

## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to our President, **Bob Meegan**, who won Gold for his Rate Study Exhibit at the Garfield-Perry show held March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Cleveland, Ohio. Next stop for Bob's exhibit is ROPEX. **Tim Carey** will also exhibit at ROPEX. Let us know if you plan to exhibit at ROPEX or any other show so we can get the news out.

This just in. Catching up on past issues of the *Philatelic Literature Review*, it was learned that **Rick Barrett** won Gold in the Literature competition at APS StampShow held in Columbus, Ohio last August for his book *Buffalo Cinderellas*. It won in the Handbooks category.

Also, Rick published an article in the Fall 2018 *Western New York Heritage* Magazine that touched on the Pan-Am cinderella labels covered in the book.

**Alan Davis** has a copy of Rick's book available for purchase. The cost is \$50. See Alan for details.

Hopefully, **Irv Tesmer** and **Dave Przepiora** will submit their book, *Postal History of Buffalo New York, 1805-1905* to the APS StampShow this Summer! Their book is also available for purchase at \$20. The book is available from Irv, Dave or Alan Davis. Irv and Dave will even autograph the book for you!

Hats off to **Bob Meegan** and **Alan Davis** for the work they put into the BUFPEX show program. The program, at 8 pages, received many compliments and answered all questions visitors asked. It even had a calendar of events through the remainder of the season and a new member application on the back page.

## BUFPEX THANK YOU'S

Thanks to all the dealers, exhibitors and United States Postal Service for participating in BUFPEX.

Special thanks to **John Leszak** as Bourse Chairman who coordinated BufPex as an **ATA Hotspot** and recruited several out of town dealers that were new to BufPex.

Thanks to the following who helped make BUFPEX a success:

**Silent Auction: Paul Moore, Pam and Kelly Kreuzer, Heidi Rust**

**Publicity: George Gates**

**Exhibits: Bob Meegan**

**Show Covers: Bob Meegan, Alan Davis**

**Show Cancels: Bob Meegan**

**Show Brochure: Alan Davis, Bob Meegan**

**Exhibit Judges: Tom Fortunato, Bob Meegan**

**Club Hospitality Table: Dan McNess, Bennie Passantino, Val Ignatjew, Kelly Kreuzer**

**Stamp Jar: Al Carroccia**

**Food for 2-Day Event: Alan Davis, Dan Sherwood, Heidi Rust**

**Set up and tear down: Tim Carey, Alan Davis, Dan McNess, Dave Gerace, Tom Costelloe, Larry, Kevin & Sean Reilly, Dan Sherwood, Elliot Hume, George Mohr, Paul Moore, Matt McLean**

**We know there were others that weren't mentioned. Thanks to everyone for the good turnout of volunteers. It's everyone's participation that makes it all worthwhile and not only ensures a successful show, but also promotes the Buffalo Stamp Club as a great club.**



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## BUFPEX!!

BUFPEX is history! The Club's premier event was a huge success. There has been nothing but positive comments from visitors, dealers, exhibitors and Club members. Attendance was strong both days, especially on Sunday with the weather not cooperating. First-time dealers have indicated that they'll be returning to BUFPEX and have also asked about future shows in addition to BUFPEX!

Many thanks to all who helped with BUFPEX! This year, more than two dozen people were involved with BUFPEX. With an increased number of volunteers, setup and tear down went quickly, as members stepped up to help with the frames. Next year's BUFPEX can only be better.

With BUFPEX concluded, the Club takes a deep breath and slows down to a more comfortable pace. The last Club business is the election of four Directors to the Board. The election will take place in May. It is an opportunity for members to get more involved, and thereby help guide the Club into the future.

## APRIL CALENDAR

**April 5<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>: Club trip to APS Center, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Auction and Board Election**

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.

## OFFICERS

President: Bob Meegan ([meegan9697@roadrunner.com](mailto:meegan9697@roadrunner.com))

Vice President: Alan Davis ([ddavis504@roadrunner.com](mailto:ddavis504@roadrunner.com))

Secretary: Al Carroccia ([fuzzy9600@verizon.net](mailto:fuzzy9600@verizon.net))

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Candice Vogel ([f.cat777@yahoo.com](mailto:f.cat777@yahoo.com)),

Bennie Passantino

## MARCH PRESENTATION

The March presentation was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Casey Kielbasa** presented Part 2 of his "Live People on Stamps." Casey discussed those stamps that portrayed living subjects in violation of the USPS policy that prohibits it.

