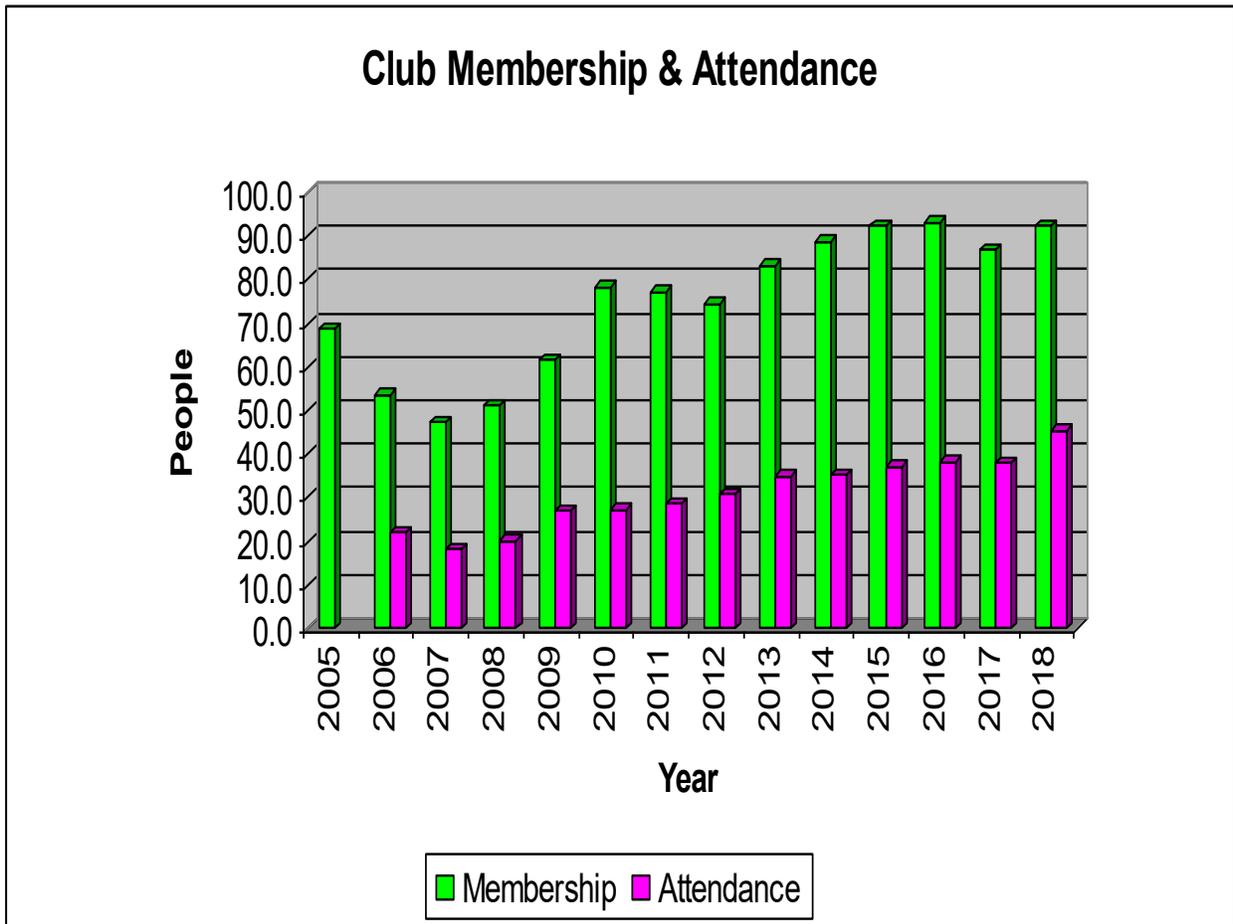


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The Cover Story

Membership and Attendance Trends



Program Schedule (Dec/Jan/Feb)

December — The first meeting on 12.05 will have the always delightful Larry Stiles presenting on “Remembering Peral Harbor”. The second meeting on 12.19 is the ever popular Holiday Gathering pot-luck dinner with the GLUE 2019 Awards being presented.

January — The first meeting on 01.02 will be the annual donation auction to benefit the treasury of the CFSC. Dig into your closet and find something you no longer want to keep and donate it for the auction. This event is an important way that club finances itself. There is a \$5 minimum on an item. The second meeting on 01.16 is the annual membership meeting for the election of a new slate of officers. Your attendance is requested as the outcome of this vote will determine the direction of the club into the immediate future.

February — No presentation topics are scheduled at this time.

November Meeting Recaps

The first meeting of the month was a warm and humid Thursday. The nomadic pre-meeting dinner group met at Little Saigon — with 13 in attendance. The meeting had 42 signed in for the presentation by Henry Jehan on glowing stamp designs. Great job Henry! The silent auction sold 21 lots for \$403.10.

The second meeting night began with a nice crowd of 16 enjoying food (at Little Saigon) and conversation. The meeting signed in 50 eager philatelic members. A. Stephen Patrick did a great job telling us all about post office murals and the related history. The silent auction sold 31 lots for \$413.25.

Dinner Plans — In Flux!

Call Francis at 407.493.0956 for real-time information if you want food.

Membership Dues Renewals for 2020

The dues notices have been mailed to the address of record if not picked up at a meeting in November. Please pay promptly. Your attention is deeply appreciated by all involved.

Shirts are Available

We have lovely shirts for our membership to wear. They come with a pocket and cost \$20. Make sure you contact the Editor before hand as they are kept offsite.

