

## EXPANDING COLLECTION

By Larry Reilly

I have been collecting stamps since childhood with gaps in between while in high school and raising kids. Now in my late 60's and in a club for the first time, both of my sons have joined me. I've gotten enjoyment buying stamps at our club auctions and on eBay, but you can only look at them so much before becoming bored. After seeing the exhibits of fellow club members, I got inspired and gave it a try. The research and assembly of my first exhibit was great, and I am currently working on the next one. After going through a mixed box that I purchased at one of our auctions, I found tons of interesting stamps with no place to mount them. New albums can be costly, so I looked for album pages that I could download from the internet.

The APS web page

<https://classic.stamps.org/free-album-pages> has beautiful US pages you can get for free for years 2008 and on, along with other miscellaneous smaller groups.

<http://stampalbums.com> gives you the ability to make your own special pages with different borders and grids, if needed.

One of the best and varied sites I found was [www.worldstampalbum.com](http://www.worldstampalbum.com). This site has most countries with copies of collections in color. So far, I have used pages for Monaco and Germany which I put in clear protectors with two pages back to back. The results have been great and have allowed me the ability to do a few pages at a time for the stamps I have accumulated from different countries at little cost. This has opened up a whole new phase of stamp collecting where boredom has no place.

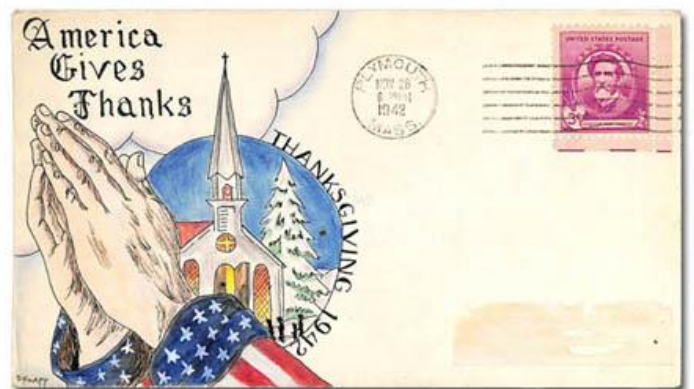
(Larry enjoys collecting with his sons, Kevin and Sean, all members of the Buffalo Stamp Club!)

## HOLIDAY PARTIES

John Leszak has arranged for the Club to join the Leonard Post for their Holiday Party on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 PM. There will be dinner and dancing with a live band playing. So bring your significant other or come alone and join our group of Club members. We're promoting this event so that we get a large enough attendance to fill a few tables. There will be an open cash bar available. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available shortly. Tickets should be available for purchase at the Autumn Stamp Festival. It will be a perfect opportunity to get together with folks from the Leonard Post. Who knows, there may be stamp collectors who are members of the Leonard Post. Stay tuned for further details.

## *Holiday Social*

The Club will still have its own Holiday Social after the auction on December 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be pizza, wings and other goodies available. Thanks to Alan Davis who organizes this event every year. So, join in the camaraderie and enjoy some food and beverages. We'll try to get through the auction quickly, so we can relax and celebrate together!



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**



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## NOVEMBER NOTES

The Club is off to a fast start. There have been four auctions and two presentations. All the events had strong turnout from the membership. We now head into November with the Autumn Stamp Festival scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed is another card with a reminder and information for the Autumn Stamp Festival. Pass the card on to someone or post it in a conspicuous spot. Club support makes these events successful.

We are lucky to have a strong Club. Many clubs and societies are not so lucky. The American Airmail Society is one organization that is struggling. Declining membership and rising costs are forcing the AMS to begin a fundraising campaign. They are looking for funds over and above dues and donations to stay viable. It is not only the national and international organizations, but Clubs at the local level. Keep this in mind as you pull out that modest \$12 to pay your annual dues. The annual dues basically cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Again, we are fortunate to have growing membership and strong support for our auctions and our stamp shows. So please, come and support the show, support the dealers, eat lunch at the show, and promote the Club to other attendees. Successful events allow us to increase our ability to give more back to the membership and continue to promote the hobby! We all appreciate it!

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Auction**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>: Festival Setup at 6:30 PM**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>: Autumn Stamp Festival**  
Show Hours – 10 AM until 5 PM

**December 7<sup>th</sup>: Auction and Holiday Social**

Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga

**Auctions** begin immediately following any business and announcements which starts at **7:15 PM**. Get here early enough to view auction items. Seller deadline for submitting Lots is **6:45 PM**

**Presentations** begin at **7 PM** in the Happy Room.

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## OCTOBER PRESENTATION

The October 12<sup>th</sup> presentation by Larry Cherns covered the “Mail Correspondence of Post-War Germany, 1945-1955.” A dozen members were in attendance as Larry addressed the question of what happened to Germany after the war. His slide presentation began with vignettes from a short film that explained the background to this turbulent period. Larry outlined the important references that are significant to understanding the period.



