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WSCC Member Dan Piazza Wins 2009 Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award

By Don Peterson



WSCC member **Dan Piazza** received the 2009 Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Award for “Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist (Age 25-40)” at the American Philatelic Society’s General Membership meeting at STAMPSHOW 2009 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 8, 2009. This distinguished award was named in honor of APS President Nicholas G. Carter (1936-2008). On the left we see Dan receiving his award with (from left) Tom Lera, Betsey Carter, widow of Nicholas Carter, and Cheryl Ganz on the right.

An article in the August 2009 *American Philatelist* said the following about Dan.

“Daniel A. Piazza, Assistant Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, collects and writes about the stamps and postal history of the United States during the Bureau period (1894-1978) and of the Italian peninsula. He sits on the board of governors of the Vatican Philatelic Society and edits its journal, *Vatican Notes*. He also has received the society’s *Veritas* and President’s awards (for scholarship and service, respectively).

Daniel served as the Assistant Editor of the APS Writers Unit *Philatelic Communicator* and was a columnist for the *Stamp Insider* of the Federation of New York Stamp Clubs. He was active in the Syracuse Stamp Club prior to his move to the DC area and now belongs to both the Washington Stamp Collectors Club and the Baltimore Philatelic Society. He is also a board member and literature chairman for NAPEX. Other national memberships include the American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Research Library, American First Day Cover Society, and Writers Unit #30.”

Also receiving an award was **Otto Thamasett**, a local philatelist and member of the Springfield Stamp Club. Otto received the 2009 Nicholas G. Carter Award for “Local Promotion Service”. The WSCC nominated Mr. Thamasett for the award. WSCC also honored Otto at the Annual WSCC Dinner in October 2008 by awarding him the WSCC Gantz Award for “outstanding philatelic service by a non-WSCC member to the Washington, DC local and regional area.” Congratulations to Dan and Otto on these well-deserved awards.

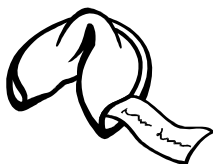
WSCC Members Active at APS STAMPSHOW, Pittsburgh, PA, August 6-9, 2009

By Don Peterson

It was like a home-away-from-home WSCC get-together. WSCC members were everywhere at the **APS STAMPSHOW**, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 6-9, 2009. WSCC members arrived by train, plane, and auto to attend the 100+ dealer show and exhibition – touted as the largest stamp show in the U.S. in 2009.

John Hardies was seen climbing into a box of unsorted foreign covers – emerging with gems. **Don Peterson** chaired a meeting of the International Philippine Philatelic Society. **Dan Piazza** received the 2009 Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Award for “Outstanding Young Adult Philatelist (Age 25-40)” (see separate article). Dan also made a presentation on “Delivering Hope: FDR and Stamps of the Great Depression.” **Joe Geraci** gave a talk on “The Italian Post Offices in Tunisia, 1852-1898.” **Pat Walker**, an award-winning exhibitor, made several presentations on how to judge exhibits. **Cheryl Ganz**, Curator of the National Postal Museum, gave a presentation on “The First Issue of Peru” and was seen talking to everyone – one of her many exceptional skills.

Other WSCC members spotted were **Jill Piazza, Virginia Randolph, C.A. Stillions, George Brown, Bill Sandrik, Ernesto and Laura Cuesta, John Erlich, Richard Winter, and Dan Walker**. My apologies for missing any other WSCC members. I think I can safely say that a good time was had by all.



AWARDS DINNER TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

The WSCC Annual Awards Dinner will be **Wednesday October 7, 2009, 7 PM** at **Tony Cheng's Seafood Restaurant, 619 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001**. Tickets for the dinner are \$25/person. Checks should be made out to WSCC and should be mailed to Gerard Marandino, 5105 Skyline Village Court, Alexandria, VA 22302. The food and the ambiance are unequalled!

UPCOMING WSCC MEETING CALENDAR

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| September 2 | WSCC History Mysteries Solved!: The Origins of the Gantz Cup and The Surprising Story of one of Our Founding Fathers, Dan Piazza, Speaker |
| September 16 | Swap and trade |
| October 7 | Annual Awards Banquet: presentation of the DeVoss and Gantz Awards |
| October 21 | Member Auction, Bring Lots of Philatelic Material |

Updates to WSCC Website By Dan Piazza, Webmaster

Several areas of the WSCC Website have been "beefed up" recently, and I wanted to let members know how to access the new content. Three sections of the website have been updated, and one entirely new section has been added.



