



# Washington Despatch

## Washington Stamp Collectors Club

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### President's Message

Greetings 2011 and greetings WSCC! This is Tadas Osmolskis, your newly-elected president. While my "campaign" might not have indicated it, I am glad to have this chance to serve the Washington Stamp Collectors' Club.



**Figure 1: The Passing of the Gavel- The Hammer of the President!**

The Club's extensive program schedule, laid out for the next year by Program Chairman Daniel Piazza will both entertain and educate us. Good programs are the point of a good stamp club. While there is necessary business that needs to be taken care of, it shouldn't get in the way of enjoying philately, enjoying the club and, most importantly, enjoying each other. I've been trying to move necessary business along without neglecting it or allowing it to descend into acrimonious argument. Armed with the mighty Hammer of the President, I pledge to do my best for the club over the next year.

### Blogging Our Stamp Club

After a bit of a slow start, the Washington City Despatch Blog has been really taking off. With the help of Associate Editors Ida Marie Giusti and Tanika Williams, we've made dozens of posts. We've also had close to 1,400 hits since launching in May of 2010. The blog has 78 posts, 20 different categories and three pages for different programs. We've had some interesting posts, and I'm looking forward to making more. If you've got internet access, check out the blog. It's really quite exciting and launching philately head-long into the 21<sup>st</sup> century: <http://wscdespatch.wordpress.com/>.



**Figure 2: The Blog-o-meter. Wordpress says we are in the "Awesome" category!**



## Yearly Budget Summary

Thank you again to Treasurer Bruce Kellogg for maintaining the club's finances. Below is the summary for FY 2010:

Account	Code	Amount (\$)
Member Dues	101	560
Donations	102	4
Auctions	103	433.50
Banquet Tickets	104	750
Miscellaneous Income	105	-
Rent	201	1020
Supplies	202	-
Insurance	203	-
Banquet	204	50
Membership	205	25
Publishing & Printing	206	235.09
Prizes	207	25
Miscellaneous Expenses	208	-

## Summary of Recent Programs

The club programming under the stewardship of Program Director Daniel Piazza has really taken an interesting turn. 2011 kicked off with some really fun events. Here's a recap:

- Ⓢ Alphabet Challenge: The Letter "I."
- Ⓢ Stamp Bingo? No, it's "Stampo!"
- Ⓢ Annual Herbert Cover Contest. Winner: Bill Sandrik.
- Ⓢ Member Auction. Big sales, over \$400!

## Upcoming Programs

### March 2011:

- Ⓢ March 2: Harris Leonard, speaker. *The Devil on Poster Stamps*
- Ⓢ March 16: Marvin Murray, speaker. *Free Franks: Use & Abuse*

### April 2011:

- Ⓢ April 6: Donation Auction.
- Ⓢ April 20: Cliff Alexandra, speaker. *'Good Samaritan' Labels*

### May 2011:

- Ⓢ May 4: Hungerford Album Contest.
- Ⓢ May 18: Daniel Piazza, speaker. *NPM World Treasurers*

## Key Meeting Minutes:

- Ⓢ January 19: Elections for 2011 club officers commenced. Officers are:
  - President: Tadas Osmolskis
  - Vice President: Don Petersen
  - Executive Secretary: Jill Piazza
  - Recording Secretary: Jeff Meade
  - Treasurer: Bruce Kellogg
- Ⓢ February 2: A staffer of the *Stamps for a Living* program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, James Snyder, had been featured in a Washington Post article.
- Ⓢ February 16: WSCC cast ballots for APS officers.
- Ⓢ March 2: Cantina Marina is opening up and the pre-visit get-togethers will start there for summer March 16.

## New Member Roll:

- Ⓢ Laszlo Pasztor
- Ⓢ Jay Frogel