



## **DAS RUNDSCHREIBEN**

### **SEPTEMBER 2008**

September will be here soon and our summer break from Chapter activities will end. Since your secretary is trying to squeeze in a Baltic cruise in August this newsletter will be arriving a little early. Please take note that we will meet:

September 14, 2008

2:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

Lakeland, Florida

It will be great to see all our stamp friends and get down to some serious stamp business. We will have our usual format: fellowship time, business meeting, program and auction. Be prepared to bring some items you have collected over the summer for "show and tell" which will be our program. Don't be bashful! Everyone has something they have found that is a little unique or deserves to be shared with other collectors who have similar interests. We all learn from these presentations. Also, be sure to bring items for our auction. Last year it seemed that our auctions had lots with good quality and it was exciting to see the items even if they all did not sell. Keep up the good work!

George Kuhn, who is our APS Circuit manger, will have the circuit books available at the meeting. He has reported that last year the total sales from September, 2007 through May 2008 amounted to \$738.83 which shows that some of you found items you needed. The average sales per month was \$82.00. We are all grateful to George for taking care of this important part of Chapter business.

#### **THE MAY 2008 MEETING**

Members present: George Kuhn, John Hayner, Ed Evan, Tom Wall, Charles Deusner, Pritt Rebane, John Rimi, and Leonard Hawkins. Ed Evans reported on the activity of the Chapter treasury. It was noted that our bank balance is the highest that anyone can remember. A discussion followed about the possibility of reducing Chapter dues. Most members present believed that the dues were not burdensome and that they should continue at \$10.00 per membership. It was the consensus of those present that the Chapter should spend some funds in the areas of development, promotion of membership, and purchase of items of interest to members. In the meantime the treasurer was to investigate the possibility of investing some funds on a short term basis.

George Kuhn made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee for Chapter officers for 2008-2009. As a result the Chapter officers are: Fred Meder, president, Richard Laux, vice-president, Ed Evan, treasurer, and Charles Deusner, secretary. The meeting adjourned following the auction.

**MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND OUR SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING!**