The new heading is called "Media" and consists of links to off-site philatelic photo albums and videos maintained by members, mostly at social networking sites such as Flickr, Youtube, and Facebook. Currently there are photo galleries by **May Day Taylor**, **Jill Piazza**, **Tadas Osmolskis**, and **Joel Fassler** as well as videos by **Cheryl Ganz** and **Janet Hughes**. There is also a linked listing of WSCC members with Facebook pages. Access this content at <http://www.dcstampclub.org/media.htm>. If you have philatelic photos or videos online, want your social networking site added, or want to know how to get started with placing photos and videos online, contact me for help.

Under the "Postal History" heading, there are now a total of six downloadable electronic titles (five of them compiled or edited by **C.A. Stillions**). These include the *D.C. Postal History Bibliography* (with **Sy Stiss**); *District of Columbia Post Offices*; *D.C. Machine Slogan Catalogue*; Arthur Hecht's *Postal History of D.C.*; *Temporary Stations of the D.C. Post Office*; and *First Day of Issue Postmarks Used at D.C.* All of these titles are accessible in PDF format, and four of them are also available as Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. Access this content at http://www.dcstampclub.org/postal_history_project.htm.

The heading that was formerly called "Exhibits" has been changed to "Presentations," and it now includes downloadable copies of the handouts, PowerPoints, and exhibits that are given at club meetings. Included are my May 20, 2009 presentation on the 1946 Smithsonian Commemorative Stamp; **Cliff Alexander's** April 1, 2009 talk on Wiley's One-Cent City *Despatch* local post; **Robin Gates Elliott's** September 3, 2008 paper on Eastern European philatelic propaganda; and **May Day Taylor's** exhibit on D.C.-related Christmas stamps. This is a good way for members who are homebound or non-resident in D.C. to enjoy the programs that are offered at club meetings. Access this content at <http://www.dcstampclub.org/presentations.htm>. If you have given a talk or shown an exhibit in the past and would like to place your handouts or PowerPoint presentation online, please contact me to discuss the best way to do that.

The "History" section has been updated with three new historical events and images, all based on material found in the Catherine Lemmon Manning papers at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. These events— two WPS and one CCW— can be found under the dates May 18, 1936; February 16, 1938; and March 3, 1938. You can access this content at <http://www.dcstampclub.org/history.htm>.

Happy surfing!

Can You YouTube?

Now that two WSCC members have put YouTube videos online (linked from the web site), we would like to point out Janet Klug's instructions on how to make a YouTube video **without a video camera**. The link is <http://stamps.org/Videos/Instructions.pdf>. Editor's comment: I didn't realize how easy it was to make a video and how much fun it can be to see the product. This is a great way to advertise our hobby and get the video generation interested in stamp collecting.

Membership Update

By Gerard Marandino, Executive Secretary

Great news! Our club is doing very well with a total of 69 members. In fact, we have experienced almost phenomenal growth for philatelic ventures adding 9 new members so far this year. Many of our new members decided to join after being invited to a few of our meetings. If you have the opportunity to introduce someone to the club, take the extra step and extend your hand.

Regretfully, almost one fourth of our longer term members are behind in paying dues in this the second month of the club year. Those of you are behind on this should send a check to the Executive Secretary, \$16 for regular and \$8 for non-resident members. The club depends on dues to print and distribute this newsletter as well as to rent our meeting room. This benefits all of us directly.



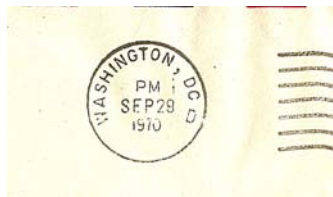
We have already sold quite a few tickets for our Awards Dinner on October 7th. However, we are still short of the attendance numbers required to obtain a secure commitment for the upper private floor room that we enjoyed last year. If you are even thinking of going, order your tickets (\$25 ea.) now so that we can confirm arrangements with Tony Chung!

