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### JANUARY MEETING

Alan Barasch is going to start us off in 2018 with a program titled "Conspiracy Against EG Lewis". It sounds intriguing.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

February.....TBA.....Gary Hendren  
March.....China Treaty Ports.....Ed Bayham  
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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**H**appy New Year! I trust that everyone had a joyous Christmas and wonderful holiday season. I hope that 2018 is safe, healthy, and prosperous for all.

The first thing I want to do is thank Katrina Whitaker for the job she did over the past 4 years as the club Vice President. She did more than anyone will ever know for the club behind the scenes; things that no one ever saw or even knew about that were critical to the successful things the club accomplished during her rein. She made my job a whole lot easier and the club that much better. Please extend thanks to her, and let her know how she did. Thank you, Katrina, for a job well done!

The club Christmas party was a lot of fun! Anyone who didn't attend missed a great time. I want to publicly thank our at the time vice president, Katrina, for the great job she did putting on this wonderful evening of fun and frolic. I also want to publicly congratulate Phil Schorr, who I selected as the recipient of the Prexie Award for outstanding service to the club for 2017. Great job, Phil, and thank you for all you did for the Greater Mound City Stamp Club this past year!

The new year begins with some challenges for the Greater Mound City Stamp Club. The club needs a vice president and will need a secretary very soon. Our Secretary, Dave Marsh, has bought a house in frigid Wisconsin, and will be moving to the great white north possibly as soon as the middle of February. Once again I ask for now two people to step forward and fill these positions. Until the club fills these positions, Gary has agreed to cover the duties of the vice president, and I will cover the duties of the secretary once Dave leaves the club. Given the amount of extra duties Gary and I will have, I will more than likely delegate some of the

duties to other members of the club to ensure that all of the things that need to get done get done.

The next big event on the near horizon is the St. Louis Stamp Expo (the big show), which will take place 16-18 March at the Airport Renaissance in Bridgeton. Just like in year's past I will be asking for volunteers to help with putting on this show. As I am penning this, I don't know yet how many we will need or for what duties. I should have a good idea by the time the club meets this month as the Expo committee will be meeting before then. I imagine that many of the same requirements as in years past will stay the same. That means volunteers for the Boy Scout stamp merit badge, youth room, club table, and maybe for registration.

Our by-laws need some revision. I have discovered a few things over the past couple years that need to be addressed in the by-laws. This will explain the enclosure with this newsletter. Please read over the proposed changes. If anyone has any changes to add or make to the proposed changes, or to other articles of the by-laws, bring them up at this month's meeting. However, in accordance with the by-laws, any member has 30 days from the receipt of the written proposed changes to submit any further changes to the proposed changes. If no one submits any other changes, the club will vote on them at the regular club meeting in February.

See you at the meeting and try to stay warm.

Guy

**Did you know: Mexico's mail transportation issue of 1895-99 gets its nickname Mulitas (Little Mules) from the little mules found on some of the stamps.**

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## DUES

As our Secretary said in a recent email, dues for 2018 are now due. If the dues amount on the enclosed page has the dues amount crossed out, it means you are already paid through or beyond 2018. He hopes that avoids any confusion.



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### FEBRUARY MEETING

Gary Hendren is giving the program this month. The title is "Place Stamp Here". It is a Powerpoint program that is new to St. Louis audiences.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings one and all from ARIPEX and sunny Arizona! The weather here has been typical for this part of the country, gorgeous. One could get spoiled by this weather real easy, but then there is the summer. Hot! The area clubs that put on ARIPEX did a nice job and put on a good show that included a bourse, exhibits, a youth area, and some nice seminars. It is one of the nicer APS world series of philately shows in the country.

This month is voting month. First off it's time once again to vote on the best, worst, most important, and least necessary stamps issued in 2017 through *Linn's* annual stamp popularity poll. This is a fun time that is really not that easy. It can be hard to decide on which stamps to select. All the stamps issued by the USPS in 2017 are in the December issue of *Linn's Stamp Monthly*. If you have one, please bring it to the meeting as it makes it easier for everyone to vote if we have more than one copy.

