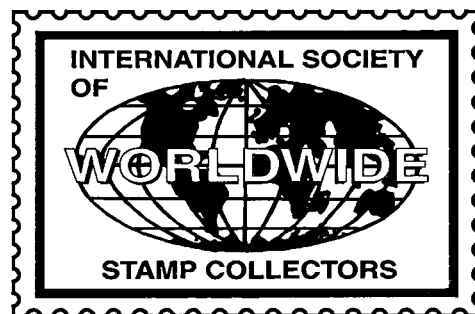


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President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)
ISWSC President

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, it is hard to believe that a year has gone by since I began serving as your president! At the beginning of this New Year, I want to take time to thank all those who work so tirelessly to bring you the programs of the ISWSC. From the auctions, to the sales and swap circuits, to the Whatzit? column, to the charitable services program, from the regional representatives to the newsletter editor (and everything and everyone in between), thank you to all of you who volunteer to make the ISWSC happen!

I'd also like to specifically thank four individuals. The first two, **Joan Roderick** and **Ken Costilow** are retiring from the Board of Directors immediately after the current election is tabulated. Joan has served two

consecutive terms (and is therefore ineligible for another term) and Ken is finishing his first term. I have enjoyed working with both of them this past year and appreciate all they have done for the society — I will miss them on the Board.

The other two individuals I'd like to thank are **Tony Zollo** and **Tom Fortunato**. These two individuals are really the heart and soul of the ISWSC. It is incredible how much work the two of these gentlemen do to keep the ISWSC alive and well. Thank you!

Enclosed in this edition of the newsletter, you'll find a ballot for the Board of Director's positions. I encourage each of you to read the write-ups submitted by the candidates, then exercise your right to vote. The winners, to be announced in the next newsletter, will serve on the Board for the next two years. I look forward to welcoming them to the Board!

Candidate Biographies

ANDREW TITLEY

My name is Andrew Titley and I am a 15 year old stamp collector/seller out of Oceanside, NY. My two main sections in collecting stamps are Ethiopia and Cape of Good Hope. I have my own website, AlbionStamps.com, which I sell and trade on. I have many happy customers and traders alike! I started collecting about three years ago when I was only 12 years old. My first experiences with stamps were the stamps that my dad collected when he was my age. The collection included a stock book of Great Britain and three green stock books of worldwide stamps. Inside the Great Britain book, lo and behold, was a Penny Black. To

this day, I keep this stamp as a memory of what my dad had given to me and what he started me on.

As a young collector, I believe I will bring a different perspective to the club, and therefore would like to be a board member. I would try to bring different ideas to the club and assist it in its promoting and expansion.

Thanks, Andrew Titley

KEN WILLS

I have been collecting used worldwide stamps for about 50 years. Retirement from my technology research position with American

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Airlines and Sabre started two years ago, but I still don't know where the time goes. I have served as treasurer, secretary and chairman of the Bank of America Philatelic Society, and am now First Vice President of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club (of Arlington and Irving in NE Texas).

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many ISWSC members as Swap Circuit Manager of the Small (Definitives) Circuit for the last two years. My wife considers herself a stamp widow — one better than a golf widow as she knows where I am!

RICK SIMPSON

Like many other ISWSC members, I started stamp collecting when I was young, put it aside, then picked it up again as retirement approached. I was especially fortunate in this regard, since I managed to retire at age 55. I am now 61. My wife and I raised six children and a handful (literally!) of foster kids. We are both avid Internet enthusiasts. She maintains the web site for SOCORICO, the Society of Costa Rica Philatelists and has helped on several other philatelic websites. We have worked together to prepare materials for the ISWSC website.

I have a master's degree in Instructional Systems Design from the University of Maryland and during my working life held a variety of technical positions — everything from being a B-52 crewmember to starting my own computer store. I finished my career writing instructional materials to teach computer subjects. In my retirement I have a part-time job teaching at a local community college.

