



Columbia Philatelic Society

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October 2025 Newsletter

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Commentary and Updates: Greetings at the beginning of a busy holiday season. I hope you have lots of plans with family and friends. Our stamp club is having our holiday banquet on December 18 at the Ocean View Restaurant in Cayce. The address is 1000 Knox Abbott Drive. It's the same place as last year and the menu offers six entrees.

The club has had a good year financially especially with donations. The large mint stamp collection was an unexpected donation and has been a nice windfall for the club. We have sold enough out of it that the board of directors have decided to give our members a break on the cost of the banquet. Your cost is only \$15 per person, a discount of \$10 at the current rate. A copy of the menu is at the end of this newsletter. Make your choice and send the form with your payment to Bob Anderson or bring it to the meeting.

According to our bylaws, we're supposed to hold election of officers at the November meeting. Jerry recently send an email with officer qualifications and responsibilities and requested applicants. To date, no one has expressed a desire to step up.

Two of the four all-American stock book stamp collections are still available for sale. I'll bring them to the November meeting along with other goodies from the donated collection.

Carolyn and I were involved in an auto accident some weeks ago which was not our fault. She was in the hospital for four weeks and is now in rehab. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and concerns for her full recovery.



Fred McGary



The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 16**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.

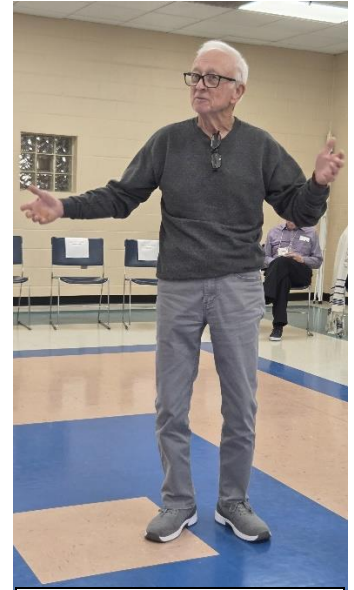


A very Happy Birthday to: David Crone (17); Charles Kneisley (27) and Midge Mirabella (30)
Congratulations and many, many more.

CELEBRATION: Club members gathered at the Tri-City Leisure Center Sunday, October 19th to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Columbia Philatelic Society.



Left to right, back row: Gary Baker, David Anderson, David Crone, Bob Wilson, John Owen, Andy Banco, Jerry Emanuel, Rick Miller, Mike Michaelski, Saba Demian, Wayne Peelman, Page Berry and D. C. Locke. Bottom row: Hannah Tveden, Beverly Triber, Dale Carruth, Annette Metz, whose husband was a founding member of the club in 1935, Madeleine Wenzel, Anna Brannin, Linda Hazlett and Julia Berry.



Bob Wilson was tasked with putting together the history of the club. With the help of members, he was able to find enough material to fill three frames of exhibits. He began the program by telling members what he found and the history of the club, which began in 1935.



The club was founded by a group of people who wanted to share their hobby with others. One of the first shows was in 1939. During the early years, Leonard Metz was president of the club. His name appears at the bottom of the exhibit notice. His wife, Annette, 98, is currently a member of the Columbia Philatelic Society and an avid stamp collector herself. She attends monthly meetings regularly.

Club member, Bob Wilson talked about the history of the society.

“It looks like we’re celebrating the wrong date of the founding of the club,” he said. “On July 5, 1933, a meeting was held in Columbia in the banquet hall of the Y.M.C.A. that established the Columbia Junior Stamp Club,” he added.

According to a newspaper clipping there was about 50 people in attendance. The officers who were elected included Leonard Metz, president; Paul Holcombe, vice president; James Moore, secretary; and Robert Chapman, treasurer. Frank Gilbert was acting chairman of the meeting.

“According to notes of long-time club member, Henry Kemp, ‘tradition has it that popular USC English professor, Havilah Babcock and a few other professors formed the Collector’s Stamp Society of Columbia in 1935,’” Wilson stated.

This club lasted until 1938 which was confirmed by a banquet program. “It’s doubtful both groups operated in Columbia at the same time,” Wilson noted.

