

The Messenger



July 2022

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In Person or by Zoom
New Location
Johnson County Central
Resource Library
9875 W. 87th St.
Overland Park, KS 66212
Saturday, July 2nd
See Details Inside
Zoom link Info will
come to your email

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Members present or on Zoom: 35 in attendance, 0 on zoom as it was not available this meeting.

2nd Vice President Rodger McReynolds presided as President Tomas Griebing was unable to attend.

Treasurer: T-shirts have arrived. Bring your money to pay for your t-shirt. Armen has given last year's financial into to Betsy to do the annual audit.

Secretary: nothing to report.

Librarian: contact Neil if interested in checking out a book.

Historian: No report.

1st VP: no report

2nd VP: Rodger reported the purchase of a laptop for the club meetings. Approved by the board.

Exhibiting Chair: No Report.

Newsletter: Please consider submitting an article for the newsletter, Please!

New Business: Two new members were accepted into the club. One was a former member Zach Lawrence and Gregory Grant. Welcome! We also had a visitor, Ernie Lerman..

Old Business: None

Announcements: Jim Volker had a double by-pass and is recovering from the surgery.

Show and Tell: A record 8 members had a show-n-tell. They were all very informative..

Program: Jim McKinzie presented stamp production videos that can be found on stampsmarter.com website. He encourages members to check out the website. Lots of informative info on that site

Respectively submitted by,

Jim McKinzie for Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on
Saturday, July 2nd for
"Bullseye Cancelled US Stamps"
presented by Russell Baughman**

New U.S. Issues for 2022:

Announced early in June.

\$25 Migratory Bird (Duck stamp)

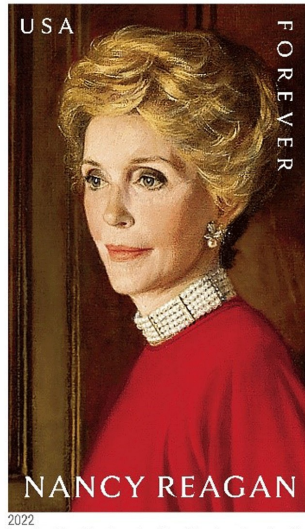
Duck Hunting Stamp
One Design, Pane of 1
Issue Date June 24th
Print Quantity –
2,387,180



One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date June 24th
Print Quantity—55,600

Nancy Reagan

One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 6th
Print Quantity –18,000,000



Mariachi

Five Designs, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 15th
Print Quantity –18,000,000



Pete Seeger

One Design, Pane of 16
Issue Date July 21st
Print Quantity –22,000,000

Philatelic Happenings:

**37th Annual Summer Coin & Collectible
Saturday—9am to 5pm
Carthage Memorial Hall
407 S. Garrison Hwy 571
Carthage, MO
Dealers 24, tables 48. Actual stamp deal-
ers unknown.**

The President's Corner:

A reminder about nominations for elected officer positions for next year (terms of service starting January 1, 2023). I have asked Dale Smith and Perry Kilpatrick to serve as the Nominating Committee this year. If you are interested in serving MSP in a leadership role or want to suggest names of other members, please reach out to either of them or to me to discuss in more detail. They will also be reaching out to our current officers. A slate of candidates will be formed and presented at meetings this autumn with a subsequent official vote. This is a great opportunity for folks who may want to get more involved with MPS and our hobby and also help shape the future of our club!

Tomas

ABOUT ZOOM:

Zoom is back for the July meeting, check your email for the link.

Please try to connect at 2:00 or shortly after. Once a show-n-tell or program is in progress, there is not a current way to notice that you are trying to log in.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

New Location for Meetings:

The meetings are now at Johnson County Central Resource Library in Overland Park. Next meeting on July 2nd. Below is a map, showing the location of the library. It is a large big room with good media resources.

We will have early extended dealer/member time like we had at Westport Flea Market. It starts at 10am

There are several good places to eat in the area also.

The library is easy to locate. It is on 87th St. in Overland Park, just east of 69 and I-35.

