

# K-W Stamp News



**Kitchener-  
Waterloo  
Philatelic  
Society**

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## Letter From the President

Hello everyone involved with the K-W Stamp Club! This is a momentous year as we celebrate 75 years from our beginnings on December 12th, 1935.

We plan a dinner and mall appearances to particularly mark our 75<sup>th</sup> year. The dinner will take place on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at Golf's Steak House, near the Bridgeport Bridge off Lancaster Street. We will have displays and a special speaker to mark the occasion.

Plan now to attend with your spouse. The tickets will only be \$30.00 each and you will also receive a special cover for the event. If you buy your tickets before our November meeting, you will be entered into an early bird draw!

We are scheduled for a display in Stanley Park Mall on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we need volunteers to cover the time.

To open the new season, our September meeting will feature a live auction on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Table auctions will resume in October, so bring your items to the September meeting. Also: if you have other auction items for the GRVPA Club Fair (this year on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>) you need to submit them to president Jim by the October meeting at the latest. Come and purchase some bargains! In October we will again have an "Open House", where we invite everyone to come and learn about stamp collecting in the K-W area.

November will be a special meeting this year, as it falls on Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to recognize veterans and associated stamps dealing with Peace & War. We have an exhibit challenge in process to submit a 6 page or one page exhibit. Start preparing now and sign up at our September meeting.

We readily welcome new comers to our club and gained near 10 new members in the past couple years. This emphasizes that we should all wear name tags at every meeting. Card tags are available for \$1.00 or you can order a prestigious plastic name badge for \$9.00. Contact Christiana at the registration desk for more info.

**HAPPY STAMP COLLECTING!!**



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

### Show & Tell

Share one of your "treasures" from your philatelic "stash" at a regular meeting. Take a minute or two and explain the item. Also if you write a one pager we'll post it on the website!

Sign up at a meeting or contact president Jim. Volunteer now for September, October or November!

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**- Jim Oliver, President**

## A Little Bit About Our Club's Finances

To many people a long list of numbers is a bore, even when they know that those numbers mean dollars. However, the KWPS Executive and Directors take the management of your club's money very seriously, and they make sure that money is always available to provide stamp collecting and philatelic services to you, our members.

For instance, did you know that.....

- We carry \$2 million of liability insurance in case anything goes seriously wrong at our meetings or at Stampfest?
- Our website, which you can find at [www.kwstampclub.org/](http://www.kwstampclub.org/), costs us about \$280.00 a year to maintain?
- The monthly prize draws that you faithfully support bring in over \$200.00 annually?
- The show cards for Stampfest cost over \$100.00 to get printed?
- We pay close to \$100.00 for each issue of the Grand News that is sent to us?
- Our speakers and show judges receive honorariums of about \$50.00?
- The Stampfest church hall that we rent cost \$375.00 in 2006? This year it cost over \$200.00 more.
- Our revenue this year exceeded \$4,400.00, but the expenses were just under \$4,000.00?

If you ever have questions about the club's finances, please see the treasurer, George Pepall, or any member of the Executive. George will gladly share with you the club's latest financial statements.

- **George Pepall,**  
*Treasurer*

## Our Facebook Page

As our stamp club is trying to attract new members, we are also trying to leverage some of the online tools to connect with fellow stamp collectors!

If you are a member of the Facebook community, consider linking to our page! You can find us by searching for "Kitchener-Waterloo

Philatelic Society". When you find our page, click on the "LIKE" button at the top of the page. From now on any news that we will publish will be showing up in your newsfeeds, which



means that you will be informed of upcoming meetings and events!

If you'd like to contribute to the page, feel free to do add discussions and write on our wall. We look forward to connecting with you!

- **Kerstin Kramer,**  
*Publicity Director*

## Donations To Club

Each year we receive many albums and boxes of material from aging members and the stamp collecting community.

The disposal of a collection is very involved and can take over a year at auction. Often the auction house does not even want remainders and small collections.

Donations to our club are very welcome to support the children's program and ongoing club costs. Often we auction off parts of this material in table or annual auctions at our club meetings.

Anyone wishing to donate material should get in touch with

our president Jim or any other members of the executive.

Thank you for your continued support! It is very much appreciated!



- **Jim Oliver,**  
*President*

## KWPS Club Auctions - Part 2

In the previous newsletter I described the basic workings of our club auctions. In this article I will provide more detail on buying at one of our sales.

