

The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Spring 2008

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Chairman's Message

ARIPEX 2007 was a tremendous success! The Foundation sold over \$8000 of philatelic material at our booth, the highest amount we have ever sold at a stamp show. Credit goes to Bob Davis and John Wynns and their crew of volunteers for transporting the material across the state and managing the sales table.

We had an abundance of exhibit prize winners. Dr. Reuben Ramkisoorn won five Vermeils, an APS 1940-80 Award of Excellence, Court of Honor and Best Revenue exhibit. Warren Frantzen won a Silver Bronze and Paul Zatalove a Vermeil. The top winner was Gregg Hopkins who took home a Grand Award, three Golds, a Vermeil, a Best Single Frame, an APS Post Award, a Phoenix Philatelic Society Award, and People's Choice Award. And special congratulations to Bill Radcliff and Stan Spurgiesz who received Hall of Fame awards.

Youth attendance was good, with 150 children visiting the youth activity area.

Our current and past education directors, Lisa Dembowski and Sue Sisson, were on hand during the event to work with youth and make contacts with teachers. Youth winners were Trevor and Dil-

PHF MEMBERS SHINE AT ARIPEX



PLANS FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY ARE UNDERWAY

lon Thomas from CA, Hana Burleson (Show Low, AZ), Nicole Collins (Tucson, AZ). The PHF provided youth winners with "philatelic goodie bags" in addition to their medals.

Many events are planned for the future. Plans are underway for the PHF's 50th anniversary in 2010 and Arizona's Centennial celebration in 2012. Yes, we have a positive, exciting Philatelic Future!

Bob Bechtel, Chair



Kids enjoy the stamp pool at the ARIPEX Youth Area



Trio of dynamic philatelic educators: Marsha Conditt, Lisa Dembowski and Sue Sisson



Paul Nelson and Bob Davis managing our ARIPEX booth

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Library Corner

What's new in acquisitions at the Slusser Philatelic Library? Recent additions to the Library collection include:



*Trinidad & Tobago 5 CD set,
H.A. Harmers Auctions*
Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon



*Development of the U.S. Lunar Exploration
with CD of Astrophilatelic Exhibit*
Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon

*Parity of Currencies in Postal History
1700-1875*
Leonard H.J. Janssen

People In The News



*Carl Spitzer receives plaque
from AZ Library Association*

The AZ Library Association granted its Outstanding Library Service Award to our Slusser Philatelic Library director, Carl Spitzer, at its November convention in Phoenix. Representatives from libraries and government agencies from across the State were present for the ceremony. Carl's son Richard and wife Sylvia were also present for this auspicious occasion. Carl received the award for his many years of excellent service to visitors and patrons of the Slusser Library.



*Richard King, Kelly McLearn
and Paul Nelson were on
hand to congratulate Carl*



Carl and Sylvia Spitzer

Welcome New Members!

PHF members are the life of our organization, so we want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Ralph Anany, San Francisco, CA
Dr. Stan Atherton, Canada
Harold Boyer, Berkeley, CA
Nick Braun, Tucson, AZ
Tom Hauser, Tucson, AZ
Vicki Jones, Tucson, AZ
Narayan Nayak, Lafayette, CA
Steven Marder, Tucson, AZ
Catherine Kelley, Lake Linden, MI

Remembrances

Don Soldwedel, died Feb 2008

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Join The Fun!

Do you know someone who would like to become a member of The Postal History Foundation? Spread the word to help us grow! We offer various membership options. For information, contact Lena Rogers at (520) 623-6652 or at phf3@mindspring.com.

Who's Who

The PHF Family Portfolio

Officers:

Chairman	Bob Bechtel
Vice Chair	Paul Nelson
Secretary	"Vacant"
Treasurer	Bill Kohl

Staff:

Executive Assistant	Lena Rogers
Youth Education	Lisa Dembowski

Visit us on the Web at
www.PostalHistoryFoundation.org

Making Tracks To PHF Happenings



Lisa coaches volunteers on using a stamp catalogue and filing



Cindy Ramos gets a lesson in definitives from Don Schroeder



Michele Kennedy trying out our nifty sorting trays.

Days Of Caring Brings Crew Of Volunteers

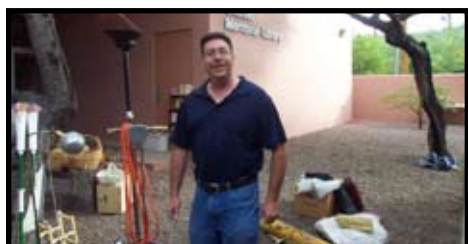
The PHF kicked off the United Way annual Days of Caring event and opened its doors to a group of wonderful volunteers from AGM Container Controls of Tucson, AZ. Frank and Cindy Ramos, Pat Tellez, Michele Kennedy and Gabriela Cervantes spent a day learning all the various steps we use in processing used stamps for our education program. These skilled professionals did cutting, soaking, sorting and filing. They had so much fun that, by day's end, they signed up as regular PHF volunteers! We are extremely grateful for their generous gift of time and talent.



United Way staff (center) stopped in to visit the project volunteers Frank Ramos and Gabriela Cervantes

Yard Sale Reaps Rewards

A beautiful fall morning in the PHF courtyard provided the perfect setting for a philatelic yard sale, which brought in over \$700. This was all due to the hard work of our volunteers: Paul Nelson, Don Schroeder, Barrett & Nan Behnke, Frank Mallalieu, Alex & Beppie Lutgendorf, Ralph Montano, Steve Staton, Randy Woodward and Lena Rogers. And, gracias to El Saguaro Restaurant for donating lunch for all!



