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Newsletter of the Sequoia Stamp Club, Redwood City

From the President

Well, I'm happy to report that the Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's went well and everybody appeared to have a good time. A special thanks to Hank Washauer who brought the idea and made it work smoothly. So we're back again at our old digs at the Community Center.

Speaking of the Community Center, it's that time of the year again when the Redwood City Parks, Recreation & Community Services will be taking part in the "Human Race" event sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley, providing non-profit organizations with a fundraising opportunity. The Redwood Community Services uses these donated funds in continuing to provide free and low cost programs and classes at the Community Center. We've donated to this event in the past, and because of the generosity afforded our Sequoia Stamp Club by the Redwood City Community Services, I hope you will join with me in voting some amount of money to help in sponsoring their walkers.

By the way, if you missed it, Darlene swapped program dates with Kristin...she gave her program on the "Unusual Stamps of Bhutan" on March 28th...Kristin will give her program on U. S. Playing Card Companies through U. S. Revenue Stamps on May 9th.

Ed Rodriguez
Sequoia President



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Upcoming Meetings

Event Calendar:

May 9 - U. S. Playing Card Companies through U. S. Revenue Stamps - Kristen Patterson

May 23 - Inheriting a Stamp Store - Jack Drach

June 13 - Live Auction

June 27 Donation Auction - Paul Swierstra

July 11 - Bourse, Flea Market - John Inglis

July 25 Croatia, the Little Country That Could - Ed Rodriguez

Stamp & Tidbits

Heinz trading cards were popular paper collectibles in the 1900s. Ever wonder where the famous "57 Varieties" slogan came from?



Fifty-seven varieties doesn't mean 57 varieties of ketchup. There are only three varieties of Heinz ketchup, regular, hot, and low-sodium. In fact, if you count everything Heinz and all its divisions and subsidiaries make, there are something like 1,300 varieties, including 108 varieties of baby food, 60 kinds of pickles, and so on.

The slogan was invented by the company's founder, Henry J. Heinz, in 1892 while he was cruising around in New York one day. Reading the car cards on the ceiling, his eye alighted on the slogan "21 styles of shoes" from a clothing store. Thinking this a creative slogan he conceived the immortal words "57 varieties." The one problem with this scheme was that at the time the company was manufacturing more than 60 varieties. However, Heinz stuck with 57, for what his biographer describes as "occult reasons."

USPS New Issues May & June

Monday, May 1st — 39¢ True Blue Love

Monday, May 15th — 39¢ Katherine Anne Porter
Literary Arts series

Thursday, May 25th — 39¢ Amber Alert

Friday, May 26th — 39¢ Purple Heart

Saturday, May 27th — 39¢ Wonders of America forty designs

Sunday, May 28th — 39¢ Champlain's Survey 400th Anniversary
two 39¢ American & two 51¢ Canadian stamps per S/S

Monday, May 29th — \$8 Washington 2006 Souvenir Sheet three
designs; three different denominations

Tuesday, May 30th — 39¢ Distinguished American Diplomats six
different designs

Saturday, June 10th — 39¢ Judy Garland
Legends of Hollywood series

Wednesday, June 14th — 39¢ Ronald Reagan

Friday, June 23rd — 39¢ Happy Birthday



Stamp Meeting Note Summary

SEQUOIA STAMP CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Ed Rodriguez at 8:00pm