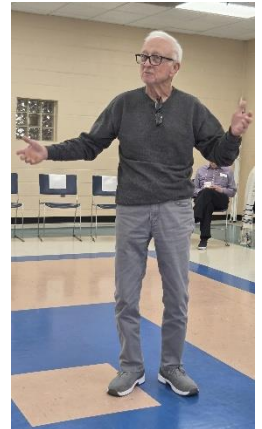
“Later in the 1930’s, there’s a cover, an envelope cancelled on the day of a stamp show, and a philatelic exhibition award with the name Columbia Stamp Club. It’s most likely that prior to May 1938, the Collector’s Stamp Society merged with the Junior Stamp Club to become the Columbia Stamp Club.” Wilson opined.

The 1940’s and 1950’s are a blank spot since no stamp show or related materials have surfaced. It’s assumed the Columbia Stamp Club continued to meet. In 1962, and for the first time, the Columbia Philatelic Society is seen on a stamp show cover.

“Henry Kemp’s notes indicate he thought the Columbia Stamp Club changed its name to the Columbia Philatelic Society in the 1950’s,” Wilson mentioned. “While there are gaps in the story, the Columbia Philatelic Society operates today as the oldest known stamp club in South Carolina,” Wilson added.

Tem Miles, mayor of West Columbia issued a proclamation honoring the anniversary during National Stamp Collecting Month of October. In his document he celebrated the history, art and culture embodied in postage stamp collecting which promoted the joy and educational value of philately.

He added that in marking nine decades of promoting the hobby, it has fostered knowledge, appreciation and fellowship among stamp collectors across South Carolina and beyond.





Resolution Recognizing the Columbia Philatelic Society on Celebrating Its 90th Anniversary

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Stamp Collecting Month, celebrating the history, art, and culture embodied in postage stamps and promoting the joy and educational value of philately; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Philatelic Society, founded in 1935, is celebrating its 90th anniversary, marking nine decades of fostering knowledge, appreciation, and fellowship among stamp collectors across South Carolina and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Philatelic Society is the largest active stamp club in South Carolina, continuing a proud tradition of connecting enthusiasts, preserving history, and encouraging the hobby for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Society was founded by a small group of dedicated philatelists who sought to share their passion for collecting, research, and education with others in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Philatelic Society hosts two annual stamp shows each year, serving collectors throughout the Southeast, providing opportunities for learning, trading, and showcasing collections of historical and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Philatelic Society has long held its monthly meetings in the City of West Columbia, contributing to the city's vibrant community life and continuing its mission of promoting philately as both a hobby and an educational tool; and

WHEREAS, the Society will commemorate its 90th anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-City Leisure Center in West Columbia, marking a significant milestone in the organization's history; and

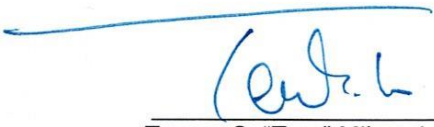
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council hereby recognize the Columbia Philatelic Society on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary, commend its members for their dedication to promoting the art and history of stamp collecting, and extend best wishes for continued success and growth in the years to come.

Adopted this 7th day of October 2025.

ATTEST:



City Clerk/City Administrator



Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr., Mayor



Columbia Philatelic Society Banquet

Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Ocean View Restaurant, 1000 Knox Abbott Drive, Cayce

803-791-5700

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

Send the sheet, with your check for \$15 per person

(add \$1 per person for broiled instead of fried) to:

Bob Anderson, 4503 Shannon Springs Road,

Columbia, South Carolina 29206

to secure your reservation.

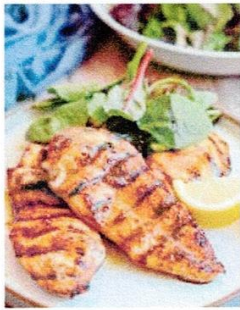
**RESERVATIONS SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**

	Add \$1 pp for Broiled	Your Name(s):	
The picture may not represent the actual meal.		Tilapia Dinner	Tilapia Dinner

	Add \$1 pp for Broiled	Your Name(s):	
The picture may not represent the actual meal.		Flounder Dinner	Flounder Dinner

	Add \$1 pp for Broiled	Your Name(s):	
The picture may not represent the actual meal.		Catfish Dinner	Catfish Dinner

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Your Name(s):

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2-marinated
Chicken breasts

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Chicken breasts



Your Name(s):

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Two Pork
Chops

Two Pork
Chops

All entrees come with Ice Tea, soft drink or water.

