

# Stamping Around

## Newsletter of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

**Arlington Meetings:** First Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Bob Duncan Community Center, Vandergriff Park  
**Irving Meetings:** Third Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
 Garden & Arts Center, 906 Senter  
**Lake Granbury Meetings:** 4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Bentwater Activities Center (adjacent to Bentwater Marina)



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### Been There - Done That (Kamehameha I)

By Bob & Pat Weidman



The accompanying stamp, Scott #799, issued on October 18, 1937 for the Territory of Hawaii, pictures King Kamehameha I. The picture nearby, taken on one of our trips to Hawaii, shows the statue of Kamehameha I that sits in front of the Iolani Palace in Honolulu. This is the royal palace in the United States!

Kamehameha I, who founded the Kingdom of Hawaii, was born in 1739 (estimated) in the Kohala district on the "Big Island" of Hawaii. He is credited with bringing all of the Hawaiian islands under one ruler, starting the big island of Hawaii in 1782. Additional victories over his opponents climaxed on Oahu in 1795. Kauai was the last of the islands to come into the kingdom and did so peacefully in 1810.

Under the rule of Kamehameha I, international trade increased significantly. Kamehameha I also kept and encouraged all of the customs and the religion of the Hawaiian people.

After his death on May 5, 1819, missionaries began to spread Christianity throughout the islands. The Hawaiian religion and many of their customs were suppressed. Speaking the native Hawaiian language was also discouraged. Over the past few years, there has been a revival of everything Hawaiian.



### Been There - Done That (Chillon)

By Peter Elias



The "Chillon" castle on Lake Geneva is probably the most iconic castle in Switzerland, and is shown on this postal stationery card with a view of it from the lake side.

I've visited this castle, which started as a Roman outpost, several times over the years, most recently in 2010 (with a picture taken from the shore side).

The castle is located near Montreux, home of the famous Jazz festival, which was taking place on the day that this picture was taken!

### EXPO Award Dinner Tickets Available

By Richard Hildebrandt

Awards dinner tickets are now available for \$20 and will be sold until October 30. The dinner will be on Friday night this year and we will serve BBQ with all the fixin's. If you can't make an Arlington meeting, contact Rich Hildebrandt at [richhilde@hotmail.com](mailto:richhilde@hotmail.com) or call (817) 483 9234. Hope to see many members there!

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Membership in the Mid-Cities Stamp Club is available to anyone of good character interested in philately. Feel free to attend any of our 3 different meeting sites in the greater Dallas / Ft. Worth area. Dues are \$12 per year. For more information, the editor is reachable during business hours at (972) 671-0077 or e-mail us at: [info@mid-citiesstampclub.com](mailto:info@mid-citiesstampclub.com)

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**P.O. Box 2158**  
**Arlington, TX 76004-2158**

or visit: <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com>

## Coming Attractions

### 2015

#### AUG. 28-29      TSDA Dealers Bourse

Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Fri 11-5, Sat 9-4

#### SEP. 2      MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: Semi-Annual Auction

#### SEP. 16      MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: Program by Stanley Christmas

#### SEP. 18-20      Greater HOUSTON Stamp Show

Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Rd, Humble, TX 77338

#### SEP. 22      MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Program by Stanley Christmas

#### OCT. 7      MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

Program: EXPO Envelope Stuffing (group participation)

#### OCT. 9 - 10      Dallas Postcard Show

Southfork Hotel, US75 (northbound service road past 15th Street)

#### OCT. 14      MCSC—IRVING Meeting

Program: TBD

#### OCT. 27      MCSC—LAKE GRANBURY Meeting

Program: Annual Picnic & Giant Mixture Pick

#### NOV. 4      MCSC—ARLINGTON Meeting

## Editor's Forum

By Peter Elias

EXPO will be here before you know it! As usual, at this time, there's lots of frames available, and while we usually do manage fill them, we are hoping to have some new exhibitors join the "regulars". Ralph Poore will be taking over some of the duties as exhibit chairperson this year, so please get with him as soon as you can. I've posted the 2 entry forms as "fill & print" forms at <http://mid-citiesstampclub.webs.com>. Regular versions (i.e.: print and handwriting) are available at the official club website as well.

