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President Sid's Message

First of all, thank you to John Wilson for his presentation on the "The Postmaster Chops of Hong Kong" at last month's discussion group. John's excellent presentation was not only informative but also underscored the importance and value of systematic philatelic research. By sharing his research, John allowed us to understand a postal delivery system in a complex place, foreign to most of us.

Be sure to attend next month's discussion group on January 19 where Rob Taylor and Garfield Portch will share their expertise regarding "Grading and Pricing of Stamps" and "Paper Making and Watermarks".

To those who shared at our regular meetings during our Show and Tell / Learn and Share times, thank you. Hearing from fellow members is always interesting and of value. In the New Year, if you haven't yet done so, consider telling us about a resource you use or a new or interesting philatelic find or item from your collection.

The upcoming Club Christmas festivities on Friday, December 18 at 6:30 at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza, should again prove to be another memorable occasion and an opportunity to strengthen and build on the fine collegiality and friendships that exist amongst members in our Club. If you still wish to attend, send me an email no later than Thursday, December 3.

Members are reminded that during the month of December we will only be meeting December 1 (Machin Group) and December 8 (regular meeting).

I trust you are looking forward to the coming festive season and might even be dropping hints or sending notes to Santa about that philatelic item you hope to find under the tree. On behalf of the club executive, **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to you and yours and be sure to take time to enjoy family, to share with those who are less fortunate as you reflect on the meaning of the season.

Sid

Canadian Stamp News

The December 1 - 14, 2015 issue of CSN has an excellent article on October's discussion group presentation by Dr. Robert Galway. Be sure to read it.

Membership

As of November 30, we have 78 paid-up members, 8 new members, and 10 members still to renew, for a total active membership of 86. Four members have closed their albums for the last time, and 2 have resigned.

We welcome 3 new members: Felix Jimenez (# 1076), Fred Workman (# 1077) and Les Czarnota (# 1078). Our sincere welcome to all.

Members are reminded to wear their name tags to meetings. Not everyone knows everyone else.

Board of Directors 2014-2016

These are the sparkplugs who make things happen within the club and keep it functioning.

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