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Greetings

This is the last BULLETIN of the 2011-12 philatelic season. The club does not operate during July and August; publication of the BULLETIN will resume in September.

It has been another great year in every respect. Many thanks are due to all the 'spark plugs' whose assistance has made this Club one of the more vibrant in the city. No names are mentioned for fear of missing someone.

Many thanks are also due to retiring Directors **Gord Payne** who during his tenure on the Board of Directors always gave us sound advice and to **Stan Shakespeare** for serving as our Secretary for a number of years. Stan entertained us with his humour prior to reading the minutes. Gentlemen, your time and dedication are very much appreciated. Stay healthy.

The reason this issue is a bit late is that I was in Ottawa serving on the Jury Panel for the ORAPEX '12 National Stamp Exhibition. At this show one of our members, **Denzel Fernandes**, participated as an exhibitor for the first time at this level. See below for more details.

Although this is the last BULLETIN before summer, we still have another two months of interesting activities before we close.

I wish you all a pleasant summer with a lot of sunshine in your lives.

Frank

Spring 2012 Invitational Auction



Another Invitational Auction was held on 24 April 2012 when **Reay Cairns**, our in-house auctioneer, hammered 62 lots. The total catalogue value was calculated at \$6,899.00. Here are the results and the comparison between the last 'Fall 2011' auction and the 'Spring 2012' auction

Summary	April 2012		Dec 2011	
	No.	\$ amount	No.	\$ amount
Attendance	36		31	
Number of vendors	10		7	
Lots tendered (cat value)	62	6,899.00	50	2,560.00
Lots sold (cat value)	44	5,491.00	44	2,247.00
Total price realized		688.00		419.00
Average lot sold		16.00		9.50
Commission (10%)		68.80		41.90
Number of buyers	13		15	
Average buyer spent		53.00		22.00

Annual Stamp Exhibition



Our 59th Annual Stamp Exhibition took place on the evening of 08 May 2012 in the Auditorium of the Fairfield Centre. 33 members were in attendance

enjoying the displays and the question and answer period.

16 members participated in the three categories:

Single-page 9 members

Multi-page 3 members

One-frame 4 members

Each exhibitor was given up to 5 minutes to describe what his/her display was about and to provide pertinent information to help those who would be selecting the preferred display.

The selection was done by ballot followed by lively questions raised by exhibitors as well as collectors. Answers and constructive criticism were provided by accredited judge **Frank Alusio**.

After counting the ballots recorded by **Art Leduc** and **Sid Mensinga**, the following members were declared winners:

Single-page **Denzel Fernandes**

Multi-page **Peter Yang**

One-frame **Mark Stelmacovich**

Congratulations guys!

To plan, program and set up such an event takes time, energy and a lot help from volunteers. Many thanks are conveyed to all participants, attendees, and volunteers including our official photographer **Don Hedger**, who all made this annual exhibition an enjoyable and successful learning experience.

GTAPA News



On 23 May 2012, the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance (GTAPA), to which our Club is a charter member, will hold its Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will take place at 7:00 pm at the Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, 10 Summerhill Avenue, which is one subway stop south of St Clair on the Yonge St. line.

All members of affiliated clubs are invited. This is a great opportunity for members to bring the Single-page exhibit and compete with other affiliate members for prizes.

Let's bring ours. We normally do well.

2012 - 2014 Elections

As previously announced, the election of the Board of Directors will take place the evening of 22 May 2012. **George MacLean**, the Nominating Chair, reported that two (2) new nominees have agreed to join the Board.

Our Constitution states the following:

ARTICLE IV - THE BOARD

The Board of the CLUB shall consist of six (6) Officers and a maximum of six (6) Directors. The Board shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Term

The Officers and Directors of the CLUB shall be elected by ballot for a two-year term with the election held bi-annually at the first regular meeting of May of even numbered year. The term of office shall commence on 1 September and shall conclude on 31 August.

These are the members who have agreed to run for election or re-election on the Board of Directors for the 2012-2014 bi-annual terms.

Officers

President	Frank Alusio
Past President	Reay Cairns
Vice President	Don Hedger
Secretary	Rhonda Kavanaugh
Treasurer	Fred Colbourn
Membership	Chris Edwards

Directors

Fred	Froud
George	MacLean
Aulis	Narhi
Rob	Taylor
Robert	Timberg
Vijay	Vijayakumar

Congratulations

Felicitations are in order for our fellow member **Denzil Fernandes** for receiving two Silver Awards at ORAPEX 2012 National Philatelic Exhibition held in Ottawa on 5-6 May 2012. His One-frame exhibits were:

'Alphabets Spell Life for Travelling Post Office'

'Some Squared Circle Postmarks of British India'

All the exhibits in the show were judged by a Jury panel of Six:

- 3 International
- 2 National
- 1 Apprentice

Congratulations Denzel on you very first National scene. This is certainly remarkable. We at WTSC are very proud of you and also thank you for your keen interest in our Club and philately in general.

This is one of the efforts that make our Club vibrant across the city.

Membership

Membership Officer **Chris Edwards** reports the following status of the membership as at the end of April.

Summary		
End of 2010-11		77
Renewals	64	
Reinstated	0	
New members	18	
End of April 2012		82

Thanks to our announcements in the local community tabloids and our website we are able to attract new members to our Club. However, there is always a number of members who decide not to renew.

May - Jun 2012 Calendar

All the activities are scheduled on Tuesdays

May 01	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
May 08	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Annual Stamp Exhibition
May 15	7:00 pm	Michel Houde will speak on: - The British Consular Post Office in Bangkok - Scented Stamps
May 22	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions and Elections
May 29	7:00 pm	Board Meeting Library Room
Jun 05	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Jun 12	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting & Show-and-tell
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions
Jun 19	7:00 pm	Discussion Group Round Table Discussion and 2012-13 Program Formation
Jun 26	6:30 pm	Doors open
	7:00 pm	Meeting
	7:45 pm	Live & Silent Auctions Awards Presentation

