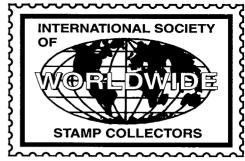
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### Charitable Programs 2003 Report

by Mike Crump (#2126) VP for Charitable Services

hank you all for your patience and understanding during my recent move to Florida. I have also changed my e-mail address: desoto 1947@yahoo.com.

During 2003, you contributed a wide variety of stamps (on and off paper), covers, sets, souvenir sheets, booklets, small stamp albums, supplies, postage and cash. I record each contribution and want to acknowledge and thank each of the members — many who go far and above the annual 250 stamps. There are too many to thank by name. One member contributed 10,000 off-paper worldwide stamps and 500 First Day covers(!). I also received donations amounting to \$74.00 in cash and checks.

Charitable Programs documented the following distributions during 2003:

- 940 individual packets of stamps
- 152 sets or souvenir sheets
- 29 covers
- 12 copies of stamp industry publications
- 2 stamp albums
- 1 Scott Catalogue
- 1 VHS tape on stamps collecting (to a Girl Scout group)
- Hinges, assorted on-paper stamps

While most distributions were made to U.S. groups and individuals, mailings were also sent to:

- Philippines (10)
- India (9)
- Canada (3)
- Nigeria (2)
- RSA (2)
- England (1)

Our current needs:

- 1) Off-paper large commemorative worldwide stamps
- 2) Glassines, tongs, supplies

While I turn nothing down, I have a lot of onpaper U.S., Australia and Great Britain. Large covers are difficult to move to our targeted youthful audience.

Have a great summer!



### Letters from ISWSC Charitable Donations Recipients

Hello Mike:

I received your letter of 6/19/03 regarding stamp packets from the ISWSC for our program. We are excited to see how well Stamp Camp USA has been received and I will be able to devote additional time to the program beginning in September.

The packets were fine as you have them prepared. The children enjoy topical stamps in particular, since most of them prepare at least a 4-page exhibit by the end of camp. We also use covers of all types, and stamps both on and off paper.

When we begin our expansion in the fall, we will be working with many groups that have had little or no exposure to the hobby. They begin the process with little or no materials, so we have been expanding our materials so that we may be bale to accommodate them until they get up and going.

Thanks again for thinking of us with your extra materials. We will be happy to accept all you feel comfortable providing, and be assured, they will

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Please remember that the Editor does not mail out The Circuit. If you have any questions about your Circuit mail service, please contact Randy Smith, Tom Fortunato or Tony Zollo. Thank you!

### Circuit Seller gets \$83

Richard Simpson (1703)

just got a check today from ISWSC for \$82.95, in payment for two books of Saar stamps I had submitted to the ISWSC Sales Circuit. Were they very valuable stamps? No, the highest catalog value was \$6, and most of the stamps cataloged less than \$2 each. Many were the twenty-cent minimum catalog value.

Were they all mint never-hinged? No, a couple were, but most were ordinary used stamps with decent centering and light cancels.

Did I have to sell them for 15% of catalog value? No, most of them went for half of catalog, the recent MNH for about 60% and the rest for around 40%. The minimum value stamps all went for twenty cents each. I figured that I had to get at least that much to

pay for my labor in identifying and mounting them.

Did I have to wait a long time to sell them? Yes, a lot longer than if I had put them on eBay or a club auction. The whole process took about a year, though these sold exceptionally quickly — most books circulate through three circuits totaling about 12 members, but these books were almost empty after two circuits.

Will every sales book go this fast and at such a high percentage of catalog? Perhaps not. I was disappointed to receive back a couple of books of 19th century used U. S. stamps priced at one-third of catalog value — almost nothing sold. Other books I have submitted have been between these two extremes. A couple of books of pre-independence French Colonies stamps did just as well as the Saar books.

What other countries are in demand? According to Jim Gaul, the Sales Circuit Manager, he would like to see books from Great Britain and the Commonwealth, Asia, Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. My rule of thumb is that the smaller the country and the longer it has been dead, the more the demand is. Look at your own collection — you probably has plenty of Europe and Scandanavia, but not much Hong Kong or Madagascar. Other collectors are in the same boat. Wouldn't you like to see a book of WWII Croatia?

Want to buy or sell through the ISWSC Sales Circuit? Contact Jim at terrynjim@enter.net, or write him at 1920 Fawn Lane, Hellertown PA 18055. He will be happy to send you all the details on buying and selling. Purchase some blank sales books or join a Sales Circuit and get started using one of the ISWSC's most popular services.

