



## Columbia Philatelic Society

APS chapter #043067

November 2023 Newsletter

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**Commentary and updates:** It's almost the end of the year with back-to-back holidays: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving on the 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by Christmas/Chanukah next month. I trust everyone enjoyed the Veteran's Day celebrations through media or in person. We'll talk about our holiday banquet on Sunday. Thanks to all who made the October meeting. Let's finish the year with a big turnout.

Our banquet is on December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. at Grecian Gardens restaurant on Sunset Blvd. in West Columbia. Be prepared to purchase your \$20 per person meal ticket which will be your reservation. You'll have a choice of three entrees with sides. CPS will cover the gratuity. Martin Miller, president of Philatelic Press, will be our keynote speaker. He delivered a great program at a previous banquet as well as our stamp show in August last year. Martin is editor and philatelic writer of several publications including "*Topical Times*." His wife, Jennifer is executive director of the American Topical Association and she'll accompany Martin at the banquet.

A slate of CPS officers will be presented Sunday. Andy Banco, chair of the nominating committee, will present the group's selections. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. There are some positions still open, so volunteer to serve as an officer.

A rewrite of our Constitution and By-Laws has been done to make the two documents consistent in content and purpose. The latest versions will be discussed at the meeting. Voting on these documents will be done at the banquet.

I will give a report on our finances and provide copies of the last three months income and expenses for review.

The Southeast Stamp Exhibit is the last weekend in January, the 26 – 28. The Atlanta Hilton NE is again the venue. The theme will be honoring Jimmy Carter on his centennial year. A block of rooms has been set aside at a special rate for the show. See me for details. Mick Zais will be one of the speakers for one of the four sessions and I'll present a program. We'll both be exhibiting too.

Dues for the coming year will be collected through the end of February. Fill out a renewal form and submit it with your check.

*John Owen*



The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 19**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.

