

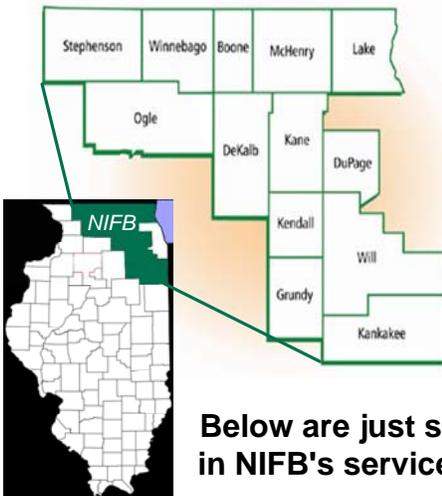
Last month we continued with the planning, organizing and gathering material for the charity sale at the Midwest Stamp Dealers Association stamp show on 14-15 April. Table manning assignments were made for the sale, and the material was farmed out for pricing and display. We were also treated to a bag of "Jelly Belly Flops".

This month we will review the sale, have a chance to look at and buy materials that did not sell and put together a schedule of events for the rest of the year – and hopefully a treasurers report.



Northern Illinois Food Bank

The Northern Illinois Food Bank serves 13 counties covering nearly 7,000 square miles with a population of just under 4 million (3,967,578 or 30% of the state) according to the last census.



Over the past few years, NIFB has seen a steady rise in the need for food assistance. In 2002, 11.1 million pounds were distributed; in 2004, NIFB distributed 19.5 million pounds of food; in 2009, over 27.2 million pounds were provided to NIFB's partner agencies. The NIFB has seen between a 35% and a 50% surge in demand throughout the 13 counties it serves with nearly 35 million pounds of food distributed in 2011.

Below are just some of the key statistics about those being served in NIFB's service area:

- NIFB provides food for an estimated 502,400 different people annually – up 168% from 2006
- Approximately 61,600 different people receive assistance each week - up 65% from 2006
- 48% of the members of households served by NIFB are children under 18 years of age
- 6% of the members of households are elderly
- 43% of households include at least one employed adult
- 66% have incomes below the official federal poverty level during the previous month
- 33% of clients served by NIFB receive SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits
- 47% of households with children ages 0-3 receive Special SNAP for Women Infants Children
- 53% and 35% respectively of households with school-age children participate in federal school lunch and school breakfast programs
- 1% of households with school-age children participate in the summer food service program

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, 7 pm
24 April 2012
at the
Grayslake Area
Public Library
100 Library Lane
Grayslake, IL

2012-2013 Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Walter F. Veile - Treasurer

Compex 2012
Forest View Education Center
2121 S Goebert Rd
Arlington Heights, IL
May 25, 26 & 27

TRI-PEX '12
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 S 92nd ST
West Allis WI
June 23-24