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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.....

You will perhaps agree that 2004 has been an especially good year for our Club and *you* made it happen. For one thing, our active membership has increased. Programs are at the heart of this and **Bill White** has done a tremendous job with a variety of speakers on a wide range of subjects. These included interesting and *impressive* addresses by **Harrison Gill**, **Bill LaGanke**, **Joel Rind**, **Jack Case**, and **Jim Cate** - and displays, as well, by a number of you....plus some most appropriate outside speakers.

We had a very positive role in the *Southeast Federation* and the planning for a quite successful *Peach State Stamp Show* in Marietta in September (to be the *Southeastern Stamp Show* this coming September). **Jim Cate** and **Bill LaGanke** joined your president in making numerous trips to Atlanta to help make this happen. And **Bill Caldwell** entered a number of exhibits which in turn received several nice awards at the Show.

Of course there were your Secretary and Treasurer, **Rebecca Gilbert** and **Carl Anderson** who trudged along and kept track of things for us so we knew exactly where we were with membership, finances, etc. And not to forget all you committee chairs and members, those in appointed positions and those who just volunteered when asked, like **Harrison Gill** who arranged the picnic main course, and meeting space for us to host the Federation meeting in July and the Christmas party coming up.

It was not long ago that I asked you *DO YOU JUST BELONG, OR DO YOU SERVE?* A growing number of you can proudly say "I Serve!". In case you are not yet part of this number but would like to be, here are some suggestions:

- **Bill LaGanke's** Nominating Committee might still be open for officer slots for next year. Bill and his committee might appreciate more than one nomination for each position.
- Next year's president will be looking for new committee chairs and members in January - let him/her know your availability.
- By the same token new presidential appointments will be made for several slots. Are you willing to serve in one or more of these?
- And a *very* important one: Next year's VP/Program Chairperson is sure to be looking for speakers - short (~15min) or longer (~ 35min) addresses. Will you help there?
- Finally, how about volunteering on the spot when unexpected help is needed?

SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO JOIN IN!!!!