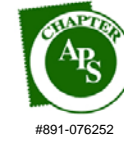


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Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

Arlington Meetings: First Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center St.
Eules Meetings: Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.
12750 S. Pipeline Rd, #1C (Central Station Marketing)
Lake Granbury Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)



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EXPO 2019 - Another Success

By Peter Elias

Another year, another EXPO! The 32nd annual EXPO seems to have gone well from what I could tell. Dealers generally seemed happy. Dealer Jonathan Topper had this to say: *"The MCSC annual show is my BEST show of the year! Every year! See you next year -- and thank you to the volunteers to make the show so nice!"* I think that about says it all!

Attendance was right at about 400 people over both days (counting both visitors and club members that were volunteers).

While my own collecting specialties of ATM & CVP stamps makes it difficult to find items that I need from the dealers, I did manage to buy the 2020 Scott US Specialized Catalog, which I primarily needed for pages 588 to 605 (yup, just 18 pages worth, but my 2015 copy was getting to be inadequate).

We had 3 great APS judges this year: Patrick Walters, Tim Bartshe & Christopher Dahle. As always, the awards ceremony was great. Patrick had this to say (in an email message that I received): *"You and all the rest of the committee are to be congratulated on a successful show....once again. I really enjoyed myself and so did my wife. I hope you invite me back again in the future. I do hope sometime in the future I can meet the rest of your family too. Thanks again for all you do to make the show successful, and I look forward to seeing you again"*. For a listing of all awards, see the Palmares elsewhere in the newsletter.

candy" and hopefully some people were more likely to look at the exhibits!

Mid-Cities YahooGroup to Close, But Wait...

Yahoo! has offered free discussion groups for many years at their YahooGroups website. As of early December, these groups will have all of their "content" removed. Effectively this means that all of the MCSC Newsletters since 1973 that are presently stored there (almost 1 gigabyte worth) will be gone.

While Yahoo will keep the groups around, it will make all them private and only allow email discussions. Since we're not using it as much for philatelic discussions and more as a storage site for the newsletters (as our own mid-citiesstampclub.com domain only comes with something like a paltry 40 MB of space, versus 1,000 MB at YahooGroups), I have moved (or rather re-uploaded) all 900 MB of newsletters to a similar site where most other YahooGroup sites are moving to, which is "Groups.io" at <https://groups.io/g/mid-citiesstampclub>. In addition to storage space and email discussions, they also offer other features such as a calendar and others (even I have yet to check into these features...).

If you're presently a member of the YahooGroup, I can't move your subscription, however, I will be sending email invitations to all club members. You'll then have to follow their instructions to officially join the group, create a password and set any preferences.



Without exhibits, EXPO would not be an EXPO! One of the more difficult jobs is setting up the exhibit frames, and the most "back breaking" job is to put in the screws at the bottom of the exhibit frames. Luckily, teenage helper Marcos Elias made that task easy by using a mechanics creeper!

Two "colorful" exhibits (about the recent Transcontinental Railroads issue and the Spiderman stamp) were placed prominently at the outer edge of the exhibit rows as "eye

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Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

The end is near! Yes, it's almost the end of 2019, and it's that time of year. No, not me bugging you to write an article (although that would be greatly appreciated), but Skip would probably appreciate getting your membership dues renewals as early as possible, so that you're not dropped from the membership rolls only to be added back in again a short time later... A membership dues renewal form is thus conveniently located elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank You!

[Editor: This is a note sent via email by Skip to Jonathan Topper, one of the EXPO dealers]: *"I want to thank you again for your generous donation to the Mid Cities Stamp Club at our recent Exposition. The old albums will be good auction items, while the stamps loose and in glassines can be sorted and distributed at our beginners table. The other miscellaneous items like stamp starter literature and catalogs will also be made available to beginners. We really appreciate it, and look forward to seeing you next year."*

Also: Many thanks to Mark Hardin of Dallas, who donated a car trunk full of stamp albums & first day covers to the club's beginning collector table.

Club In The News

Each issue of the ATA's Topical Time lists a synopsis of club meeting minutes in the "Chapter Chatter" column by Ann Byerly.

Errata

The EXPO 2019 Palmares, as handed out at the time of the EXPO awards dinner, omitted the "Spidey Stamp & Its Promotion" exhibit; it is listed in the version of the Palmares that is published in this newsletter. The exhibit received a Silver, it was originally listed in the EXPO show program as non-competitive and was changed to competitive at the last minute.

