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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

**PRESENTED TO MAY DAY TAYLOR, BRUCE KELLOGG, AND
BROCK COVINGTON**



At the Washington Stamp Collectors Club first ever awards banquet, Outstanding Service Awards were presented. The club's constitution and by-laws provides for the awarding each year of two awards for outstanding service; one to a non-club member for outstanding service to philately in the Washington Metropolitan Area, to be called the Gantz Award, and one to a club member for outstanding service to the club, to be called the DeVoss Award.

This year's Gantz Award was presented to May Day Taylor for her work in publicizing the romance of philately through her research and publishing the story of the Alexandria Blue Boy. Bruce Kellogg and Brock Covington were both awarded the DeVoss Award for their work in merging the Collectors Club of Washington and the Washington Philatelic Society together into the Washington Stamp Collectors Club.



President's message ...

Holiday Spirit

Four meetings from now, we will again celebrate the Holidays with the Club's Holiday Party and Donation Auction. Without a doubt, any member who has ever attending one of these, either at the WPS or the CCW, in the past will agree that this event was always a "high note" of the season. The food is unbelievable with chicken, noodle dishes, salads, pies, cakes, cookies, a great punch, and usually a fish surprise by yours truly. It is the Best of the Year. The event is mostly about having fun, winning a few stamps, or buying a Christmas gift for someone at home. It's not too early to plan on what food you are going to bring and, most importantly, what to bring to the auction. An autographed best seller, a foreign oddity, an interesting stamp or collection – all of these, and more, are needed. It is more, however. The donation auction is the centerpiece. It's also about trying to bring the WSCC bank account up to par with expenses. This year, we have the potential of having the largest party in decades. Bring your checkbook and have fun.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

With this newsletter, we begin a new feature. At Phil Uhlmann's suggestion he will write a column profiling individual members. With the merger of the two clubs there are many members who are unknown to many other members. His column is intended to be a short sketch giving a little background such as hometown, what they do when not collecting stamps, as well as what they collect. In short, a little something about the person. When Phil asks for an interview, please agree.

C. A. Stillions, Editor

Gerhard Wolff Wins at BALPEX '06

WSCC member Gerhard Wolff won a Gold Award at BALPEX '06, at Hunt Valley, Maryland, September 1-3, 2006, for his 7-frame exhibit, "Zeppelin Mail", which displayed flown dispatches from Great Britain, former colonies and possessions (Ireland and the Middle East), including treaty mail of other countries for the Egypt flight. Gerhard also showed a 1-frame exhibit titled "The First Zeppelin Issue of Liechtenstein". Congratulations.

WSCC MEMBER PROFILE

by Phil Uhlmann



GERALD MARANDINO A Brooklyn, New Yorker, Gerry is one of at least three WSCC'er originally from Long Island. He says that his dad gave him a stamp album when he was 10 to 12 years old, and brought home plate blocks. This is what started Gerry on the road – not withstanding a ten year hiatus – that eventually led to his become the WSCC's first Executive Secretary.

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS NOVEMBER -- DECEMBER 2006

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| 1 November | Show and Tell (non-stamp collectibles) , Members to bring items they collect that are not philatelic and explain them. |
| 15 November | Swap and Trade |
| 6 December | Digital Philatelic Show , C. A. Stillions will present the digital exhibits from the Digital Philatelic Exhibition at the recent ASDA Fall Mega Event in New York City. |
| 20 December | Holiday Party and Donation Auction |

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet or the DeVoss-Gantz Dinner, which ever you like to call it, was a great success. There were 28 members and guests present for the dinner and presentations of awards. The banquet was our first meeting in October and was held at the Orleans House in Arlington Virginia. A great deal of comradarie was evident and lots of fun was had by all.



WSSC members at the dinner





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Membership information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. Dues are due June 30th and are \$16.00 a year for resident members, \$8.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$8.00 a year for junior members.

Meetings are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street, S. W., Washington, DC starting at 7:00 PM.

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