Head out for a great stamp day to:

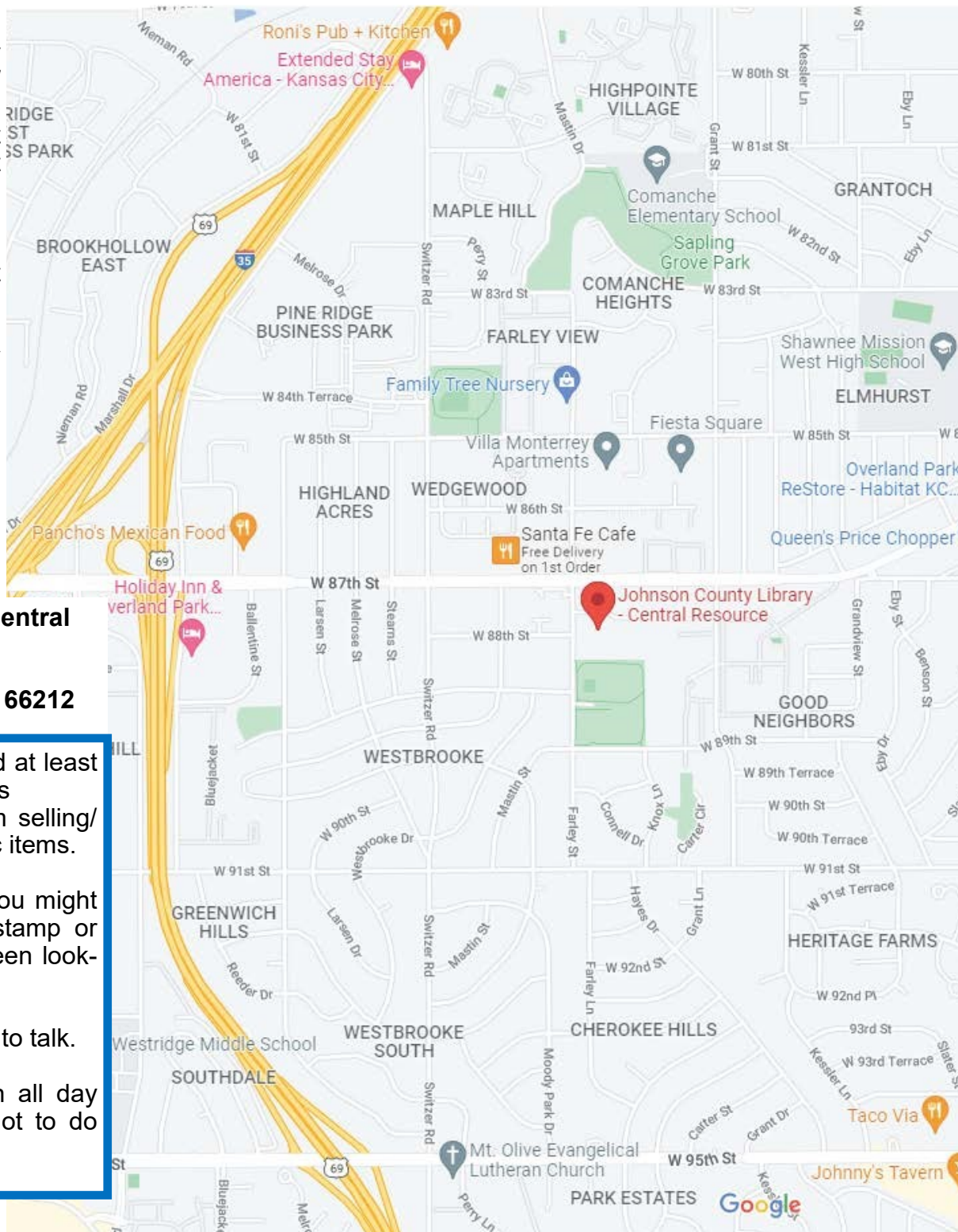
Johnson County Central Resource Library
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Last month we had at least six member/dealers from 10am to 1pm selling/swapping philatelic items.

Come early and you might find that special stamp or cover you have been looking for.

Or just come early to talk.

Make July 2nd an all day stamp day. Too hot to do anything else.



MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, July 2nd, 2022

10am—1pm Member, dealer buy, sell and swap time.

1pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view, dealers time.

2pm— 5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell and program with Auction to follow.

We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay with cash and pickup your auction lots.

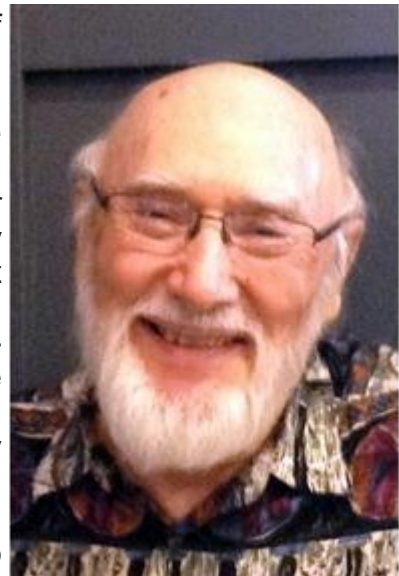
In Memoriam

Bill Gourley

1934-2022

It is with great sadness to let you know of the passing of our fellow MPS member and close friend Bill Gourley.

