

THE WEPS NEWSLETTER

West Essex Philatelic Society, Incí 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.

Nov. 13th & 27th; Dec. 11th & 26th.

Nov 13: At this meeting we will have a regular scheduled Auction.

Nov 27: Sales Circuit Night

Dec 11: Regular Monthly Auction.

Dec 25: No Meeting

Dec 26: WEPS Holiday Party (New)

Well, here is the first newsletter you are receiving that hasn't been written by our longtime editor Ray Laplace in many, many years. First I would like to thank Ray Laplace for being our editor for more than thirty years. That's right, I didn't say 5 years, I didn't say 10 years, I didn't say 20 years, I said thirty years. Hopefully, I can keep up the same quality standards that Ray has put into place. Thanks Ray!!!

I would like to take some time to mention some of the outstanding resources available to our club members. One is the circuit books. Members can peruse up to 25 circuit books per meeting. I have found some very good bargains among those books. Not only can you buy from the books but you can also create them yourself and get cash back for your duplicates or unwanted stamps. See Phil Clarke for more details.

Another resource that is available to all members is our outstanding library. I believe

this to be the most under utilized membership benefit. As of last month our library is now in the capable hands of two of our members. Peter Samuels, who has been our librarian for the past 15 years, has now given the bulk of our material to Tony Bucci. Peter will continue to bring the Scott catalogs to each meeting. If you would like to borrow another book from the library you will need to contact Tony to make arrangements to have it brought to a meeting. We are hoping to have a comprehensive list of all titles shortly for distribution. There is also a list of books on our website. Just click on the library link. The website breaks the books into three categories of US, foreign and general. I would like to also thank Peter for taking good care of the library and bringing in the requested books for the last 15 years. I would also like to thank Tony for taking over the helm from Peter.

Speaking of the website I have changed the format of the newsletter page. Only the last years worth of newsletters were available on the previous page. Now all of the newsletters from Nov/Dec 2002 (except a few, which I have lost) are available on the website. Starting with Sept/Oct issue, it will be available in a PDF format so

you will be able to print it or download it to your computer. You can also access the clubs schedule from the website, just in case you forgot what days we are meeting, or what is scheduled for the meeting.

This year our second meeting for December will fall Christmas day. If you look at the calendar it states that there is no meeting. I have talked to the library and have arranged for us to have a meeting on Tuesday, December 26th. This meeting will be our annual holiday party. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you there.

Finally, we had our Trustees Meeting in October and it was decided that we need to raise dues by one dollar. Much of our club's cost is due to mailing the newsletter and forwarding the circuit books. There hasn't been a dues increase in several years and the postage rates keep going up and will go up again next year. The club has been eating these costs for the past couple of rate increases. The new dues cost will be \$10.00. If paid before January 1, 2007, you will save a dollar and the cost will be \$9.00. Still a great deal if I must say so myself.

Your Editor: Bob Parkin