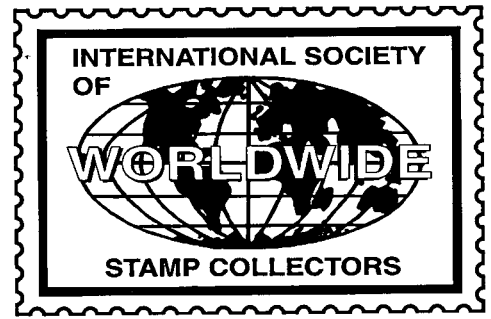


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A Dream Come True (to Al Feinberg)

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INTRODUCTION

From 1998 to 2001, I started and ran a junior stamp club in Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja - Nigeria, where I was a teacher of English language and Religion for the same duration. During this time, I lost communication with many people in ISWSC with whom I corresponded previously. After I left Nigeria in August 2001, I tried to re-establish communication with these people. In my letters, I promised to write in the ISWSC Circuit to share with everyone what I did with my three years of silence.

I think the year was 1995, when I wrote my first article in *The Circuit*. The title of the article was "Becoming a Philatelist." The article was an expression of my philatelic journey and dreams. I had two dreams. The first was, and is to own at least two stamps from every country in the world. The second was to start and run a junior stamp club in Nigeria.

Responses to the article came from members of ISWSC as a pleasant surprise. I never even expected a single response, and I could scarcely handle the responses that came from people like Jack Searles who got me into ISWSC, Carol Cervenka, George Sieman (RIP), Br. Joseph Gallagher, William Reynolds, Henry J. Wanagi, Frank Ceraso, all from the USA, Phil Bence from Canada, George Matthew and Babul Das from India, Kari Mantysalo from Suriname, Jan Spyryka from Poland, and Thorsten Kubler from Germany. This is only to mention a few. These people sent and traded

stamps with me. They wanted my dream to come true. If I remember correctly, by mid-1997 I had stamps from about 25 countries more to collect for my dream to come true. By the end of 1998, my second dream began to take shape, but not only did it eclipse my first dream, along with my responsibilities as a teacher in the school, it seriously affected my correspondence with most of the fine people I mentioned above.

I became a member of the teaching staff in Loyola Jesuit College, Abuja, Nigeria in August 1998. Not long after this, all the members of the teaching staff were asked to start and run a club of their choice and a club fair was organized by the school. Each teacher had a space to sell his or her club to the students. The clubs that were been advertized included Math club, Health and Recreation club, Brain Crackers club, Star Gazers, Geography club, Current Affairs club, Speech and Debate, etc. I had a desk and a sideboard on which I



At the June 2001 stamp exhibition, Augustine (right) chats with one of the visitors to the exhibition, who also runs a junior stamp club.

mounted stamps, stamp magazines (including old editions of the *ISWSC Circuit*) and a large cardboard paper containing information about stamps, stamp collecting, and what the club will be about. These were accompanied with some music. It was like a mini stamp exhibition. At the top of the cardboard paper I

pasted a note which read "To Al Feinberg." Most of the kids around got curious and asked who Al was. I had written to Al Feinberg in early 1998 for ideas on how to run a junior stamp club, but rather than hear from Al, I heard from his wife, Mildred because Al had gone to the Hereafter, where I believe he is still an avid, orga-

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President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)
ISWSC President

As you have read many times in this newsletter, this organization exists only because of those who serve it. The ISWSC is truly blessed to have such a great bunch of dedicated members serving it: many of their names are listed on page 2. But volunteerism sometimes has its downfalls too – such as occasions when our desire and intent to fulfill a role isn't in synch with our ability to follow through and get the job done. Unfortunately, such was the case for me earlier this year in my role as Swap Circuit Coordinator and manager of one of the programs' circuits.

As participants in the Swap Circuit program know, an additional fee is charged to participate in the Swap Circuit program. (The fee is used to make the program self-sufficient, including purchasing additional stamps for the program and covering managers' expenses.) About the time these fees were coming in, one of the long-time managers (Jack Searles) informed me he needed to step down. Although I was disappointed to lose such a wonderful volunteer, I couldn't fault him – he was a great manager for well over 5 years!