Event Calendar 2019/2020

FLOREX 2019	December 13-14-15
CFSC-Winter One Day	February 1, 2020
CFSC-Spring One Day	April 4, 2020
CFSC-Summer One Day	June 13, 2020

For more info: www.FloridaStampShows.com

New Member X 2

John Ryan calls Lakewood Ranch home and collects Canal Zone, U.S., world wide and covers. **Chris Bailey** from Eustis collects Australia & all dependencies, New Zealand & all dependencies along with U.S. and Canada. He brings our membership roster to 107. Can we make 110 — before the end of 2019?

After Glow — December

There is no AfterGlow scheduled for December. The schedule will resume in January of 2020.

FLOREX 2019

The sign up sheet for the greeting table will be at the first meeting of December. There are still holes to fill. There will be a \$5 gift certificate given to each person who completes there time block, limit one per day. Come out and support your only local WSP Show. Wear your club shirt.

As 2020 Approaches.....

Elections for 2020 are moving forward with Josh Furman supervising. We currently have thirteen nominations for the BoD. There are nine seats on the Board to be filled. The biographic sketches of those running will appear in the January 2020 newsletter.

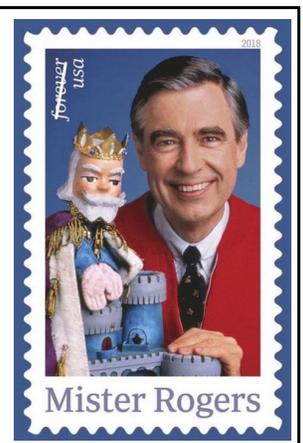
Holiday Gathering 2019

The team of A. Stephen & Linda Patrick will be coordinating the club's annual holiday feast. Food, fellowship and more can be found. As always the main course of turkey and ham will be provided. When you add the wide assortment of side dishes — there is a delicious feast to be had. Spouses are of course welcome along with others you may want to bring. At the second meeting of December (19th) the doors open at 6:00pm with the feeding to start at 6:30 sharp. Come hungry — leave full. There will be the annual GLUE awards revealed and a whole bunch of other surprise stuff will happen.

Quoted

“Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is a active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, here and now.”

Fred Rogers [1928-2003]
American television personality and so much more.



President's Message by Francis Ferguson The Future

Imagine the future of the CFSC. What does it look like? My best guess is – not that much different than what it looks like today. It is not trite to say -- that the events of the past and present lay a foundational structure that shapes our future. That is a statement of fact.

While time brings change – as structures and constructs age/evolve, the basic concept of continuity acts as a stabilizer as that change works through the system. Those individuals that have formed that foundational structure over the last 70+ years did so with no more guidance than those folks that will hold positions of leadership moving forward. Leadership roles are basically a real-time-training course.

With the passage of time, individuals come and go – however -- everyone makes an impression to some degree. Over time the dynamics of a group drive change. Policies and methods that add enrichment to the group foster goodwill and the continuation of the 'status quo'. This builds a foundation that moves the group with unity and direction from year to year.

Change will occur – it is expected – and with change comes new opportunities to see things in a different light. The membership of the CFSC simply must remain involved in how the future unfolds. Being part of the solution is a good thing.

The philatelic press constantly harps on the “decline” of the hobby. Oddly that same theme can be found in press accounts from 100 years ago – and the hobby is still here. It is my strong belief that the hobby will evolve, just as it has over the last 20 years – and it will survive.

Looking back over the last 15 years of the CFSC we have seen a steady rise in membership, active attendance and most importantly personal interactions. Case in point: the meeting of 11.07.19 had at least a dozen groups chatting between 6:00pm and 6:45pm – it was affirming to see! What I saw on display -- was a group of diverse individuals coming together as a club to be a family of one.

The pattern of growth is obvious and can be found in the statistics that have been compiled and written up by David Allen. Look at the data – facts are facts. The data set shows how the efforts of the past and present have tied together to give us a firm foundation to move forward. We know that what we have done in recent years has generated positive outcomes, thus forward we march with purpose and direction.

How do you see the future of the CFSC?

This column is part three of a four-part final series that will end in January of 2020, with the completion of my tenure as president of the CFSC.

Serendipity — LVI by The Editor

Stupid eBay — One Off — Clothing seller — sells stamps?



The picture to the left is one of four listings by an eBay seller that will blow your mind. For the princely sum of \$59.99 you can own this spectacular common stamp — and you get free shipping. This seller has been around since 2012 and seems to mostly sell clothing — the recent attempt to sell this “Vintage George Washington 1 Cent Stamp Green Old Rare” item is tilting at a windmill — to quote a phrase. There are three other listings by the eBay seller that are equally outlandish. The total of those four listings is a little north of \$600 — with the actual cash value of the four listings not even ten cents. This person obviously needs to stick to selling clothing.

Listings like this are a drag on the real stuff that is offered on eBay from knowledgeable sellers. There should be some mechanism to vet items on eBay. Sadly there is not.

The Central Florida Stamp Club is a 70+ year old organization governed by a Board of Directors elected by the general membership every two years and dedicated to the enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting.

- Membership is a reasonable \$25 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for nearly 20 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting runs from 6:00-6:45. The business side of things from 6:45-7:10. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 7:15 until 8:10 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 9:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the SUN-PEX show in June of each year. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX, and many of the smaller local shows held in the Orlando area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: CentralFloridaStampClub.org
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, a monthly bourse buy/sell newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.

Central Florida Stamp Club



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