- Pizza party sign up sheet is being passed around.
- Ernie Lee read over the event calendar.
- Richard Griffone gave financial report.
- Kristin Patterson announced that she has copies of the Penpex by-laws. If anyone would like a copy please see her. She welcomes suggestions. She also stated that she needs a Penpex setup and take down chairman.
- Ed Bierman mentioned to us that Great Britain has a joint issue for the Children's books stamps and he passed around the article.
- Joan Doherty brought in an article from the San Francisco Chronicle about the missing stamp cover that went missing for 38 years.
- Our next event scheduled is Ernie Lee on Pan-Am stamps and covers.
- Hank Washauer had to leave but wanted a color copy of the Chatter passed around so everyone could drool over it in color.
- Bill Dutcher said that there are revised auction slips for both live and silent auctions. It is encouraged that everyone use them and use them properly.
- Kristin Patterson asked if anyone had a chance to compile stamp packets for her for the youth presentation she will be doing at a local school.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Joan Doherty; 2nd Drawing was won by John Inglis
- John Dusel gave his presentation on Anthony Trollop. Very interesting John. We also now know the difference between Trollop and Trollope.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm
31 members present

March 14, 2006

Meeting called to order by Bill Dutcher in President and Vice President's absence at 8:00pm

- Bill Dutcher reminded us about the pizza party on April 11th at Mountain Mike's.
- Ernie Lee mentioned that he has 1 more slot open on the events calendar for this year if anyone is interested. He has started signups for 2007.
- Bill Dutcher has new updated member rosters. See him if you would like one.
- Bill Dutcher also announced that the Belmont Stamp Club donated \$70.00 to the our youth club. Richard Coleman presented the check to Bill Dutcher. Way to go Belmont stamp club!
- John Sauer said that the Filatelie Fiesta is underway. Stay tuned for further information.
- Darlene Hickok announced that we have 2 additional youth members to vote in: Oliver and Elliott Surovell. They were both voted in unanimously.
- Bill reminded us again to please pay your dues!
- Darlene Hickok asked for Kristin Patterson if a Monday night full Penpex committee meeting would be a problem and no complaints were made.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Richard Griffone; 2nd Drawing was won by Hank Washauer
- Ernie Lee started his presentation on Pan-Am and finished with a grand applause. Nice job Ernie!
- Silent Auction ended
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm
27 members present

March 28, 2006

Meeting called to order by President, Ed Rodriguez at 8:00pm

- Ed Rodriguez reminded us about the pizza party on April 11th at Mountain Mike's – 6:30pm.
- Ernie Lee mentioned that it's time for 2007 events and he is passing around the signup sheet.

- Ernie Lee also passed out a flyer about the Foster City Traders. This is the same one that Stu Phillips started.
- Bill Dutcher has new updated member rosters. See him if you would like one.
- Paul Swierstra wants wavy line cancellations.
- Herb Nishio would like to see the rules posted for the flea market coming up on July 11th.
- Raffle Drawing: 1st Drawing was won by Steve Morger; 2nd Drawing was won by Ernie Lee
- Darlene Hickok started her story about her Bhutan stamps found at Stanford.
- Silent Auction ended
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm 32 members present

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Darlene Hickok, Secretary



From the WESTPEX 2003 Virtual Court of Honor

http://www.westpex.com/html/virtual_court_of_honor.html

Upcoming Shows

Westpex

April 28-30, 2006

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

For more details visit:

<http://www.westpex.com/index.html>

WESTPEX2006 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the April 18th 1906 San Andreas earthquake. There will be a special display of post cards relating to the earthquake. There might be a special show cancellation.



It's A Wrap!
U.S. Revenue Stamps
Used on Playing Cards
1862-1883
by Kristin Patterson
May 9th Meeting

Sequoia Officers

Ed Rodriguez – President
Jim Giacomazzi – Vice President
Richard Griffone – Treasurer
Darlene Hickok – Secretary

Stamp Chatter Staff

Editor: Ed Bierman
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NEW Issues

Katherine Anne Porter

With the 22nd stamp in the Literary Arts series, the U.S. Postal Service honors acclaimed writer Katherine Anne Porter. Considered a master prose stylist, Porter won both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1966 for "The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter" (1965).



Strong-willed, intelligent, and gifted, Porter worked as a journalist in Texas and Colorado before moving to New York City in 1919. There she began writing fiction and became acquainted with Mexican artists whose enthusiasm for their cultural heritage precipitated her four trips to Mexico City between 1920 and 1931.