So, I put together a transition plan – I'd take over the regular circuits and find a replacement to manage my super circuits. The plan was fine, but my follow-through stunk! The first part of the plan went well – Bill Silvester graciously stepped forward to take on managing the super circuits in addition to continuing to manage the CTO circuits. Jack dutifully sent me all of his materials and remaining stock. The last part of the plan (where I was to send out a bunch of regular and super circuits to all the participating members) didn't go well. As a result of my inability to follow through, the J-Z regular circuits and the super circuits came to a screeching halt.

I want to be very clear – I was solely responsible for the circuits stopping – not Jack or Bill. I simply took far too long in getting new circuits back out to returning and new members of the program.

So that's the bad news. The good news is that, as I am writing this column in late July, I'm finishing taking over the J-Z regular circuits and transitioning the super circuits to Bill. This means swap circuits (both J-Z regular circuits and super circuits) are finally back in the mail and are being routed between participants of the program. (FYI, the A-I regular circuits, small circuits, and CTO circuits were not impacted.) By the time you read this, the entire swap

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

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Next Roster Due in March 2003

We publish a new membership roster every two years, and the next one is due out as our March-April Circuit issue in 2003. But it takes quite a while to lay it out, and we also want to make sure it contains the most updated information about you!

We need to know your latest collecting interest codes by December 1, 2002, to guarantee it will

appear in the issue. Fill out the following information, sending it to Tom Fortunato by email at stampmf@frontiernet.net or by mail to 42 Maynard St, Rochester, NY 14615-2022. Include your full address and ISWSC membership number, as well as APS and ATA number if applicable.



Name: _____

Address: _____

ISWSC# _____ APS# _____ ATA# _____

I collect (chose A or B):

- A. all worldwide
- B. worldwide (from year ____ up to ____)

I also collect (chose only one, C-G):

- C. mint only
- D. postally used only
- E. postally used and CTO's only
- F. mint, postally used and CTO's
- G. mint and postally used only

Topical interests: _____

I've collected stamps for _____ years

I am a (chose one) worldwide collector.

- ☐ Beg. beginner,
- ☐ Int. intermediate, or
- ☐ Adv. advanced

My age is:

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| AA. under 15 | DD. 41-65 |
| BB. 15-21 | EE. Over 66 |
| CC. 22-40 | |

Other Interests:

Mention USA, worldwide, or other

1. covers
2. postal stationery
3. postmarks, cancels
4. precancels
5. perfins
6. post cards
7. countries of interest
8. souvenir sheets
9. maximum cards
10. Other philatelic interests

Exchange Interests:

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Language Background:

Other languages I read and write: _____

I will act as a translator for the ISWSC: (Yes / No)

ISWSC Meeting

by Tom Fortunato (#379)
VP Public Relations

Jt's America's largest annual philatelic event, eclipsing in size even some shows with international credentials — STAMPSHOW, sponsored by the APS. This year it was in Atlantic City, NJ, home to the world-famous Boardwalk, Miss America pageants, and of course, gambling casinos. Once again, ISWSC volunteers hosted a meeting at this mega-event. Thanks to everyone who turned out. We discussed our membership, services, the recent sales circuit insurance settlement, and of course, our own interests and specialties! We'll let you know when we have a meeting coming your way!



President's Message

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circuit program should be back in full swing and running on all cylinders.

I wish to apologize to all Swap Circuit members who were impacted by this transition and any ISWSC member who may have inquired about the program and did not receive a timely response. In the coming months, I will be finalizing a plan to compensate you for this lack of service - most likely in the form of reduced or eliminated swap circuit fees for 2003.

I hope, through excellent service now and into the future, I will regain your trust in me and your confidence in the program.

Happy stamping (and swapping)!!