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### **Charitable Programs**

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be put to good use!

Sincerely, Cheryl Edgcomb, Postmaster Stamp Camp USA Coordinator



Dear Mike,

I want to sincerely thank you for sending all those wonderful stamps for our campers to use this summer. The box was sitting outside my door when I arrived at work this morning. I opened some of the packets and observed the beauty of the stamps. We will order individual magnifiers for the children and then they can examine each stamp closely for detail.

You never know, you may have contributed to a budding junior philatelist. I will pass on the booklets to anyone who shows a deep desire to pursue stamps collecting.

I am so excited about our camp because we are showing them a real hands-on experience.

Again, all my appreciation.

Warmly, Janis Goldman Director of Education The Dr. Samuel D. Harris Nat'l Museum of Dentistry



Hello Mike & friends at ISWSC:

Do you believe we are already beginning our eighth season of Stamp Camp? I don't know where the time goes, but I am most hopeful that as we continue to introduce youth people to the educational and rewarding hobby of stamp collecting, the hobby will soon be able to see visible results from our effort!

Since the very beginning, Stamp Camp USA has relied upon generous donations and contributions from collectors and groups, such as you, in order to function. Your present donation, consisting of 120 packets of worldwide stamps helps us continue sharing the joys of the hobby with many more children, as Stamp Camp USA continued expansion across the country.

This past January we reached a milestone when we officially rented office space for Stamp Camp USA, located at 149 East main Street, in the Knoxville Community Center. We now have an ideal location from which local campers, collectors, and volunteers can now assist us with sorting, soaking, and material processing requirements necessary to conduct the Stamp Camp program. Through the collaborative efforts of the American Philatelic Society and the United States Postal Service, Stamp Camp USA will be able to reach more children and families for stamp collecting than ever before. By joining with us, you are an important part of this positive youth philatelic outreach.

Thank you for thinking of us with your kind donation, and know we will work hard to make every contribution count. If you have questions or would like addition information about Stamp Camp US and our expansion efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address or number listed below. On behalf of each camper, and the Stamp Camp USA staff, you have our sincere appreciation.

Respectfully yours, Cheryl Edgcomb, Postmaster Stamp Camp USA Coordinator P.O. Box 377 Knoxville, PA 16928-0377 814-326-4176

PS: We appreciate the wonderful support from your group. Stamp Camp is going "National" this year. We hope to encourage many more youth — we do appreciate you!



Re: Stamp Club

Hey,

Just wanted to let you know that the BIG stamp packet arrived. The stamps were great and the albums were wonderful. I was so shocked to see such a BIG box. Today is our first stamp club meeting and we are all getting together to have some stamp collecting fun. Without all your help this would not have been possible.

I'll give two stamp packets to each member and the stamps on paper will be where they can soak them. The hinges will work out perfect because they are also bringing their stamp books so they'll be able to put some stamp in their books. I know they'll be so thrilled — I know I was.

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Thanks, Jessie

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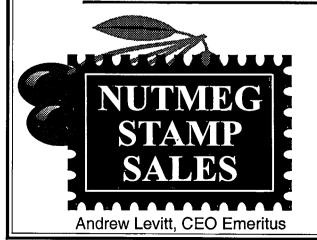
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#### **Letters Column Needed**

In regards to Dave Nelson's article ["Response to Internet Article", *Circuit* March-April 2004] in which he mentions a formal "Letters" column, certainly seems like a good idea in waiting.

Seemingly, a "Letters" column should be a splendid opportunity for individual members to communicate with the organization and thereby become more involved with ISWSC.

Respectfully submitted, Aubrey Dunne ISWSC #1

#### Where Have All the Members Gone?

I don't know how closely members looked at the latest issue. Our president stated his concerns about our continuing loss of members. If you look at just this months list of expiring dues [Circuit May-June 2004] you will see one past President of ISWSC and one past President of APS....!!!!!!! In a single month we lost 3 of our charter members (those with numbers 1 to 75).

How can it get any worse than this?? Something is majorly wrong. I talked with some past members and they are concerned about our drift to the kid stuff when — last I heard — we had less than half a dozen kid members. They are annoyed at the 250 stamp donations which go to WHO? Some showed concern about a sales circuit that had to pass through international boundaries, and slow circuits, etc.

# ISWSC Member Passes Away

ong time ISWSC member John Slade, passed away on March 26, 2004, in Longwood, FL.

