

Stamp Chatter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- January 11, 2011

by Jim Giacomazzi

2010 was a very good year for the Sequoia Stamp Club. Membership rose to 108, and our programs, auctions, and social activities throughout the year were quite successful. PENPEX 2010 was one of our best shows ever. Kudos to Ed Rodriguez and Kristin Patterson for their outstanding leadership throughout the past year. And a special thanks goes to Hank Washauer for his work on the newsletter, as well as his overall stewardship of the club as a Director at Large. Congratulations are also in order to all club members, as it takes a contribution from everyone to make a club truly successful.

As your new President, I hope to continue our successful operation for 2011. Hank Shoolman is stepping up to assume the office of Vice-President, while Tanja Ahrens and Richard Griffone will continue on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ed Rodriguez will join Hank as a Director at Large. I will be asking that the committee chairs continue in their current positions. I am especially pleased that our youth committee under the leadership of Darlene Hickok and Richard Coleman will continue with their outstanding efforts to promote philately among youth and beginners.

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DUES ARE DUE for 2011

Membership Fee is only \$3 a Year - (Richard Griffone - Treasurer)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE EVENTS DATES in 2011

- January 11 - PAST PRESIDENTS EXHIBITS
- January 25 - PITCAIM ISLAND (Hank Shoolman)
- February 8 - LIVE AUCTION (Don Freeman's Donation)
- February 22 - WHO ARE YOU and WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?
(Part I - Members A to K - Two Minute Profile)
- March 8 - SWAP MEET (Gil Goodrich)
- March 22 - WHO ARE YOU and WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?
(Part II - Members L to Z - Two Minute Profile)
- April 12 - LIVE AUCTION (Members)



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We are actively seeking members who are willing to do a presentation on any philatelic topic for the upcoming year. Don't be shy; step up and let Ed Rodriguez or me know if you have a subject you would like to share with the other members. We have quite a few open dates, and remember that with our new time schedule we are looking for programs about twenty minutes or so in length.

We are going to follow up on Larry Christensen's suggestion for an activity necessitated by our recent growth in membership. We have scheduled a couple of programs called "Getting to Know Ourselves Better" where members will have a couple of minutes to tell fellow members something about themselves, how and what they collect, about a favorite philatelic item, and what they might like to buy, trade, or sell. Also don't forget that the second Don Freeman donation live auction will be held on Feb. 8. The previous auction raised over \$1000 to be shared by the club and by the youth group. A preview of the 50 lots will be available for viewing at my house on Saturday and Sunday afternoon prior to the sale. Call me at 650-365-2956 if you have questions or need directions.



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PRESIDENT - Jim Giacomazzi, VICE PRESIDENT - Hank Shoolman
SECRETARY - Tanja Ahrens, TREASURER - Richard Griffone

▲▲▲▲▲ CONDENSED MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS July, August & September 2010 - 30 to 39 Attend. ▲▲▲▲▲

OCT 12: Special live Auction of the late Don Freeman's Stamp Collections.

OCT 19: Pizza Party at Mountain Mikes, Most Members attended and had a big helpings of Pizzas!

OCT 26: Lee Levy gave a interesting talk on his child hood stamp collecting special autographed on cachets through out the United States.

NOV 9: Nominations as follows: Jim Giacomazzi, President, Hank Shoolman Vice President, Tanja Ahrens Secretary and Richard Griffone Treasurer. Also Silent Auction.

NOV 23: Larry Christianson gave a powerful presentation featuring the 75 Anniversary of Inaugural flight from Treasure Island to Manila. Also Silence Auction on Don Freeman's collections.

DEC 4 & 5: PENPEX SHOW (see color insert in this issue)

DEC 14: CHRISTMAS PARTY, A Chocolate Cake with whip cream decorated a Christmas Tree sheet cake was a delicious site every bite was to behold and we also had a Silent Auction.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011 SUCCESS FOR A GOOD YEAR FOR ALL !

