



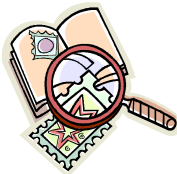
# WASHINGTON CITY DESPATCH



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## Events Not To Miss

### WSCC Meeting Schedule

- May 6**      **Hungerford Album Competition, members display and talk about one or more of their philatelic albums. Always an exciting, diverse, and educational contest.**
- May 20**      **The 3¢ Smithsonian Commemorative of 1946: Design, Production, Usage, Speaker: Dan Piazza (Nationals Baseball parking restrictions in affect)**
- June 3**      **Swap and trade (Nationals Baseball parking restrictions in affect)**
- June 17**      **Member Auction**
- July 1**      **Speciality Society Night: members of specialists societies are invited to speak on behalf of their speciality.**

## Special Shows and Events

- June 5 – 7**      **NAPEX, Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA. Fri: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
- June 20**      **Special WSCC Meeting at the National Postal Museum: Tour of the new FDR Exhibit with Dan Piazza**

## WSCC Members “Win and Place at the Shows”

By Don Peterson

### Members Sweep Awards at APS/TEXPEX

WSCC members continue to make headlines at the nation’s largest philatelic exhibitions. The American Philatelic Society/TEXPEX show in Arlington, Texas, February 20-22, 2009, was no exception.

In the Single Frame Prix d’Honneur, were **Pat Stilwell-Walker’s** “The Dublin Bishop Mark: 1670-1795” and **W. Danforth Walker’s** “Grenada’s War Tax Issue”. **Pat** garnered the key show award, the Single Frame Grand Award, for her “Ship Letter Rates of Ireland: Act of 1711 through Act of 1840”. **Cheryl Ganz’s** two single frame exhibits, “The 50¢ Zeppelin Issue: A Study in Design” and “Uruguay Zeppelin Agency Cachets” each won a Single Frame Gold. The “Uruguay” exhibit also won the American Air Mail Society Medallion. **Dan Piazza** won a Single Frame Silver Award for his “U.S. 3¢ Smithsonian Centenary Commemorative of 1946”. Congratulations to all for your outstanding exhibits and awards.

### WSCC Members Score Big at SPRINGPEX ‘09

On March 21-22, 2009, the annual SPRINGPEX, sponsored by the Springfield Stamp Club, was again a big success and boon to stamp collectors of the area. This year’s SPRINGPEX, more than any in the distant past, brought the best out of members of the Washington Stamp Collectors Club. In addition to buying stamps and covers, WSCC members actively participated at society tables and society meetings, such as the Graebner Chapter #17, AFDCS meeting and the International Philippine Philatelic Society meeting. However, the big news was WSCC members’ huge participation in exhibiting and winning the top awards. Four WSCC members exhibited. Special congratulations go to **William A Sandrik** and **Gerhard Wolf**, who won the two top awards for multi-frame and single frame exhibits. Congratulations to all the WSCC exhibitors. The WSCC member exhibitors and awards were:

**William A Sandrik**, *Quarantine and Disinfection of Mail* won the Grand Award (Best in Show), Springfield Stamp Club Gold, Ronald L. Reiser Memorial Award (Best Philatelic Research), and Virginia Federation Award.

**William A. Sandrik**, *Austrian Ship Cancels on Foreign Stamps* won Springfield Stamp Club Silver.

**William A. Sandrik**, *Austrian Lloyd Postal Agency Cachets* won Show Chairman’s Reserve Grand Award (Runner Up to Best One Frame Exhibit), American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor, and Springfield Stamp Club Vermeil.

**Daniel Piazza**, *Smithsonian Centenary Commemorative* won the Springfield Stamp Club Silver.

**Gerhard Wolff**, *Graf Zeppelin’s Return Flight on the Pan-American Flight* won the Show Chairman’s Grand Award (Best One-Frame Exhibit) and Springfield Stamp Club Gold.

**Gerhard Wolff**, *Graf Zeppelin Stamps from Bolivia* won the Springfield Stamp Club Silver.

**Douglas K. Lehmann**, *Philippine Custom Stamps – 1892 to WWII* won the Sterling Achievement Award (sponsored by the Women Exhibitors), and Springfield Stamp Club Vermeil.

