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Federation of Stamp Clubs

25 November 1977

Dear Members and Friends,

This letter brings to each of you and yours our sincerest best wishes for a most happy holiday season. We also wish to bring to your attention some of the forthcoming events which have been scheduled by YOUR Club.

But first, a sad note. There are several of you to whom this letter is being sent who have not paid their 1977 dues of \$4.00; and, unless received prior to the 1st of December, we must very regretfully drop you from our membership rolls. You can mail your dues to the Club at the address above, or send them to your Secretary at P.O. Box 3781, Orlando 32802 Those who are in this category have a large X in the square above. Would you please let us know why you are dropping out?

Our season promises to be most busy. On Thursday, December 1, 1977, Mr. Clyde Jennings, President of the Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA) will visit our Club the second time this year! Why don't all of you come to see Mr. Jennings, who is an excellent speaker. In connection with other events which are planned, Mr. Jennings, who is a nationally prominent exhibitor, as well as a nationally prominent Philatelic Judge, will speak on "How to Exhibit". Hopefully we will see all of you at our meeting on Thursday, December 1, 1977. Ample parking. For those who are not familiar with our location, we meet in the Alpha room of the John Young Museum and Planetarium on the first and third Thursday of each month (unless that date is a National Holiday, in which case the meeting is cancelled).

Our Annual Christmas Party meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 1977. This is "Family Night" - so please bring your family. We will NOT MEET at the John Young Museum that evening, but will hold the party at the Community Room of the Chateaux du Lac, overlooking beautiful Lake Killarney in Winter Park. A map, provided by member Howard Leavitt who made the arrangements to obtain the Community Room, contains very easy to follow directions on how to reach the CdL (Condominium Apartment complex), which is a long block due west of the 17-92 entrance to the Winter Park Mall. Please note the details on parking spaces, which are fairly limited at the CdL complex - however, there is ample parking across the street. The Club will provide tea, coffee and soft drinks. As is our custom we do request members to bring some type of "goodies" for the "Eats" table. If you are undecided on what to bring, please contact either Ms. Barbara Vette or Ms. Jane Blaker at telephone 645-0719. There will also be an exchange of Xmas presents. This will be, of necessity, limited to those who desire to participate. For each present you bring, you will receive one. The retail value of these philatelic gifts should not exceed \$2.00.

On January 5, 1978 we will resume meeting at the John Young Museum. Tentatively, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schaefer of Clearwater will be present and talk about the 1978 SUNPEX, and give some helpful advice on "How to Exhibit". Your Scribe believes that the Nominating Committee will make its report at this meeting.

The ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Central Florida Stamp Club, Inc., will be held on January 19, 1978, and includes the election of Seven (7) Directors to guide your Club for the next two years. It is believed that the 1978 program will be ready for distribution at that time.

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Exhibit "A"

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Your Board of Directors is on record, as has been discussed at meetings of the Members, to Sponsor our Third Annual SUNPEX Exhibit. This is YOUR club Exhibit, MEMBERS ONLY, NO CHARGE FOR FRAMES, to be held the 3rd weekend of March, the 17th, 18th and 19th, 1978, at the Winter Park Mall. This is the most ambitious local exhibit we have yet planned. Our meeting of Thursday the 16th of March will be most informal, and will be held at the Winter Park Mall in the Concourse, and will be devoted to receiving and setting up the Exhibits. We HOPE to have 120 frames of YOUR material for display that weekend. Mr. Bill Brownell has very graciously consented to serve as Exhibit Chairman, but does need to plan on the number of frames and exhibition layout. We have included a tear-out form with this letter that you can either hand to Bill at the next meeting, OR you can mail it to him. BUT ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE DO IT NOW - PLEASE DO NOT WAIT. In our 31 March 1977 newsletter, I note that we advised EVERYONE this was going to occur. So I "use" a few words from that letter: "I can assure you that the exhibits doe not have to be of International Exhibit quality, even though that would be highly desirable; but should be of interest to the local citizenry. Each of our exhibit frames will hold NINE "standard" 8-1/2" x 11" or 11-1/2" x 12" album pages (which are readily available), or any size between." (OVERSIZE PAGES WILL NOT FIT THE FRAMES). A full complement of dealers is planned, and we think that steps will be taken to improve the lighting. At a recent meeting we asked for a show of hands on how many folks had their exhibits ready NOW - two members held up their hands. It is a scant 3-1/2 months until showtime - DO IT NOW. Again, please let Bill Brownell know if you will exhibit and the approximate number of frames YOU will require. This information is needed to firm up arrangements. We have issued tentative invitations to three individuals to serve as Judges for our show: Mr. George Kuhn of Leesburg, presently serving as Regional Director of the Central Region of the Florida Federation; Mr. Bill Dickerman, President of the Halifax Area Stamp Club; and Mr. Bob Whitney of Satellite Beach, former Regional Director of the Florida Federation. Exhibits can be entered either competitively or non-competitively, YOUR CHOICE. Please note this fact on the form to Bill Brownell.

