

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month.

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Nov. 10:** Member Auction

**Nov. 24:** Sales Circuit  
Night

**Dec. 8:** Member Auction

**Dec. 22:** Holiday Party

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. I hope everyone has found items for their collection this year.

In October we held our Trustee Meeting. At this meeting we have determined that we need to raise the dues. Dues will now be \$12.00 if paid by January 1, 2009. If dues are not received by that date they will be \$15.00. If you live at least 50 miles away from Verona you only have to pay \$6.00/7.50 for the year. We have been hit pretty hard with shipping costs for the Circuit Books as well as the cost increase in the Scott Catalogues. This coming year we will only be purchasing the Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue so we should be better off

financially. Even though dues have increased I feel that there is no better bargain in the stamp collecting world.



One of the main benefits is access to our extensive philatelic library. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the library is now located at the Verona Library and the books are available for checkout immediately.

One way for the club to raise money is to hold a Club Donation Auction twice a year. We held a donation auction on October 13<sup>th</sup> and raised \$140 for the treasury.

Thank you to all members who participated as a donor or bidder.

I would also like to thank all members who have volunteered to receive the newsletter by email or by downloading it from the website. This also saves the club money in postage.

Speaking of websites... There is a wonderful website for U.S. Stamps. It is located at <http://www.1847usa.com/>.

It has excellent information about every stamp issued from 1840-1970, including a great section on identifying the Washington/Franklin issues.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our annual Holiday Party. I hope that all members will be able to attend and bring a guest. I will be passing around a sign up sheet at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for volunteers to bring some essential items to the party. I look forward to meeting everyone there.

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No thicker than a beetle's wing  
And yet it will roam the world for you  
Exactly where you tell it to - EV Lucas