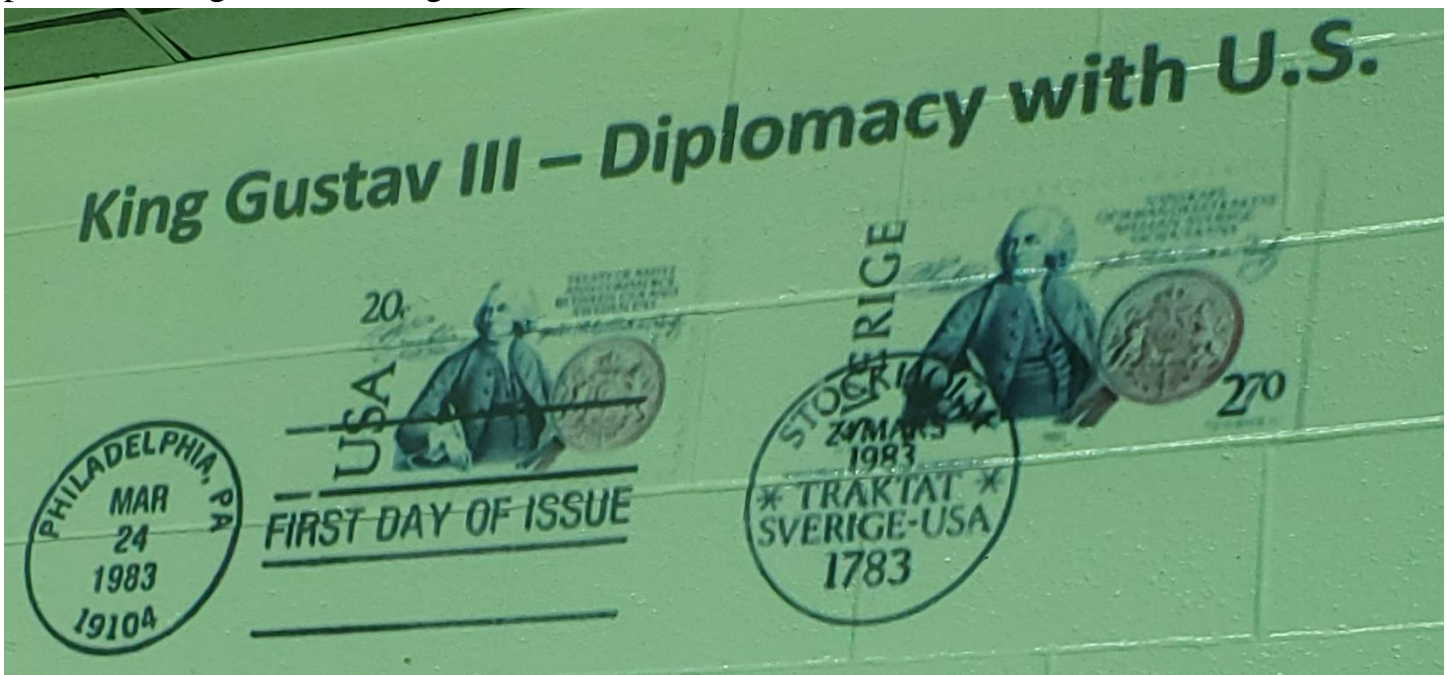


A very Happy Birthday to: Danny Smoake (1); Charles Kneisley (27). Congratulations and many, many more.

## PROGRAMS: UNDERSTANDING MY SWEDISH

**ROOTS, PART TWO.** Fast forward over 100 years to King Gustave III. “He was a change agent. He introduced a constitution which reduced the power of the nobility,” Les Hall said. He recaptured some land which had been lost in battle. “This aggressive nature of his trying to consolidate power was viewed as a threat by the Swedish nobility and ultimately, he was assassinated,” added Hall.

One of his legacies was his relationship with the United States. After his representative met with Benjamin Franklin in Paris, and after negotiations, Sweden became the first neutral power to recognize the new government of the United States.



Fast forward another 25 years or so, there was a monarch named King Charles, who died and left no heir. “This was one of the few times in Swedish history where there was no bloodline to continue, so the parliament had to take action,” Hall said. They chose someone who became King Karl 14<sup>th</sup> Johan to serve as King. He served for 26 years and had a relatively uneventful reign.

His son was King Oscar I. During his reign, “we start to see the Monarchs appear on stamps. The first stamps they appeared on were not Swedish stamps but stamps from Norway, because he was King of both Sweden and Norway,” Hall added.

His son was King Charles, 15<sup>th</sup>. “He was king when my great-grandparents emigrated to Chicago in 1870. Chicago had the highest Swedish population in the world after Stockholm,” according to Hall. They left Sweden because it was a poor country, and the population was economically depressed. There was no work, and they couldn’t find food.

His reign took place during a very difficult time. “He is not pictured on a Swedish stamp,



King Karl XIV, Johan

although I saw a picture of Scott #14 which actually has his coat of arms,” Hall said.



King Charles XV

His son was King Oscar II who also ruled Norway. “He decided it was not a good thing to try to maintain control of Norway. It always led to wars. He entered into negotiations and decreed that nobody else in Sweden needed to rule Norway after him and he prevented his heirs from assuming the Kingship of Norway,” said Hall.



King Oscar II

Oscar’s son was King Gustav 5<sup>th</sup>, the oldest son. He ruled for 43 years, from age 49 to age 92. He ruled through both world wars. “He never had a coronation, so he never wore a crown. No other king since has had a coronation. He appeared on lots of stamps,” Hall said. This definitive series which was published through 1918 has Oscar’s picture in it. “They contain the two greatest rarities with his picture on them, which is Scott #’s 90 and 92. There was a small supply of stamps printed and they were inadvertently sent to another post office. Less than 2,000 stamps of each were printed and they weren’t supposed to be released, but now you have these stamps ‘out there’ retailing for about \$2,100 each for an unused stamp and Scott lists a used stamp for \$6,800. Scott also warns there are fakes out there so buyer beware,” he said.



Gustave V opposed labor unions. Sweden remained neutral during WWI. During WWII, Gustav tried to convince Hitler to drop his anti-Semitic policies, without success, but later congratulated Hitler for taking on the Soviet Union.

When Gustave V died, his son Gustave VI ascended the throne. He reigned for 23 years, another uneventful term. When he died, his son could not become king because he died in a plane crash. His grandson, Karl 16<sup>th</sup> Gustave became king at the age of 27 and he is king today, the longest reigning monarch in the history of Sweden. Next year is his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and there will be big celebrations in Sweden.

*Les Hall*

## DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY: COLLECTING WEST POINT STAMPS.

“I collect stamps from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point (N. Y.) because I graduated from there in 1969,” said Brigadier General, (retired) Mick Zais.



After graduation, he served another 31 years in the Army. “My brother was a graduate in 1965, and his two boys are West Point graduates too.” he added.

