



Quarterly Newsletter of *The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors*

## President's Message Election Results

I apologize for the delay of this issue of *The Circuit*, so as to include any election results, and the implications they might have. First, all measures passed overwhelmingly. Of immediate concern is the dues measure which increased the dues to \$5.00 (plus 250 different stamps) annually. This becomes effective April 1st (1987).

The Board of Directors has been expanded to a maximum of nine voting members, which is to include immediate past officers, plus appointed members to serve concurrently with elected officers. If you are interested in becoming an appointee, please let your elected officers know. The Public Relations Officer will be appointed rather than elected. The office will be in charge of elections and election procedures, effective January 1, 1988. In the future, any changes to the bylaws (revisions or additions) will require a 75% vote of all those balloting. Positions of Public Relations Officer and Editor will be appointed or confirmed by the Board of Directors, who also may appoint the Director of the Stamp Exchange as well as Sales Circuit and Mail Auction Managers, etc. Decisions by the Board of Directors may be overturned by a simple majority of the full membership upon request to the Public Relations Officer by a 10% petition of the membership, which would place the measure on the ballot.

And finally, the choice of the LOGO for ISWSC was Logo # 3.



I hope these changes will give greater flexibility to your Board of Directors to better serve the membership. I wish to personally thank all those who responded to the post card appeal - and to all of you - for taking part in this election.

••• Aubrey Dunne, President.

## ISWSC Links With APS and COPO

"We are pleased to advise that the APS Board of Directors, at their Annunal Meeting on August 19, approved the application of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors as APS Affiliate 151." Such was the letter received, accompanied by a *Certificate of Affiliation* that gave ISWSC affiliate status. Among other advantages, APS will distribute -- at no cost -- any literature pertaining to ISWSC at all APS stamp shows.

We have also aligned ourselves with the Council of Philatelic Organizations -

## Affiliations (Continued from page 1)

• C.O.P.O., which provides a communication network among stamp organizations.

Congratulations to both these organizations and our own society. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

••• Aubrey Dunne (# 1)

## Vice President Reports on Programs

First, I must apologize to y'all for not having a column in the last issue of *The Circuit*. I was on an extended vacation swing of nearly 8000 miles through the western and midwestern states and missed the deadline completely. As it turned out, I had plenty of time on my return, but that is hindsight. I contacted several members in my travels and had a few good swap sessions. I attempted to contact our Canadian members in the Vancouver area while attending Expo 86, but was unsuccessful; too bad.

The flow of stamps is continuing to come in to me in great style. Our membership is really holding up that end. The outgo is another story. I have not had a request for stamps from a new youth group since April 1986; that's almost a year. (We do get repeat requests from several members and non-members who are very active with youth, such as Ariel Poling (# 76.) I realize that our PR man has been very busy with his profession and working on the club logo in his spare time, but how about hearing from the rest of the membership? Each of us should be helping in getting the word out locally. We have members in nearly every state on every continent. Why am I not hearing from teachers and others working with youth groups? Surely there are some youngsters collecting stamps somewhere in the world!!! I also have a supply of Linn's *Stamp Collecting Made Easy* that were donated by our past editor and now publisher, Rita Kallal (# 26). These are sent along to those requesting stamps and information, along with Ariel Poling's article on "One Way to Organize a Junior

## Stamp Club."

A note to those of you sending me stamps. I have been receiving some envelopes of stamps with postage due. It seems that there is a thickness criteria at USPS as well as weight. (Thanks for the info, Ken. Bet a lot of members didn't know about this "rule.")

I have had a number of questions concerning what types, countries, and etc. of stamps we want to receive as the required part of ISWSC dues. Rather than respond to each individually (which I don't have the time or money to do), I'll try to answer these questions from time to time in this column. Any country is acceptable, but please don't send me 100, 200 or more of one kind of stamp as some have done. Please make it a maximum of ten of a kind, and remember, the requirement is 250 different. Upon receipt, I put all stamps in a large bag or box and mix them up, but 100 of the same kind tend to stick together and one group may receive 20, 30 or more copies of Queen Elizabeth or President Eisenhower.

The stamps sales circuit is now in business and Roger Bergeson (#132) has books available right now for you to make selections from or blank books in which to mount your duplicates for sale.

And one last item, Kudos to Rita Kallal for her year of service as editor of *The Circuit* and her willingness to continue as publisher.