The second thing to start voting on is the proposed changes to the by-laws provided there are no other changes. So far I have not received any other comments or proposed changes since our last meeting. A copy of the ballot is included with this newsletter to get it out to everyone. Even though the ballots are sent out now, everyone has until the meeting in March to vote on the proposed changes. If no changes come up at this meeting, I'll take ballots then. Otherwise, members can mail them to me or if attending the meeting in March, give them to me there.

It's almost here! It's time once again for the really big shew. Expo! We will once again need volunteers to help with several aspects of the show. I don't have the final needs as of yet, but I know we will need help with the Boy Scout stamp collecting merit badge, help in the youth room, manning the club

table outside the show, and maybe a couple more areas. I hope to have more definitive requirements at our meeting, and will ask people to put name on paper for the various activities.

The last item about Expo is to attend! Even if you can't help out, please attend and support the show. This show is known as one of the best in the country. The only way it will stay that way is for people to attend, support the dealers, and take part in the various activities. No matter what one collects, chances are very good that one can find something at this show.

I look forward to seeing everyone for another club meeting with plenty of fun and frolic! Don't forget to pay this year's dues if not already done. The secretary says we are down to just 16 remaining to renew. Oh, VP? Secretary? I know you are out there somewhere!

Guy

**Did you know: The Basel Dove, the first stamp issued by the Canton of Basel, Switzerland, on 1 July 1845, was also the only stamp it ever issued.**

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## 2018 DUES

The left front of the envelope in which you received this newsletter indicates your dues status. If it shows "Thru 2017" you still need to pay your dues for 2018. Please bring your dues payment to our March meeting or mail it to our Secretary at the return address shown on the mailing envelope or, to kill two birds with one stone, send it along with your votes to the address on the enclosed bylaws ballot.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members, Michael Manley and Pat Morgan. We hope to see them both at our meetings this year.





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### MARCH MEETING

Ed Bayham is presenting the program this month on China Treaty Ports. Sounds interesting. We'll also have an auction this month.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

April.....Stanislaw Part 2.....Jerry Schultz  
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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

The fun and frolic is over. There is nothing left but the shouting. Another Expo has come and gone, and we move on to the next event. So how was the show? Those members who were able to attend can give us their opinion on the main event for the year. I hope that they share their thoughts and the fun that they had at the show. I thought the show went off very well and it seemed like everyone was enjoying themselves. The key to the success of the show is the attendance and then what did those who attended think about how everything went. The few people I talked to, dealers and attendees alike, all had positive comments. I don't have the final count of paid attendees, but I know that over 525 paid to walk through the door. I think when the final count comes in the show attendance this year will be about the same as last year plus or minus a few. I also want to thank those who volunteered their time to help with the various things needed to set up, run, and take down the show. Shows of this magnitude don't run themselves. It takes people to make it happen and without our volunteers the show would soon fall apart. I especially want to thank Bob Mahoney for running the youth room this year. He was there from start to finish. I also want to thank Gary Hendren again for handling the bourse and dealers from start to finish.

The end of Expo signals the start for planning for the club's next big event, Stampfest. Stampfest this year will be August 18th and 19th, and once again at Parkway Central High School. Please mark your calendars now. While it seems as though August is still a long way off, it really is not. It might be 5 months from now, but that is only five club meetings to get everything organized, planned, and all the behind the scenes activities done. So once again I will be asking for volunteers to step up and

help out with all that needs to be done. Details will follow, but I think that for those who have been in the club for more than a year have an idea already on what the club needs to do in order to make sure that Stampfest continues to grow and is a continued success.

A reminder that this month's meeting is the last opportunity to turn in ballots for the proposed by-laws changes. Ballots received after next Monday will be null and void.

It's time to say thank you and good bye to our long time club member and Secretary, David Marsh. This month's meeting will be his last as he and his wife are moving to WI at the end of the month. David has been a dedicated and loyal club member from day one. He has volunteered to help in probably every activity the club has held or participated in since he joined in 2009. He has been the secretary for the past 2 plus years and he is responsible for the successful concession stand at Stampfest the past 2 or 3 years. He has made my job as President much easier knowing that I could count on him to get things done and done well. Well done, Dave, and thank you. I speak for the club and myself when we say that you will be missed. Good luck in your new home, be safe, and God speed!

