

# ***BULLETIN*** of the Empire State

***Postal History Society***

Volume 51 Number 4

December 2018

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Cheektowaga, New York- March 10-11, 2019**

BUFFPEX 2019 – The Buffalo Stamp Club, VFW Hall, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga.

Info. George Gates, 716-633-8358. Email: [gghg53@aol.com](mailto:gghg53@aol.com)

### **Canandaigua, New York – May 17-18, 2019**

ROPEX. Rochester Philatelic Association, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center,  
250 N. Bloomfield Rd., Canandaigua.

Info. Tom Fortunato, Email [stampmf@frontiernet.net](mailto:stampmf@frontiernet.net)

### **New York, New York- May 31 to June 2, 2019**

ASDA Stamp Show, The Watson Hotel, West 57<sup>th</sup> St. New York City

Info. Dana Guyer, 800-369-8207, Email: [dana@americanstampdealer.com](mailto:dana@americanstampdealer.com)

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**DEADLINE** – The deadline for the March 2019 issue of the *BULLETIN* is **March 1, 2019**

The editor is always looking for short (1/2 page, 1 page, 1 ½ page or 2 page) articles to fill spots in the Bulletin. Submit to Larry Liberte at [largin1@verizon.net](mailto:largin1@verizon.net).

## **EXCELSIOR! DEADLINE**

The deadline for the **March, 2019** issue of *EXCELSIOR!* is **January 31, 2019**.

As an incentive, submitting a one to four-page article will get you a one year extension on your membership and a five-page article will get you a two year extension. Just think – if you write regularly for *EXCELSIOR!*--you'll have the potential of earning free membership for life!...And think about how you will enrich yourself and others.

Published Quarterly by the Empire State Postal History Society  
APS Affiliate #28 web site [www.esphs.us](http://www.esphs.us)

**Officers:**

President: David Przepiora ('19)  
[djprze@hotmail.com](mailto:djprze@hotmail.com)  
Vice-President: Frank Braithwaite ('19)  
[FrankBraith@gmail.com](mailto:FrankBraith@gmail.com)  
Secretary: George McGowan ('18)  
[geolotus2003@nycap.rr.com](mailto:geolotus2003@nycap.rr.com)  
Treasurer: George DeKornfeld ('18)  
[docgfd@twc.com](mailto:docgfd@twc.com)

**Regional Representatives:**

Northern: Gerald Wiley  
Upper Hudson: Maris Tirums  
Mohawk: *vacant*  
Lower Hudson: *vacant*  
NYC/LI: Frank Braithwaite  
Leatherstocking/Catskill: *vacant*  
Central: *vacant*  
West Central: *vacant*  
Southern Tier: Alan Parsons  
Western: David Przepiora

**Directors:**

('18): Brian Levy, Maris Tirums  
('19): John Cali, Dr. Charles J. DiComo, Drew Nicholson  
('20): Alan Parsons, Heather Sweeting

**Advertising Manager:**

George McGowan (email above)  
150 Burden Lake Rd.  
East Greenbush, NY 12061-3602

**Bulletin Auction Manager:**

Bob Bramwell  
[rbramwell@nc.rr.com](mailto:rbramwell@nc.rr.com)  
PO Box 4150, Pinehurst, NC 20374

**Chairman of the Publications Committee:**

Drew Nicholson  
[dan.ddn@comcast.net](mailto:dan.ddn@comcast.net)  
18 Valley Drive, Pawling, NY 12564-1140

**Web Developer & Designer:**

Charles J. DiComo, PhD  
[charlesdicomo@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdicomo@gmail.com)  
1298 Hammock Way, Lancaster, PA 17601

**Excelsior! (Semi-Annually)** March and Sept.

David E. Williams, Editor  
[davidinindiana@aol.com](mailto:davidinindiana@aol.com)  
7115 Abbey Woods Dr. NE  
New Salisbury, IN 47161

**Bulletin (Quarterly)** March, June, Sept. and Dec.

Lawrence Laliberte  
[largin1@verizon.net](mailto:largin1@verizon.net)  
15 Sunset Hill Ct.  
Carmel, NY 10512-5027

**Happy Holidays  
and a  
Prosperous New Year**

## ***Secretary's Membership Report***

**No updates**

The following dues notice is reprinted from the September issue of the *BULLETIN*. Due to family issues, Drew was not able to send it out but promised to do so soon.

