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President's Message

Dear Club members, as we do every year at this time, we look back and reflect on the year that was, and we look forward with great anticipation to the year that lies ahead.

We carry the lessons of the past with us while looking forward confidently, secure in the knowledge that we can do anything in this great hobby to which we set our minds.

Working together, we can and will demonstrate to all our confidence in the future of our Club and our hobby. Though fair-sized, our Club is vibrant and successful. Great things lie ahead of us. Each day will bring new challenges which we will overcome.

Our Club was built by collectors with imagination and creativity. These remain our secret weapons against adversity. As the world shivers in its woes, the WTSC does not, for we have a positive vision of the future which we are pursuing every day with zeal and vigour.

And so as we begin a new year, we do so with confidence. This year, like all others, will have its obstacles, and its opportunities too. Each challenge will bring us together and each accomplishment will make us stronger.

The philatelic world looks on us as an example of a thriving, well-run club. We must never hesitate to live up to the responsibility that follows. We can indeed achieve anything to which we put our minds as we work together to lift our Club to even greater heights.

In the previous issue of the Bulletin, I mentioned that George MacLean had stepped down as one of the 2 Club representatives to the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance. I am very pleased to advise members that George has been awarded a GTAPA Certificate of Merit for his service to the GTAPA and our Club.

In closing, I would like to ask that we congratulate and wish each other renewed friendships and much happiness for the coming year.

As your President, I want to extend to you and yours my very best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2014. May all your dreams come true.

Happy collecting!

Frank

One-Frame Display

Stamp clubs across Canada have been invited to participate in the Edmonton Spring National Show, March 22-23, 2014 with a One-Frame Display.

The frame, consisting of 16 standard 8.5x11 pages, will have a Title Page to introduce the club and may include meeting place and time, membership and history. Each remaining page is to be supplied by a different club member. However, if this is not feasible (particularly for smaller clubs), a member may provide up to 4 pages, so that the exhibit will be made up by at least 4 members.

Club members are invited to participate in this project. If interested in being part of the team, please let President Frank know as soon as possible, and provide him with the title of your Single-Page.

Let's make every effort to have every page prepared by a different member.

Good luck!

The Elections are Coming

In May 2014 Club members will be called upon to elect the board of directors for a 2-year term, from 2014 to 2016.

Many of the current board members have been heavily involved with the Club for years, some for decades. To grow and continually meet the needs of members, the Club needs a constant infusion of new directors.

It is very important that your Club have a strong, vibrant and active board. Please seriously consider standing for election. If you are not in a position to do so yourself, please consider whether there are other members of the Club who would make good directors, and provide us your thoughts.

Thank you everyone for giving this your thoughtful consideration.

Fall Invitational Auction

The Club held its semi-annual Invitational Auction on December 10. Because of bad weather only 31 members attended, down from 39 in 2012. As well, many lots were not sold.

We owe a special thank you to Reay Cairns and Denzil Fernandes for their great work, and reliability.

Details of the auction and a comparison to the December 2012 auction follow.

| Comparative Table | | |
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| | Dec 2013 | Dec 2012 |
| Attendance | 31 | 39 |
| Vendors | 11 | 13 |
| Lots | 60 | 64 |
| Catalogue value | \$9,291 | \$5,380 |
| Lots sold | 33 | 52 |
| Total selling price | \$352 | \$664 |
| Avg selling price | \$11 | \$13 |
| Commission | \$35 | \$66 |
| Buyers | 13 | 19 |
| Avg buyer spent | \$27 | \$35 |

Amounts rounded to nearest dollar.

Our Members

In December George MacLean received a GTAPA Certificate of Merit (see under Christmas Dinner).

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

Seventeen members and guests attended the annual Christmas dinner held Friday, December 13 at the Canadiana Restaurant, 5230 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke (6 Points Plaza). The dinner was excellent. Ladies present each received a box of chocolates. Several prizes were awarded in a random draw.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation to long time Club member, and former Club representative to the GTAPA, George MacLean of a GTAPA Certificate of Merit in recognition of his long

and dedicated service to the Club and the GTAPA. George, our sincere congratulations!

Membership

As of December 31:

| Summary | | |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Begin 2013-14 | | 77 |
| Renewed | 67 | |
| New members | 1 | |
| Did not renew | 10 | |
| December 31, 2013 | | 68 |

For those still to renew, the \$20 annual 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

If you know of anyone who is into the hobby and not a member of a club, please consider inviting them to attend one of our meetings to sample what we have to offer. We have a lot to share with fellow collectors, so please don't be shy telling people about your Club.

Jan – Feb 2014 Calendar

All activities are on Tuesday except for the Board of Directors meeting (doors open 6:30 pm)

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| Jan 07 | 7:00 pm | Machin Study Group |
| Jan 14 | 7:00 pm | Regular meeting, show and tell, and auction |
| Jan 21 | 7:00 pm | Discussion Group (Members): "Show and Tell" |
| Jan 28 | 7:00 pm | Regular meeting, short informational session, and auction |
| Jan 30 | 7:00 pm | Meeting of the Club Board of Directors |
| Feb 04 | 7:00 pm | Machin Study Group |
| Feb 11 | 7:00 pm | Regular meeting, show and tell, and auction |
| Feb 18 | 6:30 pm | Discussion Group (Mattia Guida): "1852 - The First Stamp Issues of the Roman States" |
| Feb 25 | 6:30 pm | Regular meeting, short informational session, and auction |