

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.

Jan. 12th & Jan. 26, Feb. 9th & Feb. 23rd

Jan. 12: Member Auction

Jan. 26: Sales Circuit
Night

Feb 9: Member Auction

Feb 23: Slide Show (The
Pan-American Exposition)

I was glad to see all the members who were able to make the Holiday Party. Thank you to all who brought in food & supplies that made the party a big success. I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year!!!

Those who have been attending meetings know that I was temporarily unemployed for a few months. I just started a new job on December 1st. Unfortunately, I have a very long commute and I doubt I am going to be able to attend very many meetings. Our Vice President Rob Loeffler will be running meetings in my absence. Hopefully, once I get established, I will be

able to modify my hours the day of our meetings and will be able to attend. As it stands right now I will not be able to run for president of the club this year. I'm hoping someone will be willing and able to step into this position. I plan to continue creating the newsletter and updating the website.



In the December 1st issue of Linn's Stamp News, member Lou Caprario was mentioned by John Hotchner in his U.S. Notes column. Lou along with another gentlemen have found four new Earliest Known Usages of tied on Christmas Seals. Lou's cover was dated Nov 24, 1924. Lou also will become the president of the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society.

In our Nov/Dec 2007 issue, I mentioned that we received a donation of a book written by member Joe Geraci. Joe received the Stanley B. Ashbrook Cup from the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society for *Annotated Cumulative Subject Index to the Chronicle of the U.S. Classics Postal Issues, Journal of the U.S. PHILATELIC CLASSICS Society for Issued 1 - 200.*

(<http://www.uspcs.org/>) I also saw a great review of the book in Meekel's Stamp News.

On a final note... Now that we are into the new year, if you have not paid your dues, please send your payment in as soon as possible. Membership is \$15.00.

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"I think the stamp collection is important because for whatever reason, I think that our people tend to try to forget our history rather than remember it. And I think the stamps are a very creative way to allow us to remember our history, teach it to our children and teach it to them using something they will be interested in and could even collect, hold on to and hopefully they would teach it to their own children," -- Raymond Bryant