### **DUES**

Shortly you will receive a separate communication from me regarding the 2019 dues. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of your current dues status. As I am sure you are aware a number of members pay in advance and/or write articles (this gains them free membership) for the *Bulletin* and *Excelsior!*; most of these members will already have satisfied their dues status for 2019.

It is likely that you have noted the *two digit dues code* that follows your name on the address "label" on each publication you receive; this represents your *current* dues status. In the immediate past dues collection was suspended because of irregular and untimely publication. A goal was set by the Board that when we were once again publishing on a regular, timely basis dues collection would be renewed. We have achieved that goal and we hope you have enjoyed the results.

I shall enclose for your use in my communication a stamped envelope addressed to Treasurer Dr. George DeKornfeld, along with a statement of the amount (if any) dues owed. It is hoped that you will return your 2019 dues payment to Dr. DeKornfeld as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please email me at [dan.ddn@comcast.net](mailto:dan.ddn@comcast.net); I will endeavor to answer them as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Drew A. Nicholson  
Publications Chair

## A Well Traveled Cover

By George McGowen

Long time member Bill Hart, years ago, introduced me to the joys of seeking out “well traveled covers”. After all, what is better to a postmark collector than to have a gaggle of postmarks on one cover. This example has 9 postmarks, 6 killers, 1 UNCLAIMED and 4 manuscript notations.



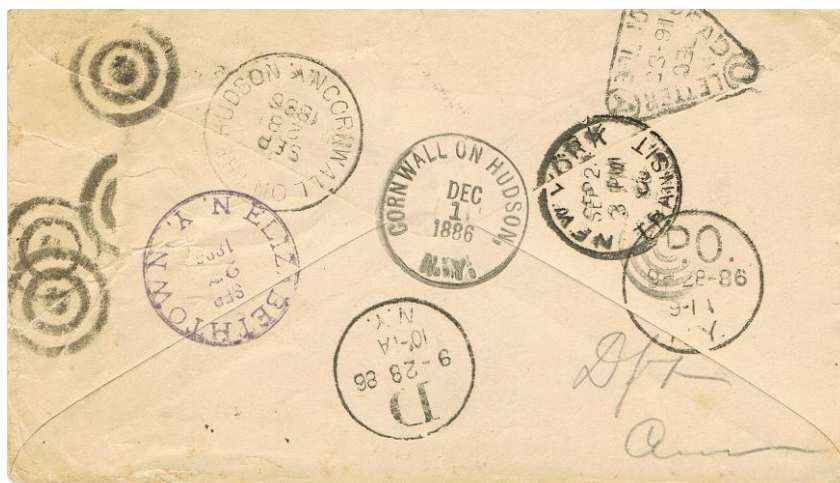
**Figure 1** Front of cover sent from Lake Placid.

Pictured here (**Fig. 1.**) is a cover mailed at Lake Placid, NY on Sept 27, 1886, and marked with an receiving mark of Sept 28 1886 in New York City, not a bad delivery time, compared to today's standards.

On the reverse (**Fig 2.**) are transit marks from Elizabethtown (Sept 27, 1886) and Cornwall on Hudson (Sept 28, 1886). Also on the reverse is a Station D NYC mark and a P.O.

NYC mark, both dated Sept 28, 1886. There is also a NYC Transit mark dated Sept 2?, 1886.

For some time the cover went undeliverable and received an “advertised” (Nov 1, 1886) in manuscript. On Dec 15 it was forwarded back to Cornwall on Hudson with new address numbers, but alas, was still undeliverable and went to the Dead Letter Office on Dec 16, 1886. At some point the red “UNCLAIMED” was added.



**Figure 2.** Back of the cover.

Pondering the final destination of this nomadic letter, did it get returned to Lake Placid and the Stevens House? There are no “Return to Sender” marks, or was it finally delivered to Mr. Morton? We shall not find out in this story.