Those of you who attended last year's event will remember the wonderful evening of camaraderie that we all enjoyed with fine food and drink and venturing into many areas of discussion. We even had a few speeches from the award winners! Take the opportunity to invite some non-member friends too. Act now and send your ticket order to the Executive Secretary

We also have a trade opportunity for those interested in filling the Belgian holes in their collections. You can contact De Blocq Roger, Electriciteitsstraat 29/102, 2800 Mechelen, Belgium. He is interested in exchanging Belgian stamps for US from 2005 to date.

WASHINGTON, DC SPARE DIES

By C.A. Stillions



Last fall during work week at the Post Mark Museum, I was given the cover on the left with the letter “D” in place of the machine number. When I got home I went through my accumulation of Washington, DC postmarks and found others, Figures 2 through 6.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 2



Figure 3

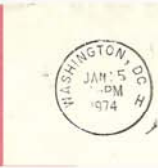


Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Not knowing what I was looking at, I sent an inquiry to Art Hadley who forwarded my inquiry to Alex Savakis. Art is The Machine Cancel Society database manager and Alex is editor of *The Machine Cancel Forum*. Alex’s reply was most illuminating. It is so illuminating that I believe the members of the Washington Stamp Collectors Club would also find it illuminating.

Alex replied: “Being a Buckeye from NE Ohio, I don’t get to see the variety of DC cancels. It is a pretty assortment that Clarence sends along, Figure 2 – Figure 6.

First, I checked Bob Payne’s Excel data bank, and there is not a lot of information he sent me for the period after the 1920’s for the District of Columbia. This is a fertile area of study and in need of recording. Second, Bart Billings book on the Mark II and the Facer Cancellor revolution was a great help, and I can start helping to identify these cancels. Bart in his book, on page 106, notes that spare dies were frequently needed, and it was his observation that extra dials were sitting in a tray, with no concern for separation between machines and mixing of numbers on the same machine. Bart, Bob and Reg gave up trying to match a numbered dial with the machine serial number. Here in Ohio, it has been my observation that the spare dials were without number. Bart noted the same use of a blank dial in Philadelphia -- page 148 in his Facer Cancellor book.

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But in Washington, DC, they used a dial with an "S" in it. See Figure 2. Bart calls it a 'replacement dial' but I think it is equivalent to spare, hence the "S". Bart wrote his Facer Cancellor book back in 1999, and his study found uses from 1960 Sep 26 to 1961 Mar 24. Your uses of 1960 Nov 01 and 1961 Mar 21 are within that range. I suspect there may be other examples, and members are not good about reporting new uses for modern material.

Just as an aside, the postmark dial for the former uses is the older style Facer Cancellor dial, and the 1961 dial has the two horizontal facer canceller bars. If you will recall a recent article on ordering machine cancel dials and cancellations, the bars are engraved on the same metal with the round postmark dial.

OK, let's move up to the pair of "H" postmarks, Figure 3. They are dated 1973 Dec 01 and 1974 Jan 15. International style cancellations have three humps or crests. Universal style cancellations have either one full hump (crest) or two. If you look carefully at the wavy lines of the cancellations, you will see three humps or crests. So these I would call International style cancellations. Gary Carlson gave me a tip as to identifying International style dials. He says that if the commas are large, it is an indication that it is an International. Go back again to the pair of H dials and look carefully at the commas. They are large!

The G dials from 1984 and 1983 also have large commas, see Figure 4. The 1984 example is a nice full length cancel, and you can clearly see the three crests/humps. The 1983 example has been truncated so it is harder to identify, but if you were to measure the height of the wavy lines on the 1984 example and the 1983 example, or place one over the edge of the other, I would bet they are the same. The Sept 18 1984 example is a real good clear cancel. The International wavy lines are printed by a series of equidistant plates, whose edges catch the ink and apply them over the stamp. These plates are very easily bent, and you can see that the wavy lines are not exactly parallel to one another on the 1984 example. The Universal cancellation hub is solid. The area between the wavy lines is cut out, so that the printing edge is raised up and catches the ink and applies the cancellation's wavy lines. More often than not, the Universal wavy lines are perfectly spaced as the wavy lines go up and down in unison.