His military service is a family tradition. His father served 39 years in the active Army. “My father-in-law was a career Army officer as well, and my son is currently in the Army,” he said.

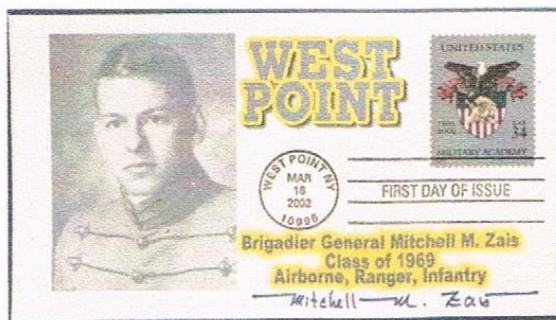
West Point is the oldest service academy in the nation, founded by an act of Congress in 1802.

His presentation showed how one collection can expand from one area to another. He calls it “collateral collecting.”



Issued May 26, 1937, Scott # 789 is an ultramarine five cent Army stamp featuring several buildings on the campus at West Point. They include: Washington Hall, North Barracks, the Cadet Chapel and the Old Observatory.

Dorothy Knapp gained fame as an artist who painted cachets on first day covers by hand. At the time, this was not accepted by collectors because they cost 25 cents each which was more expensive than printed cachets. In 1978 or 1979, a friend told her the cachets she was painting were selling for a few hundred dollars each. She had been giving the cachets to friends and others for free. She now took her craft seriously. She also took blank first day covers and added cachets to them. When her husband, who was a stamp collector and dealer, died, she stopped painting cachets because they no longer could do philatelic things together. This cover, illustrated by Knapp, was cancelled in 1937 from West Point, N. Y. and includes the West Point stamp.



Mick Zais was born in Fort Bragg, NC. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from West Point, a Master of Science degree and a doctorate in social Psychology and Organizational Behavior both from the University of Washington and a Master of Arts in military history from the School of Advanced Military Studies at the U. S. Army Command and

General Staff College. He was president of Newberry College for 10 years, South Carolina Secretary of Education from 2011 – 2015, United States Deputy Secretary of Education from May 17, 2018 to January 7, 2021. When education secretary, Betsy DeVos resigned, Zais became Acting U. S. Secretary of Education.

*Mick Zais*

# HOLIDAY BANQUET:

Our holiday gathering will be THURSDAY, DEC. 14th beginning at 5 p.m. at the Grecian Gardens Restaurant, 2312 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia. Entrees include a



choice of either: ½ **roasted chicken**, (oven roasted, marinated overnight and baked in Greek herbs and spices); **Lasagna** (homemade classic lasagna, topped with marinara sauce and melted mozzarella cheese or **Salmon** (broiled with a little olive oil and lemon juice). Drinks, other than water is extra, as is dessert. Total cost to members is \$20 per person **collected in advance**.

Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us. Get your reservations in as soon as you can. We'll introduce our new slate of club officers, have a short business meeting and hear from Martin Miller, who always has some interesting stories and useful information to share. The banquet will replace our December meeting.



**Use the meal selection sheet elsewhere in the newsletter to make your reservation. In each box, enter the number of dinners requested. Send the entire sheet with your payment to the address on the form.**

**SUNDAY'S PROGRAM:** THE STAMPS OF RUSSIA, BY GRAHAM BECK, PRESENTED BY BOB ANDERSON.

**SHOW & TELL:** D. C. LOCKE WILL PROVIDE THE PROGRAM.

We need programs for January, February and March 2024. Time to plan and put together your story and program.

**REFRESHMENTS:** ARE BEING PROVIDED BY FRANK WEICK.

Volunteers are needed for the first three months of next year. Up to \$30 will be provided to reimburse for refreshments. More than one person can commit. Let Bob Anderson know.

If you subscribe to multiple stamp publications, bring them to our meetings so others can enjoy them too. D. C. Locke has been distributing them to a local branch of the Lexington County library.

# Columbia Philatelic Society Banquet,

December 14, 5 p.m.

Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia – 803-794-7552


Put the number of dinners you're ordering in the small box.

Send this sheet, with your check for \$20 per person to:


Dale Carruth, 3328 Covenant Road, Columbia, S. C. 29204

to reserve your reservation.

Reservations should **arrive** no later than Monday, December 11

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