John sold his collection about two years ago, and then let his membership expire, so he is not on the current list of members. However, a lot of members — those with membership numbers under 1,000 — probably knew John. John never had email, so only corresponded by letter, or phone.

I challenge the current generation of members to get involved, if only a little. Our membership numbers are approaching 3000 and only 15% or less remain active. Why such a huge loss rate? Some of us old folks died or got disabled, of course, but that doesn't account for the loss rate. I am not aware that we survey and act on the opinions of members who leave us, although we tried it some years ago.

Have we lost focus? Or is stamp collecting just become too boring in the internet age? I think we should hear from you members, especially the ones that are thinking they might not renew next time dues come up. Why???

Dave Nelson ISWSC Member

### **ISWSC Youth Merit Award Certificates**

This is to tell you Margot Lange received the ISWSC Youth Merit Award certificate April 24-25, 2004 at WISCOPEX 04 in Iola, Wisconsin, for displaying her "Tropical Fish" stamp exhibit.

There were 10 youth exhibitors under the age of 18. There were 96 pages in competition. They were all members of stamp clubs at their schools (in West Bend, Wisconsin and Waukesha, Wisconsin).

Thank you for the certificate!

Verna Shackleton Wiscopex 2004 Awards Chairman

Many thanks for making available your Youth Merit Certificate for awarding at the Edmonton Spring National, hosted by the Edmonton Stamp Club, March 26-28, 2004.

The jury were pleased to award the certificate to 10-year old Amber O'Reilly for her four frame "In Come the Pigs" exhibit. She also won the AAPE Youth Grand award and an invite to the Youth Champion of Champions competition at INDYPEX in July.

Many thanks to your society for making the certificate available for presentation at our show. Next year our regular Edmonton Spring National Show will be April 1-3, 2005.

John M. Powell Edmonton National 2004 Exhibits and Awards Chairman The Circuit • July/August 2004 Page 7

### Whatzit?

#### by John D. Pruitt (#121)

t its height, around 1680, the Ottoman empire extended along almost the entire southern coast of the Mediterranean, south through most of the populated parts of Egypt, across the Sinai to take in the Arabian peninsula, as far east as part of Afghanistan, north to almost all the coast of the Black Sea and west to include all of Eastern Europe except Poland. Over the next 240 years the empire gradually weakened and most of its territory was lost, the remainder becoming modern Turkey.

In Nejd, a central region of the Arabian Peninsula, Ibn Saud, the leader of the Wahabis, fought the Ottomans from 1899 to 1912 before driving them out and establishing himself as Sultan. And in 1916 the Grand Sherif of Mecca, Husayn ibn Ali, declared Hejaz, a region along the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red



Saudi #L11

Sea, independent of Turkey.

Ibn Saud in 1925 conquered Hejaz and formed the Kingdom of Hejaz-Nejd, and then in 1932 renamed it Saudi Arabia, along with additional

territories. Scott does not list any stamps for Nejd prior to 1925, but Hejaz issued stamps starting in 1916. These stamps were patterned after architectural details and designs from the Koran. The design of the stamp illustrated, Scott L6, 1916, was taken from a page of the Koran in the Mosque of El Sultan Barquq in Cairo.

The Ottomans were allied with the Central Powers (the



Yugoslavia #3LP4

losing side) in World War I and in 1918 Ottoman resistance collapsed both east and west. This freed the small states of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Dalmatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, to unite in the formation of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. (Its name was changed to Yugoslavia in 1929.)

Stamps were issued for the individual states until the first general issues appeared in 1921. The little cherub on Yugoslavia 3LP4 is actually Eros carrying bundles of newspapers under his arms. It was a newspaper stamp issued in 1919 for Slovenia.



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### Where the Heck is Azad Hind

by William Silvester (#1058)
ISWSC Canadian Regional Secretary

stamps of dubious origin in the course of their collecting. "Where the heck is that?" they wonder as they flip through their catalogue in search of the name and find no listing. These "stamps" have a variety of designations, some find them intriguing and include them in their collection, others consider them fit only to line the bottom of their waste basket. Cinderellas, fantasy labels, local stamps, call them what you will they are an interesting sideline to world wide collecting. Whether or not they have a place in your collection is up to you, this column

serves merely to provide more information so you can decide for

yourself.

