

The Messenger



January 2020

Tomas Griebing, President
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Armen Hovsepian, Treasurer
Michael Keil, Secretary
Jim McKinzie, Newsletter Editor (jimmckinzie1@att.net)

Waldo Public Library
Gather at 1:00
Meeting Starts 2:00
Saturday, January 4th

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Meeting Attendance: 44 members plus one guest.

Treasurer: \$6,972.61 balance reported. Website costs are down \$130 from 2018, newsletter costs down \$276, exhibit expenses down, luncheon expenses increased \$132. The board agreed to reimburse Betsy and Barbara \$150 each for the costs of providing refreshments for the past 2 years. Donations to the monthly refreshment jar are down considerably from previous years.

Membership: One new member, Gary McGruder.

Secretary: No report

Librarian: No report

Historian: No report

First Vice-President's Report: A sign-up sheet for programs for 2020 was circulated.

Second Vice-President's Report: Rodger reminded everyone that the proceeds from the December auction go to the club to help replenish the treasury. This is the only fund-raising event the club has each year. If you want a receipt for your donation, see Roger.

Old business: A motion to remove the tabled motion from consideration to partner with Tiger Collectibles for a stamp show was made, seconded and passed. A revised proposal for a joint effort between Tiger Collectibles and MPS was presented. A motion to approve the new proposal was made and seconded. After discussion, the motion was passed. The proposal is as follows:

Purpose: Assist Tiger Collectibles in hosting a new two-day show in the first half of the year going forward.

MPS to provide:

Request mailing list of APS members from American Philatelic Society for use for announcing the show. These are provided to the organization for the cost of shipping the mailing labels.

Provide members as registration/greeters during the show.

Allow Tiger Collectibles to use the MPS non-profit status to negotiate with meeting space providers. This could lower the price of the venue.

Provides frames and exhibits if room is available.

Tiger Collectibles to provide:

Advertising of the MPS in all mailings (USPS/email/social media) and at the registration table. If a show program is produced, MPS will be featured.

20% of the profit (if any) from table rent, will go to MPS.

Elections: The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee was approved and no nominations were made from the floor. The following were voted in by acclamation. The officers for 2020 are:

President: Tomas Griebing

First Vice President: Michael Miklovic

Second Vice President: Rodger McReynolds

Secretary: Michael Keil

Treasurer: Armin Hovsepian

Jim McKinzie will continue as the editor of the newsletter.

Thank you to Jim for his work as president for the past year.

New Business: None

Announcements:

Receipts from the auction exceeded \$1000, far surpassing the receipts of recent years.

Show and Tell: None

Program: Exhibits and auction.

Respectively submitted by Michael Keil

What You Will Miss (if not there):

January's meeting will our regular auction, show and tell and the program by Ted Rights, *California in Stamps*. Snow or sleet, sunshine or cold, come and join the fun.

Upcoming New U.S. Issues:

It is the new year, so here comes the first flood of new issues:

Lunar New Year: Rat
First Class, Forever Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date January 11th



Big Bend
Priority Mail, \$7.75 rate
One Design, Pane of 4
Issue Date January 18th

In addition, a Priority Mail Envelope will be issued on January 18th with the Big Bend design.



Grand Island Ice Caves
Priority Mail Express, \$26.35 rate
One Design, Pane of 4
Issue Date January 18th



Made of Hearts
First Class, Forever Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date January 23rd



Gwen Ifill
First Class, Forever Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date January 30th



US #3369
Issued 12-27-1999
Year 2000 Issue

Philatelic Happenings:

It is another dry month in our area for somewhere to spend your philatelic dollars.

Answer from Last Month's Quiz:

Last month we asked, "What is the country, issue date and Scott number of this image?"

If you said, "USA, February 14, 2020 but Scott hasn't issue a number for it yet", you would have been correct.

Not available for your collection yet but a good image to Happy New Year and be safe in your celebrating!



Coming in 2020

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

2019 Midwest Philatelic Society - Club Exhibiting Program

7 December 2019

PALMARES

Kansas City Public Library – Waldo Community Branch
201 East 75th Street, Kansas City, MO

Exhibit Chairman: Barbara A. Crompton
Website: www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

1st Place Gold Medal – Grand Award

Frame 2: Stamp Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight
Bob Baltzell

2nd Place Silver Medal – Reserve Grand Award

Frame 6: I Don't Collect Covers
Neil Becker

3rd Place Bronze Medal – Member's Choice Grand Award

Frame 1 "First" Women of Antarctica
Michael Keil

Frame 5: United States Newspaper Stamps
Scott Couch

Midwest Philatelic Society

"Annual President's Program Award"

1980 Summer Olympics – The Games That Weren't
Tomas L. Griebing

Midwest Philatelic Society

"The Martin Finkelstein MPS Research Award"

Frame 6: I Don't Collect Covers
Neil Becker

United States Stamp Society

"Silver President's Award"

Frame 5: United States Newspaper Stamps
Scott Couch

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

"AAPE Silver Award of Honor Pin"

Frame 4: Kay Kamen and the Song of the South
David Joyce

Women Exhibitors

"Sterling Achievement Award"

