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President's Message

We have just celebrated the centennial of the U.S. Parcel Post Stamps (Scott #Q1-12) – a favorite set of mine. There was only one printing in 1912. A set of Parcel Post Postage Due stamps (#JQ1-5) was later issued in 1913.

That same year, the Postmaster General directed that regular postage stamps could be used on parcels and that the parcel post stamps were valid for all purposes for which regular stamps were allowed.

Did you know that the first stamp to show an airplane is the 20¢ parcel post issue (#Q8)? I am looking for covers with any of the 17 Parcel Post stamps and would appreciate some help in my endeavors.

For more information, refer to Gobie's *U.S. Parcel Post: A Postal History* issued in 1979. I just ordered a copy to study these issues further.

Hope to see you on the 19th . . . Jeff.

Stamp Identification

Congratulations to **Ron Kane** for identifying last month's mystery stamp as Turkey #96 issued in 1898.

We realize that the B&W images on the hard-copy mailed newsletters make it difficult to identify color varieties. Hopefully, we can restart color editions in the next few months. All newsletters on our website do contain color images.



This month's entry is a bit tricky so watch out. The '10.000 r' overprint is black.

\$1.00 in mint US stamps to the first correct responder.

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February Meeting



Tom DeLuca, long-time HTPS member and owner of Trenton Stamp and Coin, will be our guest speaker at February's meeting. Tom has been a frequent speaker at our meetings always comes up with

an interesting topic for his talks.

In past presentations, Tom has spoken about New Jersey postcards, the variety of George Washington U.S. issues and provided advice, from a dealer's point of view, on how to build up your stamp collection.

He is a proponent of the appreciation phase of stamp collecting, where one allocates time to take out your albums and admire the stamps you have acquired. We look forward to another great presentation.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the basement community room of the Hamilton Library. But come early if you would like to pick up some free publications, trade or buy items, or just chat with your fellow philatelists. See you on February 19.

HTPS Meetings . . .

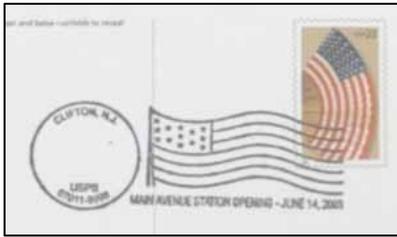
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Hamilton Township Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way (off Whitehorse Mercerville Road) in Hamilton, NJ.

January Proceedings

... by Jack Sack

A nice crowd was on-hand for our January meeting. After the business portion was completed, there were several "Show & Tell" presentations.

Hank Applegate reported that, at a recent stamp show, he purchased a Victor Segno cover sent from Cuba. Last year, **Ed Grabowski** talked about Victor Segno at our October meeting and asked our members to be on the lookout for covers addressed to the "Success Club" founded by Mr. Segno. Ed was very pleased to receive the cover from Hank.



Andrew Boyajian showed off a postmark / cancel he designed for a Clifton, NJ Post Office opening in 2003. The cancel is

reminiscent of the old flag cancels of the early 1900's.

Jack Sack spoke about his new Polish album that he created using pages from the stampalbums.com webpage. These pages are a great alternative to the costly Scott albums. Jack used light weight paper to print out the album – using heavier card stock would be better, but would make the 600+ page album a lot heavier.

Then it was time for our semi-annual auction with **Tony Zingale** serving as auctioneer. Always a fun event, the items up for bid included stamps, covers, catalogs and supplies.

Also included was a box of NJ covers from an anonymous donor.



HTPS members acquired some interesting items and sellers earned a few dollars. Moreover, the HTPS treasury profited from a number of donations and the 10% seller's commission.

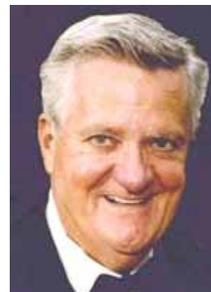
A fun – and to some, profitable – time was had by all. Tony urged us to starting thinking now of items for our next auction in June.

Newspaper Article

Our thanks to *The Times of Trenton* for the news article about the HTPS in the Jan. 24th edition. Part of the first page is shown below. Check our website for the full article containing five photos from the Jan 15th meeting.



Transition



HTPS member **Andy Keyso** passed away on Jan. 20. Andy worked at the U.S. Steel Fairless Works for 30 years. After he retired from U.S. Steel, Andy coordinated a retraining program for displaced steelworkers.

Andy was a devoted husband, father of four, and grandfather of two. He enjoyed stamp and coin collecting, golfing, and vacationing with his family in North Wildwood, N.J.

Our condolences to the Keyso family and friends.

Dennis Buss

Former HTPS member **Dennis Buss** moved to California a few years ago. He recently contacted us with the following message:



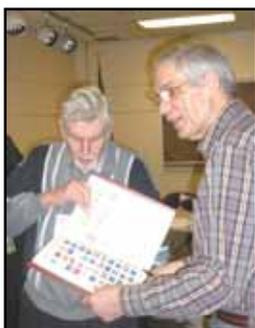
“Thanks for sending copies of the HTPS newsletter. I really enjoy reading about the members and club news. Please extend my best wishes to all for a Happy New Year.”

