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President's Message

Dear Club members, it was on March 10, 1935, that a group of philatelic-minded individuals met at the Assembly Hall, 2875 Dundas Street West, for the first official meeting of the West Toronto Stamp Club.

With this issue of the Bulletin, we, the membership, celebrate the Club's 79th anniversary. Throughout the years the Club has prospered and offered friendship to all. We are proud to be able to build on the legacy of our founding fathers and carry the torch forward.

I am happy to report that half-way through our 2013 – 2014 collecting year the Club continues to flourish. As of the end of February, we have 75 active members, and the year is not yet over.

At the last meeting of the board of directors, it was unanimously agreed to establish a new category of membership, the family membership. For an additional \$5, a member can add a family member to the membership rolls of the Club. If you have members of your family who are collectors, considering introducing them to your Club and making them members.

I also want to report on the budget. We are generally on track except for one matter. We spent \$1045.25 to redesign our website and make it user friendly, and to change our web hosting provider. This was a cost not budgeted for but one the board feels was well worth incurring.

The walk-in-pay-out the same evening auction process continues to work well thanks to the efforts of auctioneer Reay Cairns and his dedicated assistants. Our auctions are clearly one of the main drawing cards to the Club.

Members are again reminded that when they walk-in lots, they must pick up their money from sales and/or their unsold lots at the end of the auction. Unsold lots, if not picked up within 60 days of the date of the auction, will be turned over to the Club to be dealt with as the Club sees fit. Please cooperate in this regard.

In closing, I am very happy to mention that we have had 7 new members this collecting year. Earlier in the year Jim Carleton joined. The latest 6 new members are Victoria Claughton, Sonya Woodroffe, James Anderson, David McRuvie, Jim

Thompson and Stanley Doktor. My sincere thanks to all for joining. We hope you enjoy the Club as much as the rest of us do.

Happy collecting!

Frank

One-Frame Display in Edmonton

As reported in the previous Bulletin, stamp clubs across Canada have been invited to participate in the Edmonton Spring National Show, March 22-23, 2014 with a One-Frame Display.

The frame, consisting of 16 standard 8.5x11 pages, must have a Title Page to introduce the club and may include meeting place and time, membership and history. Ideally, each remaining page is to be supplied by a different club member. However, if this is not feasible, a member may provide up to 4 pages.

Club members responded enthusiastically and a One-Frame from WTSC will be in the display at the Edmonton Spring National Show.

Pages were submitted by Doug Fraser, Sid Mensinga, Chris Edwards, Reay Cairns, Don Hedger, Denzil Fernandes, Jorge Montalvo, Garfield Portch, Peter Butler, Frank Alusio and Mark Stelmacovich.

Thanks to all for representing us at Edmonton!

The Elections are Drawing Near

May 13, 2014 is election day! Club members will "go to the polls" to elect the board of directors for a 2-year term, from 2014 to 2016.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, many of the current board members have been heavily involved with the Club for years, some for decades. At least 2 will be stepping down this year, Frank Alusio (President) and Don Hedger (Vice-President)

Please let George MacLean, Nominees Officer, know if you are interested in being on the board, whether as president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, membership secretary, or one of the 6 directors.

Again, thank you everyone for considering this.

Revisions to Constitution

It was decided by the board of directors at their January meeting that several articles in the Club's Constitution required revision. Chris Edwards, Membership Secretary, willingly took on the task and amended the document. The proposed new Constitution has been forwarded to members for comment with the aim that it will be brought to the membership at the April 8 meeting for approval. Please send any comments by the end of March to Chris at cmjedwards@sympatico.ca

Annual Stamp Exhibition

The Club's annual in-house exhibition will take place on May 13, 2014 in the Auditorium at the Fairfield Centre. Members are invited to participate with a Single-Page, Multi-Page or One-Frame consisting of 16 standard pages. Please see Frank Alusio or Garfield Portch for more information.

Our Members

The Winter 2013 issue of GTAPA's PhilaJournal has brief articles by 3 members: "Clippings & Commentary" by Peter Butler; "Philatelic Elements" by Frank Alusio; and "UCSTPEX-2013" by Mark Stelmacovich.

The North Toronto Stamp Club ("NTSC") visited the VGG Philatelic Research Foundation the evening of February 13, 2014. Among other things, Garfield Portch explained to them the Greene's work in the field of expertizing.

Two weeks later, on February 27, Peter Butler spoke to the NTSC. He put forward a few ideas and concepts to challenge present practices in philately.

If you have done something interesting, or know a member who has, please let us know. If we don't know about it, we can't let members know of the achievements and accomplishments of others.

March Discussion Group – Mike Street

The March discussion group will hear from Mike Street on Canada's King George VI Peace Issue. Mike began collecting at 6. After a break for high school and university, he returned to the hobby

and soon realized his real interest was in postal history. He will soon publish a book on the postal history of the Peace Issue. Mike has long been active in BNAPS including long stints as Editor or Co-Editor of BNAPS Topics. Away from stamps, he has led 16 nature and cultural tours in Cuba, Turkey and Newfoundland since 2002. Be sure not to miss this event.

Membership

As of February 28:

Summary		
Begin 2013-14		77
Renewed	68	
New members	7	
Did not renew	9	
February 28, 2014		75

We welcome new members Victoria Claughton (1047), Sonya Woodroffe (1048), James Anderson (1049), David McRuvie (1050), Jim Thompson (1051) and Stanley Doktor (1052).

If you know of anyone who is into the hobby and not a member of a club, please consider inviting them to attend one of our meetings to sample what we have to offer. We have a lot to share with fellow collectors, so please don't be shy telling people about your Club.

Mar – Apr 2014 Calendar		
All activities are on Tuesday (doors open 6:30 pm)		
Mar 04	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Mar 11	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, show and tell, and auction
Mar 18	7:00 pm	Discussion Group (Mike Street): "King Geo VI Peace Issue (Canada Unitrade # 268 – 273 including C9, CE3 & CE4)"
Mar 25	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, short informational session, and auction
Apr 01	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Apr 08	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, show and tell, and auction
Apr 15	6:30 pm	RPSC Circuit Books (Rhonda Kavanagh)
Apr 22	6:30 pm	Regular meeting, spring invitational auction