## Program Speakers Reveal Diverse Specialties

By Janet and Bill Hughes

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the WSCC was pleased to have member **Ellen Frost** speak on philatelic propaganda from North Korea and China. She showcased several examples from her collection.



Highlights of her presentation included:

- Stamps as a way to legitimize power, especially when images of countries are shown in solidarity with other world cultures.
- Stamps often show the transition of power from one ruler to the next.
- Stamps include images of cultural heritage being incorporated into state history.
- Many stamps reflect adaptations of well-known works of art describing the grandeur and meaning behind propaganda policy. Excellent examples of Frost's collection included paintings of revolutionary heroes that were either being promoted or demonized.

Stamps she displayed included souvenir sheets depicting leaders of both China and North Korea. Happy school children were also a favorite topic for stamps during the Cultural Revolution.



The souvenir sheet on the far right shows a very young Mao Zedong on his way to the Anyuan Coal Mine in the fall of 1921 to “light the flames of revolution.” This original oil painting was an image which was widely replicated on buttons, postage stamps, and other Cultural Revolution products.

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On April 1<sup>st</sup>, longtime member **Clifford Alexander** spoke on “John Wiley’s One Cent Despatch” at the meeting. Not only is this topic of interest to the club because John Wiley’s Despatch was Washington, D.C.’s only private post, but the One Cent Despatch appears on the top left in the masthead of this newsletter that bears its name.

**Cliff** explained the definition and the legal operating scope of the local posts. Private local posts legally operated within city limits because city streets were not “post roads” and thus did not conflict with U.S. Government carriers. Local posts could deliver to city businesses and homes and take mail to, and pick up mail from, post offices if a U.S. stamp was affixed to the cover.



In March 1856, John Wiley opened the One Cent Despatch on Pennsylvania Avenue. He claimed that he had placed boxes at 200 locations around Washington City, the Navy Yard and “Island” and that there would be five pickups and deliveries each day.

The Washington City stamps are printed in violet brown. There are two types, involving the orientation of the letter held by the courier. **Cliff** also pointed out that the design of the stamp, the figure of a rearing horse, may have been based on the statue of Andrew Jackson at the center of Lafayette Square. This statue was

dedicated in 1853, only three years before Wiley opened his post.

The key dates for Wiley’s Post were March 25, 1856 with March 29, 1856 being the earliest known Washington cover. The latest known use was October 27, 1856. On November 3, 1856, an advertisement in the *Evening Star* announced that Wiley’s Post was being closed. John Wiley tried to expand service to Baltimore with a similar stamp design in September, 1856, but discontinued that operation in December, 1856.

The Washington City Post operated for less than eight months. Speculation on why Wiley’s Posts were short lived and, therefore, unsuccessful include the fact Washington City was not a business or a financial center. Also the 34<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourned from September 1 to November 30, 1856, thus decreasing some of the potential business. Finally, Washington City had seven post offices and a number of government carriers competing with Wiley.

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At the meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, new member **Bob Grafton** shared his interest in collecting early British postal history, especially the Penny Red.



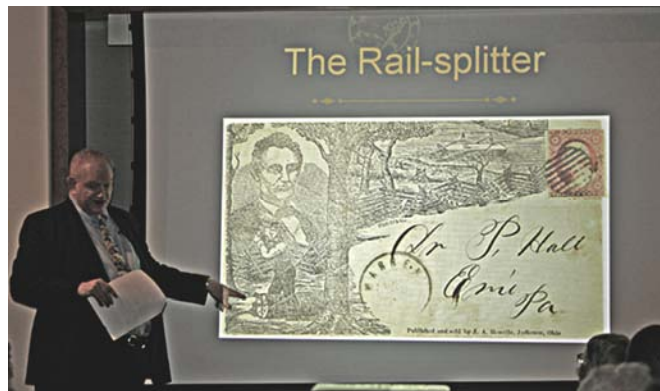
Highlights of his exhibit were covers from correspondence dating to 1839 – 1855, highlighting the progression of use of the Penny Red. In particular, the exhibit featured a cover from 1841, showing the Maltese Falcon as a cancellation mark and a cover from 1855 showing an excellent example of a perforated Penny Red.