From the Editor of the Chatter If anyone would like to write an article for this newsletter or submit or give ideas, please contract Hank Washauer (Editor)

SEQUOIA CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
TO JOIN OUR LARGEST STAMP CLUB IN THE BAY AREA THE ANNUAL FEE IS 3 DOLLARS A YEAR.....

Sunshine Chair, Joan Doherty who corresponds & welcomes new members, Joan gives door prize tickets at each meetings two \$5 cash is given away to purpose stamps at Silent Auction & Circuit books. Silent & Live Auctions Assistance are Steve Morger, Edwardo Martino, Richard Griffone & Jim Giacomazzi.

Swap Meets, Gil Goodrich Sequoia Members buy a table for a dollar to sell their Stamp Collections.

Jim Mosso, Brings many Circuit Stamp Books to every meeting for sale.

Leroy Harbaugh Jr., Carries in Philatelic magazines and A to Z Scott Catalogs to check out.

Chris Thompson, Sets up Coffee, Tea & Cookies at every meeting.



UPCOMING STAMP SHOW EVENTS

Great American Stamp Expo

JANUARY 15 - 16, 2011

@ Naperdak Hall

770 Montaque Expressway, San Jose, CA



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MARCH 5 - 6, 2011

Redding Senior Citizens Center
2290 Benton Drive Redding, CA 98001

FRESPEX STAMP SHOW

MARCH 12 - 13, 2011

Rex Phebus Veterans Memorial Bldg.
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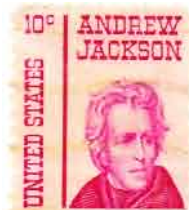
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ALEXANDER HAMILTON, 1757 - JAN 11
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 1706 - JAN 17
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - JAN 15
(BIRTHDAY OBSERVED)
ROBERT E. LEE, 1807 - JAN 19
STONEWALL JACKSON, 1824 - JAN 21
DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR, 1880 - JAN 26
F.D. ROOSEVELT, 1882 - JAN 30

FEBRUARY

RONALD REAGAN, 1911 - FEB 6
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1809 - FEB 12
ST. VALENTINE'S DAY - FEB 14
"FIRST AMERICAN IN ORBIT", 1962 - FEB 20
GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1732 - FEB 22
(PRESIDENTS DAY OBSERVED - FEB 21)

MARCH

"REMEMBER THE ALAMO" 1836 - MARCH 6
ANDREW JACKSON, 1767 - MARCH 15
ST. PATRICK'S DAY - MARCH 17



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Past President's Message
by ED RODRIGUEZ
December 14, 2010



I want to thank the Sequoia Officers for their handling of the club's business affairs during my unavoidably erratic appearances at club meetings and events from the end of September until the beginning of November...it demonstrated great teamwork by all!

It was very disappointing for me to have missed the October Pizza Party. The event was reportedly well attended, members and guests had a good time. I believe that the three annual social parties bring members of the Club closer together in a great hobby.

Congratulations are in order to the members who worked so hard in sorting and preparing the Don Freeman Collection for our silent, live and PENPEX auctions. So far results show that it has been a very successful undertaking.

Speaking of PENPEX, under Kristen Patterson's fine leadership a wonderful job was done by all the volunteers. The Awards Dinner was held at Harry's Hauf Brau in Redwood City, a very good venue for the event. Incidentally, congratulations to Kristen, her exhibit won the highest number of awards. Another award was given on Saturday at PENPEX. The Life Member Award was presented to Virginia Warden, long-time member and former Secretary of the Club.

