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Dear Worldwidiers,

This newsletter has five purposes: to bring you a message from our President, to update the membership roster, to forward your promised membership card, to pass on some administrative details, and to exchange information and comments from other members.

First, the message from our President and founder, Aubrey Dunne:

"This is a testimonial to the thousands of hours of pleasure received from my stamp collecting pursuits. I would like to share a few of those thrills of "yesteryear" as the radio announcer stated, wondering if perhaps your experiences were similar. I remember acquiring my first stamp from Zanzibar, and, of course, all those German inflationary issues. The joy of completing a set, or finding that final stamp to fill an album page would cause me to look with pride for several minutes. Do you remember getting the first stamp issued by a particular country, or your first 19th century or 100 year old stamp? I thought I really had something when I traded those 10 billion mark and trillion pengos (both mint) stamps only to find that they cataloged a couple of cents each. Stamp collecting, in addition to the learning experience, has been a lot of fun.

Mankind in its 140 plus years of stamp issuing has produced more stamps than any other single man-made items (artifacts). Anyone with access to the mails is a potential collector. No great sums need to be spent. My collection is in excess of 130,000 mounted varieties, 99% of which I have obtained either by exchange or at a cost of less than 6¢ a stamp (the other 1% being face value purchases made at the post office). They may not be mint or OG or even in average condition, but it is a collection. Whether from Abyssinia, Sharjah, or Zululand, each stamp gives me pleasure. I still recall as a fifth grader the pride I took in recognizing such places as Azerbaijan and Mozambique. Geography, history, art, science to name but a few are all on stamps. Although the world of the elementary school child is limited, the subtle beginnings of international understanding may well start with his curiosity of the appearance of the United States flag and the Statue of Liberty on foreign stamps.

Philately has been dubbed "The hobby of kings". Undeniably so, but it is also the hobby of the much less affluent. It can be as expensive -or

inexpensive- as one wishes to make it. It pays no respect to age, sex, national origin or religion. It is my sincerest desire that our World-widers Collectors' Club do all that is possible to promote general collecting particularly among the youth. What better way to assure the future of the hobby?"

Second, the membership roster. Please attach the enclosed sheet containing members 86-99 to the roster you already have. Then update your roster with these items:

#10 address for Charles Sweet is  
940 Third St. So, Apt. 204  
Naples, Fla. 33940

#18 address for Glenn Hasse is changed to  
767 Hopetown Rd Apt M-8  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

#23 street name is changed to  
Braewick

Third, your membership card is enclosed. When writing on club business or writing other members please use your club number for easy reference.

Fourth, as of this writing (20 August) we have 101 members and our treasury balance is \$235.09. The costs of reproducing and mailing this letter have to come out of that amount. So you can all see our dollar resources are limited. We have provided information to 43 other persons. Hopefully, many of them will become members. It appears that there is a need to establish a policy on newsletter advertising - including rates. If you have an opinion or comment on this please write to our President, mbr #1. In the meantime the enclosed Stamp Exchange flyer was paid for with a substantial contribution. If any member could offer his services as a translator it would be most helpful. A Spanish translator is especially needed. Please contact the Secretary, mbr #31. Lastly, an editor and publisher is needed for our newsletter. We hope to go to press every three months or so. More often if we can afford to - or less often if we can't. Note treas. bal. above. Volunteers please write to our President, mbr #1. Once this post is filled, contributions from mbrs on general collecting will be sought and welcomed. As surely you all realize the club is not a large organization with a paid staff ready to provide services to members. Rather it is a small informal group staffed by volunteers. The Worldwide Collectors Club will be what the members make of it. Please answer your correspondence promptly, use commemoratives or unusual older stamps for postage, and help build a reputation for the club as one with members who trade fairly and generously with others. The club thanks Arlene Futrell, mbr #2 for her generous support: recruiting many new mbrs., two donations of postage for club mail, and for the design and printing of our membership cards. The club also thanks Eugene Swonger, mbr #86 for a cash donation.

Fifth, many members have offered information and comments. Leonard Bland, mbr #23 has a good source of trading material in England and also has the addresses of some good circuits. John Williams, mbr #91 has info. on a pen-pal club. A good source of stamps. Charles Baker, mbr #88 is a semi-retired dealer who likes worldwide collectors. He is also Editor of the Junior Philatelic Observer, official organ of the JPA. Eugene Swonger, mbr #86 is

also a dealer in worldwide stamps. John Howell, mbr #85 is  
is President of the Mailer's Postmark Permit Club. Priscilla  
Schrock, mbr #82, offers to write articles or do artwork. New  
editor, wherever you are, please note. Hal Clarke, mbr #47  
is working on plans for a club exchange. Marian Poole, mbr  
#33 and Arlene Futrell, mbr #2 are both running exchange cir-  
cuits at this time. Many members have indicated a desire to  
trade. Among them are #s 23, 89, 91, 92, 95, 96.

Now, lets all go out and recruit at least one new member!

Happy Collecting,

Herb

P.S.

Herb Holland, Sec'y-Treas.

I just returned from Dallas where my daughter did this  
typing for me. I wrote this in terse abbreviated style  
because I was hoping to get it all on one sheet back and front  
+ save reproduction costs. But as you see I didn't. So now  
can add some. While in Dallas I had a short but pleasant  
visit with D. D. Cleveland, mbr #66, at his office. Then I  
attended the APS Stamp show 84. Really terrific - visited  
over 70 dealers. The exhibits, of course, were those in-  
credible specialist's ones - very technical to just a plain  
old stamp collector like myself. At the APS affiliates desk  
I met mbr #19, James Bailey and we had a nice but short  
chat. On your roster please change his address to:

PO Box 962, Muskogee, Okla. 74402.

Lots of mail waiting for me. We now have 107 members.  
When we reach 127 we will distribute another roster  
update.