## APS CAC Website judging

Peter Elias

The APS CAC (Chapter Activities Committee) had a club website competition. The Mid-Cities Stamp Club official website was NOT entered in this competition, however, I entered the separate "newsletter website" (at webs.com) just to see what the judges had to say, stating that it is primarily a newsletter storage site and not designed to be a full-fledged club website. Even with those limitations, the <http://mid-citiesstampclub.webs.com> site received a "silver-bronze" award!

According to Tom Fortunato at the APS, only 8 philatelic organizations entered this competition, so it might not be repeated next year. Most of the entries were from "national" organizations and few from "local" clubs.

Since not all clubs have the funds buy a domain name, hosting fees and/or the talent to maintain website programming, I simply wanted to show what could be done for totally free using a provider such as webs.com. I personally have around 20 websites that I have created at webs.com (mostly philatelic), all free for the past 10 or more years!

Silver-Bronze	The Stamp Forum
Silver-Bronze	Mid-Cities Stamp Club (newsletter site)
Vermeil	Sequoia Stamp Club/PENPEX Stamp Show
Gold	Éire Philatelic Association
Gold	American Topical Association
Vermeil	Nevada Stamp Study Society
Silver	West Essex Philatelic Society
Gold	Stamporama.com



## Secretary's Report

By Benedict Termini

### Membership Summary – August 5, 2015

Membership as of July 2, 2015	110
New Members	( )
Dropped for non-payment of dues	( )
Resignations	( )
Deceased	( )
Reinstatements	( )
Membership as of August 5, 2015	110

## Granbury Meeting Minutes July 28, 2015

By Gene Atkinson

(Abbreviated minutes. It's hard to preside and take legible notes at the same time.)

With David Stockbridge out of town, Gary Christopher and Gene Atkinson welcomed 20 members and guests to the July 28 meeting of the Lake Granbury Branch, Mid-Cities Stamp Club. The club meets at 7 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Ct. in Granbury.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Atkinson welcomed the members and noted the usual table of periodicals and other give-aways for browsing. Later, Stanley Christmas anticipated the 2015 EXPO by saying the cachet and cancellation were complete, the dealers lined up, and approximately \$500 in gift certificates were ready for volunteers helping with the November event.

**SHOW OR TELL:** Each member was introduced by showing some interesting acquisition or by relating a recent philatelic activity. Several mentioned recent purchases of collections or wholesale lots. In addition, Brian Smith explained an unusual collective strip from Chad. Daniel Kennedy had a framed exhibit of bird topicals. Stanley Christmas completed his set of presidential inaugural covers franked with the 4 1/2 cent definitive. Gary McNamee brought updated information on album software he described to the June meeting, and Jo James asked for help in identifying an HPO cover.

**BREAK:** Al Hull fueled the meeting with his banana nut cake and brownies while members prepared for the

**AUCTION:** With Denny Ludlow and Bob Coleman serving as auctioneers, members bid for an assortment of items. As

## Wanted to Buy

My general worldwide commemoratives for your foreign revenue stamps (on or off document, preferably "on"!)). Trade ratio depends on what you have, can range from 10:1 to 25:1. Contact Peter Elias at peter@pcelias.com 3/15

**U.S. Liberty Series precancels.** Unsorted, on paper, quantities okay. Contact Gene Atkinson at [atkinson@our-town.com](mailto:atkinson@our-town.com). 4/15

**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](mailto:info@stvincentstamps.com) 8/14

## Members in the News

By Peter Elias

Ray Cartier's exhibit "*How We Got Men to the Moon*" won a Gold at the recent NTSS (National Topical Stamp Show) held in Portland, OR from July 31 - August 1, 2015, along with an "ATA Space Unit" award and an "APS Medal of Excellence 1940-1980" award.

Karen Cartier's exhibit "*The Real Ugly Duckling - Hans Christian Andersen*" received a Silver-Bronze award at the NTSS.

usual the fare included numerous United States albums, stock books and individual stamps, but also offered a wide selection of Norway items. After sales closed, the tally came to approximately \$95.00 in exchanges.