Making Tracks To PHF Happenings *(continued)*



Luncheon Guests Taken To Mountain Heights

This year's volunteer recognition luncheon was again held at the lovely Hacienda del Sol restaurant, with awards given to Eileen & Marvin Weisbard and Ed Grafe for their many years of service to the PHF. A special treat was provided by Larry Daly, who presented a fascinating slide show on his recent trek to the mountaintop country of Bhutan. Lisa Dembowski entertained everyone with a delightful powerpoint highlighting the faces and talents of all our wonderful volunteers.



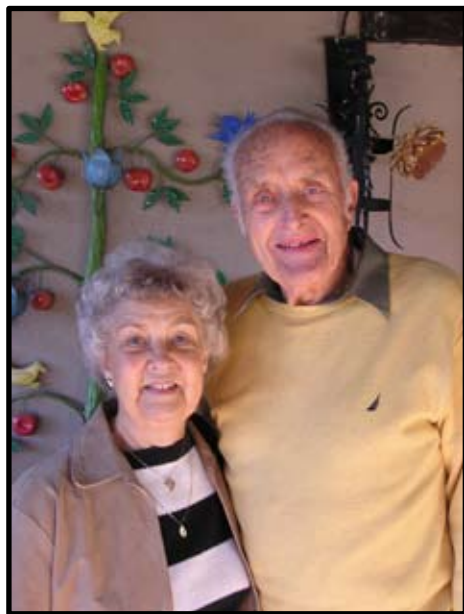
Ed Grafe receiving certificate of appreciation from the Chairman of the Board Bob Bechtel



Susie Jones



Marvin and Eileen Weisbard receive awards at luncheon



Ojett and Carl Lemar John



Barrett and Nancy Behnke



Larry Daly in Bhutan

Acknowledgements

Thank you to Fran Adams for donating her dinosaur exhibit (CD) for our education program, Paul Nelson for numerous hours of work preparing and loading archival material to the AZ Memory Project web site, Fritz & Jill Schneden (grandfather and granddaughter) who collected a huge bundle of used stamps for the Days of Caring event, Harland Beckman for donating a card table set, and Richard King for stepping forward to reenergize our Library Committee, Steve Staton for fearlessly tackling the task of organizing a basement full of auction catalogs, Bob Bechtel for the donation of his personal collection of Arizona Territorial covers.

Notes From Lisa

News from the
Education Department

Philatelic Salutations! The Education Department is definitely moving in the fast lane. Luckily for me and the Foundation we have so many wonderful volunteers to help with the demand! As I write this we are fast approaching spring and ARIPEX. What an exciting combo!

Since August we have been involved in 17 schools and 14 community groups or events, some of these are recurring monthly. Everywhere I go, I find kids and their adult companions love stamps and what can be learned from them. They appreciate that every stamp is a beautiful window to the past and present. Of course, they are excited by how much the Inverted Jenny is worth and they think perfins are "cool."

Some popular topics this year in the classroom are: Space, American Artists, States, Geography, and the Grand Canyon. We are always busy preparing PowerPoint Presentations, worksheets, craft activities, and topical stamp assortments for Tucsonans as well as people from all over the world.

I have met so many nice people here at the PHF. It is a joy to work here. Please drop in and see me next time you visit if I have not met you. Members and volunteers are very important and help keep the education department going in the effort to spread "Stamp Fever" to the community. Whether monetary, stamp donations and/or volunteer work, your help is what makes youth education happen. We have spread 100,000 stamps to over 4,000 people since August.

Kids get so excited when they receive stamps that they have a hard time containing themselves, much to the annoyance of the teachers. I tell the teachers that it is perfectly natural!!!

Thanks for feeding the excitement!
Lisa Dembowski, Education Director



Orange Grove Middle School students worked on an exhibit for ARIPEX



Tully 2nd graders eager to show off their albums



Castle Hill students enjoy Lisa's stamp lesson



Residents of St. Luke's Home work on their albums



"Holiday Express" at the Train Depot



Preschoolers proudly pose with their first stamp albums

Upcoming Events

Be sure to calendar the PHF Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday April 26th at the Hacienda del Sol Resort. The Board meeting is from 9am-noon, followed by the member luncheon from 12-2pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event. It is a great way to meet and reconnect with other members and volunteers, enjoy fabulous food, and get an update on all the latest PHF activities. Check our website or contact Lena Rogers for details.

It's time for another 1st Day Issue event! Everyone is invited to attend a stamp issuance ceremony celebrating the *American Journalists* stamps and in particular, the Ruben Salazar stamp*. This stamp was issued due to the efforts of Tucson-based "Media, Democracy and Policy" a program at the University of Arizona. The main event takes place at the U of A on April 24th from 12-2pm. A special cancel and set of cachets will be available for purchase. The PHF will have a special exhibit on display from April 24th through June 1st featuring Salazar's personal papers, photos and newspaper articles. A workshop on the process used by MDPI to get their stamp issued will be held at the PHF in the fall. For details on the various Salazar events, visit mdpi.arizona.edu or www.postalhistoryfoundation.org.

Check out the PHF website's newly revamped Youth Education page. It features wonderful information and a volunteer of the month. The latter will replace the Stamp Track's *Volunteer Spotlight*.

* *Ruben Salazar, from the Los Angeles Times Photographic Archive (Collection 1429), Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA*



Ruben Salazar, pioneering journalist with the LA Times, to be commemorated at Tucson event

Wish List

- Padded folding chairs
- Newer commemoratives for education
- New office chairs
- Laminating machine & laminate



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