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President Tom Morrissey provided this message for the Post-Boy:
First, I want to apologize to all for having a "Board-General Meeting" at the picnic. For the non-collectors it was boring. I assure you it will not happen again.

Bill and Elna mentioned Lake Almanor. How many club members know of it? I know the area well. Why not, say some Sunday, or any day, leave Reno via 395 North to Susanville. Stop in Susanville for a drink or reststop. Susanville is the County seat for Lassen county. Go to the end of Main St. then turn left. It now becomes SR 36. Continue on State Route 36 to Westwood, CA. and stay on SR36 to beautiful Lake Almanor in Chester, CA. Try lunch at the Timber House in Chester. It is a unique Restaurant. For those who don't want lunch, drive around and see Chester, a quaint town. Going back to Reno take Rte A-13, a 5 mile drive, then turn right to 147, then turn right to 89 junction, turn left to Canyon Dam and Greenville and on to Quincy and back to Hallelujah Junction, It will make an enjoyable day.

*Chester--Youngs Market on the main street, during a robbery in the 1950.s the owner and his four of his children were executed. The movie, "I Want to Live", starring Susan Hayward was based on this true story.

Take the trip and let me know what you think about the area?
Let me know Saturday.

Tom Morrissey

The condidates for the offices of Vice-President and Directors have been selected. The office for Secretary is still open.

George Costello has volunteered for the position of vice-president and Dick Dreiling and Dan Forgues have volunteered for the new positions of Directors. The Board of Directors has been expanded from five to seven members.

The Secretary's job would require keeping minutes at all the meetings and maintaining a file for the minutes of the General and Board meetings. Bill Brew will continue to publish the Post Boy. The ballot will be at the end of this issue. It will be easy to cut it out without disturbing any of the Post Boy.

So the ballot slate for NSSS 1998 is as follows:

On the next page is a copy of a picture from a Aug. 27th issue of the Reno Gazzet Journal showing member Chieu Ho helping one of the junior members of school stamp club program. It rated front page of the Reno/Sparks section of the paper. The article below provided a very nice report about George Costello and the Nevada Stamp Study Society's junior program. It is hope that the message of stamp collecting will get around to the many students in the Washoe County and Fernly area. This project has been going on for quite some time and it has finally paid off with the Washoe County School District recognizing the potential value of stamps in education. Lots of hard work by George and his helpers, Dick Dreiling, Chieu Ho, Tom Morrissey, and Jim Ringer. NSSS needs your help to keep this program from faltering. Contact George or any of his committee and find out what you can do to keep developing the Junior Stamp Club Program.

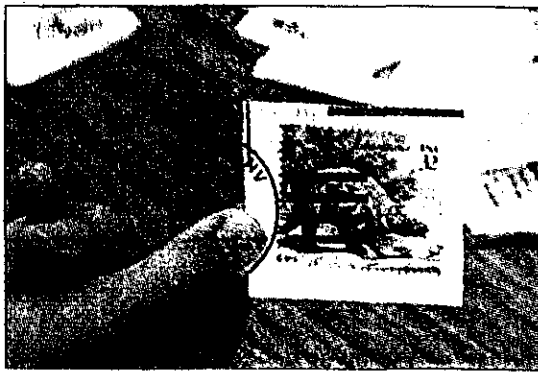
Another member of NSSS recently received recognition in the RGJ. Roger Lauderdale hit a hole in one at Wildcreeks championship course. He used a 9-iron on the 122 yard No. 11 hole. Congratulations. I've played golf for 50 years and my closest shot was 1' 3".

I was handed a copy of the newsletter from the TEXOMA STAMP CLUB, located in Wichita Falls TX and upon reading it I found many similarities with NSSS. They have 55 paid up members and the average attendance is about 30 per meeting. The highest attendance to any one meeting was 25 and the lowest 17. Out average attendance is about 27 with a high of 34. Their junior program is just getting started as is ours. They are limited in having stamp shows in their vicinity. There are only 2. One is in Wichita Falls, TEXOMA, with a half dozen dealers and the Lawton-Fort Sill Stamp Club show. NSSS is definitely more fortunate as we have access to many shows in the Sacramento Valley area and the Bay Area. When NEVPEX was running we had up to 20 dealers available. Maybe NEVPEX will be reinstated one of these years.