ISWSC AUCTION #25**Closing October 12, 2002**

Lot No.	Lot Description	Cat. Value	Min. Bid
1	USA. 425 diff postally U plate # singles and Multiples. Est Value \$25		
2	USA. 80 covers, incl airmail from 30's & 40's, some Farleys, 19th Century, + mish-mash, some nice postmarks. Est Value \$20		
3	USA. 30 oz of Christmas & Love stamps on paper, Heavy dupe and wide variety, 4¢-34¢. Est Value \$10		
4	USA. 160 diff PNC's, plus 10+ service imprinted PNC's on cover. Est Value \$25		
5	USA. Impressive precancel collection in 6 blank albums; 2500 diff bureaus w/some surprises; 2500 locals incl 2¢ reds, Parcel Post, Special Delivery; est 1000 diff Boston dated, mostly SRC, originally accum. by Don Bordeaux. HBO. Est Value \$300		50
6	USA. 280 1¢ official penalty stamps, color variations, all MNH in sheets.		5
7	USA. 196 war related covers, 25 WWI, 121 WWII, returned by censor, POW mail, Hubba Hubba imprint, 1945 Navy Day, CPS camps, Est value \$100.		25
8	Africa. 782+ M&U stamps from over 30 countries. HBO	250+	
9	South & South West Africa. 213+ U stamps, includes a few dupes. HBO	45+	
10	Algeria. 15 M&U stamps, 6 FDC (1992-97), 1 postcard. HBO		
11	Asia. 206 U stamps. (Mongolia, Nepal, Bangladeshi, Burma, Indo-China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand). HBO	55+	
12	Asian Area. 1000+ M&U stamps from the pacific rim. Hong Kong, Philippines, Ceylon, India, PNG, China, etc. lite dupes.		15
13	Australia. 7 oz of MUH (a few MH) 2d-\$2 denominations, many 100's, tons of variety, gutter pairs, blocks, sets, strips, part sheets, S/Ss. Est face value A\$200±, est CV \$400+. Great builder or trading lot. ...		125
14	Australia. 260+ diff postal stationary, aerogrames, letter cards, newspaper wrappers; M & FDC, FDI, few special postmarks. to 1990's. Great collection starter. Hi CV.		30
15	Australia & Pacific Islands. 122 diff recent to 2001 U stamps, CV \$35++, some better values.	35+	
16	Australian States. 225 M&U stamps from NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia. Mounted on Scott pages (complete set of pages). 2000 cat \$570.	570	60
17	British Commonwealth. 230+ stamps in OMNI books, CV to \$4.		
18	Bulgaria. 636 M&U stamps. HBO	102+	
19	Canada. 1000+ MUH stamps Def, Commems, Semi, officials, heavy dupes, incl 38 copies #270 CV \$3.50@. C\$ Face \$80. Good trading lot.		55
20	Canada. 6oz M&U off paper mix, many 100's. All eras and types. Lots of good pickings. Good CV.		20
21	Central & South America. 476 M&U stamps from Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Haiti, Dom. Rep., Guadeloupe, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, and Argentina, plus some dupes for Brazil and Argentina. HBO	148+	
22	China. 146 U stamps. HBO	54+	
23	Cuba. 172 diff U stamps. 95 CV \$34+.	34+	9
24	Cuba. 77 MNH w/dupes, some in sets, 12 CTO on card, 9 diff SS MNH.		
25	Czech. 383 M&U stamps plus several 100 unchecked, contains dupes. Also Solvenslo & Slovenija. HBO	56+	
26	Egypt. 236 U stamps, plus some dupes. HBO.	41+	
27	Europe. 330+ stamps in OMNI books, CV to 6.75. France, Germany, Greece, more.		
28	Germany. \$100 CV all different U stamps, many \$1-4 commems & semi-postals.	100	11
29	Germany. \$50 CV all diff U stamps. Many \$1-4 values, commems & semi-postals.	50	6
30	Germany. 1977 issues of Germany & Berlin MUH. Commems & Semi-postals 9N405-14, 9NB133-141, 9N338-46, 1229-64, 52 MUH stamps, 3 S/S.	37	19
31	Germany. 1984 issues, commems & Semi-postals all MUH. 1409-31, B616-27.	44	22
32	Germany. 1978 issues commems & Semi-postals all MUH. 1266-85, B547-56, 9NB148-56. 47 stamps, 3 S/S all MUH.	46	23
33	Germany. 21 W. Germany & Berlin booklet pane booklets, accident & castle series complete, variety of advertisements.	65	32.50
34	Germany. W. Germany & Berlin 1971-74 accident series complete 5pf-150pf coil strips of 5 w/control numbers, #1074 (12) all MUH, 59DM face value.	154+	76
35	Germany. W. Germany & Berlin 1977-79 castle series in coil strips of 5 w/control numbers all MUH, 251.25 DM face value.	361	180
36	Germany. Unlisted German 1971 accident series M sheet of 40 stamps, margins 3 sides, 5, 25, 30, 40pf rows of 5 tete beche.		35