Secretary's Report

By Skip Ely



Applications Received

Richard R. Patterson, Hurst, TX
Arthur P. von Reyn, Dallas, TX
Carl R. Huster, Hurst, TX
Norman H. Pence, Hugo, OK
Kenneth R. May, Lavon, TX

Membership Summary – November 13, 2019

Membership as of October 11, 2019	95
Applications Received	5
New Members	0
Dropped for non-payment of dues	0
Resignations	0
Deceased	0
Reinstatements	0
Membership as of November 13, 2019	95

Coming Attractions

2019

NOV. 26 **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: TBD

DEC. 4 **MCSC—XMAS PARTY**

Program: TBD

DEC. 6-7 **TSDA Stamp Show**

411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson Fri 10-5, Sat 9-4. Free!

—> No Eules or Granbury meetings in December!

2020

JAN. 1 —> **NO Meeting! It is moved to JAN. 8!**

JAN. 8 **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: Rob Hathaway: *"Is it possible to collect the entire world? My philatelic memoirs in 20 minutes."*

JAN **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**

Program: Extended Show & Tell and philatelic discussions

JAN **MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting**

Program: TBD

FEB **MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting**

Program: Stan Christmas: "Precancels"

FEB **MCSC—EULESS Meeting**

Granbury Picnic

By Rick Howell

On October 22, the Mid Cities Stamp Club held a picnic at the Bentwater Activities Center in Granbury. It turned out to be a beautiful day to spend at the lake and all who attended had a great time. It was a lot of fun to catch up on the latest gossip and some people even talked among themselves about philately....go figure. Anyway, we managed to capture a few pictures to tell the story and they are included here:



Figure 1. As I said, it was a beautiful day in Granbury and the Bentwater Activities Center is the perfect place for an outdoor gathering.



Figure 2. Master Dog Chef Dave Stockbridge demonstrates the fine art of producing a perfectly toasted bun.

Figure 3. Judy Christmas, Stanley Christmas, Jim Myers, Madeleine Myers, and Gene Atkinson sample some of the gourmet delights at the picnic. The word is everybody enjoyed Judy's potato-egg salad.

Figure 4. Phuture Philatelist Phoenix demonstrates his magical skills at making a hot dog disappear. Mom and Dad, Julie and Justin Rimmer are

there to assist.



Figure 5. Bob Coleman, Barb Stockbridge, Gary McNamee and Alliene Franklin are enjoying the day.



Rumors are that Alliene will be leaving us to go live near her daughter. She will be truly missed as she has been one of our most willing workers and has always been a friendly face welcoming everyone to club events. We all wish you nothing but the best Alliene!



Figure 6. After everyone filled up at the picnic, we all came inside for a presentation on WWII Patriotic Covers given by Jim Myers. All in all, I would call it a great afternoon and evening's entertainment.

See y'all at the next meeting.

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News from the Internet

By Peter Elias

Got a bunch of mint postage to get rid of? It is my understanding that most stamp dealers only pay about 20% - 25% of face value for older mint US stamps. According to the website <https://www.returnmystamps.com/>, they will pay from 40% (older singles) to 70% (FOREVER stamps).

Ever had to mail cremated remains? The USPS has got you covered! They offer a special "cremated remains kit" for free (postage not included). You can order this (with a maximum quantity of 5) from https://store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/cremated-remains-kit-1-P_BOX_CREKIT1. I wonder this is works for just human remains or also pets? The kit has to be mailed via Priority Mail Express, so it's probably not going to be inexpensive. But then they also a Priority Mail version. Either of the two boxes are 14.5" x 10" x 9" in size.



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Annual Club Christmas Party

By Judy Christmas



At the Expo last weekend, I heard that some members were confused as to the date of the Christmas Party. The Christmas Party is being held on the 4th of December at the Bob Duncan Community Center. The January Stamp Club meeting will be held on the 8th of January at the same location. Now that this has been straightened out, I will now talk about the Christmas Party.

For the Christmas party we will start gathering around 6:00 PM (on December 4th). The Club will be providing the meat, turkey and a couple of sides; as well as drinks & utensils for eating your dinner.