Al Shay gave a nice report on the APS Stampshow 98. It was too bad that many of us could not attend this fine event. In the meantime there are several shows coming up in the next few months that NSSS members will have the chance to visit. Sacapex will be held on Nov. 7 and 8th at the Scottish Rites Temple in Sacramento. SunPex will be held on Nov. 14 and 15th in Sunnyvale, CA. PenPex will be held on Dec. 5th and 6th in Redwood City, CA. All these shows are great and well worth attending.

I just read an article about the Blair County Stamp Club. They have an interesting program which I wonder if it would work for NSSS. Someone in the club checked the list of ZIP numbers in the area from which the club encompassed. Such all the ZIPs for 89---. In case it would may include ZIPs from Northwestern California. The club then planned a one day field trip to see how many of the ZIPs they could mail cards or covers from to include all the listed ZIPs. It was called a post office tour. You could design your own cachets, etc, etc. You might find post offices new to you and ones that you never knew existed. In the middle of the trip the picnic could be held. Think about it.

Club stamps an impression on young children

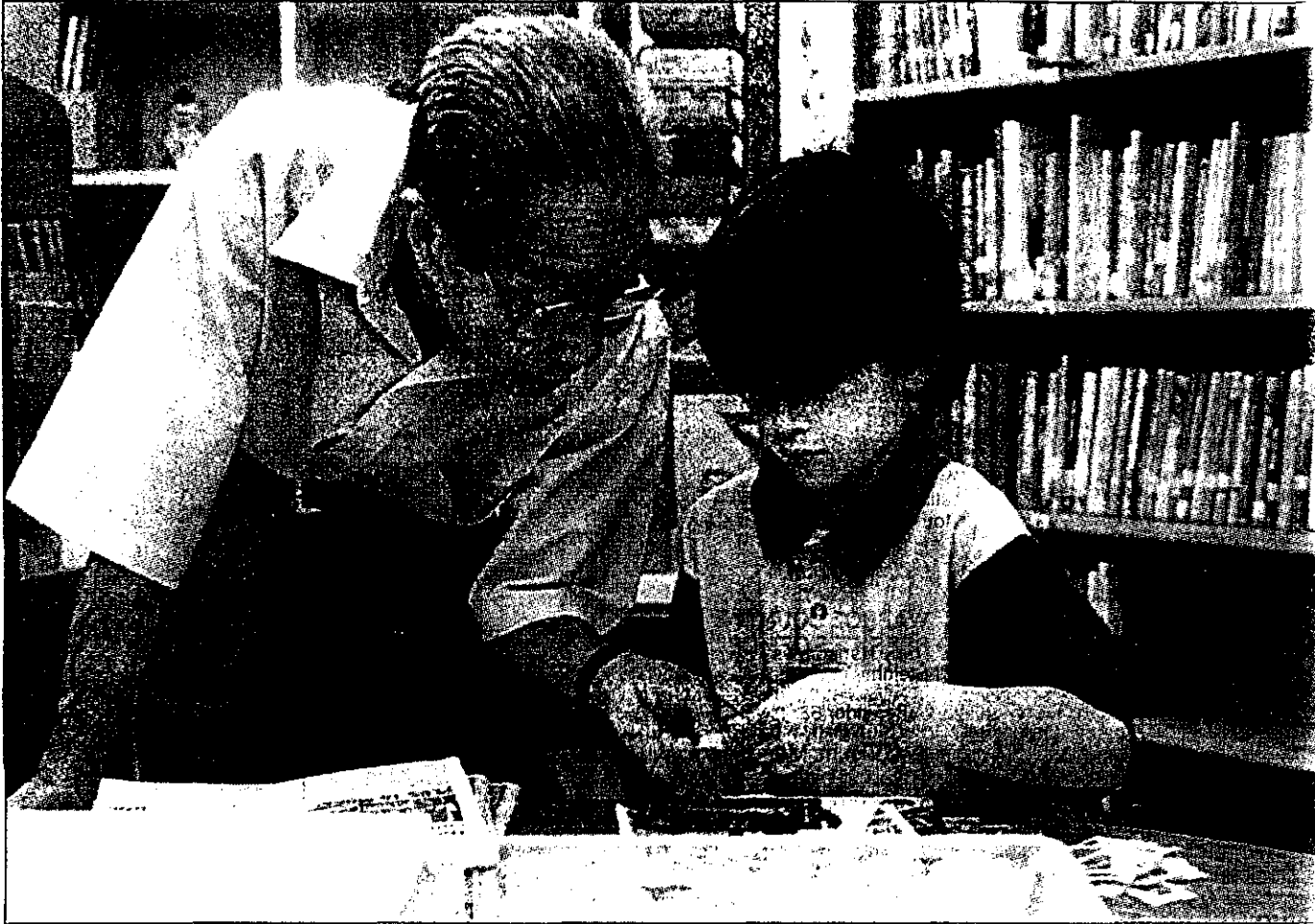


STAMP CLUB MEETING

■ **When:** 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month
 ■ **Where:** Anderson Elementary School, 1055 Berrum Lane, southwest Reno

TOP: Honey Naruchitoparames shows off her favorite stamp at Anderson Elementary School Thursday afternoon.

RIGHT: Chieu Ho, 70, helps Justin Scott, a second-grader at Anderson Elementary School, sort through a colorful group of stamps Tuesday afternoon at the Junior Stamp Collecting Club meeting at Anderson.



Photos by Jean Dixon
 Reno Gazette-Journal

Stamps tell stories to budding collectors

By Anjeanette Coles Damon
 RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

After 60 years of stamp collecting, George Costello considers himself an expert at trivia games.

Two years ago, Costello decided he could share what he's learned through his hobby with northern Nevada children and hopefully get them hooked on a pastime that's not as popular as it used to be.

