

Knoxville Philatelic Society

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Happy Holidays and welcome to the last KPS News of the year. I have quite a few things to bring to you this month starting with details of our annual KPS Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 7. And then there is KNOXPEX 2005, for which planning is already in high gear. Details of these two events and more will follow in the News.

I got a few comments about my opening note in the November KPS News concerning the recruiting of adults as well as youth. Did any of you "come out of the closet" and bring up your collecting interest to those you came into contact with last month? If not, then do give it a try. I know that I mentioned my stamp collecting to a few people and they were interested in what I had to say. I can't say that I succeeded to the point of signing up a new member but the folks that I talked to know a little about our hobby now, and how much fun I am having.

What better time than the holiday, gift-giving season, to get someone started in stamp collecting. A good beginning for a youngster or adult would be a small stock book and a packet of topical stamps (topics centered on this time of year would be nice - holiday stamps, toys, etc.). I read recently, and agree, the best way to get someone interested in stamp collecting is to introduce him or her to topical collecting. Forget about a stamp album at this time, instead show your prospective collector how to arrange his newly received stamps in his stock book. Each page would be a specific topic.

I hope that each of you has a nice safe holiday and that you get some nice philatelic gift to tell us about at the January KPS meeting.

See you at the Christmas Dinner, December 7 . .

Have fun collecting . . . and show someone else the way.

Jim Pettway

November Meeting Report

The November 2004 KPS meeting was attended by fifteen (15) members. No stamp lots were entered into auction this month.

Members enjoyed visiting and exchanging stamp stories, and swapping stamps during the first hour of the meeting. President Tom Broadhead brought the meetings to order at 8:00. Program Chairman Bruce Roberts introduced Gerald Schroedl who presented the November program. Gerald's program, "Island Hoppin': Letters in Paradise", took members on a trip to the Lesser Antilles as he told about island post offices and mail service between the islands. His program was well received.

Following the program Bruce Roberts reported on and gave some details about the December KPS dinner to be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria in Knoxville.

Treasure Richard Ehrlich presented the latest Treasure report.

In old business, Jim Pettway reported the results of the KPS internet/email poll of KPS members concerning the trip to the American Philatelic Society stamp show in Atlanta in February 2005. Based on the poll results and prior to this meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to discontinue the pursuit of this project due to lack of interest. Members agreed with the Board's decision.

Jim Pettway reported on the email poll to email members of the KPS concerning the time and financing of the December dinner. Following lively discussion on the subject and weighing in the poll results, by a vote of 12 FOR and 3 AGAINST, members passed a motion made by Ken Korp to require members and guests to pay for this dinner. The KPS would not pay any toward the meals this year.

During the above discussion Bruce Roberts (FOR the club paying for the dinners) commented that paying for the dinners was somewhat of a repayment to those that spend much of their time and money during the year on club projects and business. It was decided that the KPS Board of Directors might discuss the club paying dues for officers each year.

Discussion next moved on to the KPS bourse/show coming up in March 2005. Show Chairman Gerald Schroedl had a list of items to cover. Gerald asked members if they wanted to have exhibits and if so who would chair this part of the bourse/show. No one stepped forward but members were to give input and have final discussion on this at the next meeting.

Gerald commented on the process of the bourse/show auction. It was decided that the deadline for submitting an auction form for participation in the auction would be February 18. Jim Pettway would include an auction form in the KPS News each month until the show, beginning with the December newsletter.

Other items on Gerald's list, including youth activities (and beginner activities - adults, etc.) for the bourse/show, a silent auction, a member sales table, and publicity were discussed. Richard Ehrlich made a motion that the KPS purchase a mailing list/ mailing labels from the American Philatelic Society for use in mailing publicity about the show. Jim Pettway reminded members that he had an Excel file computer list of names and addresses of attendees of the 2003 and 2004 KPS shows and could provide mailing labels from this list. Richard's motion was tabled until the November KPS Executive Board meeting. There were other suggestions for contacting stamp collectors for the KPS show as well as membership.