I have a family situation that I have to take care of, which will take me to Montana for several days. Therefore, I will not be able to attend this month's meeting. Have fun and I will see everyone next month. Oh, where oh where have the VP and Secretary gone? Oh where oh where can they be? Hey, I know you are out there somewhere!

Guy

**Did you know: The Linn's stamp popularity poll actually started 70 years ago in 1948.**

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### IN MEMORIAM

David Kols passed away on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer. David had been a member of GMCSC since 2016, and a longtime member of Webster Groves Stamp Club. He also belonged to several other philatelic organizations. He will most be remembered as President of Regency-Superior Auctions.

David had been a contributing individual in many philatelic activities for over 30 years. It was David whose vision and tenacity started the St. Louis Stamp Expo in the 1990s, a show that over the years has grown to be one of the best shows in the United States. His love for philately and all he did for the hobby will be missed by many, if not all. Rest in peace, David, and enjoy the wonders of stamp collecting upon high.

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### APRIL MEETING

Jerry Schultz is our speaker this month, telling us about Stanislaw Part 2. Jerry's exhibit at Expo was a winner, so this should be good.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**H**ello to everyone from the land of the big sky, God's country, where the winter just won't quit. Snow anyone? There's plenty to go around if anyone wants any. The folks up here are all too happy to send some your way. Still it's beautiful country and it's home.

I've been out of the net for what will be a month by the time of this month's meeting due to an unfortunate family situation that I will not go into here. As such I am just a little behind. I hope to be somewhat caught up for this month's meeting, but no promises. I hope everyone understands.

Last month's meeting was the end of the voting period for the proposed by-law changes. I'll let everyone know the results this month. I haven't counted the ballots yet, but a quick scan indicates that they will pass with an over whelming majority. Once official, I will publish a change to the by-laws incorporating the approved changes. I'll have a copy posted to our web site and a hard copy for everyone. If anyone would like an electronic copy, just let me know and I'll email it to whoever wants it.

It's almost here! Well, not really, but it's closer than one thinks. And that would be Stampfest. While it's 4 months away on the calendar, it's only four more club meetings until show time. We will once again need volunteers to help with several aspects of the show. I think Tom Minor has once again stated that he would be the show chairman, but I need to confirm with him first before I throw him to the wolves! If I am mistaken, and that wouldn't be the first time, I'll be asking for a volunteer for that. We will also need someone to volunteer to take over as bourse chairman as this will be Gary's last year. This ideally will be the transition year for that person to work with Gary and capture all the pertinent information needed for next year and beyond. The



other big thing for Stampfest is who will run the concession stand this year? Now that Dave Marsh has departed, the concession stand is in need of someone to take that over. Who would like to take this on this year and beyond?

Last month the club said goodbye to Dave Marsh as he and his wife embarked to the great white north, near Green Bay, WI, to their new retirement home. I'm sorry I missed being able to give him a nice farewell. I want to personally thank Dave for all he did for the GMCSC. Not only was he the club secretary the past 3 or so years, he also ran a great concession stand for Stampfest. He is the consummate volunteer, always ready to help out in any capacity whenever needed. Dave, so long, good luck, and a big thank you for all you did for the club. You will be missed! We hope to see you somewhere around the philatelic playground in the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone for another club meeting with plenty of fun and frolic! Vice President, Secretary, where are you!!!?

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**Did you know: Martin Miller took over as the new editor of *The American Philatelist* this past December.**

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### MAY MEETING

Roses would seem to be an appropriate subject for a spring meeting. Come and learn about America's Floral Emblem and maybe take home a prize.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

June....."Going on Pilgrimage".....Tom Minor  
July.....Byrd Antarctic Expedition..Nathan Esbeck  
August.....TBD.....TBD  
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**G**reetings everyone! Welcome to summer? It seems like we never had a spring season at all as the temperature seemed to go from cold to hot without much transition in between. Speaking of hot, our philatelic happenings are going to start heating up very quickly as we prepare for Stampfest. That's not all either. The APS Summer Seminar takes place the last week of June, and the big show, the APS stamp show is the week before Stampfest. This year the show is in Columbus, OH, a mere 6 hours away. Hopefully many of you will be able to make the journey to take in a great show.

