

The Annual Auction was a winner. Thanks to the excellent participation and some donated lots the Club's proceeds were over \$50. That's just what we needed!

Our Exhibition Month is beginning to take shape. [Wallace Bell](#) has the club frames which we will each prepare for our individual exhibit. Exhibits must be one frame only, but can be from one page to as many as will fit in the frame. There will be multiple categories with multiple awards – full rules will be announced in the January Newsletter. The exhibition is in April. Someone asked at the November meeting, “Why exhibit?” The short answer was given at the meeting but the longer answer will be given in the January Newsletter. Look for it!

Our Southeastern Stamp Show in Marietta actually came out in the black this year. Great news, but it was not all that way. The attendance was down a little which might be attributed to being so close on the ‘skirts’ of Katrina and the gas shortage scares that were floating around. The exhibits were superb with our club doing our share to make them so. Next year maybe we can do a little better to help boost the attendance.

Our Club now has in our library the *Scott 2006 Specialized Catalog of U S Stamps and Covers* as well as the companion publication the *Scott 2006 United States Specialized Valuing Supplement*. The latter document is a relatively new publication by Scott that values US stamps in six different grades – a must as preparation for our February program. Reserve your copies by calling [Ken](#) 396-3930 or [Bob](#) 847-1537 now!

President's Message

We are approaching the end of another great year for our Club, for the Federation and for our hobby of stamp collecting. What made this a great year for us? Let's start by noting this: All of you; each and every one of you responded positively when I asked for your assistance. Whether it was for a short job like monitoring the door so our fellow members or guests didn't have to wait too long to get in, or a longer one such as serving in a Committee position, the answer was 'glad to!' Now *that* is the mark of superior club membership. Some of you contributed to the overall strength and stature of our club by serving as an officer, on a committee or in an another appointed position; others kicked in with a feature program; still others willingly brought refreshments (even a gourmet feast!) to add to a pleasant evening. Many were multiple contributors. You know who you are – and even more important, so do the rest of us.

From time to time we may lose a member because someone moves away, their interest declines or for other reasons. But our membership continues to grow as we attract others by word-of-mouth and other ways. The key is *attract*. If we provide what interests our own members it will be of interest to others in our hobby.

Now we look forward to a new year with a new set of goals and a shuffle of leaders to carry them out. Let's give it all we've got!!

In war there is no second prize for the runner-up.

Omar Bradley

