

Information About the Society (1).

Last November, the Postal History Society, Inc., celebrated its 60th, or Diamond, Anniversary. To quote from John L. Briggs, Jr.'s fine article in *Postal History Journal*, No. 43, June 1976, page 2, "On September 26, 1951, during CAPEX, at Exposition Hall in Toronto, following a luncheon of the Postal History Society (of Great Britain), a group of prominent philatelists met to organize a Postal History Society for collectors in the Western Hemisphere." The Society was incorporated in Washington, D. C., on November 14, 1951.

In order to secure the advantages of a non-profit corporation, the Society was re-incorporated in Delaware on August 18, 1989, as a non-profit entity operated exclusively for educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This is important because donations made to the Society by United States citizens are deductible on their Federal Income Tax returns.

Most years, the Society has two General Membership meetings, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, though sometimes we also meet in August at American Philatelic Society's StampShow. Our Annual Meeting is generally held in the Spring, in conjunction with the General Membership meeting. Meetings are held at various sites around the country at philatelic exhibitions, that local postal historians may visit. Many of our members exhibit at these exhibitions, and a Postal History Society, Inc., medal is presented to the best exhibit of postal history, regardless of whether the exhibitor is a member or not.

We try to have a featured speaker for these meetings. Last August, for example, our speaker at StampShow was Dr. James Milgram, a well known postal historian, who presented an interesting lecture on "Missent and Forwarded Markings on Stampless Covers".

For the past few years, we have scheduled a Dutch Treat group informal dinner at a local restaurant on the Friday evening of the exhibition. This is always a good way to meet and talk to like minded postal historians.

Our next Annual and General Membership meeting will be held at Boxborough, MA, on May 5, 2012. Plan to attend the exhibition, look for our booth, and sign up for the Dutch Treat dinner, on Friday evening, May 4. We look forward to meeting you at Boxborough!

Last but not least, the Society publishes an award winning journal, called the *Postal History Journal*, three times a year, filled with interesting and useful studies of various aspects of postal history, both United States and Foreign. We invite you to examine their "Tables of Contents" under "[Journals]", above. The Society also has available a *Postal History Journal Cumulative Index, 1957-1993*, for only \$5.00, postpaid. Order from our Secretary, Kalman Ilyefalvi, 869 Bridgewater Drive, New Oxford, PA 17350-8206, U.S.A.

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