Lot No.	Lot Description	Cat. Value	Min. Bid
37	Germany & Isreal. \$225 CV Germany, many \$1-4 commems & Semi-postals. \$42 CV Isreal. In never circ APS Circuit book.	267	30
38	Great Britain. 20 complete U sets on GK cards, 1980-2000 (most in 1990's), CV \$48+, all F-VF, lite cancels.	48	12
39	GB & Channel Islands. 400 all diff GB, w/ CV's to \$6, mostly from the 1990's. 195 all diff from Guernsey (40), Jersey (90), and Isle of Man (65). Est CV \$240+.		25
40	Hong Kong. 137 U stamps. HBO	44+	
41	Iceland. \$100 CV U on paper from P O sealed box, plenty of high values.	100	10
42	India. 182+ U stamps, plus some dupes. HBO	28+	
43	Indonesia & Area. 194 U stamps. HBO	23+	
44	Ireland. 200 all diff U stamps. Most from 1990's est CV \$100 ±.		5
45	Israel. 108 M&U stamps. HBO	25+	
46	Italy. 214 M&U stamps plus some dupes. 50-100 Italian are unchecked. Includes 64 San Marino and 27 Vatican City. HBO	56+	
47	Italy. 495-506 MNH, VF set.	375	100
48	Italy. 505 MH, VF.	30	10
49	Italy. 506 MH, F-VF.	37.50	12
50	Italy. 60 MH, F, close margins 3 sides, slight gum stain on back, still nice stamp.	35	11
51	Italy. 566 (perf 13.5x14?), 574 MH, F-VF.	30+	10
52	Italy. All U F-VF: 30, 32, 38, 50 (2), 53, 65, 133, 134, 140, 327, 506, 546, 596 (2), 600 (2), 601A.	130	38
53	Italy. MH F-VF: 183, 272, 285, 300, 302, 567, 673A, D12.	35	10
54	Italy. 12 souvenir cards of 2nd hobbies & collections exhibition, 2/13/93, unaddressed, w/complete set of 1993 Europa stamps.		13
55	Italy. 30 diff blocks of 4, (120 stamps), all MNH, from Republica period.		21
56	Italy. 3 FDCs with complete 67 cathedrals; 6 FDCs w/blocks of 4 stamps, complete set of 67 Mushrooms.		7
57	Italy. 20 diff U commem stamps from Turistia, Art, Cars, Airplanes, Ships series, F-VF		5
58	Italy. 2 sheets of 50 stamps of "Posta Pneumatica" series 1945, 60¢ & 1,40L, Sassone CV \$30.		12
59	Italy. 34 prephilatelic letters of 18th Century from Papal State, documents in very good cond., HBO from Italy. Est value \$5 each.		80
60	Italy. 50 diff used phone cards from recent years, all very goo cond., many series in lot. HBO		15
61	Italy. 10 Papal State officially stamped paper documents 1813-1860, generally in fine cond.		20
62	Italy. Accum of 500 stamps, all eras, many series.		10
63	Italy. MNH in PO booklet, Souvenir sheet from 1985 Inter. Exposition in Milan.		5
64	Italy. 20 diff new Postal Cards, all mint condition.		20
65	Italy. 500 U stamps of the 60's & 70's, commems, lite dupe, lite cancels.		20
66	Italy. 23 covers & advertising cards from 60's to 90's, w/commem stamps.		7
67	Italy. 66 U & MNH blocks of 4-6 stamps, to 1980's, lite dupes, nice grouping.		21
68	Italy. 23 covers, letters & Postal stationary U & M 50's to 70's, nice lot.		15
69	Italy. Propaganda series 12 diff stamps w/propaganda tabs, F-VF. Sassone CV \$30.		10
70	Italy. 5 glassines of 20 stamps from Michetti, Floreale, Leoni etc series, some dupe. Sassone CV \$30		10
71	Japan. 1300 diff U stamps from 1800's - 2002, CV \$590+, great collection starter or builder.		30
72	Korea. 345 M&U stamps and S/S, 1946-73, mounted on album pages and in glassine. Nice start.		20
73	Korea & Pacific. 43 M&U stamps (incl. New Caledonia (3), New Hebrides (1), Fr. Ploynesia (6). HBO ...	25+	
74	Liberia. 81 diff in Elbe #252 stock book. 95 CV \$16+.	16	4
75	Marshall Islands. 181 MUH stamps & SS, 1996-97 issues, full sheets, strips, & blocks. Face \$80+, CV 150+.	150	60
76	Mexico. 125 M&U stamps. HBO	35+	
77	Middle East. 66 U stamps. Cyprus (30), Syria (10), Iran (17), Iraq (3). HBO	35+	
78	Middle East. 504+ stamps incl Aden, Bahrain, Pakistan, Afganistan, Jordan and lots of the CTO's such as Oman, Yemen, Fujera, etc. HBO		
79	Netherlands. 14 diff MUH semi-postal mini sheets B529a/B661b, CV \$38 plus 190 old to recent U stamps and 25 Dutch Indies stamps.	45+	20
80	New Russian States. All are MUH and most are s/s and strips of more than 1. Uzbekistan (39), Azerbaygan (27), Belarus (50), Kazakhstan (18), Tadjikistan (35), Turkmenistan (29), Aihchibi (6), Dagestan (1), Jewish Rep. (1), Karjalei (4), Buriata (1), Tatarstan (1), Pechybjirka Tiba (9), Kyrgystan (44), + some Armenia and Lithuania U stamps. HBO		