This month's meeting promises to be full of fun things. We have Phil to entertain us with his program, we also have an auction (get your lots ready), and the results of *Linn's* stamp poll are out so we can see how the masses voted as compared to the rest of us.

I received the last of the ballots during our March meeting and counted the votes for the proposed changes to the by-laws. All proposed changes passed by an overwhelming majority. Thank you to all the members who voted. Of the 67 members who were on the roster during the voting period, 21 returned ballots, which satisfied the quorum (16). The results of the vote are in the minutes for the March meeting for whoever wants to check them out.

As everyone surely knows by now, the club is still looking for volunteers to fill the positions of VP, secretary, Stampfest bourse chairman, and concessionaire for Stampfest. It was suggested that no one may really know what the duties of these positions entail. Therefore, I thought I would explain them here. Perhaps that will help for anyone considering filling one of these positions. The duties of the VP and secretary are in the By-Laws so I'll cover them later.

Bourse Chairman (BC). The bourse chairman is responsible for mailing out (inviting) and receiving back contracts from dealers, and collecting their show fees. The BC also coordinates and sets with the HS the date, getting the security guard, custodian, tables and chairs from the school, floor covering, microphone, any keys needed to open areas; setting up the renting and delivery of the additional tables needed; drawing the bourse layout and providing the dealer information for the program, and coordinates with the show chairman for any other needs for the show. The BC is also prepared to make any announcements during the show that need to go out to everyone. There may be one or two other things that our current BC, who is stepping down after this year, will inform the new BC along with all documents from past shows to help the new person. I am looking for a volunteer for this position who is prepared to take the ball and run with it for several years. This is not something to pass along to new people every year. That could lead to all kinds of problems. Hopefully this will help anyone thinking about doing this just what the job entails.

I want to thank all of those who expressed their condolences and well wishes with the passing of my father last month. It was very heartfelt and I appreciate it very much.

I'll see everyone soon. Remember, this month's meeting is a week earlier than normal due to Memorial Day falling on the fourth Monday this month.

Guy

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### NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new member Bill Raible to the fold. Many of you know Bill from his efforts as a dealer at all the local shows.

Also welcome Lesa Morgan as a family member along with hubby Pat who joined last August.



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### JUNE MEETING

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**H**appy summer everyone! By the time you read this summer will have officially arrived although given our weather in St. Louis, it will seem like summer arrived several weeks ago. It also means that it is Stamp Camp time. Officially, it is actually called Summer Seminar. As I write this I'm on the road to Bellefonte, PA for Stamp Camp having just come off a show in Huntsville, AL.

The show in Huntsville was their local club show like our StampFest. It was a nice little show with a lot of great people. One could tell that the members took the time to put together a nice show. I wish them continued success with their efforts in the future.

Since the summer is upon us, I want to remind everyone that club meeting locations change for the next 2 months while the middle school is closed. Remember that we will meet at Tropicana Lanes in June and July. Everything else remains the same. Tom Minor will entertain us this month with one of his interesting presentations. This is also the month where the discussion on Stampfest gets more detailed. Since Tom is also the show chairman, everyone will get to hear him extensively.

Neither Gary nor I will be at the meeting this month. Gary will be at Stamp Camp with me. However, we still need to figure out some things for Stampfest. We still need a volunteer to put together the concession stand, if we are going to offer one. One other volunteer we will need is for someone to handle setting up for the pot luck dinner after the show closes Saturday night. Remember, while we invite the dealers who readily take us up on the event, this dinner is open to all club members and their families. Please plan on attending. All that is required is to bring something for the group to enjoy. We also still need a bourse chairman to put together the show floor and manage the dealers who will be attending



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That's about it for now as it's time to hit the road again. Have a great time at this month's meeting. See you in July and stay cool.

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### ROSTER UPDATE

Please update the roster you received last month to show the new mailing address for Michael Manley. His address is 3112 Edgecreek Dr., New Lenox, IL, 60451-0631.