Bill was a longtime and very loyal member of MPS. He consistently attended meetings, and after we switched to the online Zoom format, he was one of our most active attendees. He took the time to personally let President Tomas Griebing know how much it meant to him to have our club continue through the pandemic, and for him to be able to regularly attend meetings virtually even when he could not come in-person over the past two years. He was also an avid star watcher and member of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City (ASKC).



Bill's wife, Charity Gourley, sent the following note to Tomas....

My husband, Bill Gourley, sailed for other ports on Friday, May 20th, 2022. He enjoyed the Stamp Club so very much. It was one of his favorite interests. After almost every meeting he was smiling and said what a good time he had. He was the guy with the walker--what I called his Red Roadster.

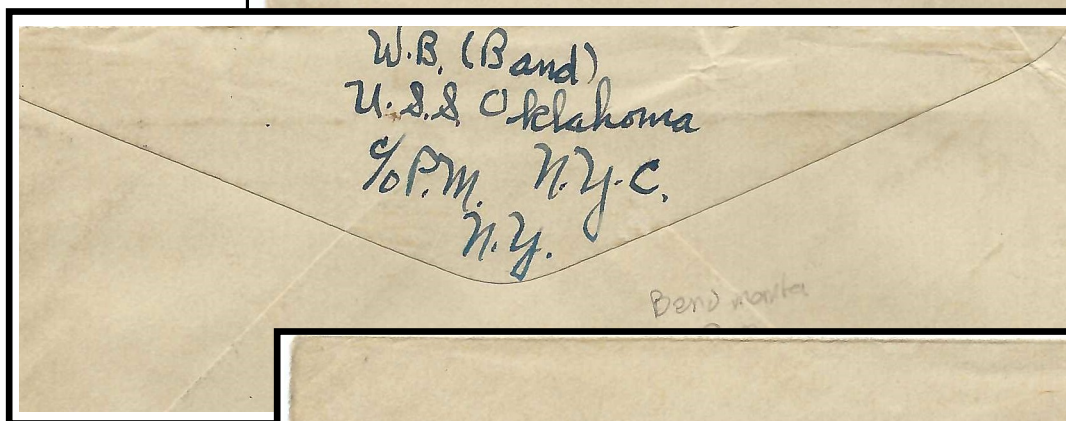
Thank you to all of the dedicated Stamp club members for working so diligently to guide the club. It brought much pleasure to his life.

Charity Gourley

USS Oklahoma to the Rescue by Michael Keil

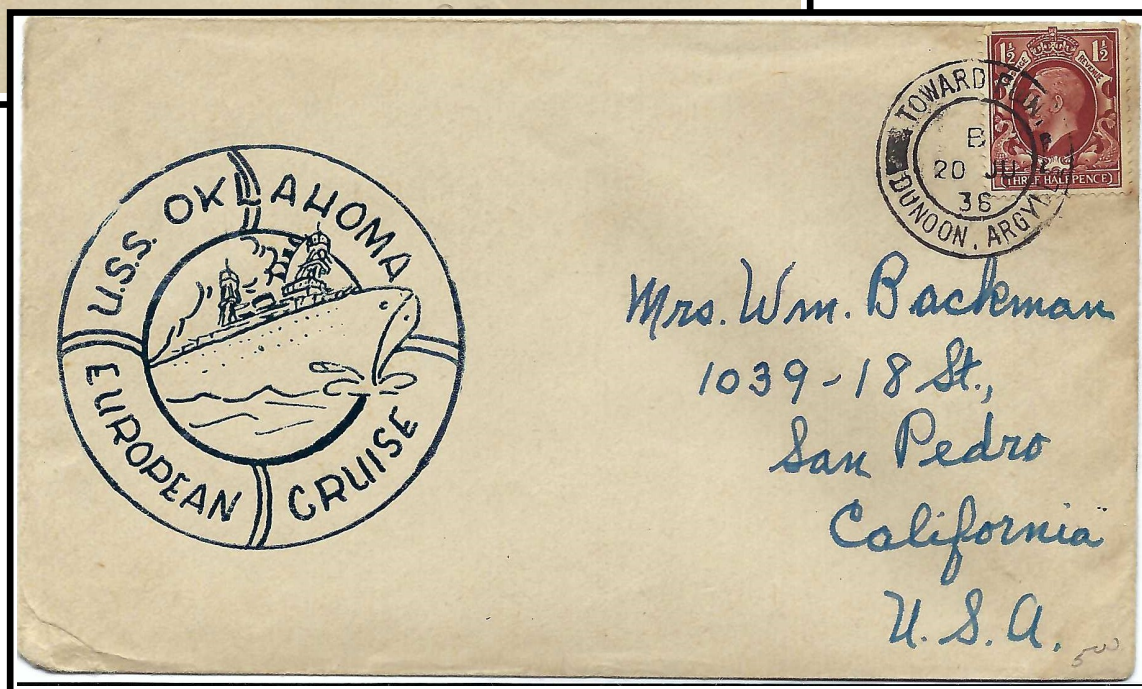
At the beginning of 1936, the *USS Oklahoma* (BB-37) was transferred from the Pacific Fleet to the East Coast. That summer, *Oklahoma*, along with *Wyoming* and *Arkansas*, was chosen to participate in the annual Midshipmen's Cruise to Europe, visiting several ports. On board *Oklahoma* was William Backman, a member of the *Oklahoma's* band. He sent several letters home to his wife, some mailed ashore from local post offices.

