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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

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

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

ASDA Stamp Show, The Watson Hotel, West 57th St. New York City

Info. Dana Guyer, 800-369-8207, Email: dana@americanstampdealer.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members, Spring is around the corner and with that another issue of *Excelsior*. We are still struggling to find material for both our *Bulletin* and *Excelsior*. Is this lack of participation because the vast majority of our group can't write a short write up about some topic or cover, or is it most of you don't care? We would like to share in your collection and/or research. We have a small group of dedicated people who keep this Society going, including the contributors to our publications. But after years of lethargic response, we need some new perspectives. I sure would like to know what it takes to get some response. If you haven't visited our web site lately, we are close to getting all our past Bulletins and Excelsior/Journals on line. Take a look at what some of those earlier members contributed.

We will hold our annual meeting at ROPEX Saturday May 18, 2019, 11 am at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 North Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua. It would be nice to see a group of members attending.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

DEADLINE – The deadline for the **June 2019** issue of the *BULLETIN* is **June 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 Laliberte at largin1@verizon.net.

Secretary's Membership Report

The response to the Society's mailing has been nice and solid so far. Thank you to those members who have already sent in their dues payments. To those who haven't gotten around to doing so yet, please send yours in. It makes my job easier if renewals can be processed in bulk, and it will keep your issues of the *Bulletin* and *Excelsior!* coming.

A special shout out to Joel Harrington and one other member (who desires anonymity) that included donations with their membership renewals. Your generosity helps to keep our Society going and is very much appreciated!

Long-time member William A. Thoman was quick to send in his dues, as usual. Many of you recognize his name as the owner of Cortland Covers and also have some of his stampless items, Bill's passion, tucked away in your collections. Years ago, when I first started building my Hudson exhibit, Bill was of great help to me, was always fair and is a true gentleman-dealer. Well, I'm somewhat sad to share that Bill advises that, after many years, he is closing up shop and retiring. His stock of U.S Stampless Covers will be sold at auction by Schuyler Rumsey at WESTPEX in April. Members may want to check out the auction as Bill's stock includes many New York State stampless especially heavy in manuscript Post Office towns. Enjoy retirement Bill!

On a personal note, a tip of the hat to member J. Ogden Tyldsley, Jr. who included the following note with his renewal: 'How appropriate is "Oil of ...," perchance?' I have to admit to scratching my head over the meaning of this cryptic message for a couple of days before it finally struck me. Last year, I moved to Hobart, and my new street's name is 'Clove Road.' As a retired dentist, I should have been able to put 'Oil of Clove' together much sooner. In all the time I've lived here, I never before had made this rather obvious connection! In my defense, since my retirement, I don't think about my former profession that much, now preferring instead to think more along the lines of 'Clove of Garlic' (insert Smiley Face)!

George DeKornfeld
ESPHS Treasurer

EXCELSIOR! DEADLINE

The deadline for the [September, 2019](#) issue of *EXCELSIOR!* is [July 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.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Al Starkweather informs us that the *Stamp Insider* is defunct with its last issue January/April 2018, but Al will keep the website live to continue access to the older issues. The *Stamp Insider* first published in 2003 with six issues a year. If you have never seen a copy, take a look at www.stampinsider.org.

This is another loss to the stamp collecting community.

Our webmaster reminded me that he is still looking to fill out missing issues of the *EXCELSIOR!* and *BULLETIN* to be posted on the club's website. If you have old issues and wonder if we need them, check out our web page at www.esphs.us.

RECEIVED WITHOUT POSTMARK

By Lawrence Laliberte



Figure 1 The RPPC of the lodge at Bear Mountain.

As postal historians, our main interest revolves around post offices, postmarks and auxiliary markings. In my continuing search for postal history from Iona Island and Bear Mountain State Park, I came across the post card shown in **Figure 1**. It is a common Real Photo Post Card (RPPC) of the lodge at Bear Mountain. This type of card was published around 1920 so I was expecting to see an Iona Island postmark. Mail generated from Bear Mountain in this time period was handled from Iona Island. (The Bear Mountain post office was not established until May 10th 1937.) Instead, it has a seldom seen auxiliary marking apparently applied at Syracuse, N.Y., its destination, stating "Received Without Postmark." **Figure 2**.

The stamp is a Scott #543 perf. 10 x 10 which was issued in 1921 further establishing the time period.

For a more detailed information on Iona Island and Bear Mountain, see my article on Iona Island that appeared in the March 2018 issue of *EXCELSIOR!*.



Figure 2 The address side of the card showing the "Received Without Postmark" marking.