



E-Newsletter: March 2014



Report from the SIP Annual General Meeting: The Society held its Annual General Meeting On February 9 in conjunction with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. Many thanks to Howard Rotterdam for making local arrangements. Here are some highlights, with sincere appreciation to Howard Chapman for his detailed minutes and to Vicki Galecki for her notes:

Voting on Constitution and Officers:

-The new Constitution by a vote of 121 to 4

-All officers were elected for new two-year terms, as follows:

President - Ed Kroft

1st Vice President – Donald A. Chafetz

2nd Vice President – Dr. Zachary Simmons

Directors: Gene Eisen, Gregg Philipson, Jesse Spector and Howard Wunderlich

-The following non-elected officers were reappointed by President Ed Kroft:

Treasurer – Stan Raffel

Assistant Treasurer – Howard S. Chapman

Controller – Sam Adicoff

Executive Secretary – Howard S. Chapman

Dues:

The Board passed a measure for a new dues structure beginning in 2015. Please see the President's Message (attached) for details.

Matters concerning The Israel Philatelist (IP):

--*Four Issues Per Year:* A reminder from the previous issue of this Newsletter: The IP will be converting from 6 issues per year at 40 pages each to 4 issues per year at 60 pages each, thus leaving the total page count unaltered. This will reduce mailing costs, thus saving the Society money without sacrificing the total amount in content distributed to members.

--*Advertising:* In an effort to increase Society revenue, we will be soliciting non-philatelic advertisers whose products would be of interest to our members. With this, we would hope that some of our members who have businesses would advertise in The IP as a form of a contribution to our Society to help us to continue to put out this excellent journal.

--*Digitalization:* This continues, and will eventually result in all issues of the IP being available and searchable on-line to all Society members. Our IP editor, Don Chafetz, has been diligently working on this initiative, and it now nearing completion.

A Look Into the Crystal Ball:

-Future SIP meetings are scheduled as follows. Please begin planning your exhibit now! We have many talented SIP members who can help you if you are a novice. Just let us know, and we'll connect you with a mentor! !

2015: At NOJEX over Memorial Day Weekend:

2016: In New York at World Stamp Show May 28-June 4

2017: At Chicagopex (tentative)

2018: At Balpex (tentative)

Awards and More Awards:

-The Leslie Reggel Memorial Awards for the past 3 years were announced:

2011: Vicki Galecki

2012: Ed Kroft

2013: Dr. Art Groten

-The SIP awards for exhibits in Sarasota were as follows:

1st place: Bob Pildes

2nd place: Mike Bass

3rd place: Nathan Zankel

-SIP President's award:

Multi-Frame: Dick Herman

One-Frame: Nate Zankel

-Palmares Awards. See attachment for the complete list. Note the honors won by SIP members:

Gold: Bob Pildes, Mike Bass

Gold One Frame: Nate Zankel

Vermeil: Howard Chapman, Dick Herman, Howard Rotterdam

Silver One Frame: Jean-Paul Danon

Achievements of Note:

Member **Gene Eisen** published an article in the December 2013 "Judaica Thematic Society Newsletter" entitled "An update on Jewish Nobel Laureates in Genetics on Stamps." Congratulations Gene!

Our Library: The SIP library is now under the direction of David Dubin. This is a tremendous resource from which materials are available to borrow. Please contact David if you have questions.

Maybe it's Not the Pulitzer, But....: An award will be presented annually for Best Article of the Year in the Israel Philatelist. You'll never win if you don't submit something! To discuss ideas for articles, please contact our Editor, Don Chafetz, at SIPeditor@gmail.com

L-Dor Va Dor (From Generation to Generation): Our Children's Stamp Album: This made its debut at the Sarasota show, and we hope to have it available on our website soon. Stay tuned!

State of the Society: The President's message is attached.