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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

**H**appy dog days of summer everyone! I think it is safe to say that the dog days are definitely here! Now we're all wondering when we will get a break from all this heat and humidity. Soon the weatherman says, soon, but will it last? Probably not.

I want to remind everyone that club meeting location this month is again at Tropicana Lanes. I am asking for all hands on deck this month as this meeting will be busy, busy chalked full of many fun things to do.

First off, this month is auction month so bring those lots with you. Remember lots in and lots won equal auction bux for the big auction in November. Also, Nathan Esbeck is going to enlighten us about the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, a chilly topic to help keep us cool on what will probably be a hot summer day. This is also the month where we stuff envelopes and label postcards to mail out for StampFest. Therefore, the more hands we have available, the faster we get it done!

This month's meeting is also the last club meeting we will have before StampFest next month. Therefore, we are going to have to finalize several things. Tom will be asking for volunteers to man the show entrance, help with set up on Friday evening, help with teardown on Sunday afternoon, man the concession stand if we have one, sign up to bring food items for the pot luck dinner after the show closes on Saturday, and put the pot luck dinner together.

We still need a volunteer to put together the concession stand, if we are going to offer one. We are down to the wire on this. It comes down to this everyone, if I don't get a volunteer by the end of this meeting to take on the concession stand, then we will not have one this year. While we will survive without one, the club will lose at least \$200 in

revenue that is generated from concession stand sales, and patrons will have to leave the show for lunch. Hopefully they will come back after doing that. Do we really want to let this go by the wayside? I hope not and someone will rise to the occasion.

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That's about it for now. The next main event will be philatelic jeopardy in October. If anyone has a category they would like to see in the game, just let me know. See everyone soon!

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### AUGUST MEETING

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Greetings everyone! The dog days of summer continue. And it's all over but the shout'n. Stampfest that is. I think that the show turned out just fine given that the show had but ten dealers. Everything ran smoothly from the outside looking in and that's the important part.

I need to start off this month with thanking all of those who volunteered their time to make StampFest happen, and happen well. A special thank you to Tom Minor, show chairman, who also acted as bourse chairman, and facilitator of the concession stand. He took on a huge role and made it all happen. Thank you, Tom! I also want to thank Ed Bayham for stepping in to get the concession stand up and running, and Frank Kollinger who pitched in more than a helping hand. A big thank you to Jerry Schultz for running the auction from set up to final accounting of the lots sold, and Dan Baugher for keeping track of the brisk sales activity that took place. I also thank Pat and Lesa Morgan for taking care of the pot luck dinner for everyone after the show Saturday night. Those that didn't stay for it missed a good one. And last, but not least, a big thank you to those who helped with the setup, tear down, manning the entrance table, and working in the snack bar. It took the concerted effort of all to make the show happen successfully.

This year 160 attended the show, which is down by seven over last year although I can't for certain account for last year's number. Breaking down the numbers, 35 attended the show for the first time and 132 attended one day while 28 attended both days. Thirty-one of the club's 60 members attended the show either as a helper, shopper, dealer, or some combination of the three. While it would have been great if all club members attended, that is a most difficult quest.



Did the show make any money? I don't know yet as not all of the expenses have been paid yet, but I'm cautiously optimistic. I'll know that answer at next month's meeting. I can tell everyone that the club did well on income outside of the dealer table fees. The club made \$353 in the auction, which brought in over \$2,000 in sales! This is the most the club has made as far back as I can remember. The 5 cent box brought in around another \$400, also a record I think, and the concession stand about \$270 gross sales.

Now that StampFest is behind us we look toward the rest of the year. Nathan will start us off this month with his chilly presentation about something to do with Antarctica. Coming up is Philatelic Jeopardy in October (category suggestions?), the big auction in November, and our annual Christmas foray in December. The club needs someone to handle the big auction in November. The task is to take in and list the lots for the auction. Who would like to volunteer?

I want to remind everyone that the club meeting location this month is back at our home base, Parkway Central Middle School.

That's enough for now. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting.

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

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**G**reetings everyone! Summer is gone for another year and fall has officially arrived. That may be a good thing for some. However, I'm afraid that I must begin this month's newsletter on a somber note.

