



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society December 2016

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Early Christmas Present

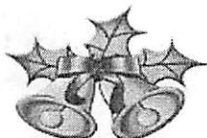
Member/dealer **John Marquardt** provided the enclosed \$5 discount coupon for each member! Thanks, John.

Next Event

The upcoming event for the club will be **Tuesday Dec. 13th** (next week): our annual **Christmas Party at The Olive Garden**. The times are:

6:30 Cocktails/beverages
7:00 Dinner

Cocktails and beverages will be served at our reserved table. We will also be having our traditional **White Elephant Present Exchange** at the dinner, so bring a wrapped philatelic item (typically in the \$5-\$15 range) if you'd like to exchange it for another. For directions to The Olive Garden, if needed, call Dave at 696-2597.



Last Time

It was a busy meeting in November with several business items, principally our 2017 programs and club officers. We also had a great auction and a fun time. There was quite a variety of material to bid on – thanks to everyone who brought/bought something.

2017 Programs

Our programs for the year are:

Jan.: Show and Tell (**Club Members**)
Feb.: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)
Mar.: Roosevelt as a Collector (**Al White**)
Apr.: Spring Auction
May: Joint Issues (**Alan Barasch**)
Jun.: Ice Cream Social + (**John M.**)
Jul.: Perfins (**Lester Perkins**)
Aug.: Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions
Sep.: "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
Oct.: Violating the Rules #2 (**APS Prog.**)
Nov.: Fall Auction/Elections
Dec.: Christmas Party

2017 Officers

In November, we had elections for the 2017 calendar year. Our officers will be:

President: **Dick Robinson**
Vice President: **Jean Walker**
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**
Lib./APS: **Charlie Brown**
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

Extra special thanks to **Charlie Brown** who served as President this year and **Dan French** who handled our APS circuits +++ .

Club Dues

It's once again approaching that "Club Dues" time of the year. Treasurer **John Marquardt** will be accepting dues payments at our January meeting or you can mail them to him at 609 Woodridge, Columbia, MO 65201. Dues are \$10 for the year.

"Columbian Dollars" List

To review for the benefit of the members, the following list is a summary of how Columbian Dollars are earned:

- ❖ \$5 Columbian (\$5 C.) with every newsletter.
- ❖ \$25 C. for joining APS.
- ❖ \$10 C. for attendance at a meeting.
- ❖ \$25 C. for bringing a guest.
- ❖ \$10 C. for bringing a lot to the Spring, Fall, or Benefit/\$C. auctions
- ❖ \$50 C. for being a club officer.
- ❖ \$50 C. for giving a program.
- ❖ Columbian \$ are also given out as door prizes and certain contest prizes.

This Month's Winner

A \$30 Columbian Christmas present is in this month's newsletter for **J.C. Berg**. Congratulations!

Member Spotlight

The spotlight this month shines brightly on our outgoing club librarian, **Dan French**.

Dan is a Finance professor at MU (formerly a chair of the department). He started collecting at age 9 when he was a Cub Scout. He made his first album which featured popsicle-stick covers bound by a leather cord. He admits the novice error of mounting his stamps with Scotch tape before discovering hinges. He has a very strong interest in stamps of Ecuador, but has also collected marine topicals.

Dan has been a dealer for awhile and has sold kiloware and other items. He has a website danfrench.com, which is worth checking out.



Stamp Condition

New member **Sheryl Mehrhoff** asked me a very valid question at the last meeting. Is having a "nice cancel" desirable? The answer is yes, and it opens up the whole issue of the "condition" of the stamp.

The item's condition affects not only the desirability of an item, but also the value. Damaged or poor-quality stamps are worth only a small fraction of catalog value, whereas very high-quality ones can be worth substantially more than catalog value. Some determinants of condition are:

- Stamp centering (**very important**)
- No holes, thins, creases, folds, tears, stains, etc.
- If mint, if original gum and also if hinged previously or not
- If canceled, heaviness/placement of cancel, and overall appearance

Dave's Corner: 2016 Resolutions

It's time for me to take stock of my 2016 resolutions and how I did:

My philatelic resolutions for 2016 were to:

- ❖ Work on a "Tiger" stamp collection
Yes! More to do, but started.
- ❖ Start collecting Luxembourg stamps
Got an album and several items.
- ❖ Learn more about Civil War stamps
Need to get cracking on this one!
- ❖ Go to at least two stamp shows
Embarrassingly, only 1. Next yr. 2!

Has your stamp collecting lost its fizz? If so, it may be time to think of new collecting opportunities. There's always something fun to collect! Here's to a great 2017!

