Next meeting; Wed. December 19th 2012 @ 7:00

## From the President...



My how time flies! Here we are at the end of the year and I don't know where the time went. The calendar tells me it is December and the time for our holiday get together. I will be bringing hot apple cider for refreshments and I hope that others will bring some goodies to munch on. There are two things for the get together, the President's

Auction and a gift exchange.

The gift exchange is the easiest to explain. If you wish to participate, then bring a gift of modest value and we'll have a table set aside for the gifts. Pick a number when you put the gift there and later in the evening we will draw numbers to see who will pick first from the gifts present. Maybe you will even want to pick your own gift!

You may be wondering what the Presidents Auction is. Well, everyone is asked to bring a few articles of interest to other club members. I will be fringing some envelopes of extra stamps and I have received a Precancel catalogue for the auction as well as an older Unitrade Canadian catalogue. For the auction, the only valid money is the President's Funny money, which I will distribute before the auction begins. I have distributed some of it already at the regular meetings so some people may have a stash with which to make an outrageous bid on some items.

Our meeting will be at St Mary's high school again, but we will not be able to use Hillyer Hall because it has been double booked. Instead we will be in Room 218 which is apparently just inside the entrance we come in. Hopefully this won't be too confusing.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. Thank you for your support during 2012 and I look forward to 2013. To the members who are unable to attend regularly, I hope the newsletter has kept you informed and if you have any suggestions for the New Year, they will be gladly received. Cheers

Phil Visser
President OSSC

## Coming Events...

- DEC. 15, Burlington, ON BURLOAK STAMP FAIR, Seniors' Centre, 2285 New St (at Seneca). Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 18th year of regular monthly shows on the third Saturday of every month. Six to nine dealers, active buyers and always something new. For more information contact Steve Simon, telephone 905-575-2950, email bas6@bell.net.
- DEC. 22, St. Catharines, ON Best Western Stamp Show, Niagara Room, Best Western Hotel, QEW at Lake St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission
- JAN. 11 13, 2013, Toronto, ON UNIPEX Coin & Stamp Show, Rameses Temple Shrine Club, 3100 Keele St. (between Wilson and Sheppard) at Maryport. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, free parking, licensed snack bar, TTC service to the door. Sponsor/Affiliate: Unitrade Associates. For additional information contact Susan Cartini, telephone 416-242-5900 email unitrade@rogers.com. Website: http://www.unitradeassoc.com.
- JAN. 12 13, 2013, Boucherville, QC
  Salon Timbres et Monnaies MC, De Mortagne School, 955 De Montarville Blvd. Hours: 10
  a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Free admission, free parking, 40 dealers in attendance, coin
  auction Saturday 1 p.m., club information and draw prizes, food service available.
  Sponsor/Affiliate: ANPB.net. For more information contact Marc Boulard, email
  president@anpb.net, telephone 450-655-4433 Website: http://anpb.net.
- JAN. 12, 2013, Brantford, ON Brantford Stamp Club's Annual Show, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., free parking, free admission, exhibits, 15+ dealers, silent auctions, club circuit books, door prizes, lunch room. Sponsor/Affiliate: Brantford Stamp Club. For more information contact Dan Coates, telephone 519-442-3242, email Dorothy Lanyi at shasland41@gmail.com. Website: http://www.brantfordstamp.org.
- JAN. 19, 2013, St. Catharines, ON 64th Cathex, Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free parking, free admission, 12 dealers, club circuit, lunch counter, exhibits, beginner area. Sponsor/Affiliate: St. Catharines Stamp Club. For more information, contact Stuart Keeley, telephone 905-227-9251 email stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca. Website: http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca.

• FEB. 2, 2013, Brampton, ON
Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse, Judith Nyman Secondary School, 1305
Williams Parkway. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Featuring 10 dealers, exhibits, table
auctions, youth table, club circuit books, refreshments, free admission, free parking.
Sponsor/Affiliate: GRVPA, GTAPA. For more info see our Facebook page "Bramalea Stamp
Club," email b62hkg@yahoo:ca, telephone Bob Thorne 905-792-3526

## 2012 Club Business Report

At the last meeting the members present suggested that I add a report on some of the decisions that were made during the last number of months. The first major decision was to move the meeting location to the St Mary's High School. We have been very fortunate to be able to use the facilities for no rent and have meet in Hillyer Hall for the last three months. A couple of mix ups have occurred, including moving our meeting room for the December meeting.

It has been part of the clubs normal meeting to contribute a toonie for the meeting when they were held at St George's Church. Since the rent was \$20 a night, the contribution was helped pay for the evening. Over the first couple of meetings at St Mary's there was a question if we still needed to contribute at the meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to continue making a contribution for the club. What wasn't discussed when we made that decision was that several times a year we have club circuit books come and so we generally pay the visiting club some money to offset the cost of gas for the visit. Therefore, paying \$1 a night while at St Mary's does help the club keep its books balanced.

We also made a decision to join the Grand Valley Philatelic Association this fall. The members will now be receiving a newsletter from the "Grand" sharing the activities that other clubs do during their meetings and helps advertise the shows each club holds. The immediate benefit of joining the Grand was that the Cambridge club saw the show date conflict and so have offered us the last Saturday of September for our show and they will have their show on the second last Saturday of the month. Conflicting shows is a major head ache when trying to find dealers for the bourse.

Since this is December, I would also like to remind members that it is time to renew your membership. The dues will remain \$15 for 2013. The dues actually only covers the cost of the newsletters that you receive each month.

I will continue this report on an as needed basis whenever a report is necessary.

## NEW LOCATIONIII

# OUR MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

There is parking behind the School and an entrance too!

This month our meeting will be in room 218!!!

### From the Editor...

Hello folks. I'm afraid that your faithful Editor is a little under the weather at this time. So I hope that you do not take up nail biting as you anxiously await the next instalment of the Sir Sandford Fleming article.

Chris Tillcock won the Grey Cup Trivia Quiz in November. Good going Chris!

I will certainly be there for the Christmas meeting! Don't forget: a gift for the gift exchange, items for the President's Funny Munny auction, and edible goodies. (Participation in all of these areas is voluntary). Remember – room 218 this month. I hope to see you there!

Have a great holiday season Marion Ace, Editor OSSC



Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria of St. Mary's High School (555 15 St. East). The main business of the evening is typically to trade, buy and sell stamps and philatelic material. An Auction is often held at 8:00 pm. There are presently about 25 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert.

Guests or new members are always most welcome. Annual membership fees: \$15; Junior-Free

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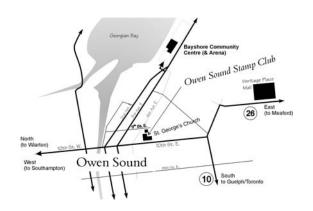
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