

THE WEPS NEWSLETTER

West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc. Established 1930

Verona Public Library

17 Gould St., Verona, N.J. 07044

Meets 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

Sept. 11th & 25th; Oct. 9th & 23rd.

Sept. 11: Out of respect for those who lost their lives and went out of their way to save and help others- A Brief Moment of Remembrance and Reflection.

At this meeting we will have a regular scheduled Auction.

Sept. 25: There will be a Members Bourse and a Trustee Meeting.

Oct. 9: CLUB DONATION AUCTION- once again this is the life-blood of the Club- financially speaking- everyone's help is needed to make it a success- both those donating lots and people buying them. PLEASE PARTICIPATE.

Oct. 23: Show & Tell.

Everyone at WEPS would like to welcome EVERYONE at WEPS back from a hopefully relaxing and healthy and enjoyable summer. At this time it always is a great pleasure to welcome several new members: Marie Harwin, who collects U.S.; Steve Maginnis; and, Bill Hesse- who is a former Nassau Street stamp dealer.

Our new President Bob Parkin would like to address the membership: I would like to thank the membership for electing me the new President of WEPS. It is indeed an honor. I am looking forward to working with our officers, committees, editor, librarian and members to make this club

the best that it could be. I would like to thank the following outgoing officers for their fine service to the Society: Ron Gollhardt-President; Jim Smillie-Vice-President; Lloyd MacKay and Bill Cosgrove-Trustees. I will certainly be looking to all of you for your wisdom and guidance.

Ron was President of WEPS for the past 15 years. I have been with the club for 6 years and I have to say that he did an outstanding job. The 75th Anniversary Celebration was an event to remember.

A little about myself: I started collecting in 1974 at the age of 12. I received a Minkus Worldwide for Christmas from my Uncle who worked for Minkus at Gimble's. I collected for about 2 years and then lost interest. I started collecting again in 1986 while in the Navy. I had to stop for a time, while going through cancer treatment for Hodgkin's Disease. I seriously got back into collecting in 1999 and joined the club in September of 2000. I have been a member of the APS since 1987.

Since October of 1972- probably a record for the Club- in length of time for an individual to hold one position it I it Ray Laplace have been Editor of this Newsletter. I profusely want to thank each and every member for the honor and pleasure you have given me

to perform this service for the Club. I want to also- thank all the officers and people who have worked with me in providing the information for the Newsletter. Yes, I would like to end this run. I have notified Bob of this and the main reason is not being lazy or tired or Ebay or such- the TRUTH is that upon analysis I am no longer collecting stamps and I feel that the time has come for someone who is more atuned with the hobby to take over to keep this an interesting and viable Newsletter. I will still attend meetings- hopefully more frequently than I have it which is another reason for stepping down as Editor. It is important that the Editor be an active member of the Club. Again- Thank You all for allowing an aspiring writer to ramble on for 34 years.

Your Editor: Ray Laplace