Perhaps the finest collection of her fiction is "Pale Horse, Pale Rider" (1939), which brought together three short novels. The title work and short fiction "Old Mortality" feature the autobiographical character Miranda. Porter, who frequently used personal experience as inspiration, believed that an artist's job is "to take these handfuls of confusion and disparate things, things that seem to be irreconcilable, and put them together in a frame to give them some kind of shape and meaning."

From the USPS Site



80 Years Ago

The 5¢ Ericsson Memorial
May 29, 1926

200 Subject Plates - 20,280,000
issued

It was the first U.S. commemorative
stamp issued in the vertical format,
that is taller than wide.



Peninsula Club



Currently the Peninsula Stamp Club is on hiatus as meetings are being planned for 2006. If you would like to know more information please call 650-343-5195 or e-mail at labpath@aol.com. Paul Ortega and Vesma Grinfelds are officers who are available for assistance. Our club has been a member of the American Philatelic Society for over 50 years, and we are most interested in its success.

Web Sites to Check Out — Ireland's Postal Service

An Post is a major commercial organization providing a wide range of services which encompass postal, communication, retail and money transmission services. It is one of Ireland's largest companies directly employing over 9,600 people through its national network of retail, processing and delivery points.

Irish Stamps is a business within An Post, the Irish Post Office, and is the official source for all Irish postage stamps, and a wide range of books, prints, stamp booklets and other products.

<http://www.irishstamps.ie/IrishStamps/>



The Caboose

Notes About Penpex 2006



First and foremost, I look forward to working with all the volunteers of the PENPEX 2006 Stamp Show. Our show maybe small, but dealers come back year after year, attendees enjoy the friendly surroundings, and our exhibits frames are full of interesting and diverse philatelic material.

This is only possible with the support of over 35 volunteers and the backing of the Redwood City Community Center. Each year volunteers return to their posts with new ideas along with guidance to the many volunteers who take on new positions. The efforts of all make for a great finale on Dec. 2 and 3.

We have already had many new and different visions that will be put in place at this year's show. I know you will all be please with these ideas. So stay tuned for future write-ups in the Caboose explaining in more detail these items.

Lastly, a special thanks to Darlene Hickok and Bill Dutcher for remaining in their positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Their experience will be invaluable. I also want to thank Ernie Lee for being my running mate. They always say that the person with the best support will win the position. And we did! We all look forward to the upcoming show and hearing more of your great ideas.

Sincerely,
Kristin Patterson, PENPEX 2006
Chairman

Function	Name
Chair	Kristin Patterson
Vice-Chair	Ernie Lee
Secretary	Darlene Hickok
Treasurer	Bill Dutcher
Sequoia Pres.	Ed Rodriguez
Peninsula Pres.	Paul Ortega
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Mailing List	open
Facility	Kristin Patterson
Setup*	open
Bourse*	Kristin Patterson
Registration Desk	Ernie Lee
Youth Center*	Darlene Hickok
Exhibits*	Vesma Grinfelds
Awards*	Paul Ortega
Judges*	Vesma Grinfelds
Frames	Fritz Gelb
Seminars*	Ed Rodriguez
Cachet Program	Hank Washauer
Cachets/Cancel*s	Miriam Thurston
Banquet*	Darlene Hickok
Raffle*	Darlene Hickok
Public Relations	Hank Washauer
Silent Auction*	Jim Mosso
Snack Bar*	Jim Giacamosso
Dealer Lunches	Jim Giacamosso
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Wonders of America: Land of Superlatives

Forty natural and man-made wonders of the United States are depicted on this stamp pane. These remarkable places, plants, animals, and structures were selected from every region of the country.

On the front of each stamp, in large letters, are words that describe the superlative nature of a particular place or thing. Smaller type gives the name or location of the featured wonder. Text on the back of each stamp provides relevant statistics and other interesting information.