Identifying living subjects in the stamps issued in the later half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was already addressed by Casey in Part 1, so it was the recent stamps that got attention.



A recent issue of *Linn's* had reported that the skier in the 34-cent (Scott 3605) and later the 37-cent (Scott 3740) *Greetings From America* issue, was misidentified. A woman reported that she was the skier in the stamp. And although the photographer, who took the photograph, said it was a different person, he could not positively identify who the person was!

Stories such as this make living persons on stamps an interesting topic. Thanks to Casey, we are now aware that living people may appear on stamps, especially with today's advanced state of technology.

## CLUB DUES [ ]

If there is a red [X] above, you are in danger of being dropped from the membership. Please remit \$12 to Casey Kielbasa, PO Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154 by April 16<sup>th</sup>. **THIS IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE!!!**

## APS BUS TRIP



**Tim Carey** has announced that the Club Field Trip to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania will take place on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tim reserved a bus, with a restroom, for a comfortable ride.



The bus will leave the Leonard Post at **6:30 AM** for the 4-hour ride to the APS Center. There will be refreshments on the bus with lunch being served at the APS Center. The bus will depart the APS Center around 4 PM and returning to the Leonard Post by 8 PM.

The APS Center has plenty to offer. There will be tours of the facility available. The APS Library will be open for research, browsing and purchase of books. One can look through circuit books or the stamp store to purchase stamps and covers. The Expertizing service is available to examine material, and there are lots of displays and exhibits to view. If you feel like working, the APS will even put you to work preparing circuit books or sorting stamps in the youth area.

Contact Tim Carey immediately if you are interested in traveling to the APS Center. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The annual election for Board of Directors will be held prior to the Auction on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four members to the board will be elected to serve a term of 3 years. The Board of Directors is the administrative and executive body of the Buffalo Stamp Club. The Board comprises 12 Club members in good standing (dues paid!) serving a term of 3 years. No more than 4 Directors are elected each year. It is the Board of Directors who choose the Officers. If you would like to serve as an Officer, you need to be elected to the Board. The Club Constitution provides for the Board to govern the affairs of the Club.

The following Directors have their terms expiring in 2019:

**Al Carroccia**  
**Dan Sherwood**

**Candy Vogel**  
**Bill Witschard**

Two of the Directors have indicated they will not pursue a new term. Their names will not be on the ballot. There are 5 Club members, so far, who have expressed interest in serving on the Board. If you are interested in being considered for the Board, give your name to **Alan Davis** or **Bob Meegan** who will be on the committee conducting the election. They would like to have nominations by April 26<sup>th</sup> so the ballots can be prepared prior to the meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ballots will be passed to the members present prior to the auction on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee will count the ballots and announce the results to the membership. A list of those Club members interested will appear next month.

## STAMP JAR

Club member **Keith Roesch** was the winner of the stamp jar contest which was held during BUFPEX. His guess of 5,127 stamps was the closest to the 5,600 stamps. There were dozens of guesses ranging from 110 to 26,000! I'm guessing that the hints helped with the wide range of guesses (LOL). Thanks to all those members who donated stamps.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

**Mike Niethe** - collects US, Canada, Canal Zone and Mint Singles. Mike joined at BUFPEX.

**Jeff and Evelyn Welton** - Jeff collects US, Germany and precancels. Evelyn (Junior Member) collects topical stamps.

## FRED L. KOEPF AWARD



President Bob Meegan along with last year's award recipient, Tim Carey, congratulate Al Carroccia as the latest member to receive the Fred L. Koepf Award. This award recognizes those who have shown Philatelic Achievement and Outstanding Service to the Buffalo Stamp Club. Al has faithfully served on the Board of Directors for several terms and as Club Secretary, maintains club records and archives. He sends Club updates to various publications and, most notably, is the editor of our monthly newsletter. As you have noticed, the quality of the newsletter has improved greatly as it has grown to 6 pages and won a Vermeil Award from the APS two years ago.

The Fred Koepf Award recipients are chosen by those who have previously won this prestigious award, which includes Bob Meegan, Irv Tesmer, Bill Witschard, Dan Sherwood, Alan Davis, and Tim Carey. Join us in congratulating Al for his achievements and value to the Club.