Larry showed different covers from the period and read the letters. The correspondence was difficult to listen to as each one told of misery and suffering.

The letters that Larry showed put the era in perspective. Larry explains that reading the historical content is one way to experience first-hand from the correspondence, which is critical to understanding the events that occurred during that era.

## RICK BARRETT

Once again, Rick has promoted his book and his research of Pan American Cinderella's with a 12 page article in the Fall edition of the *Western New York Heritage* magazine. If you're not familiar with this magazine, we highly recommend it for WNY history with very interesting articles 4 times a year.

## PATRICK KERINS

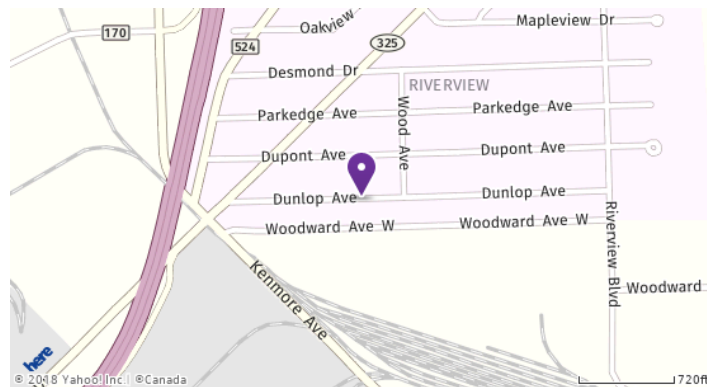
(1951-2018)

The Club was sad to learn the passing of Club member Patrick Kerins on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Dan Sherwood related the news to the Club and told us that Pat was the nephew of former Club member Leo Nowicki. Pat collected Ireland and was fond of stamp collecting. Dan told the Club that Pat loved stamp collecting. Pat faced numerous health issues, but overcame each one. It was stamp collecting that helped Pat overcome his obstacles.

The Club will miss Pat and sends condolences to his family.

## IRV HILS

Member Irv Hils is unable to attend Club events due to eyesight issues. He would really like to come to the auctions at the Leonard Post, if members living in the area where he lives would be so kind to give him a ride. Irv's address is 97 Dunlop Avenue, Tonawanda. The area is where Sheridan Drive angles towards the Dunlop plant. Kenmore and Sheridan are near the I-190.



Irv's phone number is 875-1524. If you can help Irv out, give him a call. Thank you.

## FREE ATA CHECKLIST

This year's free holiday checklist—ATA's gift to the philatelic community—features **WITCHES** on stamps. It is downloadable from the main ATA web page, [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org).

## AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Autumn Stamp Festival will take place on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Leonard Post. Hours are 10 Am to 5 PM. There will be at least 10 dealers scheduled and the United States Postal Service.

The Club hospitality table will be near the entrance. Members are needed to help staff the table and greet visitors. Raffle tickets for the hourly drawing of the \$5 voucher need to be passed out to each person. Show covers from previous shows will be for sale. Applications for membership will also be available. It will be nice to have a bunch of members available so one person is not stuck at the table for the duration.

Setup will take place on Friday beginning at 6:30 PM. The only work involved is moving tables and chairs. The work typically takes 30 minutes to complete. Afterwards everyone retires to the bar, where tradition has Casey Kielbasa buying the first round. Thanks Casey!

## KIDS CORNER

Yes, the Kids Corner will be set up at the show, so if you know any youngsters, encourage them to come. If you have any topicals already sorted into groupings, please help with any donations. Please do your part to encourage active participation of youth in the area.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes the following new members:

**Walt Drabek.** Walt was a guest of the Club at the October 12<sup>th</sup> presentation. He told everyone that he “collects everything.”

**Kim Marie Kielbasa.** Kim collects penguins, lighthouses and Disney stamps. Put it another way she collects “anything pretty.” Kim is the better half of Casey Kielbasa.

## UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Syracuse Stamp Show 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Maplewood Suites, 7 North St., Thruway Exit 36 or I-81 Exit 25. Contact Ed Bailey, 315-345-9647.

## VINNY DURICK

Dan Sherwood reports that member Vincent Durick is ill. Vinny has been unable to attend meetings and has been undergoing treatment. Dan requests prayers for Vinny and we hope to see him soon.

## CLUB DONATIONS

The Club was fortunate to have donation lots at the October 19<sup>th</sup> auction. Larry Lyons donated a box of material. Larry is a regular contributor of material. Member Bill Fenske also donated some material. Lastly, Alan Davis is breaking down a collection from Dr. Melvin Chertack donated to the Club by his son, Craig Chertack, which will appear in future auctions. The Club appreciates these donations. Not only does it support the Club, but also offers new material to our eager members. Look forward to these donation lots that add to the variety of our auctions.

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