**CLOSING:** Drawings for door prizes favored Jim Case, Pam Patterson, Daniel Kennedy, Denny Ludlow and Judy Christmas.

## 2014 Scott Stamp Catalog Bid Form

Now is the time for one of the great annual stamp club events !!!! Each year the club gives every member the chance to purchase the preceding year's (that is the 2014) Scott Standard Stamp Catalogs. The catalogs will be sold as 2 lots: Volumes 1 - 6 & the US Specialized. The club will take sealed bids for each lot until October 25, 2015. To bid, please send in a bid for each lot with the following information:

Bid for Scott Volumes 1 to 6 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Bid for Scott US Specialized \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**BIDDER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### RULES for BIDDERS:

Submit bids by mail to: Mid-Cities Stamp Club, P.O. Box 2158, Arlington, TX 76004-2158  
Mark the outside of the envelope: "Catalog Bid"  
Bids must be received by: October 25, 2015 (received by, NOT postmarked by!)  
In case of a tie: The envelope with a commemorative stamp used for postage wins.  
If a tie still exists, the earliest postmarked entry wins.  
The winning bidder: Will be called to make arrangements for delivery and payment

The winning bidder and amount will be announced at the Arlington November 4, 2015 club meeting.



## Comic Strip Caption Results (#3)

By Peter Elias

MCSC club members are encouraged to come up with a “caption” to the “comic strip bubble” presented with the Hungary stamp in last month’s newsletter, whether witty or thought-provoking (as long as it is fit to be published in this newsletter!). Based on entries received before the deadline, I will make a decision based on the best entry received (and as they say “decisions of the judges are final”...).

I received 4 entries from 2 people. The responses were split between “philatelic” and “non-philatelic” ones.

The winner this month is David Stockbridge, with his entry shown in the “bubble” nearby. Congratulations! I’ll get a club \$10 gift certificate mailed out and which can be used for purchases from club & APS sales books and from dealers at EXPO.

Other entries included:

David Stockbridge:

1. *Did someone say that one of the bears were little because they look BIG, BIGGER, and BIGGEST?*

Bob Weidman:

1. *Why does it take 4 us of postal workers to deliver one letter?*
2. *The new location for the Mid-Cities Stamp Club meeting is over there at grandma’s house!*

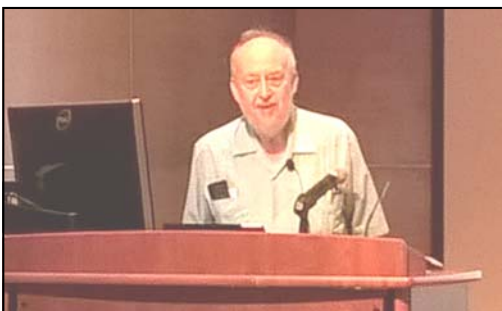
There will be another caption contest starting in the October 2015 newsletter. Given that only 2 people entered this past month, the odds of winning a gift certificate are pretty good!

Please bear with me while I figure out how to get away!



## First Philatelic Lecture

By Peter Elias



The Wineburgh Philatelic Library hosted its first philatelic lecture on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at a lecture hall at UTD (University of

Texas at Dallas in Richardson, TX).

The speaker was well known philatelic author Ken Lawrence, speaking about “FAM 22 1941-1045: The World’s Longest and Most Important Air Mail Route”.

It was an interesting lecture and attended by (approx.) 25 people (although no MCSC members other than myself were present). A reception (with great food!) was held after the lecture. Hopefully there will be additional lectures in the future!

## PC Postage Discount

By Peter Elias

The USPS adjusted some postage rates on May 27. One of the rates adjustment was a ½¢ discount off the standard 49¢ first class rate IF using “PC Postage”. A fellow philatelist sent me 5 envelopes all bearing 48½¢ in postage. However, only one of these pays the correct rate of 48½¢, while the other four should have had 49¢ of postage (covers below are cropped due to space requirements)!



#4 above is the only one with correct postage, since ALL of the postage has to be paid via “PC postage”: regular postage stamps (such as the ½¢ Ben Franklin), “mail & go” stamps (such as the Independence Day one) and “APC” or “SSK” stamps do NOT count. Even the stamps.com stamp on the #4 envelope is a bit of an anomaly, since it’s not normally possible to have 2 indicia on the same stamp!