As I stated in the last newsletter, we are doing away with playing Shanghai Bingo. Instead, we are asking that each member and their guest(s) bring a philatelic item with a \$5.00 to \$10.00 value. When you arrive at the party please hand your gift(s) to Stan and he will hand you a ticket for each gift turned in. After everyone has had a chance to eat their dinner, we will begin calling numbers. When you take a gift off the table you are to open it. If the next person whose number is called wants what you got, they can take it. The person whose gift has been taken will then have a chance to draw again. Gifts may only be taken twice. Once a gift has been taken twice it is frozen and can no longer be taken. Please make your gifts something that someone else would like to receive, no junk please. You may wrap your gift in any way you see fit. We are hoping this change in gift giving will bring many members back to attending the annual Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at all meetings. But, if you should miss the sign-up sheet and want to come, please let me know by either giving me a call or text 817-996-6112 or sending me an e-mail judy66@swbell.net. I need to have a count by the 30th of November.

Hoping to see at the Party!!

Advertising Flyers In Your Mailbox

By Peter Elias

Have you ever found an advertising flyer (or even business card) left in your mailbox (or taped to it)? I have. And it's also a federal crime committed by whomever is doing this!

Don't believe me? It is in US Federal Code 18, part 1, chapter 83, section 1725 under the title of "Postage unpaid on deposited mail matter":

Whoever knowingly and willfully deposits anyailable matter such as statements of accounts, circulars, sale bills, or other like matter, on which no postage has been paid, in any letter box established, approved, or accepted by the Postal Service for the receipt or delivery of mail matter on any mail route with intent to avoid payment of lawful postage thereon, shall for each such offense be fined under this title.

You can find this at:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2011-title18/html/USCODE-2011-title18-part1-chap83-sec1725.htm> as a text webpage, or a downloadable PDF file from this link: [US Code 18 Section 1725](#).

Granbury Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2019

By Skip Ely

Following the club annual picnic, host David Stockbridge welcomed 18 members, spouses and guests to the October meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club.

The club meets at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 West Emerald Bend Court in Granbury, Texas.

In the **SHOW & TELL** portion of the meeting:

- Judy Christmas issued an invitation to the annual Christmas Party on December 4 in Arlington. She asked those planning to attend, to bring a side dish for the meal and a philatelic item for the gift exchange.
- Stanley Christmas circulated several items, including a paper-bag, sent through the mails without receiving a cancellation on the stamps.
- Jim Myers called attention to his display board of World War II patriotic cachets.
- Gary McNamee passed around the latest newsletter from the worldwide collectors society the ISWSC.
- Denny Ludlow explained how an insured letter was first lost and then found and still USPS paid the insured value.
- Alliene Franklin thanked everyone for helping with the picnic.
- Gene Atkinson asked the group to appreciate the USPS printing on the recent Moon Landing and Transcontinental Railroad commemoratives, and he showed an antique stamp hinges tin box from "Boots the Chemist."
- Rick Howell noted that October is "Stamp Collecting Month".
- Dave Stockbridge offered everyone a chance to delve into a box of miscellaneous and varying quality "stuff."

Gary McNamee challenged the group to identify "**WHERE IN THE WORLD**" -- a nation that first issued stamps in 1857 featuring Queen Victoria, switched from cents to rupees and back to cents, and gained its independence in 1948. Rick Howell correctly responded "Ceylon."

For **ANNOUNCEMENTS**, Dave Stockbridge laid out the timetable for EXPO set-up and invited all to pick through a selection of publications and other items on the "free" table.

After a **BREAK** on left-over desserts from the picnic, James Myers related the story of Lee H. Cornell of Wichita, Kansas. Wanting to help with the war effort in 1941 but a bit old for active duty, Cornell adapted the famous "kicking mule" cancellation of the 19th century into a set of three cachets "kicking" the Axis powers. Used on covers with victory, armed forces, occupied countries, etc., stamps, sometimes posted at military bases or with servicemen franking, these patriotic envelopes are now rather difficult to find but turn up in an occasional sale at about \$15 each. Closing his presentation with a drawing, he gave an example to member Judy Christmas.

DOOR PRIZES consisted of three club gift certificates won by Rick Howell, Madeleine Myers and Stanley Christmas and three assortments of matched U.S. plate blocks won by Dave Stockbridge, Gene Atkinson, and Alliene Franklin.