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81	New Zealand. Over 6 oz of M&U off paper mix, many 100's, lots of good pickings, all eras & types. Hi CV.		20
82	New Zealand & dependencies. 150 mostly all diff M stamps, est CV \$60+.		12
83	Nigeria & Chile. Nigeria 75 dif, ID on card, F+, HR, LC, 20/190, to 1960. Chile 56 dif, ID on card, 25/206, C30/C148, F+, HR, LC. CV \$15, est value \$6.00.	15	4
84	North West Pacific Islands & New Guinea. 11 M stamps from N.W.P.I; 46 M (45) & U (1) stamps from New Guinea; some stamps may be mounted in wrong sets, still very high CV on these. All mounted on Scott pages, also pages for New Britain.		20
85	Pacific Islands. 250+ M&U stamps from many diff Pacific Islands, very hi CV.		14
86	Papua New Guinea. Collection remainders mounted on Scott specialty pages (excellent condition) to 1987. M&U stamps CV 240+.	240	60
87	Pitcairn Island. #1-8 MLH, F-VF.	50	10
88	Pitcairn Island. #20-30 MLH, F-VF.	49	10
89	Romania. 381 M&U stamps plus some dupes. HBO	63+	
90	Scandinavia. \$50 CV all diff gathered with great care, no faulty, most are \$1+ CV. Most from Iceland, Norway, some Finland, Sweden.	50	5
91	Spain. 424 U stamps, plus some dupes. HBO	58+	
92	Turkey. 131 M&U stamps. HBO	16+	
93	Vatican City. 1942-1967, 165 diff, MNH, ID on inter pages in mounts; 4-5, 77/453, C35/C52, CV \$50, est. value \$20.	50	12
94	Vatican City. Scott 298/514, 61-71 MNH, F-VF, ID in order on card, CV \$65, est value \$25.	65	15
95	Worldwide. 641 dif MNH, M, U on Harris pages, S-Z countries (South Africa - Zimbabwe. Early to modern. Includes Sweden O2.		20
96	Worldwide accum of 2200 M&U stamps on stock sheets, album pages, circuit pages; all eras w/ about half pre 1940. Lite dupes, some better CV stamps.		25