"Stamp collecting can be a treasure trove of fun, history and even money for college," Costello said.

Two years ago, Costello and the Nevada Stamp Study Society de-

ecided to try an after-school stamp-collecting club. Costello, vice president of the club, began the program at Dayton Middle School, but found the kids there were too old to become interested in the hobby.

After doing research with the U.S. Postal Service for a year, the group decided to target children ages 6 to 9. Last year the group tried monthly meetings at five elementary schools. Finding it too cumbersome to coordinate, Costello decided to consolidate the meetings at Anderson Elementary School in southwest Reno.

"At first kids say, 'Stamp collect-

ing, what's that?'" Costello said. "But once they get into it, they can't get enough. And they learn."

More than 200 students have expressed an interest after being introduced to the club, Costello said. The students learn how to gather stamps, how to use tools to mount and study them and how to determine a stamp's value.

But the club is more than just learning about the hobby.

"Each stamp tells a story," Costello said. "Stamps commemorate a person, place or event. We teach about history, leaders, Cinco de Mayo, Hitler and what a monster he was."

Pilar Barajas, 9, attended her first stamp club meeting last week and said she plans to continue.

"I like stamps. They have pretty pictures," she said as she fished through a pile of stamps to pull out one of the Virgin Mary holding a baby Jesus. "I like this one. It's Christmas."

Costello said he figures an afternoon spent learning about history, science and geography is better than an afternoon in front of the television.

"It gives them an awareness," he said. "There is no downside to this."

On a recent TV series "Biography", the main person was "Simon Wiesenthal, -Nazi Hunter". He was a stamp collector and a letter sent to because he collected stamps provided information, as to the location of the top Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichman, who was wanted for running the crematoriums in Poland. His information was useful by the Israel people to go after this man and catch him.

