



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## APRIL NOTES

I hope everyone was able to attend BUFPEX. The dealers were kept busy, especially Saturday, and were happy overall with the show. The exhibits were outstanding as visitors stopped to view the frames. Thanks to all Club members who helped make BUFPEX a huge success with setting up and tearing down frames and cleanup. Thanks to all who helped at the Club table, youth table and silent auction. Special thanks to Alan Davis and Dan McNess for coordinating all the details.

With BUFPEX over, the Club enters the final two months of the Club calendar. The final order of business is the annual Board of Directors election. The election is important for the Club as it ensures the Club continues to move forward. While there are already four candidates, the Club encourages other members to step forward to help the Club. Thank you.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

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

**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction

**At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga**

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

**Presentations** also begin at 7:00 PM

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

## OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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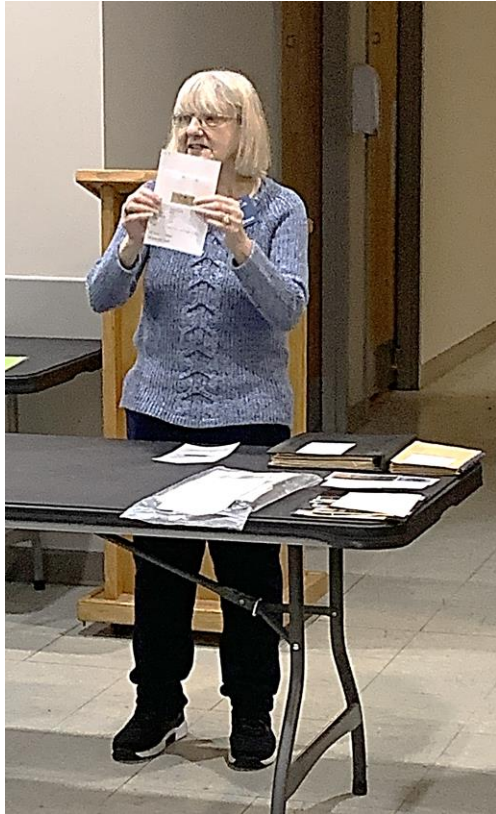
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## **MARCH AUCTION**



Sandy Zahar filled in as auctioneer at the Club auction held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Sandy did a great job as she worked through 150 lots of material. Thanks Sandy!

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

The Board of Directors election will be held before the auction on May 8th. The ballot as of this month is:

**Al Carroccia**  
**Dan McNess**

**Barb Kern**  
**Paul Moore**

Any Club member is encouraged to run. Please contact Alan Davis, if you have any questions or are interested in becoming a Board Member.

## **USSS PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

A new award was available beginning this year at BUFPEX. The United States Stamp Society President's Award medal is given at local and regional shows to the "best U.S. exhibit of postage stamps, revenue stamps and/or stamped paper of the United States". Paul Moore was awarded the 2025 United States Stamp Society President's Award medal for his exhibit "The Erie Canal: Its Construction, Operation, Navigation & Commerce". Paul's award will be published in a future issue of *The Specialist*.

Congratulations, Paul!!

(See picture on insert)

## **FRED L. KOEPF AWARD**

Casey Kielbasa was awarded the Fred L. Koepf Award for outstanding service to the Buffalo Stamp Club. Casey is both a Cub member and dealer who not only is an ambassador of the Buffalo Stamp Club, but of philately. He is a constant supporter at all Club events.

Congratulations Casey!

(See picture on insert)

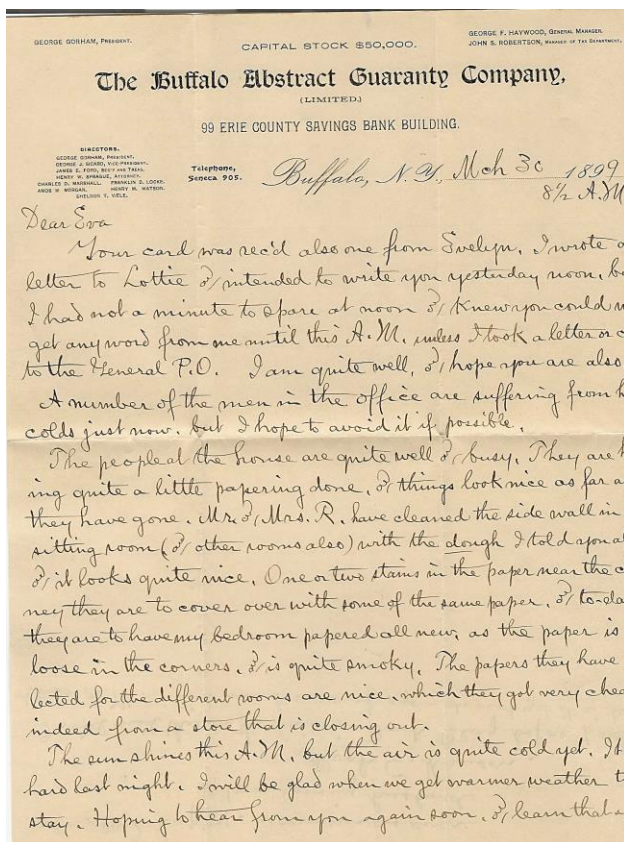
## **ARTICLES NEEDED!!!!**

We're always looking for contributors to the newsletter – topics, items, photos. Send us anything you find interesting that is worth sharing. You know that we all have something to share – and we all enjoy hearing about it! This is your newsletter! Email pictures and a story or description of your favorite or more interesting item to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis.

