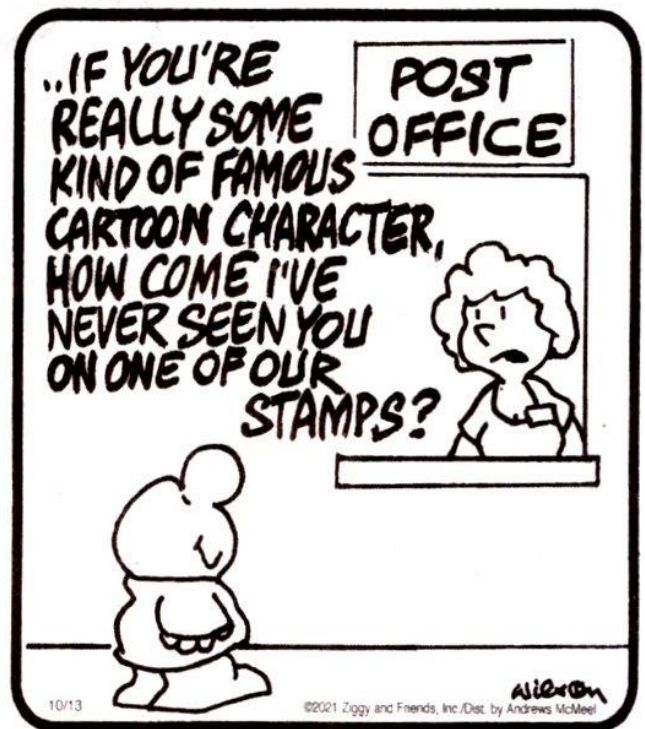


## DONATION LOTS



In case you have not noticed, there have been a number of donation lots in the Club auctions. The Club was fortunate to receive this large donation which includes album collections and topical collections. The albums are clean and the stamps in mounts. Most of the collections contain common stamps. However, the albums and pages are in excellent condition. If you are considering a new country or topical collection, consider bidding on one of these lots. You will get a nice album, some stamps, and you will be helping the Club. Although there are a number of FDC albums, there are binders of Pope John Paul II, 2004 Summer Olympics, Cuba, later US, and some country collections. Our next auction isn't until December 2<sup>nd</sup> but be sure to attend and take special note of the donation lots among the auction items. They are exceptional deals – nice quality at low starting bids. As you know, there are always good deals at the Club Auctions!

Ziggy



## HIGHEST HONORS TO BOB MEEGAN

As many of you know, Bob Meegan is a specialized collector of early US Domestic Letter Rates and has an extensive exhibit. He has put great effort into it over the years and continues to refine and improve it and has been exhibiting it at World Series of Philately (WSP) shows nationally. At these shows, his exhibit, "United States Domestic Letter Rates from the Act of 1792 to October 1, 1883" has now won 10 Gold Awards which means that at least 50 national judges have unanimously voted it as a gold exhibit. To honor the exhibitor, Robert Meegan, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) has awarded him the **Diamond Award** to recognize this sustained excellence and accomplishment. Bob will only be the 111<sup>th</sup> person to ever reach this achievement. Bob will receive the award at the Garfield Perry Show in March 2022 – the week after BUFPEX. We can't wait to see the award and congratulate him on this enormous achievement. Well done Bob!!



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## AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Buffalo Stamp Club calendar has taken a direct hit from the pandemic. In 2020, meetings and presentations were cancelled beginning in April (right after BUFPEX 2020). We had one auction in October and one in November 2020, but the surge forced more cancellations until March 2021 when we cautiously re-started auctions, which meant no BUFPEX in 2021. But at least we were able to resume meetings and even squeaked in the one-day End of Summer Show in August. Now finally, the Autumn Stamp Festival returns!

For the Club, the Autumn Stamp Festival is the beginning of a busy season. After this bourse, the Club will begin preparations for BUFPEX 2022 which is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully, all our members will be able to attend the Autumn Stamp Festival. If you plan to spend the day, why not set aside one hour to help at the Club hospitality table or youth area. We'd like to see more members involved & engaged in the tasks that ensures the Club remains viable. With 125 members, there should be no shortage of help.

Will you step forward and help the Club?  
Let's get things going again!