The November meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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KnoxPex Live Auction

As mentioned earlier, the deadline for submitting the KnoxPex 2005 Live Auction form is February 18. Now to some that might seem like a long time away, but if you are like me, that's too close for comfort. Enclosed with this newsletter is your very own Live Auction form. Start taking a serious look at items that you would like to submit for this auction and complete the form accordingly. Be sure to read the instructions and comply. In the past people (okay, I'm guilty) have brought items to be entered into the auction just minutes before the auction was to begin. This causes confusion for all. We cannot allow this to happen this year. Fill out your Live Auction form and submit it by February 18. The time is needed to write up the auction list (catalog) and generally get things organized before the live event. Past live auctions, following the Saturday Knoxpex bourse/show, have really been lively and fun. You can pick up some good deals, too.

Tom brings us news

This past September Tom Broadhead ran into former KPS President Nicole (Pendleton) Gamble at the Peach State Stamp Show in Marietta, Georgia. Nicole is working at Callaway Gardens in Georgia, where she will be in charge of a new exhibit on butterflies and insects next summer (2005). Nicole came to the Peach State Stamp Show to purchase some topical material and meet with Don LaBerteaux, president of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, about obtaining exhibit frames for the summer exhibit. APS treasurer, Nancy Clark was also at the show and pledged assistance from the APS for Nicole's project, which will also receive assistance from the American Topical Association.

Since leaving Knoxville, Nicole has not had much time for work on her topical exhibit on parrots, which earned a vermeil at VAPEX a few years ago. She is looking forward to next summer's philatelic exhibits at Callaway that will match the outstanding butterfly breeding program at the gardens.

KPS Library

Last month you received a list of stamp publications available in the KPS Library. If you would like any item on this list just contact Tom Broadhead (687-8134, or twbroadhead@utk.edu) to make delivery/pickup arrangements.

We are still trying to locate volume 4 of the Scott 2002 catalog set. Look around and see if you might have it and if so get it to Tom so that the KPS Library set will be complete.

Calendar of Events

December 2004

- 7 KPS Meeting
- 7 Hanukkah begins
- 21 Winter begins
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa begins

January 2005

- 1 New Year Day
- 4 KPS Meeting

Regional Stamp Shows/Bourses

Sorry but there isn't anything to list for the month of December or early January. There are some bourses/shows in January that I'll list next month.

KnoxPex 2005 March 5 and 6

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**Knoxville Philatelic
Society Annual
Christmas Dinner**

**Tuesday, December 7
6:30 P.M.**

Ramsey's Cafeteria

**5331 Central Ave. Pike
North Knoxville**

What's cookin'?

Knoxville Philatelic Society Christmas Dinner will be held at Ramsey's Cafeteria, 5331 Central Ave. Pike, in North Knoxville. The date is December 7 (our regularly scheduled meeting date) beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be cafeteria style where you chose what you want as you pass down the serving line. Members and guests are responsible for paying for their meal which should be no more than about \$8 to \$10. With this set up, you are welcomed just to come and have desert and coffee if you wish. You are not required to purchase a meal to attend. Members and guests are asked to bring a stamp related wrapped gift of \$5.00 or less to exchange during the evening. Last year was a tremendous success with about 30 members and guests attending the holiday social. This year we have a private room for our holiday celebration, so there should be less noise than last year's dinner location. Last I heard, Tom Broadhead will challenge us with some stamp trivia questions so be ready to take the prize. Last year's winner was Bruce Roberts. Plan to attend and bring a guest.

How do you get there from here?

So where is Ramsey's Cafeteria? From I-640 exit onto I-75 North (toward Lexington, KY). Take the first I-75 exit, Exit 108, Merchants Drive. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Merchants Drive. Immediately get into the left lane so that you can turn left onto Central Avenue. Go past the BP gas station on the corner and immediately turn into the parking lot on the left. You are now in front of Ramsey's.

Condolences

Last month BettyAnne Logan's husband, Ed, passed away. She and Ed shared 58 years of marriage. We extend our condolences to BettyAnne and her family. BettyAnne has been an active member of the KPS for many years.

ATA Free Directory

The American Topical Association recently published an updated Service Directory and it is being made available to collectors at no cost. In addition to names and addresses of all officers of the ATA and information on study units and chapters, you will find a section listing the titles of all ATA Topical Handbooks. To receive your free copy, send an addressed, stamped (37¢) No. 10 envelope with your request to ATA Director, Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057.