## APRIL PRESENTATION

Larry Cherns will present a topic very dear to him on April 24<sup>th</sup> – postal history and correspondence. The title of his presentation is “Foreign Covers and Postcards dated mostly before 1956 with interesting correspondence.” Larry tells us that the “interesting correspondence” elicits emotion, gives biographical information, medical information, humor, opinion and advice.

We always look forward to seeing Larry. It has been several years since he last did a presentation, and we hope to see him more often at Club events.



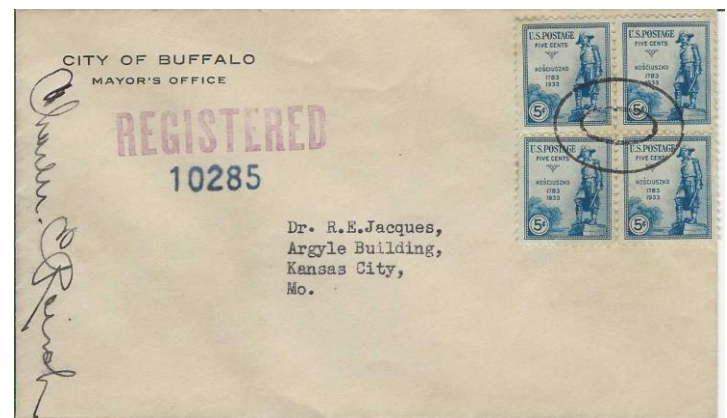
Correspondence dated March 30, 1899 at 8:30 am. Larry will be showing letters similar to this one. One question that comes to mind is how many people today still write letters such as this and whether they can write in cursive?!

## APS BUS TRIP

The Club will be planning a bus trip to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania to visit the American Philatelic Society Center. The trip is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 23rd. Departure will be early in the morning and return early evening. We haven't done this in a number of years – it's fun and a good opportunity to visit the APS Center.

If you are interested in the trip, let Tim Carey know. Details of the trip to follow.

## UNIQUE FDC



The above first day cover is unique. The registered cover is backstamped October 13, 1933 in Buffalo, one of the first day cities for the 5 cent Kosciuszko stamp (Scott 734). What makes this a unique cover is that it was sent from the City of Buffalo Mayor's Office and is signed by Mayor Charles E. Roesch. Roesch served one term as the 49<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Buffalo from 1930 to 1934. The Kosciuszko Foundation in Buffalo was instrumental in having Buffalo as one of the first day cities for the Kosciuszko stamp.

## **POSTCARDS MAKING MEMORIES**

**By: Joe Brzezowski**

As many of you know I have been fortunate enough to have travelled the world in my work as a Field Engineer for a large compressor company. You may also know that my wife Gail and I are frequent travelers to all parts of this great world.

When our first grandchild was born, I started to send postcards from each Country I was assigned to. Then, as Gail and I started our trips, we would send the cards from all our vacation destinations.



Well as the years passed, Anthony, our grandson, started to take the cards to school to talk about the places his travelling granddad went. This was quite a big deal for him. He was a student at Dilley Elementary in Dilley, Texas with a population of only 3,200 people. The town is, as my grandson says, "In the middle of nowhere". He has over 100 postcards, all different.

One day a few years ago, my daughter-in-law laid out some of the cards from their box and sent a picture to us to show that they kept them all and still wanted more.

## **POSTCARDS MAKING MEMORIES** (Con't)

Now, years later Anthony is 22 years old and a plumber's apprentice, enjoying a great start in life. He still asks about our travels and sees the cards we send to his parents and younger sister.

We will keep sending them as long as we are healthy and can continue to explore the world. We also started the same tradiditon for our two middle grandchildren who live in Los Angeles, California.

Our 3-year-old granddaughter, Pia, lives in Houston, Texas. She has six postcards in her collection and her parents read them to her. Then, when we have our facetime visits, she holds them up for us to see when she receives them. Hopefully, this will continue for a long time and we can send her more postcards and spark the flame to travel the world, grab a few postcards and a lot of memories.

## **NAMETAGS**

If anyone is interested in obtaining a Buffalo Stamp Club nametag, please let Alan Davis know. The cost of nametags is a mere \$5.00!

A Nametag promotes the club and encourages name recognition among members. Let's get to know everyone – by name.