

THE PERFECT GIFT



Obviously, Tim Carey's wife knows how serious he is when it comes to stamp collecting and his collection. The perfect Christmas gift for a serious philatelist!

BUFPEX CANCEL

The Bufpex Show Cancel was finalized and submitted with the help of Alison Potenzo, USPS Buffalo Customer Relations Coordinator. We'll have a cancel for both Saturday and Sunday, March 23 & 24 show dates, and also trying to get one made for the actual Total Eclipse Day of April 8, 2024, which would be available at the main post office.



(Cachet designs forthcoming)

JOHN LESZAK UPDATE



In case you weren't at the last meeting or didn't hear the news, John Leszak was in a 5K race on New Year's Day at Old Fort Niagara and collapsed after 0.2 mile. Luckily, he received immediate help from healthcare workers who were also racing. The story was in the *Buffalo News* Friday, Jan. 5th on the front page of the *City & Region* section with a headline of "Angels help save life of Blasdell man in race".

He had triple by-pass surgery Thurs., Jan. 4th and was back home by Wed., Jan. 10th. We were glad to hear that he had no complications and sent greetings to everyone at our meeting on Jan. 11th.

Today, as I write this, John says, "I'm getting better day by day... some days I surprise myself and feel like business as usual, other days, I get tired for hours after a very minimal task.

To sum up what happened, I collapsed at the race, fell forward and cut my knees open, tried to get back up, fell backwards and smacked the left backside of my head on the pavement. Then, I was dead for 10 minutes, with no pulse or respiration, got jump started 3 times, and a pulse returned. I got some busted ribs from all the compressions that were done on me. I was taken to St. Mary's in Lewiston for a CAT scan of my head, but I was too severe a cardiac case for them and was transported to South Buffalo Mercy where I had triple bypass. My voice is still a whisper from being intubated. Other than that, I feel better day to day... they took an artery from my left arm and 2 veins from my right leg for the bypass. Those sites are healing nicely. About all the pain I have left is in my left rib cage and right thigh where they removed one of the veins. I feel very blessed to be alive!"

We are all looking forward to John's full recovery!

PICTURES FROM JANUARY AUCTION

January 11, 2024 at The Knights Hall



Nice crowd on hand for the January Meeting/Auction

DOES IT MATTER WHERE YOU PUT THE STAMP??