••• Ken Jenkins, Vice President (# 15)

**Become a part  
of the Omni Exchange\*,  
if you haven't already.**

**Contact ☐ Hal or Tom:**

**Hal Clarke (# 47)  
Box 353  
Sharon, TN 38255**

**or  
Tom Allison (# 42)  
Box 252  
Wilmette, IL 60091**

\*The Official ISWSC Stamp Exchange

## Secretary-Treasurer's Report for January - March 1987

First, I thank all the members who mailed in their ballots from the last newsletter. Enough voted so we won't have that problem again. Aubrey is giving you the results elsewhere in this issue.

We have just enrolled member # 276. After dropping those members who failed to renew we now have 228 paid up members and our treasury balance is \$727.87.

The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues: # 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 100, 111, 112, 113, 115, 118, 119, 124, 125, 127, 128, 135, 136 and 139.

The Club is sorry to report the resignation, due to ill health, of Julia Dailey # 174. We wish her the very best.

The club acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

Poole (# 33)	\$ 4.00
Sherwood (# 58)	1.00
Voight (#186)	1.00
Wickens (# 267)	4.00
Futrell (# 2)	3.00
Brightman (# 231)	5.00

Now a long overdue note of explanation. The club was officially formed in April 1984 with 78 Charter members who had indicated a willingness to our founder, Aubrey Dunne (# 1) to support such an activity. While the sequence of their response to Aubrey's appeal is shown by their membership number, they all have the same initial date (arbitrarily) as their actual membership did not start until that month (April 1984) and dues, for example, became due two years later. Their original application forms were not dated. Since then I have dated all memberships.

One other point that has confused many. Our dues have, since inception, been \$6.00 plus 250 stamps for a 2 year membership. Beginning April 1, 1987, dues will be \$5.00 plus 250 stamps for a 1 year membership. Of course, those paid in advance are covered and those paying for more than one year in the future are "insured" against any future dues raises for the period covered. (Remember: The new dues rate becomes effective April 1, 1987.)

Some members are concerned by the 250 stamp donation part of the dues. As you know, these are provided to young collector groups to encourage their interest in our hobby. They can be mint, used, or CTO (Cancelled-to-Order). The term "different" was used to imply: "Don't send 250 used US 22¢ Flag over Capital." or "Don't send a full sheet of foreign one centavo definitives.", etc. It is certainly not meant as a bind on any member who does his or her best with the end view of helping youngsters in mind. The end objective is to help the youngsters have as many different stamps as possible and to spark their interest in stamp collecting; so send as many different as you possibly can, but a few duplicates are okay.

Next, some miscellaneous administrative items:

a. Please don't send stamp donations for the club to Herb. It costs the club money to send these on to Ken. An unnecessary step and expense.

b. Marion Poole (# 33) has discontinued the exchange she was running. How about you ex-members joining our Omni Exchange. (Write Hal # 47 or Tom # 42.)

c. It's always the high point of my day when the mail comes. The nice stamps used by many, the interesting stickers and rubber stamps, sometimes cachets, and once in awhile, a real eye-catcher. Like, for instance, a cover from Joellen Lee (# 104). The return address stamp said, "Center of the Known Universe"-- Philomath, Oregon! And here all along I've thought it was New Braunfels, Texas!!

d. Please all note that Esther Fraats (# 75) has two addresses: a summer one in Susquehanna, PA and a winter one in Naples, FL.

e. Futrell (#2) and Edwards (#117) are unable to trade with other members at the present time, but expect to be able to later.

f. All roster and membership changes have been incorporated into the new roster included with this issue of *The Circuit*. The plan now is to provide one to each member annually on renewal of membership plus updates in each newsletter. With the new dues rate we can afford this now. And by the way -- if you want six newsletters a year instead of four, write and tell your editor so

**Secretary-Treasurer Report (Continued)**

one of each stamp. Now I don't even dream of it -- but I still think it is fun to fill in the spaces in my 1940 album and also add some recent and interesting pretty stamps." (Note: Egon is treasurer of the Danish American Heritage Society.)

Wright (# 273) \_\_\_ "Will be pleased to correspond and exchange stamps worldwide! stamp for stamp or catalog basis. I do not collect First Day Covers, cards or postal stationery. Languages: English, Spanish, French."