We (still!!) need volunteers: The Society is critically dependent on its members to volunteer their time. The more you do (for free!), the less the costs to the Society for paying for services. And, many of you have knowledge that, if shared, would be of great value to our members. We are currently in need of an advertising manager to take over for Stu Freiman, who wishes to step down from this position that he has filled so competently for so long. We also have a tremendous need for a webmaster to manage the SIP website. There are many other opportunities as well. Contact our President, Ed Kroft, at Ed.kroft@blakes.com for further discussion.

Write Us! We Welcome News and Information: We'll be glad to include achievements of SIP members, announcements related to the SIP, and information about local club meetings. When informing us about upcoming events, please note that the E-Newsletter usually is sent out the first week of each month. If you are providing information after an event or meeting occurs, we welcome reports about that meeting, what was discussed, etc. Please send information to Zach Simmons at zsimmons101@gmail.com

President's Message from Ed Kroft

Hello everyone. It has been a brutal winter for many of our Society members. I hope you are keeping well and perhaps you have been able to enjoy our great hobby. Some of our members were able to make the trek to Sarasota for the exhibition and the Annual General Meeting.. We had a wonderful time together on Friday night and throughout the Convention. My congratulations and thanks to Howard Rotterdam and Vicki Galecki for their work in organizing and running the Convention activities. Kudos to Arthur Harris and Howard Rotterdam for their respective talks on revenues and postal dues/forced registration. Felicitations go to the exhibitors on Holy Land subjects: Bob Pildes, Mike Bass, Nathan Zankel, Dick Herman, Howard Chapman, Howard Rotterdam and Jean-Paul Danon.

2014 promises to be an exciting year for the Society. Digitization of our journals continues. Soon members will be able to research and print information from all older issues of the Israel Philatelist. Materials are still on sale from our Educational Fund which is always looking for new manuscripts to publish. Our Society Newsletter, spearheaded by Zach Simmons, will be issued mostly every month to advise members of new developments in the Society. Please keep us advised of your philatelic pursuits. I understand that some of our members will be exhibiting in March 2014 in Cleveland. The Society continues to explore an expanded relationship with the American Philatelic Society. I hope that more of you continue to offer help to the Society as many of you already have. Keep spreading the word about the Society and its benefits!

However, I must advise you of a resolution passed at the 2014 Annual General Meeting. The Israel Philatelist will only be available 4 times a year in digital form beginning in 2015 unless members wish to also pay for receipt of a printed copy. This new policy will extend to all classes of members including Life Members of the Society. The Society values all membership but recognizes that increased costs of mailing do not make it economic to mail journals to all members without raising dues That is something will will only do for members who want printed copies of the Israel Philatelist.. Dues will be \$30 per year, and will include an on-line version of The Israel Philatelist for all members worldwide. For those who also wish to receive a hard copy mailed to them, annual dues will be as follows: \$50 per year for US addresses, \$55 per year for Canadian addresses, and \$60 per year rest of world. Life members will be entitled to access to the on-line version of The Israel Philatelist at no charge. For life members who also wish to have a hard copy mailed to them, the cost per year will

be \$20 in the US, \$25 in Canada, and \$30 in rest of world, representing the difference in annual dues for all members between on-line version of the Israel Philatelist only vs. receiving hard copy of the journal.

Future SIP Annual General Meetings are scheduled for 2015 and 2016. Please consider exhibiting at the events or at other local shows at or near where you live! The Society wishes to also encourage new exhibitors . As such, there will be awards to encourage novices and awards in various areas. We hope to see you at:

2015: NOJEX over Memorial Day Weekend:

2016: New York City in conjunction with World Stamp Show May 28-June 4.

We are also considering meeting at Chicagopex in Chicago in November 2017.

In closing I wish to thank all of you for remaining members of the Society and for working to make our Society strong. I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to email, call or write. Remember –it is our Society-let us continue to show our pride in our hobby and the Society's current work and interest in its future endeavours.