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform everyone that we lost one of our long time club members last month. Nancy Moellering passed away on August 24th. Nancy joined the club 30 years ago on 1 January 1988. I don't know the cause of her death, but I was told that she was battling cervical cancer over the past year or so. While Nancy didn't regularly attend club meetings, she was an avid supporter of the club and a mainstay in the Philatelic community for many years. She owned and operated Star Stamps and Coins in St. Charles for at least 30 years, I believe. She recently sold the coins and supplies (a couple years ago) and operated Star Stamps at a different location until her passing. She also hosted two shows a year in St. Charles at the St. Charles Banquet Center for over 20 years. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family and we will miss her.

Did Stampfest make any money? Gary will have the answer this month as all of the bills are now paid; I think they are all paid. Last month I reported that we made over \$400 at the five cent booth; however, upon further review I found that I was just a little high on sales. It turns out that we made around \$280, if my memory serves me correctly. While that is not as much as I had hoped, it is still the highest grossing amount for any show since the club started the five cent booth. Again, Gary will have the final tally on the five cent booth this month too, along with all the other income from the show.

As we head into fall, we start this month off with an auction. Don't forget to bring those items you no longer need and put them up for auction. Someone

else just might be looking for what you want to sell. This month is also show and tell month. Bring an item that you really enjoy from your collection and share it with everyone. Show and tell is about what each member likes. It's not about whether or not the rest of the members are interested or not. While most club members may not have an interest in what one may show, the club members do have an interest in what the other members collect. This is a perfect opportunity to share that interest with everyone.

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Volunteers have come forward! Norb Wright and Mimi White have stepped forward and volunteered to take over putting on the Christmas party. WOO WHO! Thank you Norb and Mimi! The excitement now starts to build in anticipation of what these two will come up with for the club's evening of fun and frolic.

It's also time to start planning programs for next year. Who has a program or class to expand everyone's knowledge in the basics of the hobby? Please let Gary know and he will get it scheduled.

See everyone soon, and even though fall is here I don't think jackets are in order yet.

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Are there any books you would like added to the club library? We may be able to add a few each year if there are books our members would like to read and use as references. Let me know if you have any in mind.



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### OCTOBER MEETING

This is... “Philatelic Jeopardy”. Study your stamp books and magazines, put on your thinking caps, and get ready for the chance to win lots of Auction Bux you can spend in November at the big, annual Auction Bux Auction. Our President, Guy Gasser, no doubt will have plenty of brain teasers ready for us.

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### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings from sunny southern California! As I open this month's column I'm taking part in SESCOAL (Stamp Exposition of Southern California). It's the big WSP show for the LA area every year. It's a pretty good show although as with all shows that I attend, the attendance could be better. Oh, did I say sunny? Usually that's the case and the weather is gorgeous. Not this year though. It's been cool and rainy for the most part. Not what I was hoping for given the weather at home, but sorely needed out here.

I hope everyone is sharpening up on their philatelic trivia. Philatelic Jeopardy promises to be another rousing night of fun and frolic with the opportunity to earn some extra big auction bux. The sky's the limit as to how much everyone can win, and then spend next month in the big auction. That also reminds me to remind everyone who has auction lot's to donate to get a description into Ken Grothoff (taking over the auction from Gary, and thank you Ken) as soon as possible. It is not necessary to bring lots to the meeting this month, but one can if they want.

As I mentioned above, next month is the big annual auction. It is also election month for club officers. The club officer positions up for election this year are vice president and secretary. Per the amended by-laws from earlier this year, two officer positions will be up for election each year for 2 year terms. Next year will be the office of president and treasurer. The club really needs to fill these positions folks. Who would like to run? Again per the amended by-laws, I'll accept nominations from the floor this month or next month, or any month for that matter.

We now have a confirmed date for the annual Christmas party. Since the first two Thursdays at Syberg's were already booked, and per discussion



and vote at last month's meeting, the annual Holiday foray will take place on Monday, December 10th at 7:00PM. More information on the party will appear here next month. Please mark the date on your calendars.

