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Rob Timberg, Editor

President's Message

Welcome to the 2013-14 philatelic season. I hope everyone had a great summer.

Stamp collecting is a hobby to be shared and enjoyed. Collecting, it is said, enhances our driving skills, sharpens our minds, enriches our lives, and builds friendships that bind us together. The hobby is fun, satisfying and relaxing. Let's be sure to tell our non-collecting friends how great this pastime is, and consider inviting them to a meeting or stamp show.

Your executive has assembled another exciting program ranging from hands-on demonstrations to guest speakers to exhibiting. We've tried to ensure something for all, whatever your level of collecting.

After the successful auction trial at the end of June, a decision was made to institute the new auction process this year. Members are now able to walk-in lots and receive payment the same evening. Please familiarize yourself with the new guidelines and instructions previously sent by e-mail or included with this Bulletin for those who do not have Internet access.

Whether you come to socialize, buy or sell, participate in discussions, or whatever, I hope you will find much of interest and value this year. I also hope you will support, to the extent you can, our 50-50 raffle which helps cover some of the Club's operating costs.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who freely give their time to the Club. We could not operate without you. My sincere thanks.

This is the Club's 79th consecutive year of operation. Let's make it a great one.

Happy collecting!

2012-13 in Review

Meetings - We held 17 regular meetings and auctions (2 fewer than usual due to renovations at the Fairfield Centre) one of which was our Annual Exhibition, and 9 discussion group sessions of which 7 were presentations by in-house and/or special guests. In addition, the Machin Study group held regular monthly meetings.

Membership - We experienced a slight drop in membership from 84 to 77. Eleven members did not renew, 2 moved to Western Canada and sadly 1 passed away. However, 6 new members joined and 1 was reinstated.

Auctions - 2012-13 was another active year for auctions chair Reay Cairns and his assistants. Despite the fact that several auctions were not held, we did not fare badly. 1,418 lots were processed and 954 sold. \$4,268 was the total sales amount, and \$427 the Club's commission. The average number of sellers at each auction was 10, and buyers 19.

Website - Our website has been somewhat dormant for a while due to handover of webmaster duties from Rob Taylor to Denzil Fernandes. Denzil has been familiarizing himself with the system and will continue updating the site as soon as possible.

Annual Stamp Exhibition - Our 60th Annual Stamp Exhibition took place on May 14, 2013 with 10 members and the Machin Study Group participating. In attendance enjoying the displays and taking in the Q&A were 39 members and 2 visitors.

Financial Update

Frank Alusio and Rob Timberg ("Auditors") conducted the annual financial audit of the Club's books at the home of the Treasurer, Fred Colbourn.

The financial records maintained by the Treasurer, and the Club's transactions, were found to be satisfactory.

2012-13 was another positive year. Income (\$2,405) exceeded expense (\$2,257) by \$148.

In the opinion of the Auditors, the Summary, Statement of Income and Expense, and Reserve General Fund, of the WTSC for the year ending August 31, 2013 represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Club.

The Annual Financial Report was presented to the Board of Directors by the Financial Committee (Fred Colbourn, Frank Alusio and Rob Timberg) and approved by the Board, as was the Operating Budget for the upcoming 2013-14 year.

The 2012-13 Financial Report is available to members upon request.

GTAPA

The GTAPA has asked its member organizations, one of which is your Club, to again remind their members to consider writing articles for publication in GTAPA's PhilaJournal. Articles are to be sent to the editor, Susan Butler, at subtler@ilap.com

Articles should be on a topic of interest to GTAPA members. Reflective articles should have a philatelic perspective, and opinion pieces should maintain a positive tone. Two-page articles work best (800 words or 400 words per page).

Due dates for a particular publication are set out at the bottom of page 3 of each issue of PhilaJournal; however feel free to submit material at any time, as soon as you have it ready.

Our Members

Mark Stelmacovich exhibited at the Royale 2013 in Winnipeg (June 21-23) and the APS Stamp Show in Milwaukee (August 8-11), earning Silver-Bronze and Bronze, respectively, in Single Frame Competition for "Ukraine's Unissued Stamps".

Frank Alusio authored an article, "The Evolution of Thematic Philately", recently published in RPSC's The Canadian Philatelist (Sept-Oct 2013). Frank also will be speaking to the Barrie District Stamp Club in October on "Single-page Display", "How to Create a Single-page" and "One-frame Exhibit".

Rob Timberg has joined the editorial committee of the Journal, the publication of the Postal History Society of Canada.

Garfield Portch will be speaking in September to BNAPS' Golden Horseshoe Regional Group and to the London and Middlesex Stamp Club, and in October to the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, on "Analytic Philately and the Greene Foundation".

If you have done something interesting, or know a member who has, please let us know. If we don't know about it, we can't let members know of the achievements and accomplishments of others.

Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendars, the Christmas dinner is booked for Friday, December 13, 6:30 pm, at the Canadiana Restaurant, 5230 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke (6 Points Plaza). Details will be provided in the Nov-Dec newsletter.

Membership

As of August 31:

Summary		
Begin 2012-13		84
Renewed	70	
Reinstated	1	
New members	6	
Not renewed	11	
Deceased	1	
Moved	2	
Begin 2013-14		77

Sadly, one of our members closed his album for the last time this past year: Jack Kewen (863). Our sincere condolences are extended to his family.

This is also the time of the year when we renew our membership in our Club. The annual fee, if paid before October 31, remains \$15 as last year.

The \$15 fee may be given to Chris Edwards, Membership Secretary, at a meeting or mailed (cheque made payable to the West Toronto Stamp Club) to Chris at:

**WTSC Membership Secretary; #505-63
Waterford Drive; Etobicoke, ON M9R 2N7**

Sept – Oct 2013 Calendar		
All activities are on Tuesday (doors open 6:30 pm)		
Sept 03	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Sept 10	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, reports from directors, and auctions
Sept 17	7:00 pm	Discussion Group (Dan Buss): "Fundamentals of Collecting: what, why, how, researching, purchasing, developing pages, etc."
Sept 24	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, show and tell, and auctions
Oct 01	7:00 pm	Machin Study Group
Oct 08	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, show and tell, and auctions
Oct 15	7:00 pm	Discussion Group: "Visit to Vincent G. Greene Foundation: the library and its contents"
Oct 22	7:00 pm	Regular meeting, short information session, and auctions