The story behind the stamps designated Azad Hind begins in 1938 when the Indian Nationalist Party, whose purpose was to expel the British from India, chose Netajii Subhas Chandra Bose as its leader. Not long afterwards, Bose was

arrested and incarcerated and remained in prison until 1941 when he was released due to ill health. By this time Britain had become embroiled in a war with Germany.

Bose's activities had come to the attention of German intelligence (Abwehr) and with their assistance he escaped British surveillance. Bose left India, traveled through Afghanistan and got in touch with Soviet intelligence (NKVD). They were not interested in helping him so he continued on to finally arrive in Berlin where he was greeted by German Foreign Office officials.

By early 1942 Bose had convinced the Germans to support his Free India (Azad Hind) movement and proclaimed a provisional government. Bose then met with a group of Indian POWs who had been recruited by the Germans and began forming an Indian regiment. He toured the POW camp at Annaberg and recruited enough men to form a regiment. In time some 2000 Indians would join the Indian Legion and be sent to Frankenberg for training where they were designated the Indian Volunteer Legion Regiment 950 and attached to the German 404th Infantry Division in the Zeeland region of Holland.

The Indians had no desire to fight for the Germans, nor did they consider themselves fascists. Bose had hoped the legion would be sent to India to fight but the Germans had other ideas. Many of the

regiment refused to go to Zeeland. They were court martialed and sent to Holland regardless. Later they were transferred to France and in 1944 suffered their first casualties fighting a Free French force in Dun. In 1945 the regiment attempted to escape to neutral Switzerland but were intercepted by French and American forces and shipped back to India to be tried for treason.

Meanwhile, another group of Indian troops was being trained as paratroopers and saboteurs. They were known as the 800th Special Purpose Construction Training Division Brandenburg. In January 1942 they were dropped into Iran from where they were to infiltrate the Indian border and begin operations against the British. The operation was

disbanded before it began.

Bose, meantime, had been taken by the German submarine U-180 to an area near Madagascar where he was transferred to the Japanese submarine I-29. In October 1943 he was taken to Singapore where he set up the provisional government of Azad Hind.He organized the Indian National Army into three divisions

and this force saw extensive fighting alongside the Japanese. The islands of Andaman and Nicobar were the only Indian territory actually under the control of Azad Hind under Japanese subordination. Bose was killed in the plane crash on Formosa in August 1945 and Azad Hind ceased to exist.

Just how seriously the Germans took Bose and his movement is not known. The German postal service did, however, arrange for stamps to be printed for Azad Hind by the Government Printing Office in Berlin. Werner and Maria von Axter-Heudtlass, two top artists, were appointed to design the stamps in February 1943. There were ten different denominations printed with six designs. Seven were to be semi-postal with the surcharge going to the administration of the islands of Andaman and Nicobar.

In all, 21 stamps were printed, both perforated and imperforate. The stamps were intended to be used in those parts of India under Japanese control but were never issued. The stamp illustrated is one of the semi-postals and shows India breaking the chains of British colonialism. The other designs are: a Sikh firing a machine gun; a peasant plowing a field; a woman spinning cloth; a nurse with a wounded soldier; and soldiers with a Free India banner.



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### The Plebiscites of Post WWI Germany

by Erik Tomsen

Currently a member of the ISWSC, Erik is also president of the Junior Philatelists of America (JPA) and will soon be returning from a year in Switzerland on an exchange program through the Rotary. This series of articles first appeared in The Philatelic Observer, newsletter of the JPA. Reprinted with permission.

#### Continued from May/June 2004 Issue

✓ he German's were very displeased with the Treaty of Versailles. On August 11, 1919, the Weimar Republic was formed as was set in the treaty. The people had a hard time adjusting from old way of life under the Imperial crown, where the

Keiser (king) was above all, to the new life in democracy, where everyone was equal. The people, who believed they were not responsible for the war, as the Treaty of Versailles stated, expressed this discontent. The German people believed that they had been stabbed in the back, and the Weimar Republic, unfortunately, provided the perfect scapegoat for many Germans.

The plebiscites, mandated by the Treaty of Versailles, were to be administered and executed by the League of Nations. The vote was to take place after a predestinated amount of years when the population was thought to be adequately stable and ready for a vote. This amount of time varied region

by region. For example, the Saarland was to wait fifteen years before a vote was to take place, but many of the other regions waited only two or three. A vote of the people was thought to be the fairest and most democratic means for determining which nation, and thus government, the regions wished to join. Relying on

the principle of one person-one vote, the plebiscite would bypass all political parties and hopefully outside influences as much as possible.

