

## Hamilton Township Philatelic Society (HTPS) - May 21, 2019

The fifth meeting of 2019 took place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Hamilton Township Library. All HTPS officers were present. There were sixteen (16) members present. It began at 7:15 pm.

The meeting began with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dennis Kennedy. Treasurer Ken Steel reported that the club has a balance of \$4,339.78; he also said that he sent 8 pounds and 2 ounces to Stamps for Wounded.

President Dennis Kennedy said that the NOJEX contact position has been filled by Dr. Ronald Kane. The next show will be at the Hilton at the Secaucus exit (15W) on November 15-17, 2019.

The Stamp Evaluation Program was conducted at the Hamilton Library on April 27, 2019. The Evaluators were Dr. Donald Getzin, Dr. Ronald Kane, Dr. Ronald Gonzalez, and Mr. Mark Spinner. Mr. Joseph Seliga signed people in and directed them to an evaluator. A separate report was prepared. Six women came for stamp evaluations. This was fewer than at Cranbury (17) and Monroe (70).

All officer positions were filled; only a single person is running for each position so President Kennedy called a vote of either yea or nay for all positions. There was a unanimous yea vote.

President Kennedy proposed that as an incentive and because the treasury has more than \$4,300 the August Board meeting be held at a local restaurant to be paid for by the club. Joseph Seliga said that he did not agree with the proposal; he said that the purpose for the dues was to be a kitty for payment of a place to meet if our present no cost deal with the Hamilton Township Library ended. He also said that spending money from the treasury should be for the benefit for all members such as reducing the dues to perhaps \$5.00. Edward Murtha suggested that the free meal be provided to all members. He also said the amount to be held in escrow for meeting payments should be \$3,000. Jeffrey Boyarsky said that there should be some dues so as to have value to being a member of the HTPS. Presumably there will be some additional discussion at some future meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Edward Murtha, seconded by Andrew Boyajian and passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:36 pm.

The HTPS guest speaker this month was scheduled to be Nick Lombardi. Unfortunately, Nick has a personal matter to attend to and will not be able to give his presentation. He has asked to reschedule. Jeff Boyarsky graciously volunteered to speak on short notice. Jeff's presentation was a talk on poster stamp varieties, cinderellas, essays and miscellaneous ephemera. He will be explaining the history, art, topics and printing. Jeff showed one hundred and fifty-five items.

Jeff said that one definition of poster stamps is "*labels without postage stamp values, not good for postal services; advertising labels or charity labels.*" They were often a design of a poster that won an award in a poster contest. Both sides in World War One used poster stamps as political propaganda. They were used up to the late 1930's. However in 2017, two designers of the magazine Plazm launched the Portland Stamp Company to revive the Poster Stamp tradition. They plan to use vintage perforation equipment.

A Cinderella stamp is anything resembling a postage stamp, but not issued for postal purposes by a government postal administration. Items which are included in this category include: poster stamps, propaganda labels, commemorative stickers, charity labels, some telegraph, railway and local stamps. Jeff showed many examples. These included: **Postcards:** Babe Ruth with a car outside of the Roosevelt Hotel, Times Square 42<sup>nd</sup> St., United States number 2 stamp on a card; Internal Revenue stamps for matches, Ohio Beverage Tax 1 ½¢ stamp, several proofs, stock transfer tax); **Japanese Prints:** (three different ones); **Labels:** Anti Communism, Fight Communism, Justice-Freedom-American Legion, Sales Mean Jobs, Buy American, Wendell Wilkie-No Third Term, Buy American Products Now, Buy British War Saving Certificates, God Bless America-Liberty Bell, Lady Liberty, For the Peace, British Empire-Defend It, National Poster Stamp Society, A Proud Reminder-Atomic Bomb Ends War, Air Parcel Post, Coca Cola, Fractional Currency, Horse Head Safety Matches, Layton Baking Powder, Hamburg America Line, A Plea For Peace, Velvet Pencils-American Pencil Company, Swiss Red Cross Transport, Terror 1914, Ballantine Extra Pale Ale, Remember the Lusitania May 7, 1915, Support the Greater NY Fund, Council Against Intolerance, Go For It Bugle; **1939 World's Fair:** Approved Label Design, Firestone, General

Electric, Longines Wittnauer Watch Company; **Elephant**: Hamburg Germany, Munchen Germany, Circus; **Advertising** American Philatelic Society (APS) conventions 1939, 1930; Puccini-Tosca, Lloyds Bank Limited, British Empire Exhibition, Fire Fighter Paint Company, Pittsburgh Glass & Pottery Show-January 27, 1929, Coloniale Expedition, Exhibition 1926, National Exposition-Cleveland Ice Cream, Electric Show 1912, Paris Exposition 1898, Bruxelles 1897, Gold Dust HK Fairbank Company, XI National-71<sup>st</sup> Division Armory NYC, Snow White & Seven Dwarfs-Armour & Company, Home City Temperance Beer 1906, Stuttgart Deutsch Fachausstellung 1807, Panama Pacific Exposition-San Francisco 1915, Port Newark Terminal, Enlist in United States Army, 1909 Nancy Exposition, Philatelic Exposition 1993-NYC, Schürband Korso, St. Louis Levinsohn 1904, Indian Pale Ale-Ballantines Newark Export Beer, Stockholm 1912 Olympische Spiele, Africa Chocolate Company, Centennial Illinois, Carnevale en Provence 1913, Trumpf Playing Cards, Bronx Zoo, Havana Cigars, 1940 World's Fair-For Pence and Franc, 1939-1941 American Poster Stamp Association, International Philatelic Week November 10-16, 1940, Celox Tooth Powder, Baking Powder, NJ State Stamp Exhibition 1935, 1919 Bologna, American Brotherhood 1932, Cigar Smoker - Currier & Ives, Fuchs & Lang, Harts Remedy-the Great Liver & Kidney Medicine, Panama Pacific 1915, Smokey the Bear, Grand Prix 1904-St. Louis, Pan Am Expo 1901.

The presentation ended on 8:38 pm.

Respectively submitted, Joseph Francis Seliga, secretary