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 U = Used
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 MNH = Mint never hinged
 MLH = Mint light hinged
 MH = Mint hinged
 HH = Heavy hinged
 HR = Hinge remnant

Other Abbreviations Used

- FDC = First Day Cover
 OCV = Owner's Catalog Value
 1/6 = not all numbers included
 LC = light cancel
 HV = high value
 MGN = margin
 BKLT = booklet
 SE = straight edge
 PNC = plate number coil
 CVR = cover
 SM = small
 ADD = addressed
 DUPES = duplicates
 UN BKLT = unexploded booklet
 CV = latest Scott Catalog value
 HBO = held by owner
 TH = thin
 EX = except
 OVPTS = overprints
 EA = each
 AVG = average
 + = plus
 & = and
 CPL = complete
- DIF = different
 INCL = include (s) (ed)
 COMEMS = commemorative
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 ID = identification (Cat #)
 RET = retired, returned
 KG = King George
 QV = Queen Victoria
 QE = Queen Elizabeth
 DG = disturbed gum
 HC = heavy cancel
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 WTK = watermark
 DON = donation lot
 CR = crease
 LG = large
 ENV = envelope
 SEP = separated
 S/S = souvenir sheet
 1-6 = all numbers inclusive
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Whatzit?

Recently, a member sent me three-pages of challenging items for identification. Most were cinderellas and I have sent them off to other panelists. But here are two that actually were postage stamps.

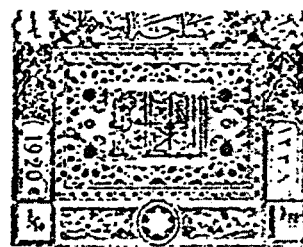
"CTOT." is a Cyrillic abbreviation for the Stotinki, one-hundredth of a Bulgarian Lev. This stamp is Bulgaria Scott #53. Someone must have forgotten to put the country name on the stamp (see the U.S. Pilgrim Tercentenary Issue of 1920 for another example). The following information comes from Smithsonian Institution's Postal Museums web site: "Bulgaria, on April 20, 1901, issued two stamps depicting a cherry-wood cannon, on the 25th Anniversary of Bulgaria's independence from Ottoman Turkish rule. The cannon, which is preserved in the National Museum at Sofia, was one of several bored out of cherry-wood logs and used by the Bulgarian insurgents of Panagyurishte at the outbreak of the 1876 revolt against the Turks." I'm not sure I'd want to be the person firing a wooden cannon!

The other example also relates to the breakup of the Ottoman Empire, connected with World War I. The Scott Catalog notes: "Syria was originally part of the Turkish province of Sourya conquered by British and Arab forces in late 1918 and later partitioned. The British assumed control of the Palestine and Transjordan regions; the French were



Bulgaria Scott #53

permitted to occupy the sanjaks of Lebanon, Alaouites and Alexandretta; and the remaining territory, including the vilayets of Damascus and Aleppo, was established as an independent Arab kingdom, under which the first



Syrian Postal Tax Stamp

Syrian stamps were issued. French forces from Beirut deposed King Faisal in July 1920, and two years of military occupation followed until Syria was mandated to France in July 1922."

The stamp pictured was issued by the Arab kingdom. It is listed by Scott in what I believe is a relatively new section after the Postal Tax stamps of Syria. In 1921 the French overprinted the Arab issue with "O.M.F. Syrie" and new values in Centimes and Piasters (Scott 82 -90).