Cancelled 3 July,
1936, Gotelborg
(Gothenburg),
Sweden.
J. T. Black cachet.



Reverse of covers showing
return address for Backman
onboard the *Oklahoma*.

Cancelled Dundoon,
Ireland, 20 July, 1936.
Cachet maker un-
known.



While *Oklahoma* was at Cherbourg, France, civil war broke out in Spain. The American consul at Bilboa requested ships be sent to evacuate Americans who were in Spain on vacation or for business. *Oklahoma*, being the largest of the 3 ships was selected for this duty.

Over the next 34 days, the ship made 6 trips to various Spanish ports, evacuating 179 people, including one pregnant woman who gave birth on board the ship, the only baby born on an American battleship



“From the bridge of the *Oklahoma* (BB-37), officers direct an auxiliary launch which is loaded with refugees off Bilboa, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War, August, 1936” Photo courtesy of Manuel Garcia Garcia via Fabio Pena.

Photo # NH 50969 USS Oklahoma crewmen with evacuee children, off Bilboa, Spain, Aug. 1936



“*Oklahoma* crewmen holding evacuated children, as refugees embark at Bilboa, Spain during the Spanish Civil War, August, 1936” Official Navy Photograph, courtesy of Captain William A. Hall, USN, USS *Oklahoma*.

USS OKLAHOMA BILBAO, SPAIN



REFUGEES RESCUED

Rubber stamp "Refugee" cachets were applied to *Oklahoma* covers during the crisis. These appear in red and blue ink with variations in the wording. "Aiding Refugees Bilbao, Spain," "Landing Refugees Bayonne, France," and other messages were applied.

Cover cancelled at Santander, Spain, 25 July, 1936. "Refugee" cachet applied over Midshipmen's Cruise cachet. Reads "Spanish Revolt 1936 Santander Spain" with "USS Oklahoma" below.



Midshipmens Cruise
To Europe



LESTER R. WELLER, 3RD.
24 WESTRA ST.,
INTERLAKEN, N. J.

U.S.S. Arkansas U.S.S. Oklahoma
U.S.S. Wyoming



ST JEAN DE
LUZ FRANCE.



St. Jean De Luz, France, 1 August, 1936. Lloyd Nace cachet.

Philatelic Ramblings:

Another sad month. We have lost another member, Bill Gourley. When I was President, I could always count on Bill to be right up front, in front of the podium. It is good to have Michael Keil's contributions back and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

Sorry if you find or notice typos and mistakes this month. Very busy couple of months at work and then I had the brilliant idea to have cataract surgery on the 20th. Made getting this out somewhat difficult.

Nancy Reagan! A another stamp for a first lady. I say great. She was a class act! Regardless of your political leanings, you have to admit that she brought style and elegance back to the White House. Need more like her. Kids who grew up during the Reagan administration remember her "Just So No" campaign against the use of drugs. We certainly could use that again.

Speaking of First Ladies...

One of the ladies of the White House led a campaign that is still remembered today. Lady Bird Johnson started the Beautify America Campaign. She felt with the growing interstate highway system, road signs and junk yards should be limited or eliminated. Fences went up around junk yards and road signs were regulated. We could use a new beautify America campaign like the Litter Bug campaign that started in the 1950's and went along with Lady Bird's campaign in the 60's. Do you notice the trash and filth littering the interstates and roads around town? It is disgusting.

JMc



US #4716
Lady Bird Johnson
Celebrating close to 50 years since beautification
program and the Centennial of her birth.



US #1368a
Beautification of America Original Issue
From 1969



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Michel K. for his contribution. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the July issue will be July 15th.** Happy stamping! JMc