The 1970 Sep 29 example with a D in the dial, Figure 5, is harder to identify because it is blown up. To me it seems that the cancel runs off the envelope at the right. Try putting the edge of the 1984 G cancel over top the edge of the 1970 D cancel. Do the lines match up? I have a hunch they might. Also, this D dial has a large comma in it. Without seeing it live, I am guessing it is also an International style. The E dial dated 1966 DEC 15, Figure 6, also strikes me as being an International for the reasons stated for the others.

My understanding is that machine cancel dies were directed to be interchangeable between machine manufacturers and companies other than International and Universal would bid to make both the cancellations dies and the postmark dials. As a result, we can not definitely say by the 1960's that a particular style cancellation or postmark dial is of a certain company, and cannot say definitely what manufacturer's machine applied a particular cancellation or postmark dial."

What is most illuminating to me is the story Alex has told about a few common looking late Twentieth Century machine cancellations. What more are out there? We only need to look. If you find any, please share them with the Club.

President’s Message

By C.A. Stillions

October each year is when we honor two people who have made our hobby richer by providing outstanding service, one a member of the club and one a non-member. At the second meeting in September those in attendance will vote for the non-member recipient. The awards are made at a dinner meeting, a banquet, at our first meeting in October (details of which are elsewhere in the newsletter.) As last year, the banquet will be held at Tony Cheng’s Seafood and Chinese Restaurant. If we sell enough tickets, we will get exclusive use of the whole top floor, which we did last year. We did have a great time! This year promises to be no different. So, bring your significant other, and come to our annual banquet. Look forward to seeing all of you at The Banquet!

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 (FY BEGINNING MAY 1, 2008 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2009)

MAIN SOURCES OF IINCOME

MAJOR EXPENSES

DONATION AUCTIONS , OTHER
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCE

BANQUET PAYMENTS \$1534
DUES 713
\$2,247

CONTESTS & BANQUET AWARDS \$100
MEETING ROOM RENT 720
STAMP SOCIETIES & CIRCUITS 45
NEWSLETTER 608
CLUB BANNER 135
TOTALS \$1,608

CASH IN CHECKING ACCOUNT BEGINNING OF FY2008 \$4,283
PLUS DEPOSITS DURING FY2008 2,592
LESS FY2008 EXPENSES 2,724
BALANCE CARRIED OVER TO FY2009 \$4,151 see note 5.

NOTES:

1. All amounts rounded. Some minor expenses are not listed above but are included in the annual totals.
2. The \$150 cost of the WSCC advertisement in the 2009 NAPEX Program Book was made in FY2009. Normally the payment for the advertisement is made in the prior fiscal year. This expense should be considered in planning for FY2009 expenses.
3. Coding errors on the part of the Bank resulted in a number of research fees being assessed erroneously against the checking account. These fees were reversed later in the fiscal year.
4. Advance payments for the annual banquet were treated as a receipt when deposited to the checking account and an expense when paid to the restaurant. The banquet payments to the club are the same as the cost of the meal provided by the restaurant. With the exception of the cost of the meals for some special guests and award winners which are paid for by the club, WSCC simply acts as a conduit for getting the payments to the restaurant. The cost of the 2008 banquet was \$950 of which \$850 was paid for with the attendees payments and \$100 for the cost of the meals of the special guests and award winners was paid for by club.
5. Several checks and cash payments for dues, donations ,and the 2009 Banquet received in late FY2008 could not be deposited until after the start of FY2009. These checks have resulted in \$841 in receipts to date.

LONG TERM INVESTMENTS: The WSCC also has a \$5,000 and \$15,000 CD that mature on Feb. 4, 2011. These are from a donation by the Board of Directors of the Washington Philatelic Society after the merger of our clubs with funds from the sale of the Turner Collection. These were made with the understanding that they would be invested in secured long term investments to serve as an emergency reserve in the event that normal income from dues and donations became insufficient to meet the regular operating expenses of the club. Interest on the CD’s as of July 15, 2009 was \$1,076

Joel Fassler, Treasurer August 25, 2009

WSCC Members Present Their Specialties

By Jeff Meade and Janet Hughes

The WSCC meeting presentation on July 1 was a joint production by the members. Twenty-two members, one guest and one new member met to hear about the Specialty Societies available to stamp collectors. The main questions answered were “Why am I collecting what I collect?”, “Why did I join the specialized society?” and “What does the society offer at the national and local level?” Some of the members started their collecting interests through genealogical ties. Correspondence and ephemera passed down from previous generations sparked an interest in stamps of other countries. Others were attracted to a particular stamp design, topic, or historical event. Eleven members and one guest shared information on over twenty different specialty groups that they are part of. For each society, we will list a web address for further information.