Regards,
Ed



Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition Palmares

February 7, 8, & 9, 2014

Silver/ Bronze

Robert Lighthouse : Canada Map Stamp Of 1898 : A plating Study

Silver - One Frame

Tomas Hernandez : Xalapa Veracruz - From Beginning and Before
Clemens Reiss : Lawn Bowling Rulers, Rules, Recreation and Results
Also : AAPE Gold
Jean Paul Danon : Israel - 1948 New Year - Rates & Uses through two postal periods

Silver

Raymond DeBeau : Canada : Three Cent Small Queen
Dawn Hamman : City Chicks
Also : AAPE Creativity Pin, AAPE Award of Honor
Arturo Codina : Cuba : Varieties and Errors
Les Knebl : Unusal Stamps of the World
Also : WE Sterling Achievement Award Pin

Vermeil - One Frame

Thomas Richards : U.S. Naval Mission to Brazil : Cancels 1922-1977
Also : The Lighthouse Award
Silvia Garcia Frutos : The First U.S. Special Delivery Stamp Used in Cuba
Also : USPPS Single Frame

Vermeil

Richard Colberg : Mexico Postal Stationery
Howard Rotterdam : Postage Due System of Israel 1948-1959
Octavio Cabrera : Cuba Postal Stationery EFOs 1959-2008
Also : UPSS Marcus White Award
Richard Herman : World Recognition of the State of Israel
Also : SIP Presidents Award
Raymond Muphy : Jamaican Censorship in World War II
Juan Farah : The Story Behind the Preforated Penny Red
JohnWalker : Patriotic Covers Used within & From the Confederate States 1861-1865
Peter Taylor : Postmarks of the Mexican Postal System During the 19th Century
Also : MEPSI #3
Frank Avevedo : Puerto Rico Postal Stationery 1878-1898
Howard Chapman : JNF Fund Raising Cinderellas

Gold - One Frame

James Mazepa : Baja California Del Sur - 1814-1915
Also : MEPSI #2, Single Frame GRAND
Daniel Knowles : The Confederate States of America Postal Initiative
Don David Price : \$1 Rush Lamp & Candleholder Stamp
Nathan Zankel : Palestine's 1918 Interim Period
Also SIP #3

Gold

Robert Pildes : 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel
Also : SIP 1st.
Deane Briggs : Florida Confederate Postal History
Also : PHS Medal, MPHS Award, USPCS Medal, GRAND Award
John Grabowski : Postal Use of the National Defense Issue 1940-45
Also : USSS Statue of Freedom Medal (BIA)
Wayne Farley : Independent State & Confederate Mail of West Virginia 1861-1865
Also : APS Pre 1900
Stephen McGill : The British Non-Denominated Definitive Series of 1989-2013
Also : APS Post 1980
Fernando Iglecias : The One Real Stamp of 1855-57 Plating on Covers & Documents
Stuart Reddington : Great Britain : The Issue of 1840-1841
Bill DePaolo : Usages of the 15c Prexie
Also : APS 1940 - 1980
Walter Weber : Colombia - Sovereign State of Bolivar 1863-1879
Richard Mallow : The First Issue of the Polish People's Republic
James Graue : Zeppelin South America Flights 1930-1937
Also : AAS Struck Medallion of Winged Globe Medal, RESERVE GRAND
Michael Bass : French & Austrian Postal Operations in the Holyland 1852-1914
Also : SIP #2
Millard Mack : The 6c Transport Airmail Stamp Goes to War
Iris Adair : The "Four Heavenly Maiden" Airmail Series of the Ryukyu Islands 1951-1972
Also : USPPS Multi-frame Award, AAPE Title Page Award
Robert Hisey : The Christmas Series of Finland
Also : American Philatelic Congress Book
Peter Jeannopoulos : Haiti's 1906 Gold Issue
Also : APS Research
Omar Rodriguez : The Mexican Revolution : A Philatelic Puzzle Revealed 1910-1916
Also : APS 1900 - 1940, MEPSI #1

One Frame Grand Award

James Mazepa : The Baja California Del Sur 1814-1915

Reserve Grand Award

James Graue : Zeppelin South America Flights 1930-1937

Grand Award

Deane Briggs : Florida Confederate Postal History