The plebiscites were fairly successful in most regions which had an early vote. However in the regions such as the Saarland, which voted later,

political pressure imposed by the neighboring totalitarian Nazi regime. In such cases the vote weighed heavily on the German side. In such cases, the plebiscite was a way of claiming a popular mandate without officially sanctioning the opposing party, therefore legitimizing the Nazi's claim to the region.

As a whole the plebiscite provided a useful, generally fair, way for determining the

new boundaries of Germany and its bordering countries. The plebiscites put the decision of

A stamp from the Schleswig Plebiscite on the German-Danish border.

"In a plebiscite voters are asked not to choose alternate regimes or proposals, but to confirm or reject the legitimacy of a certain form of government or course

Encyclopedia Britannica Vol. 9 "plebiscite"

government directly to a vote of the people. It was carried out in a much greater diplomatic manner than the other features of the Treaty of Versailles, which had left little

German input on the decision making process. After the regions cast their vote, some returned to the fatherland and what remained of the old empire, while others split away to join the newly formed nations and bordering countries.

Continue to read the future articles in up-coming issues of [The Circuit] to find out how each individual

> region voted. These votes would set the stage for the next major insurrection in Europe — the Second World War!

### Other Famous Plebiscites

The plebiscites that took place on former Imperial German lands following WWI are likely the most famous plebiscites in history. However, that does not mean that they are the only plebiscites that occurred. The concept of the plebiscite first developed in ancient Rome, but

its modern usage came about after the French Revolution. The French understood that the plebiscite could be used as an expression of "popular sovereignty." They grew fond of the concept and



of action."

Flag of the German Weimar Republic (black, red, gold)

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### Bad email addresses/Returned emails

(email right one to Tom Fortunato: stamptmf@frontiernet.net) None

### Resigned

None

### We Need Your ZIP+4 Number:

None

### **Dropped - Dues Expired in January**

#403 **Swisher** 

#1666 Fettinger

#2106 lotov

#2221 Zarzvnski

#2298 Moroz

#2306 Obninsky

#2310 Pollard

#2381 Mel

#2383 Hartwell

#2384 Jones

#2385 Stumpf, Jr.

### We need to update our records!

With a large membership, our records are always being updated. It has been a long time since we updated basic information, such as phone numbers, APS and ATA membership numbers, and age. We'd like your assistance in improving the data base, so send this information along by mail or email to:

Tom Fortunato

42 Maynard St,

Rochester, NY 14615-2022 - USA

Email: stamptmf@frontiernet.net

### **Articles Needed**

**W**e need you ... to submit an article or item of interest to *The Circuit*!!! As an ISWSC

member, you are encouraged to contribute to The Circuit.

Be sure to include your name and member number when submitting material for publication. See page 2 for contact information.



### **Swap Circuit News**

A postal card

from the

Saarland

### by Randy Smith (#1111) Swap Circuit Coordinator

### **Swap Fees Rolling In**

Thank you to all members who have joined or renewed their participation in the Swap Circuits for 2004. The fees have been rolling in and I am processing them as quickly as I can. (Unfortunately, some days that's not very fast!!)

In the next several weeks, I hope to have new rosters out to each of the managers so that you will begin receiving circuits as per your instructions on the membership/renewal forms.

A special thank you to all members who sent donations for the Swap Circuit program!

### **Thriftiness Costs Friends**

Please remember that participants in the swap program not only enjoy swapping stamps INSIDE the envelopes, but also look forward to receiving quality stamps on the OUTSIDE of the envelopes. Please always use commemorative stamps on your mailings and use a new envelope. While reusing envelopes is thrifty, circuits mailed in used envelopes don't always arrive in a good condition.

In addition, several members collect postmarks, so a ratty looking cover (or one bearing only definitive stamps) is disappointing. When returning a circuit to a manager, please include only mint postage WITH ORIGINAL GUM (or an IRC).

#### **International Circuits Limited**

Due to the limited number of non-USA members participating in the Swap Circuit program, it is not currently possible to put everyone on their requested number of international circuits. For those that have requested international circuits, managers will try to have you on at least some international circuits during the year.

When it isn't possible to have you on your requested number of international circuits, you will be put on additional USA/Canada circuits so that the TOTAL number of circuits matches the total number of circuits you requested.

### **USA Circuits Getting Started**

Around the time you read this, we hope to have the USA circuits well under way. As with any new venture, we could use more participants! If you collect USA stamps, join the USA Circuit today! This is NOT a circuit limited to members who live in the USA – it is a circuit made up of only USA stamps.

