

The Bulletin

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Thoughts From an Old Curmudgeon #6

Well, here we are all trying to get through this trying time. I have lost count of how many times I have looked through most of my collection albums, how many jig-saw puzzles I've done or sat looking out the window. Some of the puzzles were enjoyable; others just helped to fill in the hours. I have talked to acquaintances on the phone that we never spoke to before in that venue.

I have received several what could have been nice envelopes/covers, but a very dedicated Post Office worker made sure that the stamps were severely redacted. We stamp collectors are not to be trusted with the opportunity of reusing postage that has not been cancelled. It is Canada Post policy that all stamps on mail must receive a mark so as the stamps cannot be reused. There are numerous cancelling devices at each post office and stamp pads, it would be nice to see the pens and felt markers go to the back pocket. Complaining seems to go on deaf ears. Remember, if you do get a cover/envelope in your mail that has stamps not cancelled, you can go to your favorite Post Office and have them cancelled to your wishes and have them handed back to you. There are a few Post Offices in our clubs wide community that still have a hammer canceller. You just have to ask. They do have a problem in that the date slugs are no longer available for most.

The Flying Mail Truck Booklet given to all Corporate Canada Post employees for Christmas as a Thank you, that I mentioned in our last bulletin just sold in the FvH Auction for \$198.00. Have you contacted our club show dealers and stores handling Philatelic Products? They will need our help if we want to see them when this time in history finally corrects itself. Try somewhere you have not dealt with before, I have had a few surprises. Most have Email contacts and would welcome want lists.

On another note, I just flipped over the big 80, and nothing changed. I am still acquiring items, really – I think maybe I should be selling/ disposing of some of my collection. If I were to dispose of some of my collection, it would include Topicals such as Birds (not Kingfishers),

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Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Cancelled

Guelph Stamp Club
Cancelled

KW Philatelic Society
Cancelled?

Check with the club
before going to its meet-
ing. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a Covid
Stamp

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Message From Jim Measures

Joan McTavish

Joan and her husband Richard (Dick to me) were 2 of the 14 people who met 5 May 1998 when we held the first meeting of the club that would be named ***The Saugeen Stamp Club***. You can see her, sitting beside Lois Young, in the photo, taken at that meeting, found in the club's cabinet in our meeting room at St. Matthew's Church.

Lois and Joan were friends since kindergarten; and I had known Dick and Joan since my days living in Guelph, 1968 – 1972 and was proud to call them friends. Dick always had a joke or two and Joan was most hospitable and had the most marvelous smile. At that time I was involved in breeding Dalmation dogs and whenever we were away from home, Joan quickly offered to "baby-sit" our dogs, especially Adam and Dolly. She had lots of help from her three kids who always wanted to walk the dogs. Both Dick and Joan collected stamps, with Joan focusing on the stamps of Palestine and Israel. She and I often marveled at the Israeli stamps with the attached tabs with added information about the subject on the stamp.

Dick passed away in 2010 and Joan went to join him in September 2020. Richard was a Pastor, in the Baptist Church and Joan gave strong support, often offering a children's story during the service.

When retired, they remained in Walkerton until health concerns compelled them to move into a Long Term Care Home. Joan made friends easily and had many friends in the home in Waterloo where she spent her last years. All that time she kept up interest in our Club and it is sad to lose another one of our founding members.



April 28, 1935 to September 28th, 2020

Dear Members of GRVPA clubs:

The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association is calling an Annual General Meeting for March 9 via Zoom.

The meeting will start at 7pm and is open to all GRVPA clubs and their members.

During the meeting we will be conducting elections for the following positions: President, VP (East), VP (West), VP (Liaison), Treasurer and Secretary. The election will be by anonymous (The meeting host will be able see votes) poll via Zoom and open to all members in attendance. Anyone that wishes to run for an executive position will need to submit a nomination request to Leigh Hogg at leighh@belmontvillagefinancial.com with the email title as GRVPA Elections 2020. A simple email with your name and the position you wish to run for, will suffice. **Please volunteer!** In addition to the elections, we are asking all clubs to submit the names of two directors for the GRVPA board. It is hoped that the directors can attend the board of directors' meetings, held quarterly. Under the present circumstances the meetings will be held by Zoom. After the pandemic is over, future meeting may be held in person, via Zoom or a combination thereof.

Thank You and Stay Safe

The Executive of the GRVPA: Joe Trauzzi (VP Liaison); Leigh Hogg (VP East); Bill Findlay (VP West)
David Oberholtzer (Treasurer)

Another Measured Moment.....

Mike "Pinball" Clemons

You will find "Pinball" Clemons on the stamps listed as Scott #2567h and 2575. He is recognized by most Canadians as the best known Toronto Argonaut and for being always upbeat and having a positive attitude. As a long time Argonaut fan, I was pleased to meet "Pinball" at a fancy dinner, hosted by the Bruce County Federation of Agriculture where he was the featured speaker. While most of the crowd of about 200 were wearing their Sunday Best I was wearing my Argonaut T-shirt. When he came into the banquet hall Mike came straight over to me, we chatted and he gave me his last Grey Cup Ring; *sadly I had to return it after the dinner and speeches*. While addressing the gathering and answering many questions, he remarked "Some people say I was a great football player, Oh No! I was just a coward, every time someone gave me the ball, everyone wanted to jump on me, so I just ran away".

In April the *Toronto Star* interviewed "Pinball" Clemons, now general manager of the Argonauts, about how the COVID 19 situation was affecting him and the CFL. His answer was very typical of this man he said, "For me the uncertainty is not the priority. The priority is making sure we are doing all that we need to do to take care of all Canadians - - - It's like being a good team member - - - so let's control what we can control and do our part." I believe that we should all heed the advice of this "coward" who is also a Great Canadian.

Mike Clemons was born in the USA, but came to Canada to play football. He told me that his first day here, he was not eligible to play so he saw his first CFL game from my favourite place, section 526 at the SkyDome; in the end zone looking down on all the action along the goal line and facing the Jumbotron to see action at the other end of the field. He enjoyed Canada, stayed, and chose to become a Canadian and raise his family here. I am proud to call him a fellow Canadian, although I wish that I could have kept that Grey Cup Ring.



Notices:

1. Dues are due – only \$10.00 to cover the Bulletin expenses. Peter Kritz is acting treasurer for the time being and your cheque can be mailed to him at the following address.

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Fire and apparatus, Bees, Lighthouses, Bridges, USA Lighthouse Post Cards, tapioca; Post Cards as all or nothing. I have to pinch myself continuously to remind myself that collecting stamps is a past time or hobby, not a financial benefit. It has been a huge benefit during these times. We all likely know members in our community that do not have a pastime hobby to occupy their time and are having difficulty in the absence of their usual behavior and friends. Reach out to your neighbours and friends.

Dave Pugh

Fun Facts about Stamps

The very first self-adhesive stamp saw the light of day in 1964. That was an innovative and bold decision from Sierra Leone. It had a green background and featured a map of the country.



The world of stamps had expected this to happen, but who'd take the first step wasn't very clear.

Stamp collectors have issues regarding the durability and life-expectancy of these stamps. Officials have concerns of their own about the paper procurement and processing logistics.

That's why this 'novelty' took its time and it's still not a fait-accompli!

Re : The Grand News (Last chance to volunteer)

Wendi Trauzzi is looking for someone to spearhead a Grand News advertising drive. The job would entail contacting potential advertisers for the Grand News. The person would have to collect any outstanding fees and forward it to the treasurer as well as receive the ads and forward them to Wendi. Please consider helping out the GRVPA.



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