

Central Florida Stamp Club – Newsletter

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BOMAR AWARD ANNOUNCED

Randall D. Priest was named the William J. Bomar Award winner for the year 2001 at the club Business Meeting on January 17. In naming Priest, **John Shirley** praised the hard work and many long hours that Randall has given to the youth program of the club. Former award winners, **Wade Beery, John Shirley, Stephen Patrick,** and **Jim Estes** participated in the election.

Randall has been a club member since 1995 and is interested in Art on Stamps, perfins, and anything that interests the kids. When the APS held their spring show in Orlando five years ago, Randall was a volunteer in the youth area and has been helping ever since.

Nametag Doubles Chances

In an effort to encourage members to wear nametags, two tickets are being awarded in the drawing for the door prize. The board voted that in addition to the club badges, acceptable alternatives are APS badges and those of other philatelic organizations. Peel off paper badges do not qualify for the bonus despite serving the spirit of the rules. See **Jim Estes** to order your badge.

Dues are Due

Due to the fact that the club bank account is sufficient, dues remain at \$12, only 50 cents a meeting. Dues will now be collected by the secretary **Carl Ulstad** and then passed on to the treasurer. You can pay at the meeting by February 28 or mail your check to Carl Ulstad, 1438 Chessington Circle, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

OBITUARY

We are sad to note the passing of member **Victor Kruppenbacher** from respiratory failure on Tuesday, January 29. Our sympathies go out to Bernice and family. It was good to see Vic at the Holiday party in December. Despite his great discomfort, it was good to remember him from this happy occasion. Vic and Bernice have been great volunteers to our youth program even dressing as clowns for FLOREX shows. The club sent flowers.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Phil Fettig was elected to serve a two-year term as President for the Central Florida Stamp Club in a board election at the annual business meeting January 17. Phil has been a leading figure in the stamp community while serving over 20 years as a volunteer and Show Chairman of FLOREX. He is past president of the Florida Stamp Dealers Association, but has recently given all that up to become just a "plain collector."

The new vice president is **Lt.Col. James R. Pullin** (ret.) who recently retired from teaching duties at University of Central Florida and has his Thursday nights free. Jim is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society and is interested in the postal history of 19th century shipping. He is a member of the German Philatelic Society and the Central Florida Civil War Roundtable.

Carl Ulstad moves from president to secretary. Carl has given good leadership of the club the past two years. The constitution and By-laws were updated. The club has been run on a businesslike basis. Carl's attention to detail makes him a good choice for secretary. Carl solicits any roster changes members may have. You may call at (407) 804-9376.

John D. Shirley continues as treasurer, a position he has held since 1986. Under his leadership, the club treasury has grown from about \$500 to \$5000. He will be assisted by **Francis Ferguson** who has become a valuable asset to the club with his computer expertise and monthly trivia quiz.

Also serving on the Board are **Jim Estes** and **Steve Patrick** who is the official newsletter secretary. Newsletter items may be called in at (407) 889-0528.

The board has already had its first meeting on January 31 at John Shirley's house.

Habitat for Humanity

John Shirley reports that sales of certain donated philatelic material has resulted in the club sending nearly \$300 to Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to club members for their generous purchases in recent silent auctions.

Calendar

Feb. 7 Meeting – **Phil Fetting**
 Feb. 16-17 Bourse, Maitland Civic Center
 Feb. 21 Meeting – **Tom Mizak**
 Feb. 28-March 10 – Central Florida Fair
 Mar. 7 Meeting - **Francis Ferguson**
 Mar. 14 Meeting – **Jim Estes**
 April 4 Meeting – Club Auction
 April 18 Meeting – **Al Nagy**
 May 2 Meeting – **Josh Furman**
 May 16 Meeting – **Ray McCoy**
 May 18-19 SUNPEX at Maitland Civic Center

Give Stamps to Kids

Remember that the club is preparing 1200 packets of stamps to give away to kids at the Central Florida Fair. See **Carl Ulstad** to donate stamps or time. We need to man a booth at the Fair over ten days. See **John Shirley** to sign up for times to volunteer.

Meeting Seating Arrangement

The board is studying ways to improve seating at meetings. We may experiment with a classroom type format where are sit facing forward. Be prepared to experiment with us and give input on the best plan. **Carl Ulstad** is in charge of this project.

Holiday Party Fills Bill

The Annual Holiday Party drew an attendance of 47 on December 20. This is the largest number ever. "Luckily, I bought 50 place settings," stated a relieved **Linda Patrick**.

Jim and Lissa Estes cooked the turkey. **Francis Ferguson** added a ham and someone donated several shrimp platters. There was food for all including **Al Quintana's** flan. Most traditional dishes were represented and interesting additions like **Steve Patrick's** chicken enchiladas.

Many brought their family members, and we were all heartened to see **Vic and Bernice Kruppenbacher**.

Sarasota Hosts National Stamp Exposition

Several CFSC members traveled to Sarasota for the annual Sarasota National Exposition. **Herb McNeal** exhibited a one-frame exhibit of the postal history of Marion County. **Herb, Ben Bateman, and Steve Patrick** attended the annual meeting of the Florida Postal History Society. **Deane Briggs**, president of the group, gave an interesting slide presentation on stampless covers of 19th century Florida.

Tom Hart was manning a booth for his brother who was attending a show in Thailand. Also in attendance at the show were **Ray McCoy** and **Francis Ferguson**. Former member **Paul Percha** is the Publicity Chairman of the event and introduced five-dollar gift certificates as incentives to draw visitors from around the state. The CFSC members had fun spending their certificates.

Ben Bateman got a nice Confederate cover from dealer **John Kimbrough**. He also obtained a franking from **Troy, Florida**, a little used cancel. Ben is assembling a collection of Orange County strikes.

President **Peter McCann, Ann Trigg**, and **Janet Klug** held a town hall meeting for the American Philatelic Society. There are recent reports that the **Bellafonte Match Factory** project has run into some financial snags.

Ben and Steve attended a meeting of the Philatelic Classics Society. **Clyde Jennings** gave a slide presentation of his award winning collection of 19th century color cancellations.

Several dealers said they had a great show. The exhibits had several strong Florida postal history exhibits, and some good Confederate material especially one on prisoner mail. The British Commonwealth had several gold winning exhibits. The drive was worth it since this is the last Florida show certified for World Series competition.