Arlington Meeting Minutes November 6, 2019

By Skip Ely

Call-To-Order:

- President Rich Hildebrandt brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

- We had 24 members present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary – Skip Ely said we had 95 members with 2 new applications. He said he had about 20 people who had paid their dues.
- Treasury – Judy Christmas gave the treasury amount.

Committee Reports:

- EXPO – Ralph Poore gave a quick summary of activities scheduled for EXPO setup. Rich Hildebrandt said he had given the Convention center the number of award banquet participants. Judy Christmas said she had Friday-Saturday lunch reservation forms from Jason's Deli available. Janet Moyer said it was not too late for people to volunteer and pointed out there would be gift certificates awarded to some lucky people.
- Sales – Skip Ely said this was the last chance to tell him which countries or topics members wanted to see in the APS books next year.

Announcements:

- Judy Christmas talked a little about the changes for the Christmas party gift exchange. She also said it would be catered again this year by Boston Market.
- Rich Hildebrandt said he was soliciting programs for Arlington meetings in 2020 (contact him if you are interested in presenting a program).

Show & Tell:

- Stanley Christmas had a cover with Swedish stamps to give away.
- Ray Cartier showed a space cover from someone he corresponds with in China.
- Jim Taylor showed some PCS and Golden Replica covers he recently acquired. He also said he would like to know more about U.S. gutter pairs if anyone would like to share that information with him.
- Ken Aldridge showed a 1998 cover from the Smithsonian Institute. He also noted he had stuff to sell, as he was downsizing his collecting interests.
- Jeff Jessop showed some philatelic souvenir material he acquired on a recent trip to Monaco and Italy.

Program:

- Was our semi-annual Giant Mixture Pick Preview.

Gift Certificates:

- Gift certificates were awarded to Charles Deur, Rich Hildebrandt, Jeff Jessop and Gene Pfretzschner. Ben Termini received a philatelic tee shirt donated by Peter Elias.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 7:45 PM., but some members milled around for another 30 minutes or so visiting and looking at mixture pick offerings.

Eules Meeting Minutes November 20, 2019

By Skip Ely

Attendance:

- Three members enjoyed a pleasant November evening. Good thing, too, because Skip forgot the key to the office!

Officer Reports:

- All business portions were suspended. A brief discussion of the Silent Auction and Beginners Expo areas was held in the parking lot.

Door Prizes:

- Gift Certificates were awarded to Rick Howell and Tom Turner.

Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned about 7:40 PM.

*Been There,
Done That*

Tonga Post Limited

By Pat & Bob Weidman



Back in 2010, Pat and I took a trip to the South Pacific nations of Fiji and Tonga. In Tonga, we stayed at a bed & breakfast inn that was owned by a European couple.

The inn was on the outskirts of Nuku'alofa, the capitol of Tonga. It was just a short walk into town, which we did several times.

On one of those walks, we stopped at the post office in Nuku'alofa as seen in the photo below. We were looking to get some Tongan postage stamps. Starting back in 1963 and for a number of years afterwards, Tonga issued some very unusual stamps. They started with circular foil stamps. There were also heart-shaped stamps as well as stamps shaped like bananas, coconuts, watermelons, gold medals and other non-traditional shapes. Unfortunately, they no longer had any of these types of stamps available, so we settled on some more recent issues that had more traditional shapes.

The stamp above that shows the post office in Nuku'alofa is from a set of fourteen that was issued back on July 1, 1953. It is Tonga, Scott #106.



Palmares

Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO - November 8-9, 2019

Multi-Frame Exhibits:

GOLD & GRAND AWARD

- The Postal Stationery of Uruguay: 1866-1946 - *Ronald Strawser*
Also:
 - American Philatelic Society - Best Exhibit by an APS Member
 - Texas Philatelic Society - TPA President's Award
 - Universal Postal Stationery Society - Best Exhibit of Postal Stationery

GOLD & RESERVE GRAND AWARD

- The 20c Brooklyn Bridge Stamp of 1983 & Its First Days. A 100 Year Celebration - *D.A. Lux*
Also:
 - U.S. Stamp Society - USSS President's Award
 - American First Day Cover Society - AFDCS Best First Day Cover Exhibit