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Autumn Stamp Festival

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Auction and  
*Holiday Social*

**Meetings: Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road,  
North of William St., Cheektowaga**

**Auctions** begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

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## TOM WRZOSEK



The Club learned that member Tom Wroszek passed away on October 7th. Tom specialized in United Nations and Poland. In September 2017, Tom gave a presentation to the Club – “Covers from the Port City of Danzig”. With 17 members in attendance, he showed stamps and covers from both the German and Polish post offices and explained its significance in bringing on World War II. His collection included complete sets of both mint and used stamps from 1920-1938 along with propaganda cards, flight cancels, and covers showing fascinating usages franked with overprinted Danzig stamps. He was an astute and avid collector. His grandson, Aaron, was also at the presentation, and Tom often brought Aaron to meetings. The Buffalo Stamp Club will miss Tom and express our sincere condolences to the family.

### 2022 CALENDAR DATES

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction

**Saturday & Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>:**

## **BUFPEX 2022**

**Mark Your Calendars**

## WORLD TOILET DAY

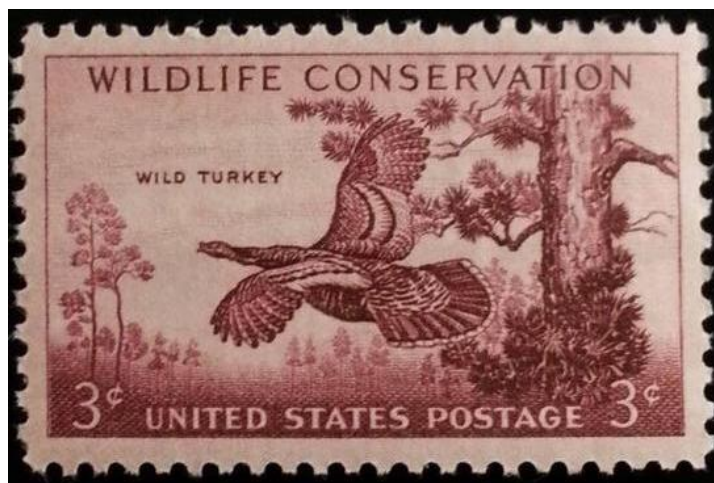
It should not surprise anyone that November 19 is World Toilet Day. It has been celebrated since 2013 when the United Nations adopted a Resolution raising awareness for sanitation, which is a serious worldwide crisis. This year the UN issued 3 stamps showing how toilets, water and hygiene are essential for safe sanitation.



The stamps are issued by the UNPA in New York, Geneva and Vienna

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**David Gardner:** "...I just want to learn about stamps in general, the different methods of selling them, and possibly get some assistance from members once I get an understanding of the hobby..."



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
**To all our members!!**



## AROUND -THE-WORLD COVER

Take a close look at this cover.



What looks like a beat up cover is a unique, rare piece of postal history. At first glance, it looks tattered, inviting a novice collector to cut the stamps off and soak them. A close examination reveals a cover with a story.

Looking at the postmarks there are two New York City cancels, June 7, 1903 and

June 14, 1904. You might dismiss the 1904 cancel as an error, but the other postmarks prove that this cover went around the world with postmarks from 14 cities and 11 countries! The cover is franked with the stamps of US, Canada, Newfoundland, and New Zealand which kept the cover moving from country to country.

The postmarks identified are:

Then:

New York City, June 7, 1903	St. Johns, Newfoundland, June 16, 1903
Vancouver, Canada, July 2 and 7, 1903	San Francisco, July 10, 1903
Christchurch and Auckland, New Zealand, August 6, and 11, 1903	Honolulu, August 25, 1903
Hong Kong, September 23, 1903	

The cover then spent 5 months in Hong Kong! It was again cancelled in Hong Kong on February 4, 1904 to continue its journey:

Columbo, Ceylon, March 5, 1904	Johannesburg, April 3, 4, 6, 9, 1904
Batavia and Soerbaja, Dutch Indies, April 15, 1904	New York City, June 14, 1904



The cover was sent registered as can be seen by the numerous registry labels. It is a genuine commercial use cover.

Philatelic around-the-world covers are docketed with instructions as to where the cover should be sent. As can be seen, this cover

has the delivery crossed out multiple times.

The cover traveled in a generally western direction. Speculation as to why the cover spent 5 months in Hong Kong include holding the cover for the recipient to claim it. When the post office realized the cover was not claimed, it sent it on its way. It continued west until it was returned home.

The significance of this cover is that it was mailed before airmail delivery!  
No, this cover will not be in the Club auction any time soon!