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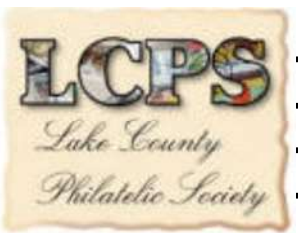
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Perforations



Last month, Louise assisted by Eileen presented (and catered with M&M's) a very interesting talk about the **"Oddball Stamps: Kingdom of Tonga Case Study"** that expanded well beyond the issues of this tiny Pacific island nation.

Starting with Tonga, we learned something of the nation's its history and culture and the motives behind their "oddballs".

From here, Louise transitioned and expanded to how other nations adopted the idea to create more interesting and unique stamps that began a whole new topic/class of stamp collecting — that keeps expanding.

This month, **"Specialty Aspect of Your Stamp Collection"** where members are invited to show and discuss the "what, why and how" it came to be.



Other Items: While on the INTERNET, I came across this Face Book entry — another attempt to bring stamp collection into this "Social Media" age (www.facebook.com/LinnsStampNews/).

The year is fast winding down, we need to start thinking about the Annual Holiday Brunch in December — are we looking at the Golden Corral again? If so date and time — think about it.

Treasures' Report: Total – \$ 3,349.65

**Local
Stamp
Shows**

MSDA STAMP SHOW
Country Inn and Suites
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL
October 1 and 2



Chicagopex 2016
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd Itasca IL
November 18 - 20



MSDA STAMP SHOW
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th St
Milwaukee WI
December 03-04



MSDA STAMP SHOW
Lindner Conf Center
610 E. Butterfield Rd
Lombard IL
December 10 and 11



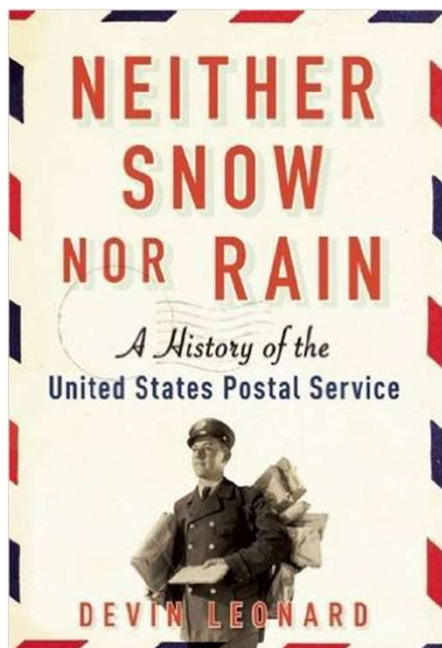
Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday, 27 September 2016
at the Grayslake Library
100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030



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"Neither Snow nor Rain (A History of the United States Postal Service)"

by Devin Leonard



I just finished this fascinating story detailing the evolution of postal service in the US. It extends from Ben Franklin's efforts with the colonial British mail service in the 1700's to our latest postmaster general Meagan Brennan and the unholy alliance with Amazon in 2016. Despite the fact that I am definitely not a history buff, the tale in between is mesmerizing.

The US Postal Service truly was a vital part of holding our sprawling country together as it grew. There are side trips telling about alliances with the Pony Express and other private carrier startups, the adventures of early airmail, and the multiple frustrated efforts to become a part of the digital age including automated mail processing. Finally there are staggering measures along the way of the sheer size of our post office. It handles over 40% of the mail in the entire world, billions of items yearly, using their 190,000 route trucks.

You meet people like Evan Kalish who decided on a whim as a youth to make his hobby visiting all the post offices. He is older and wiser now, has changed his goal from 'all' to 'as many as possible', and has raised his personally visited total to 6,557 by late 2015 (with only 29,084 to go).

Quite a total considering Norway now has a total of only 4 post offices in their country, not counting stores, etc. which sell stamps and take in mail.

This is a must read book for all true stamp fans! If you can't locate one in a library, you are welcome to borrow mine for a couple weeks (if you promise to return it).

Bill Schultz

WHAT do the Charlie Ross kidnapping, the Dunning sale, Britain's female mason, Sherlock Holmes and the Littlewood's pool, the founding of the YMCA, George Sloane, and the Madeline Smith Postcard all have in common? Stamps were an important part of these historical events. Even though we don't often think of stamps in the context of making history, those small, decorative aspects of the mail system are far more than just there to decorate the envelope. At the heart of every letter, every postal moment for hundreds of years, stamps can be found, changing history as we know it. In this book, author and stamp historian Herman Herst, Jr. shares with us about the rich history of several historical events and the way that stamps influenced them. Told with good humor, perspective, and solid documentation, Herman Herst, Jr. offers us insight into the smallest details of the mail industry - stamps - and shows us that history is often staring back at us every time we mail or open a letter. Come along to share in seventy-seven stories where history proves that stamps are the stars, sealing history in ways we would least expect it

The Late Herman 'Pat' Herst's Book Has Just Been Published A new book on philately, "**Put A Stamp On It**" has just been published and is available through Amazon and wherever books are sold.

Ida Busch Herst, his late widow found the manuscript for this book on a shelf in his office in 2012, 13 years after his death. His son Kenneth has edited the book and has had it published.

For all of you readers of "**Nassau Street, Fun And Profit In Stamp Collecting**", "**The Complete Philatelist**" and Pat's "**Herst's Outbursts**" over the years and those who have heard his many lectures on philately it will recreate the magical story telling of Pat, and of the historical bedrock of philately in history.

"Put A Stamp On It!: Seventy-Seven Sparkling Stories Showcasing How Stamps Have Intercepted Historical Events" by Herman Herst Jr. (Author), Kenneth Herst (Foreword) Available on Kindle Paperback | \$16.99 | paperback: 362 pages | Publisher: Lee Ann and Veronica's Publishing (1 Jun. 2016) ISBN-10: 1940197384 // ISBN-13: 978-1940197388 from Amazon.com or

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