STAMPS R US NEWS Darlene Hickok, Chair & Richard Coleman, Acting Chair

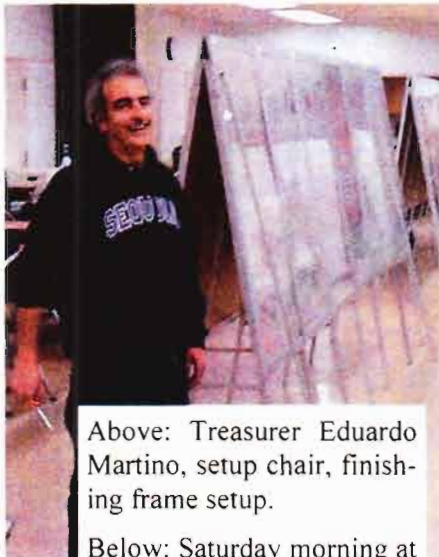
In mid November five youth committee members - Darlene Hickok, Richard Coleman, LeRoy Bertsch, Gil Goodrich and Hank Shoolman met to assemble large packets of stamps, hinges, albums, covers, and other supplies to send to our 35 youth members. This was the last of four such mailings we sent to each member in 2010.

In January the committee will meet to finalize plans to change the mailings in 2011 to include packets of 100+ stamps to our mailings every other month and discuss other ideas that members have to promote stamp collecting to youth and adult beginners.

Many young visitors enjoyed the PENPEX youth room this year giving us 8 new youth members. The President Project and Philatelic Passport was the favorite projects as well as visits to the treasure chest for those that enrolled and/or completed a project.



PENPEX CABOOSE



Above: Treasurer Eduardo Martino, setup chair, finishing frame setup.

Below: Saturday morning at Ed Dimmick's table.

Dear PENPEX volunteers and attendees,

It is not uncommon that the chair of a show to say "This was the best show ever." But from all involved it would appear that this is truly the case. And it started with an ambitious setup crew that had all the frames in place and the dealers moving in by 5:00 pm on Friday.

All the dealers I spoke with were happy with the show. One saying it was the best he had ever done. We had 58 frames of exhibits, the most we have had since moving from 12-page to 16-page frames. The Awards

Stamp Show

FREE Sat. 10:00 - 5:30
FREE Sun. 10:00 - 4:00

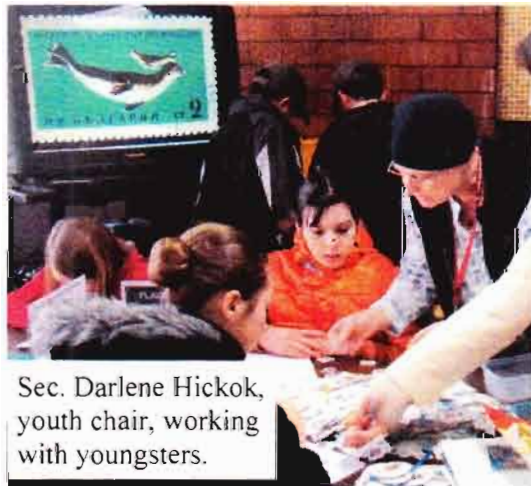
Outside PENPEX show banner



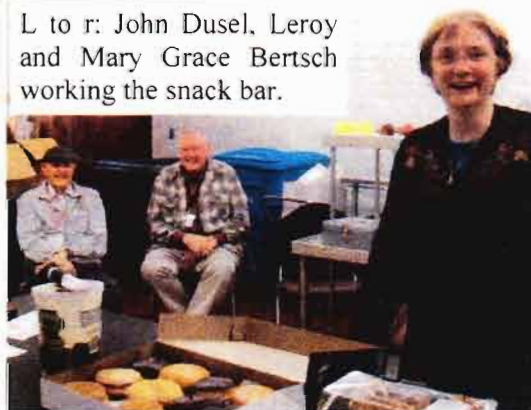
Chair Kristin Patterson and niece, Jennifer, delivering dealer lunches.

Banquet was moved to Harry's Hofbrau, a location that is only two minutes from the Community Activity Building. The awards were presented quickly and everyone enjoyed the

hardy German meal with chocolate cake and ice cream for dessert.