# CLASSIFIED BOURSE

## Announcements

All club members that are current with their dues payments are entitled to FREE ads in this space! Please send ad to: Peter Elias, P.O. Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094-0427, give it to me at a meeting, or e-mail me at: [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com)

## For Sale

**PhotoStamps, ZazzleStamps & PictureItPostage** in a variety of different designs. For a listing of available designs and to purchase, go to <http://photostamps.webs.com> and use your credit card to purchase them (via PayPal). 1/06

**3x US Scott Specialized Plate Block Albums** (from 1900 - 1993); buy 1 or all 3. Also selling all of my **USA Stamp Collection (8 albums)**. One album or all 8 albums are for sale (very reasonable!). Please call Ken Dillard at (817) 468-8714 if interested. 11/11

**Post-war German Federal Republic, German Berlin and DDR** postally used on cover and used singles at a 70% discount from Scott's. Also FDC and ETB's. Will be happy to trade for Berlin material. Contact Paul Ashley, 817-426-5131 or [p-ashley@att.net](mailto:p-ashley@att.net) 6/13

**US POSTAGE – from our huge surplus: 1c – 20c : 70% of FV; 21c – 50c : 80% of FV.** Send any amount (min \$10), specify group (70%, 80%), and receive mix of values back in FV as indicated above. Clean, F/VF only. Plate or Zip block included for every \$10 remitted. Remit (check or MO) to: J. Myers, P. O. Box 2047, Coppell, TX 75019. TX orders, add 8% sales tax. We cover return postage. S/H charges. Can also take PayPal (same terms). [jasdmyers@earthlink.net](mailto:jasdmyers@earthlink.net) 5/15

**MOVED, BUT SALE CONTINUES!** Special discounts to MCSC members for Swiss, Austria, Liechtenstein issues, @ 1/3 and LESS of catalog values. Also will accept US postage (any values) @ 50% of catalog. All orders postpaid! I also accept PayPal if you wish! John Barrett, Ph.D. Contact info: [jstrubelboy@aol.com](mailto:jstrubelboy@aol.com) 12/14

**Circus Poster stamps** on cover. Will pay 50¢ each for those with light cancels. Ken Aldridge 6/14

## For Sale

**USPS Commemorative Yearbooks** with stamps at face value of postage. For listing of what years are available and price e-mail Dave at [stockdave44@yahoo.com](mailto:stockdave44@yahoo.com) 8/11

Do you collect **used USA Plate Number Coils**? Select what you want from my extensive inventory at 1/3 of Scott catalog value. They are listed on my website at <http://web2.iadfw.net/wills/> and from there you will find links to other countries too. Also interested in trading. Ken Wills 9/11

**Philatelic Reference CD's.** The following self-running, philatelic reference CD's, each containing hundreds of scans, are now available:

- **St. Vincent Philatelic Reference Scans (Now over 1,700 items!!)**
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- **Airport Philately** (800+ Airports on Stamps & Postal Stationery)
- **4 Rings—The History of Audi (Great for any car lover!)**
- **St. Vincent Postcards** (300+ picture postcards from 1900 to 2007)
- **My Life on Wheels** (autobiography via USA personalized postage)
- **Vintage Swiss Postcards** (700+ postcards from 1898 to 1959)
- **Swiss Transportation Tickets**

Special MCSC Member price is only \$ 5.95 each. Non-member price is \$14.95 (+ \$2.50 domestic or \$5.00 international postage) each. Cash, checks or PayPal to [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) are accepted. Peter Elias, PO Box 940427, Plano, TX 75094-0427 4/14

Want to have your own **self-running virtual stamp album on CD, DVD or BluRay disk** with scans of your stamps, exhibits or even digital photos to give to your friends? With just a few simple steps I can create a self-running CD-ROM for PC's or a DVD or BluRay disk for your TV viewing pleasure! Contact me at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) for more details. 4/11

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## Wanted to Buy

**Interesting "stuff",** such as:

- ◆ Worldwide Revenue stamps on document
- ◆ Worldwide ATM (vending machine postage) stamps, such as those from Frama, Klüssendorf, Epelsa, Mobba Postage Vending machines and other "on-demand" printed postage (but NOT "ATM Booklet stamps") from around the world.
- ◆ CVP and custom order stamps, such as the "PhotoStamps" from Zazzle, Stamps.com, Endicia, etc.

Contact me at [peter@pcelias.com](mailto:peter@pcelias.com) with scans. 4/14

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# Board Meeting Minutes August 22, 2015

By Skip Ely

The Mid-Cities Stamp Club Officers and Board members met August 22, 2015 in the meeting room at the Pizza Garden Inn in Bedford .

