



**GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB**

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*Saint Louis, Missouri*

## Words from El Presidentè

Hello all! Well, fall is officially upon us now. I guess that means that the cold weather is just around the corner. Let's enjoy the nice fall days before old man winter rears his ugly head! I'll bet that we'll get a few more steamy days as summer dies a slow death.

The newsletter this month is what you see here, my column. Our secretary and newsletter editor has been under the weather the past few days to the point that it prevented him from being able to put the newsletter together. I'm sure that I can speak for everyone in wishing Phil a speedy recovery!

I was hoping that we would have the final accounting for StampFest at last month's meeting, but Gary was unable to attend. Therefore, we'll look forward to hearing what Gary has to say this month. I recognized at the meeting last month those who volunteered for the various tasks that made StampFest a success. Now I want to recognize them here for the benefit of the rest of the club.

I want to give a big hearty thank you to Tom Minor who once again put together a great show. He essentially did double duty making sure that we still had a concession stand for the show along with all the other duties of a show chairman. Only a very small number of club members actually see all that goes on behind the scenes and what it takes to put on an event like StampFest. It is many hours of work. Thank you, Tom, for all you do for the club! Thanks and gratitude also goes out to our VP, Katrina, for the pot luck dinner; Jerry Schultz for handling the auction; and Frank Kollinger for running the concession stand during the show. I also want to thank all of those who helped with setting up the show, manning the registration desk, helping with the auction, helping with the concession stand, helping with the dinner, and helping with anything I might have missed. Many people were involved and as they rotated through the various tasks that I couldn't keep up with who was doing what when. I don't want to leave anyone out so I simply say thank you all!

What's coming up? This month in accordance with our by-laws I will need to appoint a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers in November. This year the offices of President and Treasurer are up for grabs. Anyone wishing to volunteer, but has questions first, please get in touch with me. Next month is Philatelic Jeopardy. If anyone would like to see a specific category, this meeting is the last chance to let me know. November is the election and the annual auction bux auction where we get to spend all the money we earned throughout the year. I'll need a volunteer for that event too. In December we close out the year with the Christmas party. That's the VP's shin-dig so just come and enjoy.

Everyone has the program this month. This is show and tell month. Please bring an item or two that you really like to share with the club. Remember, this is not about will the club like what I show, it's about hearing about what you, the shower likes. This is one way that we learn about the collecting interests of the other members if the club.

A reminder that our VP is still looking for volunteers to give a program next year. Some months have already filled up. Make your reservation now while the price is still low!

Yes, SOCOPEX will take place once again next month on October 16th, the third Saturday of the month. Please make a note of it.

That is all.

**Did you know: The first stamp issued in the series of 1922 (the 4th Bureau), which replaced the W/F series, was the 11 cent Rutherford B. Hayes stamp. That seems like an odd denomination for the first stamp of a new series.**

**Guy Gasser  
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