GOLD

- Introduction To Spanish Thermal ATM Stamps, Their Varieties & Usages - *Peter Elias*
Also:
 - MCSC: President's Award for Best Exhibit by a MCSC Member
 - MCSC: Best Foreign Material Award
- Postal Markings of Hawaii: 1864-1900 - *Richard Nicholas*
Also:
 - Collector'Club of Chicago - Special Award for Best Exhibit

VERMEIL

- The 2018 Changes at the Self-Service Kiosk Machines, Their Stamps & Postage Labels - *Peter Elias*
Also:
 - American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award - AAPE Award of Honor Pin

SILVER

- Swiss Soldier Stamps: Their Origin and Usage During WWI & WWII - *William Woytowich*
Also:
 - Women Exhibitor's - Sterling Achievement Award for an Exhibit Showing Merit in
 - Philatelic Knowledge.
- Postal Stationery of Madeira - *Stephen Washbourne*

Single-Frame Exhibits:

GOLD & SINGLE-FRAME GRAND AWARD

- Hawaii Postal History 1894-1900 - *Jeffrey Erichson*
- #### VERMEIL
- Pursuing the Blue Birds of Happiness - *Bethel Strawser*
Also:
 - American Topical Association - Best Topical Exhibit
 - American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award - AAPE Award of Honor Pin
 - From Stability to Chaos - *Jeffrey Shapiro*
 - Christmas Island-Indian Ocean Postal Stationery - *Stanley Christmas*

SILVER

- Jacques Cartier - *Ray Cartier*
- My Life on Wheels - *Peter Elias*
- Charlie Brown ATM Postage Labels - *Peter Elias*
- The Spidey Stamp & Its Promotion - *Peter Elias*

SILVER-BRONZE

- Guam - A Cinderella Story - *Allen Fintzel*
- Golden Spike - *Rick Howell*
- Christkindl Postal Markings - The First 27 Years of the A-441 P.O. - *David Stockbridge*

MINI-EXHIBITS:

4-page Mini Exhibit - Regular

- First Place Cash Award of \$25 - 1962 Nuclear Explosions at Johnston Island - *Ray Cartier*

4-page Mini Exhibit with Show Theme

- First Place Cash Award of \$25 - Swiss Railroad Parcel Stamps - *John Barrett*

1-page Exhibit - Regular

- First Place Cash Award of \$25 - Just Say Yes - *Peter Elias*

1-page Exhibit with Show Theme

- First Place Cash Award of \$25 - Railroad Traffic Safety - *Peter Elias*

Most Popular Exhibit Award:

- Pursuing the Blue Bird of Happiness - *Bethel Strawser*

My First Exhibit

By Rick Howell

I had never, ever considered designing a philatelic exhibit until a few months ago, when Stanley Christmas was talking about exhibits the club needed for the Expo based on the theme this year of transportation by train. I had just purchased a pane of the Transcontinental Railroad 150th Anniversary Issue and found the stamps to be abnormally beautiful. The U.S. had not put out a more beautiful stamp in a long time, and I was curious to find out more about it, so I decided to do some research and maybe come up with an exhibit.

So, as usual, I took to the internet and discovered the stamps had been printed on a new press at the Banknote Corporation of America. The new press allowed the introduction of a gold film overlay as one of the printing steps. This allowed them to bond a gold overlay on the stamp design providing a beautiful contrast to the cyan-yellow-magenta-black printing steps. Apparently, the USPS was very proud of the new design and ran a great promotion in the cave (Stamp Fulfillment Services), where I could purchase large pictures of the steam engines and a picture of the "Golden Spike" stamp which rounded out the design. They also offered a set of proofs from the printing process. Here was my ready-made exhibit.

I did a bit of research on the AAPE (American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors) website and discovered there are a strict set of guidelines for making and displaying exhibits. This almost discouraged me from exhibiting, but I remembered Stanley said we needed something colorful to help draw people's attention to the exhibit area, and if we could encourage kids to come over and check out the exhibits, all the better. So, I decided to put together something colorful and



hopefully attractive, which would also help tell the story of how the stamps were printed, and if the judges didn't like it, well, it was no great loss to me. I just wanted to have some fun.