“For the past year, I have been involved in starting up a new stamp club in the Santa Rosa, CA area. We now have 33 members. We meet once a month in a very nice retirement condominium complex. Our meetings include a short business session, a presentation from a member or invited guest, and an auction for about 10-15 items.”

“I have been serving as Secretary and newsletter editor. I have attached copies of the four issues published so far. As you can see, I have taken some inspiration from your terrific work at HTPS! At this point, it is only a two-pager. Someday I may get enough copy (and time!) to try a four page edition.”

We certainly wish Dennis the best although it appears he has already achieved it with the membership growth of his club and a newsletter.

Stamp Donations



We give a special thanks to **Richard DeMarco** for his donation of a U.S stamp album containing mint and used stamps.

Sherman Britton (shown here examining the album with Tony Zingale) will forward the album to the Stamps for the Wounded group (SFTW). They always appreciate our donations and will especially enjoy this one as they do not need to soak any stamps off paper.

Last year, **George Amick** donated some stamps to the club. We sent most to the SFTW group and some items were sold at the last two auctions. The members voted to use the funds from those sales to buy supplies for the SFTW program.

Forgeries & Fakes

Source: APS Newsletter



One of these Guatemala stamps is a genuine issue and the other is a **Spiro Forgery** – can you identify them?



The genuine stamp has a sharp design and lettering where the forgery design is rough and the lettering is rounded. In the genuine stamp there are 6 1/2 bars in the upper half of the shield; the forged one has only 6.

The forgery is on the bottom.

Stamp Quiz

... Suggested by **Bill McCarroll**

Congratulations to **Ron Kane** for being the first to correctly answer last month's quiz on the common factor in the four stamps shown below.



All four were "closet chemists." Alexander Borodin wanted to be remembered as a chemist and not just for his musical abilities.

Margaret Thatcher received a master's degree in chemistry at Oxford. Both Knute Rockne and Vince Lombardi taught chemistry before going on to "other jobs."

New Member

We welcome our newest member – **Tom Voorhees**. Tom has recently started collecting again. His interests include U.S., European, British Colonies, Vatican, Philippines and Israel stamps. He already took advantage of our January auction to add some items to his collection.

Membership Dues . . .

HTPS dues of \$10.00 are now past due. You can pay at the February meeting with cash or check (payable to HTPS), or send payment to Ron Gonzalez at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619.

Upcoming Events

2/2 → MSC Stamp Bourse – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzexkfun/>.

2/2 → Stamp Day – The Stamp Center – 4115 Concord Pike – Wilmington, DE – 10 AM to 5 PM.

2/3 → Garden State Stamp, Coin & Currency Show – P.A.L. Building – 33 Baldwin Rd – Parsippany, NJ – 9 AM to 4 PM – 973-335-0555.

2/7 → MSC Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (at Merchantville Avenue) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 7 PM.

2/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Rtes. 130 North & 33 East – Hightstown, NJ – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

2/19 → HTTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Public Library – Hamilton, NJ – 7 PM.

2/20 → MSC Meeting (see 1/3 Meeting for details).

2/24 → Tri-State Coin & Stamp Show (4th Sunday) – Holiday Inn – PA Tpke (Exit 339) & Rt. 309 – Ft. Washington, PA – 10 AM to 4 PM.

2/24 → Stamp Show – Hilton Garden Inn – 530 West Pennsylvania Ave. (PA Tpke Exit 339 & Rt. 309) – Ft. Washington, PA – 9:30 AM to 4 PM.

3/2 → MSC Saturday Stamp Bourse – 9 AM to 4 PM – [see 2/2 MSC stamp bourse for details].

3/3 → Garden State Coin & Stamp Show – Parsippany, NJ – [see 2/3 show for details].

3/2 → Westfield Stamp Show – Westfield Municipal Center – 425 East Broad St. – Westfield, NJ – Sat: 10 AM to 4 PM.

3/7 → MSC Meeting (see 2/7 meeting for details).

3/9 → 2nd Saturday Bourse – American Legion Post – Hightstown, NJ – [see 2/9 show for details].

NOTE: For updated or additional information, see www.stampshows.com, www.stamps.org and www.postal-history.com/showpage.html.

The objective of this Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

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----- HTTPS Meeting Program -----

- ⇒ Feb. 19 – Tom Deluca --- always a surprise!
- ⇒ Mar. 19 – TBA
- ⇒ Apr. 16 – TBA
- ⇒ May 21 – Member Mini-Presentations
- ⇒ June 18 – Society Auction
- ⇒ July 16 – Swap Meeting

We are looking for speakers for the 2013-2014 meeting programs. Please contact us for details.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We always welcome philatelic articles, ideas or suggestions. Contact Tony Zingale at P.O. Box 3443, Mercerville, NJ 08619; or call 609-890-8211; or email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.