**IMPORTANT:** .....it's **RENEWAL** time for members who joined January to March 1985: # 140 & 142 to 153. Please send your \$5.00 dues for one year renewal to Herb (# 31) and your 250 stamp donation to Ken (# 15). **Don't forget to renew! Do It Now!!**

... Herb Holland (# 31)

**ISWSC**  
**Sales Circuit**

**Want to sell your duplicates?**  
**Want to buy**  
**someone else's duplicates?**

**The International Society of**  
**Worldwide Stamp Collectors**  
**(ISWSC) has set up a**  
**Sales Circuit**  
**so members may buy and sell**  
**amongst themselves.**

Blank Books @ 25¢ each

15% commission on stamp sales.

1% Insurance on total value of Book.

**For further information contact:**

**Roger J. Bergeson (# 132)**  
**1814 Viking Ave.**  
**Albert Lea, MN 56007**  
**USA**

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Advertising Policy:** 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	\$25.00
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Per column inch	2.00

**Classified Rates per Insertion:** First 30 words, including name, address, and zip code are \$3.00. Additional words are 20 for \$1.00. State abbreviations are one word. "P.O. Box 12345" is two words. Zip Code is one word.

**Make all checks payable to ISWSC.**

**OUNCE MIXTURES: Commemorative/**  
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Bermuda \$3.35, Botswana \$3.10, B.W.I.  
\$3.35, Costa Rica \$3.10. William Gerlach  
(#233), Box 6637, Lake Worth, FL 33466 {3/4}

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#109-112 for 7 years with no luck. Want to  
buy 7 sets. Will pay your asking price.  
Ralph Chapin (# 158), PO Box 641, Batavia,  
NY 14020

**Cover Collector? Want to make new**  
contacts overseas for cover and stamp  
exchange? The **COVER COLLECTOR'S**  
**CIRCUIT CLUB** with an estimated 25,000  
active members, mostly overseas, may be  
your answer. Lifetime membership fee is  
just \$3.00 for members in foreign countries,  
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money order, mint stamps or IRCs at  
current rate of exchange. Write: Lew Scott  
(# 198) 305 Caliente Drive, San Leandro, CA  
94578, USA. If you want more information  
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ISLAND

KVR BOS TAURUS



ISLAND 400

A year ago I ran a small ad in the ISWSC paper. Because of that I was and am successful in a "Lot" sales operation.

How it works: You send me your name and address and I'll send you a flyer about once a month. I usually send 3 times and quit if you don't order. (But very few don't order.) The "Lots" cost from about \$5.00 up to \$80.00. They are collections, counter pages, bulk lots (sold by quantity), and the like. The material is written up and you just order by lot. I must be doing something right because I have not YET had a complaint in 7 months! Material is priced very low; much is 12% to 15%. Several dealers buy from me month after month, so there are some real steals to be had. Of course everything is returnable if you are unhappy.

To see some flyers, just send your name and address to:

**DAVID L. CRESO**  
230 Dune Crest, Unit # 3  
Monterey, CA 93940

## The Editor's Line \_\_\_\_\_

An introduction is in order. I'm Arlene Futrell. I've collected stamps for about 53 years --- since I was about 9 --- with "time out" for college and baby-tending years. I agree with all of you that collecting worldwide doesn't make for a lot of completion, but it surely makes for a lot of fun and information. I was hooked when a neighbor's child started to collect. Near that time I overheard my mother say to one of her friends, "Oh, she's interested in stamps, but she'll get over it." Never have!

It still is a very vivid memory how thrilled I was when a California collector, the son of one of my parents' friends, sent some of his duplicated to his Dad to give to me. I hope that the stamps we give to kids thrill them as much. And, from the reaction of my Ben Franklin Club when they are given stamps, I'm sure the thrill is the same. They have a great time, and I thank you for your part in it. The Ben Franklin program is a good one. Most of you wouldn't be able to have a club,

but maybe you could make yourself available to speak to kids, answer questions, etc. A lot of the leaders of Ben Franklin Clubs are teachers who know little about stamps. There is a lady in our area who, when she sees me, says, "Hi -- remember me? -- I'm the advisor you had to tell what a stamp hinge is!"

I have enjoyed reading the letters you have written in past newsletters. Lunch as usually been late the day my Circuit arrives!

In the last issue, Sue Hoover (# 9) suggested that a form that we might duplicate and send to other worldwide collectors be printed in *The Circuit*. Herb Holland is including it in this issue. Use it. Send them out to any worldwide collector. I just got a letter this week from a collector who said he had sent to Herb for information at my suggestion. I'm convinced that there are more general collectors than some people might think. We need to contact all whom we can about the club.

One member wrote that he thinks articles and letters to the editor should not take the place of advertising.

Dave Creson (# 170) wrote to say how great the response was to his ads. We like to hear that!