## Call-to-Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 A.M. by club President Mike Smith. Others present were First Vice President Skip Ely, Second Vice President Rich Hildebrandt, Treasurer Judy Christmas, Board Members Alliene Franklin and Ralph Poore, EXPO Chairman and Past President Stanley Christmas, Newsletter Editor Peter Elias, EXPO Bourse Chairperson Tom Cunningham, Ex Officio Bob Weidman, and member Jerry Potter. Missing was Secretary Ben Termini, Board Member Ken Wills, and Ex Officio's Jeff Jessop and Ray Moyer.

## Previous Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the Board Meeting from March 21, 2015 were read and approved.

## Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Member Handbook and Directory Update - Ray Cartier had said he was working on this, but with his recent illness, Ben Termini will need to finish it up. It is expected to be completed and ready for distribution in September.
- ◆ Arlington Chairperson - Ray Cartier has offered to assume this responsibility for next year.

## Reports from Officers:

- ◆ Secretary – Skip Ely (for Ben Termini) said the membership was holding steady at around 110 members.
- ◆ Treasury – Judy Christmas said the treasury was in good shape.
- ◆ Newsletter – Peter Elias said he had been gone two weeks and had a fair amount of catch-up to do on the next newsletter, but anticipated having it finished next week. The bid form for the old (2014) club catalogs should be included in that issue.
- ◆ Sales Report – Skip Ely distributed a report on stamp book sales so far in 2015.

## New Business:

1. MCSC Awards Chair – Ralph Poore had offered to chair the club Awards committee, and submitted a paper proposing a revision of club awards. It was agreed that this should be coordinated with Tom Turner, but that it otherwise looked very good.
2. Budget Review for 2016 – Judy Christmas distributed a hand-out showing the projected figures for this year, and a line-by-line discussion followed. After several adjustments were suggested or made, it was decided to let Judy put those numbers into the document and have a brief meeting prior to the September Arlington meeting in order to approve the final figures.
3. Club Computer Purchase for Presentations – After some frustrating difficulties with getting computers to work with the Arlington display system, a suggestion was made for the club to purchase a computer that could be relied on for presentations at any of the meeting locations. The matter was tabled while more information on costs and capabilities were investigated.
4. Waxahachie Chautauqua Participation – Ray Cartier was leading club efforts at this event September 26 (of this year), but

now needs more help due to his recent illness. Anyone willing to help should contact Mike Smith.

5. EXPO Update – Stanley Christmas said he had purchased the MyMailList software, so as to backup all the contact lists. Ralph Poore had agreed to chair Exhibits in place of Ray Cartier this year, although Ray may be able to help a little by the time EXPO comes around. Mike Smith and Skip Ely have volunteered to help on the Silent Auction committee, replacing Susan Baker (who is moving to Colorado) and Tom Turner, who has some scheduling conflicts for the EXPO dates. Everything else was on track.
6. Club Member Individual Sales at Meetings – It was suggested that private sales by club members be suspended at meetings with auctions or mix-picks, as these compete with the program sales. Since ample opportunity exists for private sales to be conducted at numerous other meetings, a motion was made, seconded and approved to request members refrain from private sales on auction and mix-pick nights.

## Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for 11:00 A.M., January 23, 2016, at the Pizza Garden. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

## President's Letter

by Mike Smith

Planning and arrangements for EXPO 2015 with its theme of “Saving Children” are progressing well. The cachet envelope showing artwork by club member Diana Davis and the special USPS cancels designed by Peter Elias look great with the forever Forget-Me-Not missing children stamp.

This year the Assistant Chairperson for EXPO is Ralph Poore. Ralph has also volunteered to take over as Exhibits Chairman for Ray Cartier following Ray's recent heart attacks, and if anybody is undecided about submitting an exhibit this year now is the time to let Ralph know.

Ray is well on the road to recovering and will be able to participate in EXPO. I'm sure that all of our members are thinking of Ray and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Stamp of the Month: The Spanish novelist, poet, and playwright Miguel de Cervantes was born on September 29, 1547. Cervantes is pictured on Spain's Cervantes issue of official stamps, Scott Nr. O12-O19 issued in 1916, and on later stamps from many different countries. His best known work is “Don Quixote” about the knight of La Mancha and his sidekick Sancho Panza, which has been called the first modern European novel. Among the many stamps depicting this story is Russia Scott Nr. 3280 issued in 1966 (shown below).