If you are interested in buying, there are usually 30 to 40 individual lots offered in each sale. Almost any type of material can appear, but for our club sales the material is usually fairly inexpensive. I should qualify my use of the word 'inexpensive', as we all know that many treasures in our collections are often the items we find that don't cost a lot of money and may be one-of-a-kind, or very hard to find.

The lots are laid out on three or four tables at the beginning of each meeting at approximately 7:00pm.

**TIP:** It is highly recommended that you inspect any lot(s) you may be interested in, to ensure that the condition is satisfactory and the item is as described.

To begin bidding all you have to do is sign-up for a bidder

number on the bidder number list, which is laid out on the tables. Once you have a bidder number you can bid on any of the lots for sale that evening. Many of the lots have a 'reserve' or 'starting bid'. This is to protect the seller who may want to ensure that his or her material does not sell for an unreasonably low price.

**TIP:** the first bid can be equal to the reserve – you do not have to bid higher than the reserve if you are the first bidder!

We have established bidding increments and all this does is to standardize how much more you have to bid over the previous bid. Our bidding increments are 25 cents for bids up to \$5; 50 cents for bids between \$5 and \$10; \$1 for bids between \$10 and \$30; and \$2 for bids over \$30.

So, you have found a lot that you like and you placed a bid. Congratulations, but the sale is not over yet! We usually allow bidding to take place up to 8:00 pm. At that point everyone is asked to step back, the bidding is closed, and the



lots are gathered up by the auctioneer.

**TIP:** after you place a bid, you may want to watch the lot to monitor whether someone else outbids you. Some people will wait to the last minute. In online auctions like eBay this is known as "sniping".

Please check-in with the auctioneer to pay for any lots you may have won. I try to wrap up the sale as soon after 8:00 pm as I can.

If you have any questions please just ask me at the next meeting or e-mail me at [straq@sympatico.ca](mailto:straq@sympatico.ca)

**- Scott Traquair,  
Director Table Auctions**

## Interesting Internet Sites for Collectors

### **www. PhilatelyNews.com**

If you are interested want to know what kind of stamps are being issued throughout the year in the various countries, this site will tell you! You will find some background information on recent issues, together with the date of issue and denominations.



Please email your favourite links to [Publicity@KWStampClub.org](mailto:Publicity@KWStampClub.org)

Furthermore this site holds a nice collection of links that point to various philately blogs worldwide, from Belgium to UAE. If you enjoy travelling, you'll be able to find a calendar that contains dates for worldwide philately exhibitions!

**- Kerstin Kramer,  
Publicity Director**

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Let us help you complete  
your collection!



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada  
Chapter 13

Our meetings are open to everyone.  
Come on by!

Next meetings: September 9th, October 14th, No-  
vember 11th, December 9th

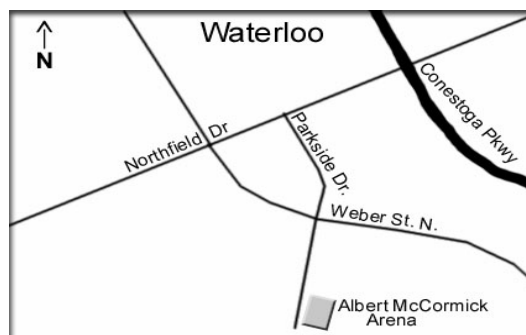
Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Albert McCormick Arena (Community  
Room)

500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo

Annual membership\*:

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



## Robin Day

Many members signed a card recently wishing Robin all the best. Robin has been undergoing chemo and sends "thanks" for all our well wishes.

George Pepall and president Jim visited Robin recently at his home in Washington out near Ayr.

We are pleased to report Robin is doing nicely and trying to keep his Afghan collection growing!

## Cover Circuit

Thanks to member Leigh Hogg and his ongoing efforts, our club has a "cover circuit".

Proceeds from this venture accrue to the club. Be sure to stop by and check out the material. We even have some post cards in the circuit.

Furthermore Leigh would welcome a volunteer helper or two, especially for the Club Fair. Please get in touch with Leigh if you are interested!

## Club Fair

Please note that the GRVPA Club Fair has been changed to Saturday, October 23 this year. Also: this year it is close by - in Cambridge at the United Kingdom Hall.

Like other years all auction items from our club are coordinated by president Jim.

Get forms from Jim and have your material submitted by our October 14th K-W Club meeting at the latest.