Gary, acting as VP, is taking signups for next year's programs. Anyone who would like to do a program should let Gary know soonest.

It's time to wrap things up for this month. I look forward to seeing everyone for a fun time when we gather next. Oh, here's a hint on some categories for this year...naw, on second thought I'll keep them a mystery!

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### CLUB LIBRARY

The club library is an amazing asset for the Greater Mound City Stamp Club, but almost no one is making use of it. What can we do to get you interested in checking books out from the library? Should we highlight books on specific collecting areas in the newsletter? Are there new books you would like added to the collection such as the book on philatelic firsts **Roger Grider** showed at our last meeting, the latest book on U.S. error stamps, or something else you have always wished you could read? Please give it some thought and let me know what would get you to begin using the library.

### AUCTION ITEMS

**Ken Grothoff**, asks that you bring any items for the Auction Bux auction to the meeting this month, or at least let him know what you plan to donate. Organizing the auction is a big job, so any help you can give him with putting the list of items together will be a real help.



# PERF-DISPATCH

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Where      Where Parkway Central Middle School  
East side of the building  
471 N. Woods Mill Road

When      4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

Membership    \$5 for Regular members  
\$6 for the family

### NOVEMBER MEETING

The annual Auction Bux auction is ready for your bids. As of this printing we have 94 items up for auction, so we could top 100 if more interesting items arrive. Don't miss it! All those Bux you've earned all year will go to waste if you aren't there.

### 2018 SCHEDULE

December.....Annual Christmas Party

### BREAKFAST CLUB MEETING

The Breakfast group meets the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is **December 10 at Hilary's Roadhouse**, 11488 Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights near the intersection with Fee Fee Road at **8:30 AM**. The Breakfast group meets year round.



### WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Greetings everyone and Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone had a great day with family and friends, and it was filled with fun, frolic, and lots of delicious food! Did anyone risk venturing out for black Friday to take advantage of all the supposedly great sales? Myself, I stay away from that adventure. Then of course you have cyber Monday. At least one can take advantage of that from the comfort of their home as long as they have access to the internet.

Now that the holiday season is upon us that means we are just around the corner from our annual Christmas party. It will again be a Syberg's on Dorsett, but since our usual Thursday, and the other Thursday that would work was already taken, we had to move it to a Monday this year. The date this year is Monday, the 10th of December at 7:00PM. Doors will open at 6:30 for happy hour and pre dinner festivities. Please mark it on your calendar and attend. I'm sure that Norb and Mimi have some great things planned for all of us. I'm looking forward to participating in whatever it is. The cost this year remains the same as the past few years, \$10 per person with the club picking up the balance due. Everyone will also receive a ticket for a free beverage of their choice. I hope that many will attend as the club is on the hook for 30 people whether 30 attend or not. It would be great if the club could get 40 to attend. That would be a lot of fun.

This month is the big annual auction. The list of items up for auction is included with this month's newsletter so everyone can get an idea of what items they want to bid on. I haven't seen the list, but I think there are around 80 lots. A big thank you to those who donated the lots for this year. If anyone for whatever reason didn't get their item description to Ken in time to make the list, bring it anyway and we'll add it to the list.

This month is also election month for club officers. The club officer positions up for election this year are vice president and secretary and again these are 2 year terms. Next year will be the office of president and treasurer. I know I'm repeating myself, but the club really needs to fill these positions folks. Who would like to run? Again per the amended by-laws, I'll accept nominations from the floor this month, or any month for that matter.

Gary, acting as VP, is taking signups for next year's programs. Anyone who would like to do a program should let Gary know soonest.

As the year draws to a close it's time once again to get our \$5 out and renew our membership for 2019. I'll take renewals at any time or mail them to me. Phil will send out notices for renewal in the near future, but for sure no later than January's newsletter. He might even put them in this month's newsletter depending on how energetic he is.

I think that is about all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting this month and then at the Christmas party next month. There won't be a newsletter in December as this month doubles up for November and December.

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### DUES

It's time to pay your dues for the 2019 club year. The enclosed green dues notice tells you whether you owe dues for 2019 or have already paid in advance. Please bring your payment to the meeting or mail it to President Guy Gasser. Thanks.