As you might suspect, I have a strong interest in using the Internet to enhance my stamp collecting efforts. I collect worldwide through 1940. Originally I used the Scott International albums, but have been switching over to the Steiner StampAlbums Web pages. I am the U. S. distributor for printed pages from that web site. I also volunteer my efforts to produce stamp album pages for that site. Currently I am working my way through the pages for Indonesia.

I am concerned that ISWSC membership continues to fall, even though it is now easier to reach a worldwide audience. I think the recent attempts to publicize our society are a good start. I think that we must continue to improve and expand the services we offer and make more collectors aware of the benefits of membership.

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Dues/Advertising Policy

Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership: \$12.00*

Youth membership (under 18): \$10.00*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence): \$19.00*

*Plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US\$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407, USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least one month prior to the current expiration date.*

Advertising Policy:

For reasons of accountability, only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads. All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the Editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

Display Rates (Camera Ready*) per insertion:

Full page: \$75.00**

Half page: \$40.00**

Quarter page: \$20.00**

Per column inch: \$5.00

Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue.

*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra.

** Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunato (see p. 2) for special rates.

Classified Rates per insertion:

First 30 words, including name, address, and ZIP code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1.

NOTE: *State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.*

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.

Sales Circuit Update

by James M. Gaul (#1853)
ISWSC Sales Circuit Manager

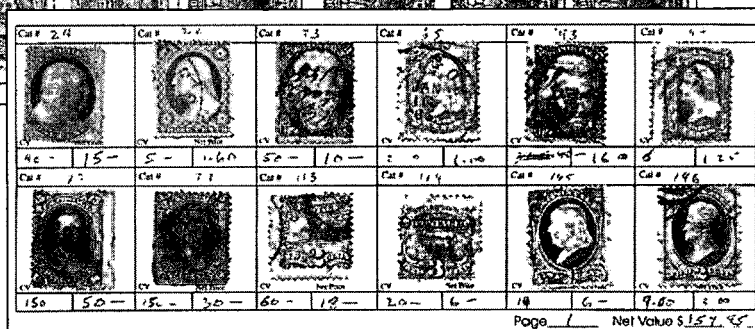
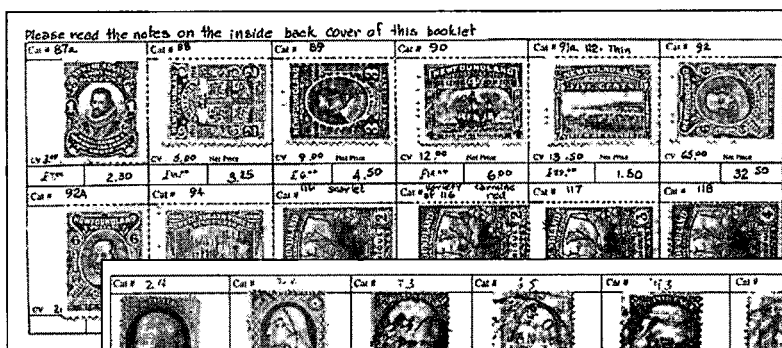
Greetings fellow members! Hope all of you had a very merry Christmas and the start of a prosperous New Year! Here is my first attempt

at writing a column for the Circuit News. Hopefully, it will be the first of many more to come! I plan to run a column for each issue to keep current buyers and sellers up-to-date on the circuit and also try and induce others to participate!

For this issue, which was written back in November, I have received the following books for submission.

- Hong Kong—\$196.25
- Netherlands—\$218.45
- Switzerland—\$325.85
- Jamaica—\$160.45
- 2 US only—\$311&\$313
- W/W mix—50.38
- Uruguay—107.90
- Japan—45.25
- Venezuela—109.42
- Spain—\$70.30
- Iceland—\$144.25

As you can see from this list, there's something for everyone here, with many more books to select



good stamps from! Currently, there are about 390 books in the inventory, with about 100 to retire and about 18 to log in.

So how about it! Start the New Year off right and get into the program! Just a quick email, simple phone call, or a letter sent by snail mail to me, and you're on your way to getting a group of stamps to peruse in your home at your leisure with no pressure from dealers! It's one of your benefits by being in this society, so why not use it!