The WSCC wants to thank all of these members for sharing their knowledge acquired over many years of research. These presentations demonstrate that philately comprises a vast area of knowledge that can take a lifetime to obtain. But then, that is the excitement of it!

## News from the NPM

There are always programs and events at the National Postal Museum. You can check out the web site at <http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu> for all the latest in educational exhibits, collections, and research. WSCC members are fortunate enough to be located close enough to take advantage of these resources and special events at the museum.

During March, the NPM hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> in a series of annual Maynard Sundman Lectures. This year's topic was **Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War** presented by Eliot Landau. Mr. Landau's award-winning philatelic exhibition *Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War* was on display at the Postal Museum, which combined philately, ephemera, and artifacts in an engaging exploration of Lincoln's presidency, the Civil War, and Black History.



Here Mr. Landau points out details on two popular Civil War patriotic covers produced during the war. The one shown in the top picture depicts Lincoln as a rail-splitter. In the upper portion of the cover, as shown in the picture on the left, two people are working and the names Lincoln and Hamlin are printed on the fence. Hannibal Hamlin was the Vice President during Lincoln's first term. The cover on the right depicts the famous battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack, printed in color by Charles Magnus, a prolific publisher of Civil War patriotic covers.

Also don't forget that the **NPM Library** is still open on the **Third Saturday every month from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.** There are always new updates to the collection that can be researched in the library catalog on line before going. This is always a great and diverse philatelic resource.

## President's Message

By C.A. Stillions

Spring is here and **NAPEX** is not far off. The Washington Metropolitan Area's National Philatelic Exhibition, **NAPEX**, will again be held at the McLean Hilton Hotel at Tyson's Corner. This spring it will be held June 5, 6, and 7. Again this year the Club will have a table in the club room. We hope to have a few give-aways, such as this newsletter and membership information. While we will not be required to man it full time, it will be a good place to meet people, to sit and review purchases while resting one's feet, to leave messages, and to pick-up messages. Please plan to attend the area's biggest stamp show and make use of the club's table.

Spring also brings baseball. While the first National's game to conflict with a club meeting was rained out and thus did not impact parking or our attendance, our second meeting in May and our first meeting in June will both be in competition with National's baseball and thus street parking restrictions will be in effect. There are three parking lots within two blocks of Christ United Methodist Church that can possibly be used; one behind the Southwest Branch Public Library at Third and K Streets, SW (enter lot from K Street), another behind the Presbyterian Church across the park from Christ United Methodist Church, and there is a parking lot on the Fourth Street side of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School. Please let your club's leaders know if you have any difficulty parking on baseball nights.

Some of you have noticed the park in front of our meeting place has been fenced in. It is a construction fence indicating construction is beginning on re-opening Fourth Street SW. The re-opening is scheduled to occur in the spring of 2010. The re-opening will mean more parking, that's the good news; the bad news is it will likely cost more.

Look forward to see you all at our meetings. If not at our meetings, then see you at **NAPEX**.

## Member Updates

Word has been received that member **Tom Stanton** passed away in Jacksonville, NC on February 11, 2009, after a severe battle with cancer. All of the members of the WSCC wish to offer our condolences to his wife, **Dorothy**, and their family. In her note to **President C.A. Stillions**, **Dorothy Stanton** mentioned the many enjoyable years Tom had in the pursuit of collecting and researching philatelic materials. A card signed by WSCC members was sent in April.

Word was also received that the father of member **Eric Brown** had passed away in March. Condolences are sent to **Eric** and his family.

## The Peripatetic Philatelists

Not content with visiting local shows and venues, WSCCers have ventured far and wide to capture elusive items for their collections. The following articles are provided by some of those members, demonstrating that philately is not only fun but philatelists have their own brand of humor.