I have received a few volunteers to help identify difficult stamps, but we need more, especially people who can read Cyrillic letters and Arabic, and, obviously, Chinese.

If you have stamps that need identification, please send photos or photocopies to:

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Recruiting Update

by Tom Fortunato (#379)
VP Public Relations

Sometimes you win, sometimes we lose. Such is life, and such are the results of the latest two recruitment efforts. Well, I guess we can never really "lose" when we make an effort to spread the word about the ISWSC!

For the last few issues the ISWSC took out an ad in the U.S. publication *Global Stamp News*. It's a fine newspaper which comes out monthly and caters to worldwide collectors like us. The ad was 1/16th a page in size, a couple inches square with our logo and brief society info. Unfortunately, it didn't bring in a single response. So much for the bad news.

On the bright side, I'm pleased to report that our Internet page continues to bring in new members. I

continue posting regular press releases on a variety of forums, newsgroups and chat sessions. One recent message on the Virtual Stamp Club site (<http://www.virtualstampclub.com>) brought in two electronic membership applications within 20 minutes.

I'll agree that there is "more than one way to skin a cat" (sorry, feline fanciers!), but we continue to ponder over the various ways of reaching collectors of worldwide stamps. What are your thoughts?

It's been suggested that one of the best ways to gain notoriety for an organization is to have a member write a regular column on that club's specialty in a well known stamp publication. Then the writer can plug that organization regularly. Well, that's one way of

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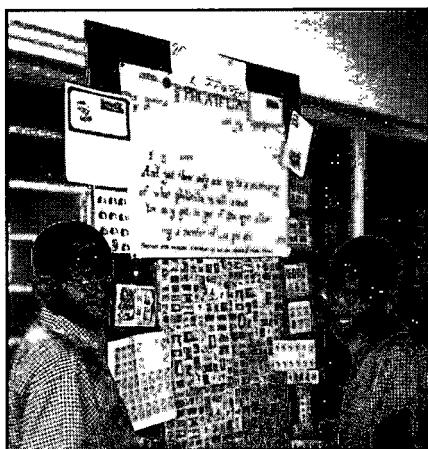
River Palms Hotel, Laughlin

April 11-13, 2003



A Dream Come True

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At the very first club fair that led to the founding of the club in September 1998.

nized, and generous philatelist. So, I dedicated my very first stamp activity to Al.

At the end of the club fair, I could only accept 31 members, but later in 1999-2000 academic year I opened the door for more children till we had 50. In my last year as patron of the club, we had 62 mem-

bers. In the last club fair that we had in my last year (2000-2001), 164 children had signed up for our stamp club, but I could only accept 12. I had to regulate the number because I did not have an endless source of stamps. Besides, I felt I could only manage a certain number in order to keep the fun alive and avoid rowdiness. In fact, the 62 students I had in the last year was a big stretch and an occasional stress for me.

How did I manage to keep the club in existence? Where did we get all our stamps? With the ideas I got from Mildred Feinberg and Ken Costillow, and another

good friend who is a member of collectors club in the UK, I was able to come up with about 30 activities. Our club met about 4 to 6 times in a 3 month term.

We collected, soaked, and sorted stamps; we discussed, researched, and designed stamps; we had mini stamp exhibitions for parents and other school guests; we had show and tell, quiz, stamp hunts; we came up with stamp T-shirts and stamp mugs; once, we visited one of the local post offices around; we hosted young and old philatelists from other schools; we enrolled some of our members in ISWSC in the US and Collectors club in the UK. On the 7th and 8th of June 2001 we had our biggest and first national stamp exhibition in Nicon Hilton, the biggest and most prestigious hotel in Nigeria. This was the climax of our activities.

