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## **Doug Lehmann and Virginia Randolph Receive WSCC's Outstanding Service Awards for 2007**



*Photo by Tadas Osmolskis*

At the Annual Banquet Dinner Doug Lehmann received WSCC's Gantz's Award for Outstanding Service to Philately in the Washington metropolitan area and Virginia Randolph received WSCC's DeVoss Award for Outstanding Service to the Club. The Banquet was held 3 October 2007 at the Hunan Number One Restaurant in the Clarendon neighborhood of Arlington, Virginia.

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Doug Lehmann has provided outstanding service with his work with NAPEX, the annual World Series of Philately stampshow of the Washington, DC metropolitan area and more recently serving as Bin Room Manager at WASHINGTON2006.

Virginia is always the first at our meetings and the last to leave. She sets up the meeting room and closes it up afterwards. She serves as the circuit sales manager. Receiving, bringing and send the club's sales circuits, both the United Stamp Society and American Philatelic Society circuits. For this outstanding service she received the DeVoss Award.



*Photo by May Day Taylor with Tadas Osmolskis' camera*

## **MEMBERS ATTENDING 2007 AWARDS BANQUET**

- Front row: Joel Fassler, Lorraine Bailey, Pat Sluby, Tadas Osmolskis, Robin Gates Elliott, Dan Piazza
- Middle row: Matt Cassetta, Virginia Randolph, Bruce Kellogg, Sy Stiss, Eric Brown, Cheryl Ganz, Milton Holmes, Jack Qiao
- Back Row: David Jickling, Don Peterson, Martin Fleischer, John Hardies, Gerry Marandino, Cliff Alexander, C. A. Stillions



## WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS NOVEMBER -- DECEMBER 2007, JANUARY 2008

- 7 November**            **Unexpected Windfall Experiences of Members**, Members to relate to fellow members their experience with unexpected windfalls (preferably philatelic, but not necessarily philatelic related).
- 21 November**        **Members Auction**
- 5 December**        **Swap and Trade**
- 19 December**       **Holiday Party and Donation Auction**
- 2 January 2008**    **Annual Cover Contest**, contest categories are as follows:  
Categories to be voted on by meeting attendees:  
1: most interesting postmark which uses an animal in its name  
2: most interesting modern postal marking(s)  
3: most attractive cacheted foreign first day cover  
4: most interesting slogan or pictorial postmark  
5: most interesting use of patriotic cover  
6: most interesting "wrecked" cover.  
7: postmark with a president's last name (state of Washington or Washington, D.C. do not count)  
Categories to be selected by a panel of judges chosen by the Presiding Officer:  
8: earliest leap year cover, (February 29)  
9: earliest illegal usage of a postage stamp to pay postage (labels do not count)  
10: smallest cover  
11: earliest inauguration day cover

## COMING EVENTS

Upcoming area and regional club sponsored stamp shows and other philatelic events

**2007**

**November 9-11**        **VAPEX, Virginia Philatelic Federation, Inc.**, Holiday Inn - Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Contact David B. Collins, rainbowx2@cox.net; <http://members.aol.com/vashow/>; 757-872-6264.

## ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

by Martin Fleischer, Recording Secretary

**5 September** President **MATTHEW CASSETTA** presiding, 22 members, 3 guest present.

Executive Secretary, **GERALD MARANDINO**, announced the availability of tickets for the October Third Awards Banquet. They may be had from him at this or the next meeting or by mail. The cost is \$25.00 a person. The Banquet will take place at the HUNAN NUMBER ONE RESTAURANT, Clarendon at 7 PM. **VIRGINIA RANDOLPH** reported that there will be a \$40.00 table availability at the Franconia bourse for clubs. Members were urged to consider the possibility of the club signing up for one of these tables to sell material. **DONALD PETERSON** reported that the WSCC website is updated and in tip-top shape. We owe huge thanks to **ERNESTO CUESTA** and **TADAS OSMOLSKIS** for their work on the website, [www.dcstampclub.org](http://www.dcstampclub.org). **DON** also shared a concern which the Springfield Stamp Club is having over **SPRINGPEX**. Apparently there has been a substantial waning of interest in volunteering for the many tasks which it takes to put on a show. **DON** believes that WSCC should seriously consider assisting the Springfield Club in those tasks. President **MATTHEW CASSETTA** pointed out that WSCC involvement in **SPRINGPEX** must be carefully considered. The whole club must be behind the commitment. WSCC welcomes **MATOKO HIROKI** (Ed. Dept. Intern, NPM) as a member. **RENE HELD** of Springfield, VA visited. After 40+ year career in the Navy, **RENE** has accumulated stamps from just about everywhere. The highlight - and treat - of the meeting was a delightful presentation by **DANIEL PIAZZA** of his "to-ing & fro-ing" at **STAMPSHOW** in Portland. **DAN** caught the "ambiance" of Portland and the show venue very nicely! He was able, through his slides, to put a real face next to names many of us have often heard mentioned. A bright spot was a crisp and intelligible series of slices of Vatican and Italian postal history pieces **DAN** either viewed or had purchased from various dealers. **DAN's** grasp of the examples of postal history and usages positively added to the membership's philatelic knowledge. Thanks!

**19 September** President **MATTHEW CASSETTA** presiding, 17 members, 2 guest present

**WILLIAM** and **JANET HUGHES** of Alexandria, VA, visited the club. **BILL** has worked for an international Dutch corporation which involved much world-wide travel. Collecting since a child, **BILL's** philatelic interests are world-wide. USS and APS circuit books occupied much of the members' time. Once again, the membership sat for

**PHIL UHLMANN's** "Phils-atelic Quiz. Questions ran from perfs, to places, to people -- some truly requiring a thinking cap! The winner was **BRUCE KELLOGG** (\$10.00 cash prize) and runner up was **ROBIN ELLIOTT** (\$7.00 cash prize).

**3 October** Annual Banquet, see account elsewhere in this newsletter.

**17 October** President **MATTHEW CASSETTA** presiding, 18 members, 4 guest present.

**JERRY PETERSON**, a world-wide collector, visited the club. From Bolder, Colorado, **JERRY** is currently on a one year contract-exchange at the State Department. **BILL** and **JANET HUGHES** were with us again. **LORRAINE BAILEY** provided two enormous boxes of covers (U. S. A. and world-wide) for club members perusal. Then **GEORGE SHAW** appeared with an even bigger box of former dealer stock. The Material of the French Community predominated but one could find some Austria, Korea, and other countries. As members dove into both types of offerings, the sudden silence was amazing!

## CLASSIFIEDS

Members may place classified ads in the newsletter for free on a space available basis. The submission date for ads is the same as for other submissions, the last meeting of even numbered months. Send you copy to the Editor, C. A. Stillions at the address in the panel on the last page. Hand written or typed, mailed or hand delivered, faxed or emailed, any way is acceptable, but email is preferred.

### STAMPS FOR SALE

37 + 39 cents Hi-Ends	\$17.00 a pound
34 cents and under Low-Ends	\$ 9.00 a pound
Christmas	\$ 1.00 a pound
Bulk Stamps	\$ 1.00 a pound
Appraised value 38 cents and over	5 or 10 cents a piece
Plate # stamps	5 cents a piece
Foreign Stamps	\$15.00 a pound
Order from Stamps for a Living Business, FO18/JHP/OT Dept., 2700 M L King Avenue, S. E., Washington, DC 20032-2601.	



## POLAR LIGHTS FIRST DAY OF ISSUE CEREMONY AT NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

by Daniel Piazza

On October 1st, the U. S. Postal Service issued the Polar Lights commemorative stamps at a ceremony at the National Postal Museum. The following photographs were taken by James A. O'Donnell and are copyrighted Smithsonian National Postal Museum and have been provided courtesy of the NPM.



H. Glen Walker, CFO and Executive Vice president of the U. S. Postal Service, and Alan Kane, NPM Director, unveil the Polar Lights stamps issue.



Speakers, including NPM Curator and WSSC member Cheryl Ganz, sign programs, cover, and stamps



Notable philatelist May Day Taylor and her grandson display their First Day Covers featuring the Polar Lights Issue

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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. (Enter Church Education wing from I Street, S.W.)

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