

K-W Stamp News



**Kitchener-
Waterloo
Philatelic
Society**

Letter From the President

Now that I have been president for a few years I appreciate the small step I made back in the early '90's. I joined the stamp club. WOW!! How much I had missed. I trust that you are also gaining much knowledge through your K-W Stamp Club membership.

I have saved stamps since 1948 and I was working with information from our post office so I felt I was "tuned in" to what was happening. How wrong I was. There is so much happening in the world of stamps that I had no clue about. At every stamp event (and lots in between) I continue to learn about the hobby. Our club has a wealth of connections. We are associated with the G.R.V.P.A., we belong to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, we have our annual show and we have members who are in many related clubs. To mention a few would include Stamp Specialists, Postcard Club, Postal History Society and other study groups. The bottom line seems that the more involved one is, the more one learns.



**Jim Oliver, President of
the Kitchener-Waterloo
Philatelic Society**

Just the fact that you are receiving/reading this newsletter, tells me you have interest!!! Thanks to Kerstin Kramer for taking on this project of a periodic newsletter. Maybe you could assist her by submitting just one article/tidbit about our fine hobby. OK, so the next step for YOU is to get involved and share.

One way you can share at our club is to participate in "Show & Tell". Everyone that has participated to date has brought all kinds of new information to members. Stamp collecting is a very personal hobby and many collectors have their own systems. Share your material or your collecting ideas. Volunteer for "Show & Tell" by signing the log.

The board of directors has regular separate meetings to keep the business of the club moving and expanding. We welcome volunteers for the board positions and have the position "Director at large" that serves as a training position and supports various committee projects.

Our club is presently very strong and vibrant. I would like to thank all those workers who make our many activities possible.

- Jim Oliver, President

***"Change is a fact of life in our current world,
so lets embrace changes in our stamp club."***

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Wanted: Volunteers

Annual Stampfest

Volunteers required for set-up and take down. If you can spare some time, please get in touch with Tony Shaman at (519) 745-2973

Writers

Volunteers wanted for newsletter content. If you'd like to contribute, get in touch with any of our board members!

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KWPS Christmas Party

December is a month when a number of different cultures and faiths celebrate gift-giving festivals. To mark these annual occasions, your stamp club will host a gift exchange by club members, their spouses, partners or significant others.

Santa has been invited to lend a hand in distributing the gifts which can be philatelic or non-philatelic, as not everyone attending this social event will be a stamp collector.

All we ask is that you wrap

your exchange-gift festively and mark it "philatelic" or "non-philatelic."

By bringing a gift you will be assured of receiving one in return. Gifts can be in the \$5.00 to \$15.00 range as it is the thought that counts and not its monetary value.

Everyone bringing a gift will receive a numbered ticket, much like our monthly draw, with a like numbered ticket placed in a draw box. Santa, or his helper, will draw the tickets and the individual with that number will be invited to make a se-

lection from either the philatelic or non-philatelic gift stack.

A Merry Ho, Ho, Ho to everyone!

- **Tony Shaman, Stampfest Director**



Interesting Internet Sites for Collectors

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stamp_collecting

This website holds a wealth of information about the hobby of stamp collecting. If you are new to this hobby you will find information about the history of stamp collecting, the equipment required, how to collect and what to collect.

Furthermore this article describes the various collecting specialties, as well as the types of catalogues that are available and which organizations matter to collectors.



Please email your favourite links to Publicity@KWStampClub.org

If you are still looking for more information, have a look at their list of links, which will be sure to entertain you for the remainder of the day!

- **Kerstin Kramer, Publicity Director**

January is Auction Month!

We are happy to see that our auctions are an anticipated event during our club meetings. Our next auction takes place during the January meeting on January 8th.

If you are interested in participating, gather your auction items and put them up for bidding. All items are welcome, no matter how large or small!



Please get your lots to Leigh Hogg before December 30th, 2008.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Leigh at his office at 519-744-3020.

We look forward to seeing you at our auction in January!

- **Jim Oliver, President**

Around the World in Nine Days

Recently discovered in an estate lot that was being promoted by one of our club's esteemed members, we found this very interesting piece franked with no less than 18 stamps. At hand we have a registered airmail cover from the Indonesian city of Magelang.



Front of registered airmail cover from Magelang, Indonesia to Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada.

The city of 125,000 dates back to the Dutch East Indies colonial era. It is located in Central Java. It was a centre of pro-independence activity following World War II.

The cover and the reverse side shown was mailed by a Mrs. Lie S. K. to Mr. John Shinkur of Stoney Creek, Ontario. It came from an estate and the recipient may well have been a stamp collector, or perhaps they had pen pals all over the world. On the other hand it could be missionary mail since Magelang is home to a large Roman Catholic seminary.

Mailed from Magelang on May 15th, 1961 it was received in Toronto on or about May 23rd, at which time it was carried by the TOR. & NIA. FALLS RPO / 83 / MY 23 / 61. It was handled at the Hamilton Registration Desk on May 23rd and received at its destination in Stoney Creek on May 24th, 1961.

It is indeed a colourful and interesting cover on which are affixed 18 stamps totalling 12.25 rupiah. There are also 12 postmarks which were added en route to its destination.

Forty-seven years ago this cover took just 9 days to reach its destination. Much has been said about the speed of the mails today. No amount of automation, mechanization, computerization seems to be able to compete with the former manual handling of mail.

I would like to encourage our readers to share a cover and tell us a little bit about it. Together we learn.

- Gus Knieriem,
KWPS Member

Reverse side of the same cover. Note the crisp postmark from the Toronto & Niagara Falls R.P.O.



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your collection!



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Chapter 13

Your Questions - Our Answers...

We would like to encourage current and future KWPS members to send us your questions for inclusion in the next issue of this newsletter!

Please approach one of our board members or email your question to Publicity@KWStampClub.org and we'd be happy to answer your question in one of the upcoming issues.

We would like to welcome questions from beginners and experts alike. Questions may relate to any area of stamp collecting!

We look forward to hearing from you!

- Kerstin Kramer, Publicity Director

Our meetings are open to everyone.
Come on by!

Next meetings: December 11th, January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th

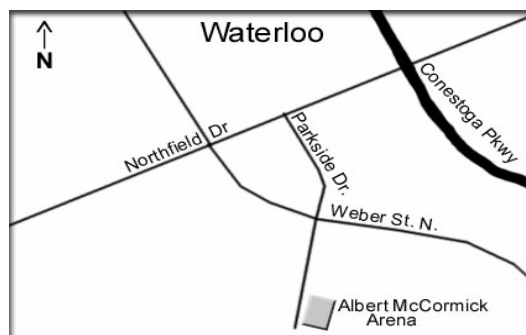
Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Albert McCormick Arena (Community Room)

500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo

Annual membership*:

Adults: \$ 15 Family: \$ 20 Children are free!!!



Berlin, Ontario at the turn of the century

This is our mystery picture of the month! If you have any information to share about this picture, get in touch with one of our board members!