My husband and I are taking a week of our vacation time now. I think this has been the year of everything piling in on many of us! We will see some of our children and grandchildren and also we will see Norwood's parents.

If any of you are traveling in western Pennsylvania, we'd enjoy having your stop if we are here. Ken Jenkins and his wife might stop this spring. We look forward to that. Herb and his wife stopped a couple years ago, and it was a good time.

It's a little late for New Year's resolutions, but I'm going to suggest one anyway: Write an article or letter to the editor!

Thank you, Rita, for your year as editor and printer. And thank you for printing *The Circuit* again this year.

••• Arlene Futrell, Editor (# 2)

**DEADLINE For Next Issue**  
**May 1, 1987**

## Other Collectors' Letters Spark Memories of Childhood Discovery

I enjoy reading the collector letters on how they got started. I sure remember the excitement when I got my first stamps. I was in the 7th grade some 42 years ago. My folks had bought a summer resort and the boy that had lived there left a box of toys and in that was a little worldwide album with stamps mounted and loose --- also a copy of Ivanhoe. Didn't take long to find out there was a stamp store in town and the baby-sitting money was spent on stamps and books. Later I sold that one (although not too long ago I found some of my grandmother's old letters from Sweden with no stamps---just a hole in the envelope.)

In 1956 my boss started giving me his stamp papers and the stamp shop was on my walk home from work. That started the second worldwide collection. This time I listened to all the stamp paper advice on how you should specialize and when my husband was moved more in the military, I got rid of several albums. He retired, and by that time I was back from saving just British and back to a third worldwide collection, looking for used stamps this time.

Now I save money until I have enough to get an old collection and have my fun cataloging and adding to mine, and then exchanging through clubs and selling lots so I can get enough money to buy another one.

I told my husband I'd like to be a stamp approval dealer as I like to work with stamps so much. He just said, "You'd never make it. If you got ahold of a stamp you hadn't seen, you'd have to save it." I'll just say, "Maybe, someday....."

••• Marion Poole (# 33)

**CORRECTION:** Due to communication lapses and misinterpretations, Mr. Ronald Thurner (# 17) was previously listed as Auction Chairman. At the present time, a chairman for the ISWSC Auction program has NOT been selected. Do NOT send any stamps you want to auction to ISWSC as the Auction program is not yet established. We regret the publication error and hope it has not inconvenienced anyone.

### Officers, Chairpersons & Managers

President: Aubrey Dunne # 1  
 Vice-President: Ken Jenkins # 15  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Herb Holland #31  
 Public Relations Officer: Dave Nelson # 25  
 Editor: Arlene Futrell # 2  
 Publisher: Rita Kallal # 26  
 Membership: Herb Holland # 31  
 Youth Stamp Programs: Ken Jenkins # 15  
 Omni Stamp Exchange: Hal Clarke # 47 and  
 Tom Allison # 42  
 Stamp Sales Circuit: Roger Bergeson # 132

### Membership Application and Letter Included in This Issue

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a copy of the letter ISWSC is currently sending in response to inquiries as well as a copy of our current application form. Please make copies of these and provide them to interested collector friends.

Just put your membership number in the lower left-hand corner of the application so you can be credited for any new members to acquired. ••• Herb Holland (# 31)

### Tentative Deadlines Schedule for Bi-Monthly Publication of ISWSC Newsletter

Progress toward publishing a bi-monthly newsletter is being made since the passage of new dues rate. Once we begin, it will be imperative that submission of articles, columns and advertising be sent to the editor by the deadline or the item cannot be published until the next issue. The "lead time" will be too short to include a lot of last minute additions; particularly since both the editor and publisher are donating their services and time. So please get your material to the editor as soon as possible.

May 1, 1987  
 June 1, 1987  
 August 1, 1987  
 October 1, 1987  
 December 1, 1987  
 February 1, 1988  
 April 1, 1988

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of WORLDWIDE STAMP COLLECTORS**  
825 E. Torrey • New Braunfels, Texas 78130 • U. S. A.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (if applicant resides in the USA or Canada) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to trade by mail with other members? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you collect? Used \_\_\_\_\_ Mint \_\_\_\_\_ or Both \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a world wide collector? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of APS? \_\_\_\_\_ APS # \_\_\_\_\_

Member of other philatelic organizations? (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Philatelic References: Give name and mailing address

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Other References and/or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES are \$5.00 per year and a donation of 250 different stamps\* per year. (\* All stamps donated by members are given away free to youth groups to encourage stamp collecting among young people.)