So, I spent a little time and put together my single-frame exhibit, hoping to draw people into the exhibit area, and I think it was a little bit successful, even though I had to compete with Peter Elias for real estate. The judges seemed to like my exhibit, also to my surprise, and presented me with a bronze medal and ribbon, which, believe me, was totally unexpected, and probably undeserved, but I definitely appreciated it. In the judges review discussion they admitted that my exhibit needed work, and they offered me some very constructive criticism, in case I wanted to expand on my exhibit. All in all, I had a great time learning and seeing people react to my exhibit. I would encourage any of our members to give it a try. It was a lot of fun.

2020 Mid-Cities Stamp Club Membership Renewal

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Membership Level:

___ \$12 Regular Adult (emailed or online newsletter)

___ \$22 Regular Adult (with mailed newsletters)

___ **\$25 Sponsor Membership**

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Recalled Legends of the West (Scott 2870), pane of twenty inside original mailing envelope, Scott 2017 value \$125 with note that panes in original envelope (blue bordered) "sell for somewhat more." I will sell for \$80 plus any mailing costs. Ken Aldridge, KAldridge@aol.com 12/18

Wanted to Trade

I have general (unsorted) worldwide & used USA stamps (mostly beginning collector material) available to trade for your items such as worldwide revenue stamps & Framas. Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 9/16

Wanted

Postally used "ATM" stamps (i.e.: machine vended), such as Framas, from around the world; would prefer on cover or postcard if possible. Peter Elias, info@stvincentstamps.com 8/14

For Sale

I now have a new website in which I have listed all my used **duplicates (many thousands)**. They are arranged in Scott number sequence within country. Do take a look, and select any that you want. I charge 1/3 catalogue value, post paid. The URL is www.kenwills.net Contact me at wills@airmail.net. Happy hunting! 3/19

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President's Letter

By Richard Hildebrandt

We have just finished holding another great EXPO. From the information I have received it was very successful. Attendance was good, the dealers seemed pleased with their sales, the silent auction met expectations, the award dinner had its best attendance since I became the host and we even turned a profit! Many thanks to all of the club volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make the show a success again.

Hope each of you found something new and exciting to add to your collection.

I am looking forward to the next year of club activities and am still in need of some programs for the Arlington meetings. If you have some topic that you are knowledgeable about are willing to share it with other members, please let me know.

Lastly, our annual Christmas party is coming on December 4 in Arlington. There's no "meet 'n eat" but instead, a good meal is on tap. Judy Christmas is coordinating the food, so please contact her so that she can get a head count for ordering the meal. Also this year we will not play our usual Shanghai Bingo but will try a gift exchange instead. There should be the necessary details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Wishing all of you a HAPPY HOLIDAYS! May you find an inverted Jenny under your tree this year.

[Editor note: If you don't find an inverted Jenny under your Xmas tree, the USPS has them available for sale again, find them here: https://store.usps.com/store/product/stamp-collectors/inverted-jenny-souvenir-sheet-S_580000]



MEET & EAT for December 2019 & January 2020

by Judy & Stanley Christmas

“Meet & Eats” are held before our club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather at 5:00 PM and start ordering at that time. However, latecomers can order when they arrive or just come by for a visit. Meals should be over around 6:15 to 6:30 PM with the Arlington new meeting start time now being at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30 PM.

Meet & Eat locations will be included the club’s broadcast messages. NOTE: All locations are subject to change.

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December 4 Christmas Party!
January 8 Angelo’s, 2590 W. Pioneer Pkwy, Pantego

EULESS

December 18 No meeting, see you in January 2020 !
January 15 On the Border, 2500 Airport Freeway
Bedford (ph. 817-438-4560)

GRANBURY

December 24 No meeting, see you in January 2020 !
January 28 Chili’s, 2101 Airport Freeway, Bedford,
(817-545-0012)

Wanted to Buy

Texas Precancel Stamps. Contact Rick Howell at
Rick.howell1@tx.rr.com

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Wanted to buy or trade for: **Worldwide unusual EFOs, postal counterfeits**, Odd US 20th century auxiliary markings, US 1934 and 1935 Christmas Seals on and off cover and publicity material, Korean War postal history from US and other UN contingents, and any other US philatelic material with an interesting story. John Hotchner, PO Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041, or jmhstamp@verizon.net

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**Don't Forget:
Christmas Party - December 4!
Arlington January 1 Meeting is
moved to: January 8**