As for the source of our stamps, besides my personal and limited well of stamps, my eldest brother, who ridiculed this hobby in our childhood days, sometimes came to my rescue. Anthony Zollo was of immense help. I am forever indebted to Jack Searles and Joan Roderick who fast became like a mother figure to me as if to say "I like what you are doing son. I'll give you all the support you need." In my last days with the club, the Asheville North Carolina stamp club donated a big package of stamps to us courtesy of Joan. Jack Searles bought me 62 copies of *Linns Stamp Collecting Made Easy* as gifts for each member of my club.

Did I face challenges? Quite a lot! There were times when my well almost went dry. There were moments when it was difficult to stimulate the interest of my

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young philatelists and get them to appreciate the fact that philately isn't just getting stamps, but also reading, studying and researching stamps.

It was not easy getting my young philatelists to hunt for their own stamps as most of them depended on me. I really couldn't blame them because we lack philatelic bureaus and stamp shops in Nigeria. Another challenge was when some students who did not make it into the club accused me of intentionally not including them. And I occasionally ran into indecision when other children not in the club asked me for stamps or gave me money to buy them stamps and stamp albums. It was quite difficult to get the school authority to understand that for a club such as ours to flourish well, good money was needed. Stamps, papers, envelopes, glue, surfing stamp sites are only examples of what money may be used for.

One other challenge was getting them to develop the habit of writing letters. One understandable plight of my young philatelists was that they hardly had duplicates to trade with as most of what they got from me were new to their collection. If they had any duplicates, they were duplicates of very common stamps. So, how could they write when they had nothing to trade with. There were also very few people of their age in the ISWSC roster.

My biggest challenge was how to get a successor who would make sure that things didn't fall apart after I left. By the time I left Nigeria for Nairobi where I am

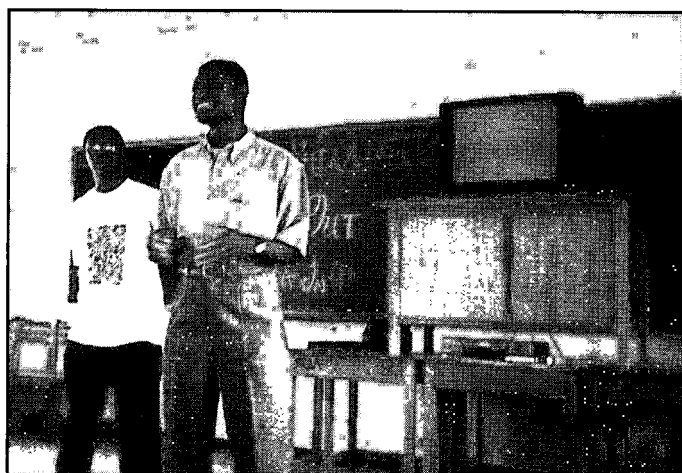
currently doing further studies, I was able to get another teacher to take over. I have been in touch with the club since I arrived Nairobi. While I don't expect the club to be exactly what it was when I was still in Nigeria, I do expect it to find a good and stable rhythm on which it can flow whether I am around or not.

Meanwhile, once more I am trying to get back to my first dream (which is to own at least two stamps



A group photograph of our junior stamp club. Most of the members are wearing their stamp t-shirts.

from every country in the world). New countries have emerged, so I must update my list. I don't even know which countries are left now for me to achieve my dream. My albums have been quite disorganized because I kept removing and replacing stamps for various purposes — from exhibition to research. If the dream ever comes true, and I am still in ISWSC, I'll share the good news with you all.



At the handing-over ceremony where Augustine hands the care of the club to another teacher, Mr. Columbus Chokpa. The TV at the background was showing the 2001 stamp exhibition which was a week earlier.

Recruiting Update

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doing it. If anyone feels up to the task, by all means go ahead!

But what about the rest of us? Simple word of mouth is a good start. ISWSC has always been a grass-roots organization. What do you like best about the society? Is it the newsletter, the sales and trade programs, just what? Well, go ahead and tell someone else about it! Or go ahead and write someone about it. Or phone, FAX, or email. As the Nike commercials say, "Just do it!"

We really would like to hear your recruiting ideas. Use one of those methods above and get a hold of me!

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