

## CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB, INC.

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### GREETINGS

May this newsletter find you all safe and happy and enjoying a pleasant holiday season. Because of budget restraints, we have chosen to put out only three letters this year. Although we are enjoying reasonable rates in our new meeting place, it costs about \$35 to send out a letter. We hope that you find this one worthwhile.

### Guest Speaker

We issue a special invitation to the next meeting December 1. Clyde Jennings from Jacksonville, Florida, will be our special guest. Mr. Jennings is a distinguished philatelist and judge. He is president of the Florida Federation and is an excellent speaker. We would like to have one of the best crowds of the year. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, try to make this one.

### Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held Thursday December 15 at the home of our gracious secretary Mrs. Jane Morrison. The address is given above right. Her home is located east of 17-92 near Florida Hospital and the Orlando Science Center. Just turn east at the Rollins Ave. traffic signal and it's the first house on the right. This is an occasion where spouses are encouraged to attend. Dinner plans include one of John Shirley's famous Tennessee gourmet turkeys. If you would like to compliment the meal, you may bring a salad or vegetable; call Jane at 896-3566 for suggestions. You may also bring a desert item, but if you can't bring anything else, bring yourself. There will be plenty for all. We suggest that you arrive at 7:00 p.m. so the meal can begin soon after 7:15.

### High Q Show

The 7th annual Greater Orlando Stamp and Postcard Show, Orlando '89, will be held February 11 and 12, 1989, at the Quality Inn High Q Hotel, 5909 International Drive, Orlando. Our club has been invited to participate at a table again this year. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. We are suggesting two three-hour shifts each day from 10 to 1 and 1 to 4. If you can help, contact Steve Patrick 889-0528.

### FLOREX 88' UPDATE

Congratulations are in order to our stamp club for the way we got behind FLOREX '88. This program would not happen without the participation and leadership by our local members. Phil Fettig did a fine job as well as all committee members. You who helped in mounting and dismounting the exhibitions and who hosted at the welcoming table should be proud of the part you played. FLOREX '89 will happen next year and most of the committee have signed on for another term. There are many "closet collectors" who never attend a stamp club meeting but do show up for FLOREX. Our work is for the good of the hobby. To bring a major show with APS recognition and over 50 dealers to Orlando helps us and our hobby.

FLOREX '89 will feature the national meeting of the American Airmail Society. There will be at least two auctions again. We are making exciting plans.

## WELCOME New Members

We would like to welcome these new members who have joined us this year. We need to continue to grow and to hold all our members. Please make these people feel at home with us.

- #360 Richard Abrahams, Orlando
- #361 R.M. Moore, Winter Park
- #362 Dr. Ron Donis, Maitland
- #363 Charles Siddaway, Winter Park, a former member of years ago who recently returned to the area.
- #364 Janet Estes, Goldenrod, a junior member and Jim's daughter.
- #365 Bill Pollack, Winter Park, US plate blocks.
- #366 Andy Schwarz, Winter Park, Worldwide and US
- #367 Roger Fisher, Altamonte Springs, a new dealer in town operating under the name of Fredrick Wulff Inc. with offices in the FRC building at I-4 and 436 on Wymore Road.
- #368 Will C. Lyons, Chuluota, US collector.
- #369 Laurence Hyatt, Longwood, US collector.
- #370 Mahlon Wetmore, Orlando, retired from Delta Air Lines.

These new members are the good news. The bad news is that about 20 did not renew their membership this year for whatever reason. If any of you have any contact with these people, why not give them a call and tell them we miss their presence and support? They include Richard Baumann, Harry Beckham, Bob Bobroff, Lewis and Lea Brown, ~~Bob Brown~~, James Fox, Russell Hill, Bil Holcomb, Norman Holth, Happy Ison, Hy Meltz, Ralph Ohwiler, Claude Pallister, ~~Bob Satter~~, Alan Stachin, Frank Vanetta, Robert Whitehead, Ed Wolski, and Bob Womack.

We also mourn the passing of two of our honorary members Rev. Fred Iseli and Fred Pitts.

## Auction Nights

Our recent auctions have been successful financially with some of the best participation and material which has helped our members and our treasury. This is because we have been getting better material in our reserve section. However, this success has brought the problems of too much for sale and a breakdown of the process. The January 5 meeting is the next auction, and this is the one that we encourage members to bring items for club donation with all proceeds to go to the treasury.

For this next auction we ask the following.

1. As many as possible bring at least one item worth \$3 to \$5. We need these funds for our treasury.
2. In the open section, please limit your offerings to two items per member. We will limit this to 40 items on a first come, first served basis.
3. In the reserved bid table, we will start with those items that are initialed by those willing to meet the starting bid. Only after these are hammered down will any other lots be brought forward and only within reasonable time restraints.

## Apfelbaum Speech

At the FLOREX awards banquet, John Apfelbaum made some interesting remarks about our hobby. Although the US Post Office claims millions of stamp collectors, their basis of claim is weak. Apfelbaum commissioned a research project to identify whether his company was reaching the potential stamp market. The results said that realistically there are about 120,000 serious collectors in the US. Of these a small percentage actually belong to a stamp club or are engaged in philatelic exhibiting. My reaction is that we club members are the backbone of our hobby. Paying our dues, supporting the philatelic press, patronizing our favorite dealers, and sharing our hobby with young collectors and friends makes our hobby possible. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to support our club with our funds, our participation and attendance at club meetings, and our support for the hobby which gives us so much pleasure and the chance to make new friends with so many interesting people.

Sincerely,  
Steve Patrick