Richard Livingston, a visitor from the U.S. Department of State, spoke on the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society (www.uspcs.org), which includes a date range of the stampless period to 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition; and the Society for Czechoslovak Philately (www.csphilately.org).

Tadas Osmolskis is a longtime member of the United States Stamp Society (www.usstamps.org). The club motto is “Know Your Country’s Stamps!” **May Day Taylor** is a member of the American First Day Cover Society (www.afdcs.org) as are a number of other WSCCers. **C.A. Stillions** presented the British North American Philatelic Society (www.bnaps.org) with a study area of stamps and postal history of Canada, Newfoundland, and the pre-Confederation colonies of British North America.

Frank Correl spoke on the French North America Philatelic Society involving stamps from St. Pierre and Miquelon. He also is a member of the Lichtenstein Study Group that meet in a German restaurant in Chicago. **Don Peterson** is a longtime and well known participant in the International Philippine Philatelic Society (www.theipps.info). The emphasis of this group is on the Spanish Philippine era. **Don** helped the group change their publication to color images. Another WSCC member, **Doug Lehmann**, is the group Webmaster.

Virginia Randolph is a member of the International Society of World Wide Stamp Collectors (www.iswsc.org). She also works with the France and Colonies Philatelic Society (www.drunkenboat.net/FrandCol/FCPSHome.html) and the International Society for Portuguese Philately (www.portugalstamps.com). **Bill Sandrik** is a member of 4 different groups. The first two are related to Austria, the Austrian Society, a British group, and the Austria Philatelic Society, a U.S. group, with information at www.AustriaPhilatelicSociety.com. The next is The Disinfected Mail Study Circle, with no web address. However, **Bill Sandrik** is the point of contact for information on that group. Finally, he is a member of the International Society for Japanese Philately (www.isjp.org).

Joel Fassler reported on 4 different groups. The first is the Germany Philatelic Society (www.gps.nu). The second is the U.S. Military Interventions & Occupations group, which focuses on stamps issued for civilian use. Thirdly, he belongs to the U.S. Possessions Philatelic Society. Finally, he spoke on the Universal Ship Cancellation Society (www.uscs.org). **Bill Hughes** spoke on the China Stamp Society (www.chinastampsociety.org) and the current efforts to rejuvenate the local chapter.

Robin Elliott is a member of the Society for Eastern European Philately, which includes the Society for Russian Philately (www.rossica.org); Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatics Society (www.upns.org); Society for Hungarian Philately (www.hungarianphilately.org); and the Polish Society. **Pat Sluby** reported on ESPER, the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (www.esperstamps.org). Pat discussed subject of the 32nd stamp in the Black Heritage Series, Anna Julia Cooper, an educator who lived in Washington, D.C. and died at 105. Member **Milton Holmes** delivered newspapers to Ms. Cooper years ago and he described her home and hospitality to her students.

The evening was a huge success. **Don Peterson** passed out a list of Specialty Societies that listed affiliates of the American Philatelic Society as of May 18, 2009. There were over 200 different groups! If you don't have access to a computer and wish additional information about one of the groups in this newsletter or an interest group that is not listed, please contact one of the officers or the newsletter editors and we will try to get the information to you.

China and Japan Treaty Ports

By Bill Hughes

In the last 6 months, I have been interested in China, China and Japan Philately, and the history relating to early Asian postal operations. The following is a synopsis of my initial research into this topic.