Your attention is invited to the following events coming up in early 1978.

FIRST. SARAPEX, sponsored by the Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc., will be held at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 North Tamiami Trail (US 41) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 17, 18 and 19. There will be a 200 Frame exhibit and a 25 dealer bourse. FREE ADMISSION. There will be a Cachet Cover with Show Cancel. If you desire to exhibit at this show, obtain a prospectus from your Secretary. This is a grand show and highly recommended. However, Sarasota is PACKED WITH PEOPLE at the time of this show — so arranging accommodations is a necessary must if you plan to stay overnight. There are many hotels/motels in the Sarasota and Bradenton area — and it might be wise to arrange to stay a bit North of the MuniAud of Sarasota and drive to the show location — plenty of parking.

SECOND. STAMPOREE 1978 (the Annual Spring Show of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs), will be held under the sponsorship of the Bay County Stamp Club at the Howard Johnson's Gulside Motel, 9600 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 7th, 8th and 9th, 1978. Also a grand show and highly recommended. There will be a Cachet for Stamporee '78 which will honor one of Florida's great sons: the 175th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. John Gorry of Appalachicola, Physician, Inventor of the Ice-Machine, at one time Postmaster of and later mayor of Appalachicola. The folks at Panama City usually have a few "sneak surprises" up their sleeves. So put this show on your itinerary and/or calendar.

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THIRD. The National Post Card Show (Florida FunFest) will be held at the Sheraton Jet Port Hotel/Motel, McCoy Road, Orlando, on February 24, 25 and 26, 1978. There will be a Bourse, Display and Auction. Over 2,000,000 Postcards!!

At the recently concluded Executive Meeting of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., held at the FLOREX at Tampa on November 4th, 5th and 6th, the following were elected as Officers of the Federation for the next two years:

President: Mr. William J. Bomar (Orlando)
Vice President: Mr. George Kuhn (Leesburg)
Secretary-Treasurer Ms. Mary O'Connor (Bradenton)

Regional Directors:

Northeast: Dr. John Buckner (Gainesville)
Northwest: Mr. H. F. Plesner (Panama City)
Control: Wr. William Diekerman (Ormand B

Central: Mr. William Dickerman (Ormond Beach)
South Central: Mr. Robert Whitney (Satellite Beach)

West Coast: Mr. Walter Nazarenko (Tampa)

South: Mr. Kalman I. Dienes (Deerfield Beach)

Southwest: Mrs. Mary Scott (Sarasota)

We extend our heartiest congratulations to these new Officers of the Florida Federation who take office on January 1, 1978, and wish them every success in their undertakings.

SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE MEETINGS! SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Wade H. Beery Secretary

Mr. William L. Brownell Lot 5, 656 Highway 17-92 Fern Park, Florida 32730

Dear Bill,

Please reserve for me frames for the 1978 Spring Display and Bourse (SUNPEX 78) at the Winter Park Mall. I understand that each frame holds nine album pages of normal size. I desire this exhibit to be: (cross out one) COMPETITIVE NON-COMPETITIVE.

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