Sec. Darlene Hickok, youth chair, working with youngsters.



L to r: John Dusel, Leroy and Mary Grace Bertsch working the snack bar.

Now back to the show. The youth area was inundated with youngsters on Saturday. Some returning from the year before and registering again for the Stamps R Us youth program. The silent auction had lots of activity as people watched their lots as the clock struck 2:30 pm on Sunday.

We had three lucky raffle winners; David Rersbeck, Ed Jesswani, and Kjell Enander. David was truly lucky by winning two out of the four raffle prizes. The snack bar again supplied tasty sandwiches to attendee along with the long-time favorites; donuts and cookies.

The success could only be accomplished by a hardworking team of philatelists and friends. I commend everyone involved for a job well done!

As a thank you, PENPEX would like to invite all show volunteers to the Wrap-up Meeting followed by Brunch on Saturday, January 29, at 10:00 am at Fresh Choice, 1091 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Please RSVP to chair.

Kristin Patterson, PENPEX Chair, 408-267-6643, penpexredwood-city@yahoo.com. Mark your calendar for **December 3 and 4, 2011**.



Above: Awards Banquet cake.

Below: Ed Beirnen, webmaster and program editor, assembling the show programs with Tanja Ahrens, welcome chair.



Court of Honor: *Life in the U.S. Navy, 1900 – 1920*, Robert Rawlins

Non-Competitive: *The 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and History of its Stamp Collecting Merit Badge*, Bill Barlow and Brian Jones

Multi-frame Exhibits: Gold

The Story of the United States Playing Card Company, Kristin Patterson also **Grand**, U.S. Stamp Society President's Award, APS Best Member Award, and NSDA People's Choice Award

The Boston Negatives, 1875 – 1883, Bob Grosch also Multi-frame Reserve Grand

Christmas Seals the Hard Way, Bill Barlow

The Tag-a-long 1 Cent Inkwell and Quill, Ruth Caswell

Vermeil

Campione D'Italia - a Geographic Anomaly, Bruce Marsden

The Navy Salutes St. Patrick, Steve Shay

Silver

Coal "Black Gold", Paul Smith also ATA Best Multi-frame

A Letter Edged in Black: An Overview of Mourning Covers, Barbara Reaney also Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Wallowa County Oregon Postmarks, Len Lukens

Silver Bronze

Around the World in 80 Covers, Larry Crain

Single Frame Exhibits: Gold

Focus on the Holes: Tasmania's Private Perfins, David McNamee also Single Frame Reserve Grand and Best British Commonwealth Exhibit

Lawn Bowling, Jim Leatherberry also ATA Best Single Frame

Zanzibar: The Overprinted Postal Stationery of India, George Krieger

Vermeil

The Advertising of Books in the U.S. 1855-1910, Ruth Caswell

Arms Licenses of Pakistan, Joe Ross

Chilean Ports in the Early 20th Century by Carlos Brandt and Successors, Bill Lenarz also AAPE Award of Honor

Commemorative Postage Due Stamps, Lyman Caswell

Ethiopia 1931: The Second Air Mail Issue, Daryl Reiber also AAPE Award of Honor

Rest of Bechuanaland Post Office, Peter Thy

Silver Bronze

When Santa Claus Was an Aeronaut, Bill Dwyer

Bronze

Jeanot Cachets, "Artist in the Making", Jeanne Paquin

Philippine Journal of Philately, Dionisio T. Taea

Royal House of Britain, Miriam Thurston



Patterson with certificate

At right, ribbons and first 4 pages of Grand Award winning exhibit by Kristin Patterson.



Show judges, l to r: Stephen Schumann, Nestor Nunez, and Nigel Moriarty.



Banquet organizers, Diane and Steve Sexton (in foreground) along with other attendees enjoying conversation and the buffet.



At right, l to r: Brian Jones, David McNamee, and Bill Barlow awaiting awards presentation.

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