At the recent Board meeting, a motion was discussed and approved requesting that club members should refrain from bringing items for private sales on meeting nights when the program is a club auction or mix pick. These sales compete with the program, so we would appreciate it if at the September Arlington club auction and other mix pick or auction nights no items are brought in for private sales.

Keep On Collecting!  
Mike

[stamp image from www.stampworld.com]



## Arlington Meeting Minutes August 5, 2015

By Stanley Christmas

## Irving Meeting Minutes August 19, 2015

By Skip Ely

### **Call-To-Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Skip Ely at 7:30 PM.

### **Attendance:**

There were 19 members and 1 guest in attendance. The guest was Gracie Davis.

### **Officer Reports:**

- ◆ **Secretary:** Skip reported that there were no changes in last membership numbers compared to last month.
- ◆ **Treasurer:** There are adequate operating funds in the treasury.
- ◆ **EXPO:**
  - ◆ The cachet and cancel are finished. A draft was passed around.
  - ◆ The Awards dinner tickets will be \$20 and we will be serving bar-b-que.
  - ◆ The EXPO mail-out will be around 1,000 letters and 600 e-mails. We have one extra dealer ad, David Alex, that will be part of the mailing.
  - ◆ EXPO information packages were sent to the Ft. Worth and Dallas BSA Councils, the Girl Scouts and Camp Fire early last month, inviting them to send scouts to our Beginning Collectors Center. No replies have been received.
- ◆ **Newsletter:** The newsletter will be sent out after the BOD meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ **Web Site:** Skip reported the web site has been updated.

### **Announcements:**

- ◆ Jerry Potter is recovering from his illness. A card from the club has been sent to him.
- ◆ The BOD meeting will be August 22 at Pizza Garden in Bedford.
- ◆ The next TSDA will be in Richardson on August 28 & 29.
- ◆ Fliers about the Houston show on September 18, 19 & 20 were made available to the group.
- ◆ Ray Cartier reported the EXPO Prospectus is now available on-line. The show is in need of exhibits. The membership directory will be wrapped up next month. Ben Termini is taking care of the printing.
- ◆ Richard Hildebrandt is accepting auction lots for the September auction at the Arlington meeting.

### **Show & Tell:**

None.

### **Call-to-Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Smith at 7:30 PM at the Garden and Arts Center in Irving.

### **Attendance:**

There were 8 members and 1 guest present .

### **Officer Reports:**

- ◆ **Secretary:** Mike Smith said that the membership stood at 110.
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Judy Christmas said the treasury was in good shape.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ◆ **EXPO:** Stanley Christmas passed around the finished cachet and cancel we will use for this year's EXPO. Stanley also outlined some dealer changes, commenting we still had a full compliment. Stanley also noted some personnel changes in EXPO committees, including Ralph Poore to Exhibits, Mike Smith and Skip Ely to Silent Auction, and Keith Parris to security.
- ◆ **Sales:** Skip Ely said sales were going well.

### **Announcements:**

- ◆ Stanley Christmas mentioned the health issues of a couple of members.
- ◆ Mike Smith mentioned the TSDA Bourse in Richardson August 28-29.

### **Show & Tell:**

- ◆ Jack Urish showed an Italian stamp that was stuck (or had been carefully attached) to an old Queen Victoria stamp from Great Britain.

### **Door Prizes:**

- ◆ Club gift certificates were awarded to Keith Parris and Judy Christmas.

### **Program:**

The program was presented by Jack Urish and titled "The Care and Feeding of Your Stamps and Albums".

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned around 8:45 PM.

### **Door Prizes:**

Judy Christmas won the Inverted Jenny stamps and Gene Pfretzschner and Tom Little won \$10.00 gift certificates.

### **Meeting:**

The business meeting was concluded at 8:00 PM and the members were free to participate in "Clean Out Your Closet" until the meeting ended around 9:15 PM.



*(Board of Directors Meeting on August 22, 2015. Photo by Peter Elias)*

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by Judy & Stanley Christmas

“Meet and Eats” are before the club meetings. All club members and their guests are welcome. We will gather between 5:00 and 5:30 PM. The group will start ordering at 5:30 PM. Latecomers can order when they arrive or just come by for a visit (check with the restaurant first if it serves buffet style). Meals should be over around 6:45 PM.

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

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