## A Meandering Trip to Stamps for a Living

By Phil Uhlmann

Those of us who have previously taken advantage of **Don Peterson's** trip invitations to the 'Stamps for a Living' facility at St. Elizabeth's always look forward to a re-enjoyable two morning hours at this amazing philatelic venue in Southeast D.C. This past March 26<sup>th</sup> – a rainy Thursday – a total of six, er...make that eight of us WSCCers were in attendance, including **Don**, our host. On hand were **Lorraine Bailey, John Ehrlich, John Hardies, myself, 1<sup>st</sup>-timer David Wallestad**, and last but not least, **Bill and Janet Hughes**. Our newsletter editors had a virtually indescribable (mis)adventure getting to St. E's, replete with construction zones, unexpected one-way-only streets, and well, you get the picture! But these veterans of the Appalachian Trail did not give up, and were fortunately able to share the last half hour with the rest of us. Note from the editors: If there are 100 ways to get to St.E's, we found the 101<sup>st</sup>.

## Bellefonte III

By Jill Piazza

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania was not a safe place to be on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10. Five members of the Washington Stamp Collectors Club descended *en masse* upon the American Philatelic Society for two days of buying, collecting, researching, serious eating, and fun! Virginia Randolph, Matt Cassetta, Dan and Jill Piazza and fellow philatelist Don Sever, took the exciting journey to see what new items were to be had. Thursday found Don seriously looking through circuits in the sales division, working with his extensive want list. Jill worked on her Vatican Christmas collection and collected loads of materials to give out to her stamp collecting first graders. Dan was swayed by Matt and Virginia to move his Italy collection toward fine used stamps. Virginia and Matt spent a day plundering cases of dime and quarter covers; they are nearly finished with those worldwide collections. After dinner at a fabulous Italian restaurant on Thursday evening, there was a meeting of the philatelic minds in the Piazza hotel room as circuits and purchases of the day were reviewed by all. Friday morning started early with a healthy breakfast followed by an intensive day of searching through boxes of stamps and covers. Before embarking on the trip away from the philatelic Mecca, the crew stopped at the Penn State Creamery for some homemade ice cream to quell the sadness of the departure. In the end, though, fun was had by all. Bellefonte IV is planned for May 29-31.



Filling that want list is serious business for Don Sever, here in the APS Sales Division



Here Virginia Randolph is in her element, surrounded by philatelic plunderings.



Just what we wanted to see: Dan Piazza in his 'jammies' enthusing over a fine, used Italian airmail set.



Past President Matt Cassetta caught in the act of ravaging a case of commercially used foreign covers.

## Members in Print

### Douglas K. Lehmann Untangles Easter Seals in *The American Philatelist*

Member **Douglas K. Lehmann** wrote a fascinating story about Easter Seals in the April 2009 issue of *The American Philatelist*. The Easter seals have an interesting history, with sparks of controversy over their 75-year presence. Doug's article not only describes the history of the seal, which supports the treatment for handicapped children and adults, but its differences with the Christmas seal and the connection with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He also tells about the seal's spats with the National Tuberculosis Association, American Lung Association, and of all places, Sweden. And after all of that, the seals are not listed in the Scott Catalogue. Read the article. You will enjoy it. Congratulations to WSCC member Doug Lehmann.

### Patricia C. Sluby Highlights Philatelic Inventions of African Americans

Member **Patricia Sluby** is a Registered Patent Agent, lecturer and freelance writer who has written a book called *The Inventive Spirit of African Americans*. In this book she traced the path of African American inventors and patent holders from all fields. Among the most notable are four which have philatelic connections. P.B. Downing invented the "protective public mailbox" in 1891. In 1892, George Becket invented the familiar house door letter box. William Barry devised a postmarking and cancelling machine in 1897. In 1933 Henry F. Stilwell devised a means for receiving mail and other matter on aeroplanes while in motion. This book is available for sale from Patricia Sluby, P.O. Box 15906, Arlington, VA 22215 or as a reference at the local library, ISBN 027596674-7.

## ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

By Jeff Meade, Recording Secretary

**4 March 2009** President C. A. STILLIONS presiding, 23 members, 1 guest attending. Member **Cheryl Ganz** introduced guest **Terry Sheehan**, volunteer editor of the National Postal Museum's **Arago** website. **Ms. Sheehan** requested WSCC members to assist her with finding Darfur or Sudan covers, asking if such items even exist. Member **Lorraine Bailey** re-announced the passing in mid- December of **Scotty Lathrow** and **Jack Andrews**. **President C.A. Stillions** announced the book release of Grover Hines' book about stampless Washington DC. He made a copy available on the front table for anyone to peruse. **Member Phil Uhlman** provided the club with an update concerning upcoming events. Events are listed in the latest *Despatch*, but Phil wanted to update members that the meetings on April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> conflict with Washington Nationals baseball games, so parking may be difficult.

**Vice President Peterson** announced the trip to St. Elizabeth's hospital on March 26<sup>th</sup>, to see the Stamps for a Living program. The tour will be from 10am-Noon, and members must sign up by March 11<sup>th</sup>. **Vice President Peterson** also announced the re-opening of Cantina Marina for the summer, and inquired if any members need to be put on the email list announcing the pre-club meetings.

**Member Phil Uhlman** noted that the pre-meetings are very popular, and 11 members showed up for the night's happy hour.

**Member Virginia Randolph** announced the upcoming Springpex show on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. She noted that this show has a great circuits table and the show may be looking for volunteers. **Member Tadas Osmolskis** announced the annual Sundman lecture at the National Postal Museum will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The lecture by Eliot Landau, titled "Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War" begins at 1pm, but **Tadas** will be leading a tour at 11am through the museum and also spotlighting the Abraham Lincoln certified plate proofs on display in the museum's Philatelic Gallery after the lecture.

**President C.A. Stillions** introduced the night's guest speaker and club member: **Ellen Frost** who spoke on Philatelic Propaganda. A synopsis of her talk is included elsewhere in the newsletter.



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**18 March 2009** President **C. A. STILLIONS** presiding, 19 members, 2 guests attending. Member **Jeff Meade** introduced new member Robert Grafton, volunteer docent at the National Postal Museum, noting his interest in collecting early British postal history, especially the Penny Red. **Mr. Grafton** brought several items from his collection which he displayed on one of the exhibit boards. Highlights of the exhibit were covers from correspondence dating to 1839 – 1855, highlighting the progression of use of the Penny Red. In particular, the exhibit featured a cover from 1841, showing the Maltese Falcon as a cancellation mark and a cover from 1855 showing an excellent example of a perforated Penny Red.

Member **Gerry Merandino** introduced guest **Alan Kanh**, who contacted the WSCC about donating the entirety of his grandfather's stamp collection. The collection is mainly comprised of world-wide albums that will be sold at the upcoming donation auction on April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Vice President Don Petersen** suggested that volunteers should go through the Kahn donation to form lots for the donation auction, and member **Lorraine Bailey** volunteered.

**Vice President Don Petersen** introduced guest **Mike Smith**. Mr. Smith located the WSCC's website while searching for a place to learn more about the stamp collection he recently inherited on the death of his grandfather. He indicated that he had spent hours in a Scott catalog, but just decided to bring the collection in to the club.

**President C.A. Stillions** noted that the Springpex Show was taking place on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia. **Member Jeff Meade** volunteered to drive to the stamp show.

**President C.A. Stillions** provided the club with an update concerning upcoming events. Events are listed in the latest *Despatch*, but **President Stillions** wanted to remind members that the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> features guest speaker **Cliff Alexander** who will be speaking to the WSCC about the Washington City Despatch logo which the club uses on its letterhead. Also, **Pres. Stillions** reminded members that the Donation Auction, scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, conflicts with Washington Nationals baseball games, so parking may be difficult.

**Vice President Peterson** announced that nine WSCC members signed up to go to St. Elizabeth's hospital on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**President C.A. Stillions** drew attention to the fence being erected around the park near the stamp club church. The fence may hamper foot traffic and create accessibility issues. **Member Lorraine Bailey** made two announcements: 1. The USPS has shelved some stamps scheduled for release in 2009, the Roger Sherman stamps and the next set of flags in the flag stamp series. 2. The USPS is also experiencing a backlog of cancelling covers for Inauguration day.

