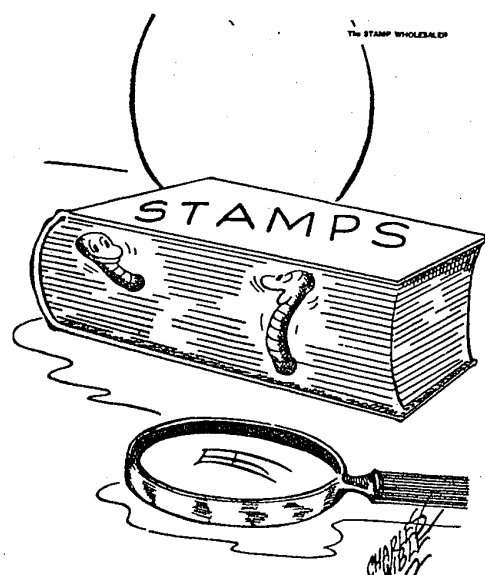


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# Stamp Chatter

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES 1-20-2010

As the Sequoia Club enters a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for a job well done during the past year. Except for yours truly, the Club has mostly the same people returning to the Officer, Executive Board and Committee positions as last year. Because of that, I think we can look forward to continued success in 2010.

### A Special Thanks

To Hank Washauer for keeping the Sequoia Club headed in the right direction, even though time changes were made by the Rec Center for our use of the facilities due to their budget constraints.

To Darlene Hickok for her perseverance in successfully growing the Youth part of the Club.

To Kristin Patterson for her leadership in running a very productive and efficient PENPEX operation.

The Club needs to strengthen the positive things that were accomplished last year. To keep the Sequoia Club strong, we still need new members.

To attract new members, the Club needs interesting programs and projects. To provide that high level of interest will require a high level of teamwork with everyone helping where they can. I believe this Club can accomplish it.

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## Upcoming Meetings

**January 26**  
Swap Meet -  
Gil Goodrich

**Sat. January 30,**  
PENPEX Volunteer  
Appreciation Brunch

**February 9**  
Live Auction

**February 23**  
Selected Zip Codes  
of the World -  
Hank Washauer

**March 9**  
TBA - Ed Rodriguez

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Prestige Books -  
Ernie Lee

*Sequoia Stamp Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061*

Ernie Lee  
Graphic Design & Editor.

- President's Notes Continued

**In Memory**

This is always the hardest part of the newsletter to write. Two of our friends and associates in philately have very recently passed away:

*Bill Dutcher*, Life Member and an extremely active member of our Club, died at 9:45 AM the morning of Friday January 15th. The news was brought to me while I was writing this newsletter article.

*Mary Lewis*, one of our newest members, passed away last week. Mary was 92 years of age.

Both members will be sorely missed.



*William E. Dutcher (1931-2010)*

Bill was born in Pont-à-Mousson, France on April 27, 1931. Due to World War II, his family boarded a ship for Ellis Island in 1941 and settled in Potter Valley, California in June 1941. With only a high school education, Bill worked his way up to VP at Bank of America. He had had many close calls with a triple bypass and in 1991 a heart replacement. Though he would never give up smoking, he lived until January 15, 2010 in San Mateo, California. He was actively involved with the Sequoia Stamp Club and the PENPEX Stamp Show and held many executive positions including PENPEX treasurer until 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Jean Wilcox; son, Vern; five grandchildren; and his brother and sister-in-law.

**Stamps R Us News**

The PENPEX Show in December was so much fun! We had lots of energetic stampers having fun making stamp coasters and working on their Philatelic Passport and Flag Project.

The Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop lead by Brian Jones was a huge success and also lots of fun. A big thank you goes out to Brian and his assistants that helped him with the workshop. Many thanks go out to Carol Edholm, Youth Stamp Collectors President for providing project material.

One additional big thank you goes to WESTPEX and British North American Philatelic Society for providing much needed funds to help us through the end of the year and getting us started with 2010. We appreciate what you do. Just in time because we have 6 new members to welcome to Stamps R Us for 2010. Welcome to Alejandro Luna-Victoria, Charlie Tokash, Katrina Revsbeck, Neil Patel, Riya Patel and Jensen Lee.

Thank you to Cindi Amelon for your expert help and to the Stamps R Us Committee - Joan Doherty, John Dusel, LeRoy Bertsch, Richard Coleman and John Inglis for making this a successful year. Another thank you goes out to Hank Washauer for helping with reminders and editing and to all the Sequoia Stamp Club members that donated funds and supplies.

Darlene Hickok, Youth Chairperson

*Membership Dues for 2010 are Now Due!*

**PENPEX**

Dear PENPEX 2009 volunteers and attendees,

After the show, I always email the dealers asking for their show feedback. I think their comments sum it up best:

D & P Stamps, "The PENPEX Committee did a great job! We had a great show!" Doug Gary, "And my appreciation for all you (any your great helpers) do to make the show work, so please give the helpers-all my thanks." Gary Morris, "I would say the show was very collector friendly, and the collectors seemed to enjoy looking at the exhibits, looking at stamps and covers on dealers' tables, and chatting among themselves." Peter Sargent, "Thanks for your work."

It cannot be said enough, our success is due to all the great volunteers. It is always enjoyable to work with friendly and fun people who happen to also collect stamps.

The show had a great turn out for both Saturday and Sunday. The silent auction made record sales which means many bidders were happy and even more sellers. The exhibits filled 54 frames and we had a wonderful awards banquet.

PENPEX would like to thank all of the volunteers by inviting everyone to the Wrap-up Meeting followed by Brunch on Saturday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m. at Fresh Choice, 1091 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Please RSVP to Kristin, 408-267-6643 or email, penpexredwoodcity@yahoo.com.

I look forward to PENPEX 2010, so save the dates December 4 and 5.

Kristin Patterson

PENPEX Chairperson



**PENPEX COMMITTEE**

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**LIVE AUCTION!**