refreshed.

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.**

Seventeen happy collectors enjoyed the December meeting. It was silent auction night, and we still don't have a good handle on that; only one item sold. But lets keep trying!

It was also the night for letter "V". Roger showed Swiss towns beginning with the letter V , Rick showed stamp PINS, one with a volcano (Mt. St. Helens) and three with "Viking' coat f arms. Henry talked about the Volunteer Firemen stamp. Jim and Cathie both brought V-mail, but Jim knew more!

Phil C. had his name as a contributor in the Scott Classic Specialized Catalog, and brought his copy to show us! And Cathie showed part of a setoff Talwanese police revenue stamps showing bells, a hard ot find item.

Beside regular members, Dan came to his first meeting after getting out his childhood collection and realizing it was still fun. We're hoping the box of used U.S. he bought at our auction will keep him busy!

This month's Burger King meeting has been changed to 10am on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Lets stay warm and have fun with stamps on the first day of winter!

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### **Why I Exhibit**

Hearing Jim K. tell f his first exhibiting experience brought back memories!

My first exhibit was six pages of Liberty Bells of the world, and I sent it to as local show in Nebraska, the home club of pen-pal. Can't remember what color the ribbon was, but the show was so grateful for exhibits I'm sure it was higher then I deserved.

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**Why I Exhibit**

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After time passed and OI discovered and joined the (ATA) American Topical Association. "I thought, I can do an exhibit for THEIR show, since it's going to be in Spokane this year!"

With great excitement I packed up my Christmas Bell exhibit, and drove over with my mother and grandmother, looking forward to showing it off.-and who knows , maybe winning a bronze?

That year, the topical show decided to get approval from the American philatelic Society to participate with the big guy's and be part of the 'world series of philately'. Which mean high-power judges and exhibits.

My exhibit was mounted next to the Grand Award winning "Penguins" - and I came home with a certificate of participation.


Disappointment of course. But after a while , the desire to show off got the better of me. I really ENJOY bell stamps, if I can put them together in a way that might make sense to Someone else and encourage them, to do something with their own stamps to show others...well, I was going to do it.

But not in front of the 'establishment' I chose small shows like Victoria's and ur own, and no matter what ribbon if any, it give me pleasure.

Then one year, an enthusiastic exhibitor convinced me that I could compete in PIPEX (another 'World Series' show now) and he was my mentor for several months. At the show, I received a silver-bronze and was thrilled that I was one level above the basement---but my mentor was so worried about how I would take the low award! He couldn't believe my smiles were real.

This year I 'm into just showing my stuff." With no rules but my own. After all this time, I have a lot of material, If I don't do something now, it will just get recycled when gone. (Hopefully to other collectors.)

So here's to you and here's to us: **"Show your stuff"**

Cathie, 

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. meeting at Burger King.**

Eight members showed up at Burger King this morning for a good time of stamps and conversation! Bruce H., Bruce M., Dick, Don, Karen, Grace and Cathie. We saw Bruce M's new collection of Machins, heard about Bruce H. ill-fated cruise to Hawaii, talked about developing a new album of Washington- related stamps, and went through several new lots of kilo ware., Free stamp newspapers, hot coffee, questions and answers...a good time was had by all. And we had room for more!

Next month's BK meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup>



Editor Chester Master

In exhibiting I learned Judges like old material, old stamps and material, in a story or philatelic history of the exhibit Making of a stamp to errors in stamp to make an exhibit very interesting to the viewer.

Types of paper used in the making of a postage stamp like showing stamps made by using paper using blue rags or bamboo or stamps diamond, triangle, or banana shaped to make the viewer to look at it more or look at it again with a magnifier.

Like Cathie said "Show your stuff" Received note of former member Zora Davis past a way Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> she exhibited trains of the world on stamps. Sue Anna her former caregiver and friend brought her up several times to the stamp. Hoped o visit the meetings too didn't work out' How Hope to visit the show this coming August.

