

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.

Jan. 8th & 22nd; Feb. 12th & 26th.

Jan 8: At this meeting we will have a regular scheduled Auction.

Jan 22: Sales Circuit Night

Feb 12: Regular Monthly Auction.

Feb 26: Slide Show

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Thanks to all who helped provide for our holiday party. First thing I would like to remind everyone about is that **dues are due**. If we receive your payment before January 1st the cost will be \$9.00. After that date the cost will be \$10.00.

I would like to mention that a couple of members have been featured prominently by the American Philatelic Society. Larry Nelson wrote a great article published in the September issue of the American Philatelist on philatelic items relating to Gertrude Van Tijn who saved thousands of Jewish lives during World War II. Steven Rod is running for Board of Vice Presidents for the 2007 APS election along with Wade Saadi and David Straight as running mates. Steven's philatelic resume is quite impressive. Here are just a few things off the top of my head that I can think of. He is a Trustee of the Philatelic Foundation, a member of the

APS Philatelic Writers Hall of Fame and member of the APS Finance Committee. He has written many articles for Linn's Stamp News, Scott Stamp Monthly and other publications. He was also the co-editor of the Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting, which has gotten outstanding reviews in all the philatelic press. I'm sure I'm missing something, but you get the picture. We wish him the best of luck in this endeavor.

Like our previous editor, Ray, I also use the computer to enhance my collecting experience. As a matter of fact, I don't think I would be able to collect if it weren't for the computer. I use it for inventory, buying, selling, corresponding, album creation, research etc. There are a few of websites that I would like recommend for those who have internet access.

<http://www.stamporama.com>
ó This is an online community for all types of stamp collectors
ó Beginner, Intermediate ó Advanced ó US ó Worldwide.
You can ask questions, give answers, trade and it has an auction that does not charge a listing fee or ending fee.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/us_specialized - If you

collect United States Stamps and Postal History; I cannot think of a better discussion group to be a part of. You must be a member of Yahoo to join. Once again, there are very knowledgeable (and philatelically famous) members (i.e. John Hotchner and Charles Snee from Linn's Stamp News, our own Rob Loeffler to name a few.) There is also a publication written each month by the members that can be downloaded by all the members of the group. If you would like to learn more about U.S. philately or mentor upcoming U.S. philatelists, this is the place for you.

Last but not least, I would like to mention that at our Dec. 11th auction, the club received a donation of \$240.00 from the sale of items donated by Bonnie Babson in memory of our former member Jim Heil. 100% of the sales went to the club. We would like to thank Mrs. Babson for the generous contribution.

Your Editor: Bob Parkin