**President C.A. Stillions** introduced the night's featured activity, Swap & Trade. Members were invited to come to the front of the room and view member **Bob Grafton's** exhibit.

**1 April 2009** Vice President **Don Peterson** presiding, 24 members, 1 guest attending. **Vice President Don Petersen** provided the club with an update of the strong showing that WSCC members showed at the recent **Springpex** show at the Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Results of this show are detailed on Page 2 of this newsletter. **Member Virginia Randolph** introduced a visitor that she met at the **Springpex** show named **Jack Zhang**. Mr. Zhang noted that he collects his native China, especially PRC.

**Member Philip Uhlman** updated the club on future meeting topics, noting in particular the baseball conflict on April 15<sup>th</sup>, the first donation auction of the year. **Member Virginia Randolph** informed the club that member **David Jickling's** health has taken a turn for the worse and that a condolence card would circulate for club members to sign. Member **Matt Cassetta** also notified the group that member **Eric Brown's** father had passed away, and that a separate condolence card would circulate for him as well. **Member Virginia Randolph** informed the club that the club sold nearly \$1400 from the circuit books, and that a mistake in payment indicated a \$120 stamp was actually paid for with \$12, and asked if any members might know who made the mistake. **Member Lorraine Bailey** announced that she had finished going through the donation from **Alan Kanh**, who contacted the WSCC about donating the entirety of his grandfather's stamp collection. She noted that many of the Chinese stamps are reprints, but that they are significantly valuable. The binders themselves are quite valuable, but the limited stamps within them are not special. She recommended that a reserve of \$10 for each of the binders, and a reserve of \$100 for the Chinese collection. **Member Virginia Randolph** made a motion to include the binders and Chinese collection in the upcoming donation auction, which passed unanimously. **Vice President Don Petersen** introduced the night's guest speaker **Cliff Alexander**. **Mr. Alexander's** talk focused on the local post of Washington City during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, that of John Wiley's One-cent Despatch.

**15 April 2009** President **C. A. STILLIONS** presiding, 22 members, 1 guest attending. **President C. A. Stillions** announced the passing of club member **Tom Stanton**, and requested his name be removed from the club mailing list. A card of condolence was also circulated at the meeting and will be sent to his widow.

**Member Jeff Meade** introduced visitor **Alex Haimann**, an Arago Technician with the National Postal Museum. Mr. Haimann discussed a fellowship program he's been working on with the APS, the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship. The fellowship program intends to increase interest in young stamp collectors. **Member Lorraine Bailey** inquired about the lack of a monthly treasury statement for each meeting, which would include expenses, dues paid, charges, monies generated by the club, etc. The club decided that was an issue for the board members, and the issue would be decided at a later time.

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**President C.A. Stillions** updated the club on future meeting topics, noting the Hungerford Album Contest on May 6<sup>th</sup> and **Member Daniel Piazza's** presentation of the 1946 3-cent Smithsonian commemorative.

**President C. A. Stillions** announced club **Member Jerry Peterson** was visiting from Boulder, Colorado, and that he is a member of the Boulder club as well.

The Donation Auction commenced after the night's announcements. The large donation of **Alan Kanh** generated significant funds, as described: Lot 1: China, \$60; 2. Album I (1840-1940): \$20; 3. Album II (1940): \$10; 4. Album III (1949-1955): \$10; 5. Album IV (1956-1959): No Sale; 6. Album V (1960-1965): No Sale; 7. Album VI (1965-19-68): \$10; 8. Album VII (1966-1971): No Sale; 9. Album VIII (1971-1973): No Sale; 10. Album IX (1973-1974): No Sale; 11. Album XI (1976): \$10. **Member Lorraine Bailey** volunteered to take the remaining albums from the **Kanh** donation and sell them, with proceeds going to the club. Overall proceeds from the auction of these and other items donated by members were \$256 for the club treasury.

## 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 your copy to the Editor, Bill and Janet Hughes 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.

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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.

Meeting are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month 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.)