A sales circuit consists of 8 to 10 books, each containing stamps from one of the 13 Groups. This circuit is sent to 5 members, each having 7 days to select what stamps they want and then sending the circuit onto the next member listed on the route sheet. A report sheet is provided for each member to mark his or her purchases. This is then sent in with payment to me. All circuits are sent on by Certified Mail only! So the only expense involved on your part is the \$1.25 Circuit fee, which is paid whether or not any purchases are made, and the cost of mailing the circuit by Certified mail to the next member. Usually this will run about \$4.50 on average! That's a bargain in my book compared to say movie tickets or dinner out!

Here's a sample page from two recently submitted books. I plan to give everyone a peek at what's in a sales circuit by showing these scans. This month I have done a page from Group 1, which is US only, and a page from Group 2, which is from Canada and providence's. In future issues, I will show a page from other Groups.

That's it for now, stay tuned for further updates, and remember my motto: Keep on stampin'!

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NOEL ROUTLEY

I have been a collector all my 68 years. This is my second collection — I sold my first to get married (still trying to work out if I was wise or not). My collection totals 120,000 stamps. I'm a retired builder who now lives in a rural town with a population of 300.

My reason for applying for this position is that as a senior member of the ISWSC outside of the USA, I would give a broader outlook on issues. I would also like to help the youth programme, as it is very important to keep the youth interested.

To all members a merry xmas and new year.



An Exhibition in Reminiscence

by Ada Enyioha
Loyola Jesuit College, Nigeria
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Submitted by Augustine Enabulele, S.J. (#1463)

This exhibition had been on every mind of each LJC philatelist throughout the year 2000. Making this exhibition work had been paramount for us all. With all the excitement in the air, we forgot about the troubles and the problems we may come across.

First, our patron Augustine started by choosing where we would hold our exhibition. We were faced with either going to the Sheraton Hotels and Towers with a reduced number of our group and guests, which we didn't want. We had 62 members in the club, and we couldn't bear allowing only 30 people to go for one day and another 30 people going the following day since the exhibition was to last two days. So, we dropped the idea of going to Sheraton for the bigger and better Nicon Hilton Hotel, where we had to pay a huge amount of money for the exhibition space for two days, but with no restrictions on the number of people who could come.

How were we to get the money for the exhibition? This was going to be a big problem, but we decided to try all possible ways of raising enough money not only to go to Nicon Hilton, but also to cover all other expenses.

It wasn't going to be easy since some of our parents and sponsors didn't know how big we actually meant the exhibition to be. They didn't really give us as much as we needed, and so we didn't make much progress at all.

Augustine then came up with a bright idea. He decided to write letters to each of our parents at the end of the term/semester. The letters made them more aware about our plans and needs. This really helped, as almost half the members of the club returned to school in the new term/semester with as



Augustine chatting with parents

much as \$50. Augustine also sent the same letter to companies and embassies.

We planned to exhibit all of our stamp albums with some information attached to each person's album. These information were to contain some bio data, philatelic history, philatelic interest and address of each child in the club in case there were philatelists at the exhibition who would be interested in contact and trading of stamps. These were to be put on a long table along with each child's album. In addition, we chose to mount or exhibit on stands/boards only those countries from which we had many stamps — about 45 countries. We decided to attach to the stamps of these countries the printed national flags, and researched, historical, political, geographical, economical and social information about each country for people who might be interested.

Next, we gathered from various stamp books many bits of information. For example, "Did you know that the Swedish 'Treskilling Yellow' sold for \$2.27 million at Zurich-Switzerland and was the most expensive man-made object?" This kind of info was typed in large, emboldened fonts and mounted along with stamps on stands/boards. In addition to all of these, we wanted to come up with a newsletter, and all of this work was to be done with computers. We have about 26 computers in our computer room at school, and so children who were good at computers were selected to help with the computer work.

To worsen our case, we had problems while doing all the writings, compositions and making of the newsletter. Once, the computer server crashed. At



Students in front of the stamp display

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