Frame 7: The Creation Story
Keith Carpenter

American Topical Association
“One Frame Ribbon”

Frame 3: Where a Cover will Lead You
Ted Rights

Midwest Philatelic Society
Exhibit chairman’s Medal of Merit

Michael Keil

“Midwest Philatelic Society”
Certificate of Participation

Competitive Exhibits

Frame 1: “First” Women of Antarctica – Michael Keil

Frame 2: Stamp Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight – Bob Baltzell

Frame 3: Where a Cover Will Lead You – Ted Rights

Frame 4: Kay Kamen and the Song of the South – David Joyce

Frame 5: United States Newspaper Stamps – Scott Couch

Frame 6: “I Don’t Collect Covers” = Neil Becker

Frame 7: The Creation Story – Keith Carpenter

Frame 8: Born to Make Man Free – Keith Carpenter

Non-competitive Exhibits

Frame 10: Feathers & Fur on Stamps & Hooks, Robert T. Burney



Member Bob Baltzell with his exhibit , “ Stamp Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight”



Member Michael Keil with his exhibit , “ First Women of Antarctica”

It's Renewal Time:

If you did not renew at last month's meeting, please consider doing so today. We exist because of members like you. This Kansas City area organization has been around a long time. Let's all make sure it lasts another 100+ years by renewing your membership today.

We need you to renew your membership.

With membership you get this newsletter, auction opportunities, both selling, buying and the great philatelic fellowship with the sharing of knowledge each month. We are asking that all that are able to continue to receive the newsletter by email. This saves a considerable amount of money each year on the cost of the newsletter. Consider receiving by email if you haven't been doing so. If you can't then check the box for mail on your renewal form. Fill out the attached membership renewal form and bring it along with your money or check to next month's meeting. If you are unable to attend, please mail it to our Treasurer, Armen. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**



**MPS Cinderella Sheet
Issued in 1939
Image from MPS Historical Archives**

YES ✓ I would like to continue my membership in Midwest Philatelic Society. Here is my 2020 dues:

Bring this slip and your cash/check to monthly meetings, or mail your check (Payable to MPS) to:

Armen Hovsepien
Treasurer,
P. O. Box 24222,
Overland Park, KS 66283

2020 dues (individual)\$10.00 \$ _____

2020 dues (family)\$13.00 \$ _____

2020 Donation to My MPS Club\$ \$ _____

2020 Donation to MPS Library\$ \$ _____

..... Total Remittance \$ _____

We are updating our Records and will appreciate if you complete the following:

Name: _____ My collecting interests: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

YOUR COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL COME BY EMAIL UNLESS YOU WOULD PREFER IT TO COME BY TRADITIONAL MAIL.

I AM UNABLE TO RECEIVE EMAIL, SEND MY NEWSLETTER BY MAIL _____

More Pics from December's Meeting



Our New Slate of Officers
From L-R, Michael Miklovic, Michael Keil, Tomas Griebing, Rodger McReynolds, Armen Hovespian



Member Neil Becker
with his exhibit ,
"I Don't Collect Covers"



Member Scott Couch with
his exhibit , "United States
Newspaper Stamps"

Thanks to Exhibits Chairperson Barbara Crompton for all her hard work in putting the program together, getting the awards and making it all happen. Thanks to all of you that helped with the set up and tear down.

**Renew Your
Membership
Today or If You Have
Never Joined,
Now Is the Time**

MPS History Quiz:

For many years the Midwest Philatelic Society held their meetings at the Hotel Phillips in downtown Kansas City. The hotel was also the site for many of the HAPEX stamp shows sponsored by the club. Which of the following hotel chains is the Phillips currently associated with?

- A. Marriot
- B. Hilton
- C. Wyndam
- D. Hyatt



Answer to MPS History Quiz:

The answer is B, the Hilton Chain

The Hotel Phillips
Downtown
Kansas City, Missouri

A Word:

I agreed to carry on as newsletter editor for the coming year. It was not an easy decision, not because I don't enjoy it but because of the time commitment in this coming presidential year. I told Tomas, our new president that I would need a commitment from more of our members to contribute to make this happen. We are both counting on you to carry through by writing a short article for this newsletter about your stamp collecting experiences. We all have a story to tell, whether it is how you got started, came back into the collecting world or about a particular issue or series of stamps that you have spent a lifetime studying. Many of you have much more knowledge about other countries stamps than I, so your contributions would be helpful for a more diverse newsletter.

If you need assistance in writing, put your thoughts down and we, you and I, can work on it together.

Also if you include images please make sure they are in the "jpg" format and it is very helpful to the readers if you include the country and Scott number with your images of stamps.

Thanks for your help. I look forward to your contributions.

JMC

Scott Couch had a fascinating exhibit about newspaper stamps at the December meeting.

When did the U.S. start producing and using them and when did that end?

Find out in next month's newsletter.



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Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter . Thanks to Rodger Mc & Barbara C. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the February issue will be January 15th.** Happy stamping and see you Saturday, *January 4th.* *Jim Mc*