#### It's Never Too Late!!

It's never to late to join with other ISWSC members having fun and adding stamps to their collection through the Swap Circuits! For more information on joining the Swap Circuit program, contact me (see page 2 for contact information).



### **Plebiscites of Post WWI**

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used it in a variety of matters. In the 1790s the citizens of Nice and Savoy were given the option of voting

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for or against union with France. In 1804, Napoleon was elected emperor by a plebiscite vote. Following WWII, a plebiscite was held in Greece to return King George II to power. The most recent mass usage of the plebiscite has been in the de-colonization of Africa and Asia. For example, in 1956 Togoland voted for

union with the Gold Coast, which now form the nation of Ghana.

Check your collection, do you have stamps from any of the plebiscite regions?

Word Root

The word plebiscite comes from plebe or plebes, meaning people. Plebeians were the common people of ancient Rome (in contrast to the Patricians, or aristocratic upper class). In the Roman days, "the plebiscite was a common measure passed by the assembly of plebeians."



### **ADVERTISING**

#### 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 = 2 words; ZIP code = one word, make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor (address on page 2).

ADVANCED COLLECTOR NEEDS worldwide singles for his collection, 1840-1968. Prefer to buy at 1/3 Scott, but trading is possible. Write or email for 22,000 item list. Mark Copp (#2394), Box 102, Whitesville NY 14897; mcopp@whitesville.wnyric.org. [11-12/04]

SELLING GRANDFATHER'S COLLECTION: U.S. covers from advertising to WWII — 115 covers \$50. Worldwide covers, many countries, multiple stamps — 125 covers \$50. Worldwide official embassy covers — 100 covers \$49. Stamp collections and U.S./ worldwide postal history covers; U.S./foreign stocks available. Many collectibles! Approvals available. Victor Schwez, 10519 Casanes Ave., Downey, CA 90241; (562) 861-5958. [7-8/04]

10% SCOTT'S: WORLDWIDE stamps from old collections. All stamps \$.50 up SCV. APS and ISWSC member. Send \$10-\$30. Roger Boneham, 7320 Turkey Run Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. [9-10/04]

GET THE WORD OUT by placing your ad in the next issue of the Circuit classifieds to buy, sell, or trade with your fellow ISWSC members. See page 3 for ad rates and other information. The next deadline is July 20, 2004.

# ISWSC Meeting at APS Stampshow

ome to the ISWSC meeting during APS Stampshow! The Sacramento, California, downtown convention center plays host to over 150 dealers and thousands of philatelists August 12-15.

The exact date and time of the ISWSC's meeting is yet to be determined at press time, but is expected to be Saturday afternoon.

Check the official schedule on your arrival and join us!

# Call for Nominations

n accordance with our bylaws, it is time to call for nominations for our two at-large Board of Director positions! The principle duty of the at-large directors is to participate in the Board meetings (held via email on a quarterly basis) by providing input to issues facing the ISWSC, setting policies, directing future activities of the ISWSC, etc. If needed, directors may also be asked to take on additional responsibilities (i.e. a specific project). All members of the ISWSC are eligible to serve on the Board.

Elections for these two-year positions will be held in November 2004, with both positions starting in January 2005. To express your interest (or to obtain more information), please contact Randy Smith (#1111), ISWSC President, or Tony Zollo (#856), ISWSC Executive Director. Nominations must be received by September 1, 2004.



### Where to Send What

Membership Renewals, Applications, Changes in Mailing Address, Etc:

Anthony Zollo, MD (#856) P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407 iswsc@hotmail.com

#### **Annual 250 Stamp Donations:**

Mike Crump (#2126) 4708 Palm Aire Cir., Sarasota, FL 34243-4938 desoto1947@yahoo.com

#### **Payments for Advertisements:**

Jennifer Arnold 1035 4th Ave. SE, Albany OR 97321 Ph: 541-967-7043; Fax: 541-967-9515 pizzazz@cmug.com

#### **Auction Bids & Lots and Payments:**

Everett King (#1389) P.O. Box 127, Whitethorn CA 94586 stamps@whitethorn.com

### Text for Articles for *The Circuit*, Corrections for Articles:

Send to Jennifer Arnold (see above) via USPS, fax or entail. When emailing graphics for publication, please use a higher resolution (150 dpi). Please contact the Editor if you have any questions about format.