



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Club enters the final month of the 2010-2011 calendar. The final order of business for the Club is the election of four members to the Board of Directors. A total of 12 members serve on the Board. Each member serves a three year term, and Board members can run for an officer position in the Club. It is the Board of Directors who govern Club matters and not the Officers. The four members up for election are Bob Meegan, Kevin Suckow, Larry Cherns and George Gates.

Notice was given both in the newsletter and prior to meetings for members to run. Thus far no members have stepped forward or expressed interest. Therefore prior to the auction on May 6<sup>th</sup>, one last call for nominations will take place and then a vote will be taken. If no additional nominations are made, it will only necessitate a show of hands to formally place the four current nominees onto the Board.

We certainly want to encourage some "fresh blood" to volunteer to be on the Board of Directors. We don't want to have to rely on the same people to do the jobs of the Board year after year. It's not an enormous amount of work, and it's a good way to get to know more members and increase camaraderie. If not this year, please consider becoming a Board member!

## MAY CALENDAR

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors Election and **Auction**

May 20<sup>th</sup>: Presentation by Irv Tesmer

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: "Welcome to Summer" **Auction**

## FINAL CALL FOR DUES!!!!

Dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. This is the final notice for 2010-2011 dues. If you are not paid up you will get a call from Casey. Non-payment of dues results in your name being removed from the Club rolls.

## OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis  
Vice President: Bob Meegan  
Secretary: Al Carroccia  
Treasurer: Tim Carey  
Membership Chairman: Casey Kielbasa  
Auction Manager: Dan Sherwood  
Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: George Gates  
Bourse Chairman: Bill Witschard

### IRV TESMER PRESENTATION PREVIEW

Irv Tesmer will give his annual presentation on Western New York postal history on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have attended any of his presentations in the past, you know they are spectacular and informative. His material covers all aspects of Buffalo and Western New York postal history. Be sure to attend this noteworthy presentation.

The cover shown below is representative of the cancels applied at the Buffalo Post Office. It was on eBay for \$15 and is a Calkins Type V cancel from 1835. The 10 cents paid the rate over 300 miles. This is an excellent example of Buffalo postal history and is attractively priced.

Hopefully, this cover will get you into the mood for Irv's presentation!



### MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm.

Check out information on the Club and other tidbits of miscellaneous and interesting Philatelic information on our Club website: [www.buffalostampclub.org](http://www.buffalostampclub.org)

### APRIL MID-MONTH MEETING

Larry Cherns was the highlight of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Using slides to display some of the choice pieces of his written letter history, he showed a sequence of chronological correspondence. Some of the letters were from relatives of Benedict Arnold and gave some insight to the mood of the day toward this shunned American traitor. Many examples that Larry showed proved to be both humorous and representative of life-style issues throughout the 1800's. Discussions of health, travel, financial concerns and political turmoil dominated the most interesting pieces – just as they probably would today.

Larry has his pieces documented, re-written and summarized, so they are easy to read and understand. We thank Larry for sharing his edition of philatelic history with us!

### LATE NEWS

An item that we mistakenly forgot to mention in last month's newsletter was the winner of the BUFPEX Stamp Jar guessing contest! One of our own members, Charles Telford, had the closest guess. Believe it or not, there were 8,030 stamps in that jar!! GOOD GUESSING, CHARLES!!