

December 3, 1994

The annual Nevada Stamp Study Society Christmas Party was held at the Masonic Hall on 601 West Peckham Lane. N.S.S.S. thanks Kay Williams for arranging for the use of the Hall.

Another great dinner and party was enjoyed by all those present. The distribution of the gifts provided a joyful conclusion this event. We will all be looking forward to next year. A slide show was held, which will be played again at the first meeting in January, 1995. That will be Jan. 14. at the regular time of 2:15 p.m. The subject of the show is "Ships on Stamps." A very fine presentation.

Beginning with the first meeting in January a new program will be instituted. On the program sheet there is a special program on Nov. 11. It is called Auction Bucks Auction. This will be special auction with many materials to bid upon. Some Philatelic and some non-philatelic. All will be excellent material to try to purchase. However, ONLY AUCTION BUCKS will be valid for bidding on these excellent items. You obtain these AUCTION BUCKS by performing certain actions pertaining to N.S.S.S. meetings. For example, you will receive one AUCTION BUCK for attending the meeting. 50 AUCTION BUCKS for providing a 10 minute, minimum, program. 50 AUCTION BUCKS for enrolling a new member. 40 AUCTION BUCKS for furnishing the refreshments. A list will be provided at the Jan. 14, meeting. By accumulating these bucks you will then be able to bid on the material at the Nov. 11. meeting. An update list of the items for auction will be presented once a month. We will need donations for the auction. Non-philatelic items must be new and not white elephants.

As of this date we will only need 11 more people to volunteer to present a program to completely fill the schedule for 1995. Slide shows DO NOT qualify for auction bucks. If you desire to substitute for one of the scheduled slide shows in order to obtain auction bucks, please let me know and I will not order one for that date.

Have you seen the new \$2.00 stamp commemorative sheet, or the \$5.00 stamp? These were recently issued and there are beautiful. They make a great addition to any U.S. collection. I wonder if you will be able to find them in used condition. They would be hard to part with to use them for postage.

On October 1, 1869, the first postcard was issued. This was by the Austrian postal authorities. The purpose of the card was to stimulate business for the post office. Just like issuing Marilyn Monroe stamps these days. The postcard could be sent for half the normal cost of sending a letter. These postcards became very popular and they did provide the incentive to add income to the coffers of the Austrian Postal System. It soon was added to the postal programs of many of the neighboring countries. During WW1 the post cards were extremely useful. they were easy to fill out, since only a minimum amount of writing was permitted. They were easy to censor and handle. More messages could be carried with less weight than letters. Picture post cards began their extensive at about this time due to their propaganda usefulness. Pictures were easier to understand or present the message than words. The use of postal cards increased in the late 1870's. They were found to be a popular method of remembering a visit. Their popularity declined after 1910, but WW1 revived their use for reasons previously mentioned. WWII also

stimulated people to use this form of postal service. Paper use was minimal and patriotic. Today we find picture post card and postal cards used almost as much as letters. Here is another field of collecting that seems to be gathering a popularity.

There are several items of interest to the NSSS members that should be considered this coming year. The possibility of having to move to another location for our meetings. The upcoming TOPEX-NEVPEX show, the balloon races and the air races. The program director would like to know what is of interest that could be presented at the meetings. Try to have some ideas to present at the upcoming meetings.

That's All.

HAVE A GREAT PHILATELIC, PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND HARDY NEW YEAR.

AUCTION BUCKS

Recruiting a new member	100
Providing a 10 min. or longer program	80
Providing Refreshments	80
Helping with Stamp Show, per hour	5
Helping with Air Races, per hour	5
Providing stamps for meeting auction, per sheet	5
Purchasing stamps from meeting auction, per sheet	5
Attending meetings	1

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NEVADA STAMP STUDY SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

at

MASONIC HALL 601 WEST PECKHAM LANE RENO

December 03, 1994 SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM DINNER 7:30 PM

NOTE NEW LOCATION ADDRESS

OPEN TO FRIENDS & RELATIVES, THE MORE THE MERRIER

SOCIAL HOUR: BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE.

Bring your own favorite wine &/or liquor. We have no objections to a social drink but the club does not furnish **ANY** liquor.

DINNER:

The club furnishes Turkey, Dressing and Gravy, and Coffee or Tea. Members are asked to bring the rest of the meal. We can use - Potatoes, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Relish Tray, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter and Desserts.

A good rule of thumb as to the amount to bring is enough for the number in your party PLUS four.

If you DO NOT LIKE to eat hot food from paper plates with plastic utensils, Bring your own plates, silverware and cups.

PLEASE MARK THE DISHES YOU BRING YOUR FOOD IN WITH A LABEL ON THE BOTTOM, SO YOU WILL GET THEM BACK.

GIFT EXCHANGE:

We exchange gifts, PLEASE be sure you have brought a gift for each person in your party. If the gift you bring is definitely for a Male or Female, please mark this on the outside of the package. If you have youngsters in your party ten and under, please bring a gift with the youngsters name on it, so they will not draw an adult gift and be disappointed. Gift maximum is \$10.00. PLEASE, no junk, bring something you would like yourself, not the purple powder mitt Aunt Hezzie sent you last Christmas. It is very disappointing to spend time selecting and wrapping a gift for someone to like and end up taking home a plastic letter tray from a garage sale. IF YOU WOULDN'T WANT IT YOURSELF, DON'T BRING IT.

PLEASE call RUTHE at 359-2030 and tell her how many will be in your party and either what you want to bring as food or find out what is needed.

Put DECEMBER 03 ON YOUR CALENDAR AND COME JOIN THE FUN.