Send \$5.00 (USA) DUES for the next 12 months to:

ISWSC  
Herbert S. Holland, Sec'y Treas.  
825 E. Torrey  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130 USA

AND: Send 250 (or more, don't be shy) mint or used STAMPS of any country to:

ISWSC Youth Programs  
Kenneth J. Jenkins, Vice President  
P.O. Box 2457  
Henderson, Nevada 89015 USA

You will receive by return mail the By-laws, a membership roster with society officers annotated thereon, a membership card with your official number, and a copy of the official society newsletter, *The Circuit*. Membership benefits include society stamp exchange, sales circuits and auction, all available at very low cost.

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ ISWSC # \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of WORLDWIDE STAMP COLLECTORS  
825 E. Torrey  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130  
U.S.A.

Dear

Thank you for inquiring about our club. Your interest is appreciated. We are a relatively new organization, now starting our fourth year, but have made considerable progress toward what we hope is a long and fruitful period of supporting and encouraging general ("fun") collecting of the postage stamps of the whole world. It is of special concern to us that young people be encouraged to become acquainted with this enjoyable and worthwhile hobby. To that end we provide free distribution of stamps donated by our members to youth stamp clubs and groups.

Our membership is made up of over 200 friendly people who want an organization that works with the non-specialist collector - the one who replies "stamps" when asked at a stamp club, show, or store, "What do you collect?" They enjoy correspondence with fellow world-wide collectors, trading stamps, and exchanging ideas, tips, and suggestions.

We have a club exchange program - "The Omni Exchange" - based on catalog value. Several of our members sponsor stamp for stamp exchange circuits, and many of us trade directly with other members. Plans for sales circuits and mail auctions are well along.

The club publishes an informal and interesting newsletter, "The ISWSC Circuit" - now four times a year, hopefully soon six times a year. Recently we affiliated with APS. As our club grows and matures your ideas and active participation are most welcome.

In this age of specialization there is a great need to once again encourage general collecting, to bring back to more and more people the pleasure of having a broad collection from all over the world. If you, as a world-wide collector, have felt a little lonely among specialists you needn't feel that way any longer. A membership application is enclosed. Do join with us!

Happy collecting,

Herb Holland  
Secretary-Treasurer



**Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 1986**

Balance Forward from 31 December 1985 \$437.05

**Income:**

Dues from new members # 181 - 268	\$528.00	
Renewal dues	333.00	
Donations	93.45	
Interest	36.48	
Advertising in <i>The Circuit</i>	91.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>7.00</u>	
Total Income		1,088.93

**Expense:**

Postage	\$100.79	
Printing and copying	96.24	
<i>The Circuit</i> - 4 issues	578.34	
Office supplies	20.68	
President's expense <1>	25.00	
Vice-President's expense <2>	54.84	
Computer use	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Expense		<u>885.89</u>

Balance 31 December 1986 <3> \$640.09

<1> Telephone & Postage

<2> Postage to mail stamp donations to youth groups

<3> On deposit at First Federal Savings & Loan of New Braunfels, Texas

Respectfully submitted, Herb Holland (# 31), Secretary-Treasurer

## Does Idea for New Column Interest Members?

Quite sometime ago I submitted an idea for a column to appear in *The Circuit* regularly. It was met with silence. After a recent conversation with Vice President Ken Jenkins (# 15), he suggested just such a column might be a good addition to the newsletter, so I have revived my idea of a "What'zit?" column. On occasion we all come across an item or two that we don't know about nor can we find the answer in our catalogs or philatelic literature at hand. My idea is for members to submit good photocopies of such puzzling items to the newsletter for other members to help figure out what they are.

The column could also help members with answers to other collecting problems. One such problem that I would like some

answers to is how to get rid of the glue on some of the older used stamps from such countries as Austria, Romania, etc. The glue becomes softish when soaked, but doesn't wash off as most glues do. It seems the only way to get it off is to rub it off with one's fingers, but I have found this to be a dangerous practice because some of the stamps will fall apart due to age or the softening of the paper from being water-logged during soaking. I know it is possible to remove the glue, as I have come across the very same stamps without a trace of glue on the back. So my question is .... What'zit take to get rid of this glue?

Let the editor know if you are interested in such a column appearing in the newsletter, either by sending an item or question or just a postcard saying you like the idea. All answers to questions and puzzling items would be printed in the newsletter to benefit all members' knowledge.

•••Rita Kallal (#26)

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