At the last meeting in August, the mini-auction was replaced with a consignment program. A member brought in his material with the price already posted on the sheet. The purchaser then paid the seller for his material and the seller paid 10% to the club. The items sold quite readily and the action was over with in a few minutes. If this type of selling and buying agrees with everyone this program will continue.

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Scott No. 1131 was issued to commemorate the St. Lawrence Seaway. It is a 4 cent stamp designed to tie the U.S. and Canada together. On the left is the Canadian Maple Leaf and on the right is the U.S. Eagle. It is red and dark blue in color. It was issued on June 26, 1959. It was designed by Arnold Copeland, Ervine Metzrl, William H. Buckley and Gerald Trottier.

French explorers discovered the St. Lawrence River in 1535. They thought it would be a shipping lane to China. Later, it was discovered that it was a valuable route from the Atlantic ocean to the Great Lakes. However, it the river needed to be dredged and, as usual, the governments took 60 years to make the decision to do the dredging. Finally, in 1954 a corporation was formed to complete this project.

The seaway is 2300 miles of canals and locks going from the western end of Lake Superior to the St. Lawrence River. On June 26, 1958 Queen Elizabeth II and Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower dedicated the completed Seaway.

Canada's issue, No. 387 was found to have inverted centers. Catalogue value \$8,000. mint and \$6,250 used. So check your Canadian stamps.

Question of the day for \$50 auction bucks.

What was the name of the corporation that was formed to complete the St. Lawrence Seaway project?

Did you notice in the news that the U.S.P.O. is issuing some new stamps for the 70's period. One will be the SMILEY FACE. Two black dots with a curved mouth, with yellow background and 33 cents value. Also, the recent issue of Alfred Hitchcock has a cutout of image in the upper left hand corner. This was not announced and it was up to us collectors to discover that it was a real cut out. This is the first time the face of a stamp has been cut as part of the design. The five Bright eyes stamps released on Aug. 20 have unique, hidden security images produced through process called Scrambled Indicia. The dog design features a dog bone and a dog house: the cat design has a paw and mouse: the parakeet, a bird cage: the hamster, an exercise wheel; and the fish design has bubbles coming out of the mouth. These images only become clear when viewed through a specially manufactured decoder lens. Have fun.

Here is a special cover displayed below. This is a project for all members, junior or adult. For each correct answer to the questions listed below the cover you lucky ones will receive 25 Auction Bucks.



Mr. Albert Beaudoin,
100 Montgomery Street,
Cambridge 40, Mass.

- No. 1. What branch of the Government is honored with this stamp and cover?
- No. 2. What was their assignment during World War II. as depicted on the cachet?
- No. 3. How many stars are in the shield of the eagle?
- No. 4. Who designed this cachet?

So the ballot slate for NSSF 1998 is as follows:
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Vice-President: George Costello _____
Other _____
Secretary: _____
Board Members: Ed Hartley _____
Dick Dreiling _____
Dan Forgues _____
Other _____

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Please submit you votes as soon as possible either at the first meet in September or by mail to Tom Morrissey. The official winners will be announced at the second meeting in September.

The new issues that will be forthcoming for the United States, Canada and United Nations are as follows:

United States:

- Sept. ? Klondike Gold Rush
- Sept. ? Ballet
- Oct. 2 Northeastern University, postal card.
- Oct. 7 Philanthropy.
- Oct. 15 Madonna and Child.
- Oct. 15 Wreaths
- Oct. 17 Brandies University, postal card.
- Oct. ? Space Colony.
- Nov. 5 Hospice Care.

Canada;

- Sept. 8 Masterpieces of Canadian Art.
- Sept. 25 University of Ottawa.
- Oct. 1 Circuses, 4 stamps.
- Oct. 7 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Oct. 26 Canadian Wild Life.
- Oct. 27 Canadian Wild Life.
- Nov. 4 Remembrance Day.
- Nov. 4 Christmas Angels.

United Nations:

- Sept. 15 Peacekeeping Forces.
- Oct. 27 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Dec. 4 Schonbrunn Castle.