

CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB, INC.

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Dear Fellow Members,

This is our first news letter of 1988. We hope that the holiday season was special for each one of you and that the new year will bring you health and prosperity.

Our annual holiday party took place at the home of Steve and Linda Patrick. Over 30 members and their guests enjoyed John Shirley's delicious turkey and dressing. Thanks to all who contributed to the delicious meal.

Now to report the results of the annual business meeting of January 21. An election was held for the new Board of Directors. Those chosen were William Bomar, Manny Delgado, Jim Estes, Jane Morrison, Steve Patrick, John Shirley, and Bob Ward. The board retired to another area and elected the following officers to two-year terms. The new president is Steve Patrick; Bill Bomar is vice president in charge of programs; Jane Morrison is the new secretary; John Shirley continues as treasurer. Steve Patrick is also the newsletter editor. He welcomes comments and suggestions to help the club. Phone 889-0528.

The treasurer's report had the unwelcome news that the club's balance has declined from \$443.47 to \$210.12 during 1987. Most of you know that the main reason for this is the increase of rent at the Science Center to \$40 per night. Regretfully, we are contemplating a move to something more reasonable. First, be clear that we are paid up at the Science Center through the month of April. Nothing will happen until then. The site selection committee led by John Shirley examined at least a dozen sites and came with the following recommendations. Third best choices are the Winter Park Civic Center, Marks Street Center, and Goss Memorial Methodist Church. Second best is the Beardall Senior Center, 800 S. Delaney. The first choice is a RENT FREE room at the new Altamonte Springs Post Office building on Montgomery Rd. The post master and supervisor of mails are both enthusiastic collectors and just need approval from inspectors, etc. No approval has been made yet, and this is not an accomplished fact. Your input will be appreciated. Any move will be announced in the next news letter.

Because of the prospects of a free meeting room, the board voted to keep the current dues of \$10 for the present. You may send them to the club in care of Orlando Science Center or bring them in at the next meeting. Those of you who paid checks of \$20 can exchange \$10 and get your checks back from John Shirley. The board feels that it is important to rebuild our cash reserves. We also hope to increase our communications with you through more news letters.

Enclosed is the schedule of programs for the year. Notice that six auctions are scheduled. The first will be the next meeting on February 18. This auction will not be a club donation auction as in the past.

Members may put three items in the auction. This past year we have experimented with a no minimum bid auction. This will probably change in the future. We are considering adopting the following method. Members may bring their items and post a minimum bid. These will be placed for viewing for the first half hour. If there is any interest in the item, a member can place a mark on the bid sheet and only those items checked will go into the auction. This should make the auction go much faster and we won't spend so much time on items that no one is really interested in. For this next auction though, the following points will be in order. Anything you wish to donate for the benefit of the club will be sold at open auction. Your three items will be offered at no minimum as we have been doing. The John Shirley plan of filling want lists at one third catalogue will continue. Any finer US material will be displayed at a separate area marked at minimum bids. These will not enter the auction unless someone has indicated a willingness to meet the stated opening bid. We are constantly looking for better ways to serve you. Please bear with us in these changes.

#### NEWSBRIEFS

Bill Bomar served as a judge at SARAPEX. The grand prize winner was a display of Uganda Missionary issues offered by Dr. Gene Scott.

Thanks to those that served at the club table at the Greater Orlando stamp and post card show at the High Q.

The next local bourse will be at the "Sheraton" on Lee Road. It's the same place as before, we just aren't sure of the name. Call Phil Fettig for details.

MICHAEL ROGERS, INC. continues to put Central Florida on the stamp map. His January 9 auction realized over \$200,000 in bids on his finer Asian material. One item Scott #79F lists for \$2000 and was knocked down for \$38,000. A PRC #2 that lists for \$24 went for \$232. Buyers came from as far away as Switzerland, Germany, and England. His next public auction will be in May. June will mark the 10th anniversary of the Winter Park store. Strong dealers in our area are good for the hobby.

You may remember that Bill Bomar offered \$100 catalogue to the member with best attendance for 1987. The award will be split between Harry Najarian and Steve Patrick who didn't miss a single meeting. We're hoping to offer some kind of prize this year for the member who brings the most guests to our meetings. Start inviting friends and have them sign in as your guest. The more, the merrier as they say. See you all at a future meeting,

*Steve*

Sincerely, Steve Patrick