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President's Message

The 2014-15 philatelic season at WTSC is off to a great start. The auctions continue to be a highlight and have been most successful for both sellers and bidders – Thank You Reay.

The Discussion Group session under Garfield's leadership was also a hit. Participation was excellent and the material presented informative. As well, thank you to those who participated in the Show and Tell / Learn and Share opportunities during our regular sessions. Learning together allows each of us to gain knowledge and to get deeper into our hobby; appreciating it even more. Looking forward to your continued participation.

Thank you for your patience as I learn the role of President. Frank left a "big shoes to fill" but continues to be a great mentor. If there is anything I can do to be more effective for our club please let me know.

Membership

As at the end of September, here is the current status:

End of August 78
Renewals 53
Reinstated 1
New members 2
Paid-up to date 56

We are pleased to see back **Stan Baj** and welcome new members **Lorna Hedger** and **Peter Piszko**.

There are 25 members who have not yet renewed. The dues are still \$15.00 until the end of October; after that, it will be \$20.00. So, do it now.

In the spirit of friendship do wear the name tag!

Auctions

Reay Cairns has reminded us that our Fall Invitational Auction is fast approaching. The date is 9 December 2014. The minimum catalogue value for each lot is \$20.00; the maximum number of lots per member is 10. Let Reay know with how many lots you will be submitting. This is required so he will prepare the list of all lots.

October Activities

All meetings are held on Tuesday evening. Doors open 6:30 pm, meeting start 7:00 pm.

Oct. 07 \sim The Machin Study Group, under the leadership of David Gooderham, will meet at 7:00 pm. (Room 1)

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Oct. 14 \sim Regular Meeting, Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction. The Auction starts at 7:15 pm. (Room 1 + 3)

Oct. 21 ~ <u>Discussion Group</u>. Our Guest Speaker will be **Ingo Nessel** who will present a visual presentation on all aspects of Hong Kong philately.

In the 1980's his career in the shipping business gave Ingo the opportunity to travel to over 40 countries. His first visit to Hong Kong convinced him to focus on Hong Kong philately and postal history.

Ingo has gradually become an exhibitor, a writer of articles and most of all, enjoys speaking on a wide variety of stamp-related subjects. He considers the sharing of philatelic knowledge to be a delightful way to feed his passion for lifelong learning. (Room 1)

Oct. 28 ~ Regular Meeting, Exchange of information, Show-&-tell and Auction. The Auction starts at 7:15 pm. (Auditorium)

The GTAPA Challenge Award 2014

The Bramalea Stamp Club is hosting the 20th Annual GRVPA "Grand Fair" with 10 or more GRVPA and GTAPA clubs bringing up to 700 Circuit books.

Part of the event there will be a One-frame stamp exhibition (three from our Club) to compete with others GTAPA clubs.

West Toronto Stamp Club will be represented by Chris Edwards, Denzil Fernandes and David Gooderham with their One-frame exhibits.

The event will be held on Saturday, 25 October 2014 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at Judith Nyman Secondary School, 1305 Williams Parkway, Brampton ⊠