Ocean-going traders from Europe began arriving in China around 1500. The first traders, who stayed as other European groups ebbed and waned, were the Portuguese. Macao is where they remain today. The Portuguese did okay until steamships came along. The Portuguese did not keep abreast of technology, thence causing their sailing ships to be too slow. The mail they delivered took too long, so non-Portuguese steamships took over the postal function. The French did okay until the British blockaded all the French ports during the Napoleonic Wars from 1795 – 1817. This had the effect of eliminating French ships going to China. After that, gradually, there were many countries doing business in China - Russia, Italy, Britain, France, Portugal, Japan, and America. However, the only way to send mail out of China was by ship, with the possible exception of Russia. When the Chinese Emperor reneged on the 1858 Treaty of Tientsin, the British burned the summer palace of the Emperor and gained their Customs and Postal position in China. In 1860, Sir Robert Hart, a British subject, was then appointed to run Chinese Port Customs under the Chinese Yamen, who handled Chinese foreign affairs. In 1878, the first Chinese stamps were issued under the control of Sir Hart. At this time, there were parallel Treaty Port operations including both British and other nationality port operations. These other systems were in competition with the new Chinese stamps. In order to finance postal operations and to freeze out this competition, Sir Hart granted reduced port taxes for those shipping lines who agreed to handle only the Chinese Customs mail and not mail for other parties, private or public. Since the French shipping lines had been blockaded in Europe and had not recovered, the French government was forced to send its mail through the effectively British postal operation. The British government, in London, viewed their Asian overseas mail system as primarily going from London to India with an extension from India to China, where the British-run postal operation also included 5 ports in Japan.

Additional information and the rest of the story are contained in two volumes by Maj. Richard Pratt, Imperial China: History of the Post to 1896 and Imperial China: History of the Post to 1897. Another work is Hong Kong and Treaty Ports of China and Japan by Col. F. W. Webb, which was Pratt's primary reference on Japan.

ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS

By Jeff Meade, Recording Secretary

1 July 2009 President C. A. STILLIONS presiding, 22 members, 1 guest attending. **Virginia Randolph** introduced a guest and new member, **Frank Jewel**, from Tappahannock, VA. **Member Jeff Meade** updated the club about the July 1st opening of the Artful Animals exhibit at the National Museum of African Art, and that African stamp donations by WSCC members **Virginia Randolph** and **Matt Cassetta** had a strong impact on the final design of the exhibit. **Virginia Randolph** reported that member **Hugh Wynn** recently underwent chemotherapy. The club will send him a card. **President C.A. Stillions** announced the night's activity- member presentations of specialty societies.

15 July 2009 President C. A. STILLIONS presiding, 23 members attending. **President Stillions** began by discussing the upcoming APS Show in Pittsburgh, PA. He also updated the club with additional stamp shows in the near future: Balpex, Labor Day weekend, 4th-6th of September; Philadelphia Stamp Show at Valley Forge on September 20th; and VAPEX in Williamsburg, VA November 13th-15th. **Pat Sluby** announced that she had several caches and other philatelic material available for sale.

5 August 2009 President C. A. STILLIONS presiding, 13 members, 1 guest attending. **President C. A. Stillions** introduced a visitor and new club member, **David Michener**. His collecting interests include Brazil before 1975, the pre-decimal (sterling) period of Australia and Portuguese colonies of Africa. **President C. A. Stillions** announced that **Member Jeff Meade** would be circulating a survey about the use of the Club's website and inquire about the potential for changes. The survey would be presented at the meeting on August 19th. The program for the evening was Swap and Trade.

19 August 2009 President C. A. STILLIONS presiding, 24 members attending. **Vice President Don Peterson** gave a review of events from the recent APS Show. Details on **Dan Piazza**, who won national philatelic recognition, are on the front page. **Dan** received congratulations from all. **Gerard Marandino** spoke on the upcoming Awards Dinner on Oct. 7th and on efforts to complete dues collection. The event of the evening was a Club Benefit Auction. Brisk bidding on lots of older stamps on paper benefited the club over \$20. A stampless cover from the Turner collection went for \$6 and a lot of Jamaican stamps were boldly claimed for \$8. Overall, the club received \$133 from this interesting and fun auction.

Stamps for Sale: Order from Stamps for a Living Business, FO18/JHP/OT-Dept., 2700 M L King Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20032-2601, or call Mark Melanson, 202-645-4953.

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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.)