



SJSC

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San José Stamp Club Newsletter



APS Chapter 0264-025791

Meeting Information:

1st and 3rd Wednesday of
each month, 7PM

790 Ironwood Dr.
San Jose, CA 95125
3rd floor of dining room

APS circuit books at each
month, presentations,
general buying, selling,
trading, and much more!

Welcome to 2016

I'm sure you have noticed things don't look the same! As some of you may know, the December newsletter was Jim's final issue. Another thank you is in order, as he published fabulous newsletters for numerous years. Thank you Jim!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, the new editor of the San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter! My name is Jessica Rodríguez. I am a newer collector--but I'm already deep into the hobby! I'm very excited to take over Jim's role as editor. I know that I have some big shoes to fill. I'm a full-time college student and part-time employee. Thus, future newsletters will likely be much shorter than you are used to (especially around midterms/finals!). I will do my best to get every issue published in a timely manner. As I become more comfortable, I hope to add some of Jim's flares that made the newsletter so intriguing. I promise to keep you up-to-date with *all* things SJSC! With that said, I'm looking forward to 2016!

Advent Craft Fair

SJSC Has Fun With Stamp Projects at
Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos

(Submitted by Brian Jones)

On November 28th, the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (PCLG) held its annual Advent Craft Fair. Families come and have fun doing a variety of projects including wreaths, tree ornaments, bird feeders, writing cards to active duty soldiers and making scarves. Brian's been a member of the church for over 25 years and wanted to do something to contribute. This is the 3rd year he's hosted stamp projects.

There were three options this year: 1) make a tree ornament by attaching Christmas stamp(s) onto wooden cookie cutter shaped patterns with decoupage; 2) use the APS "Santa" stamp album and build a collection of Christmas stamps from my accumulations; 3) create a "Stamps Around World" project



Children engaging in stamp crafts!

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REMINDER: It's time to pay your annual dues! \$12 to receive an emailed newsletter, \$20 if you wish to receive a mailed copy. Please pay in a timely manner. Thank you in advance!

Advent Craft Fair SJSC Has Fun With Stamp Projects at Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (Continued)

These can be embellished using Christmas theme rubber stamps and colorful ink. The APS Santa albums are very popular and several attendees sat until they completed the book. Between 30 and 40 kids and adults worked on one of the projects and gave effusive positive feedback.

A BIG thank-you to Jim Steinwinder for coming over to help. His support was valuable.

Any SJSC member who wants to host a stamp project (doesn't have to be at Christmas) at an event you're involved with, just bring it up at a meeting and make it work.



In Memory of Darlene Hickok



It is with great sadness to report Darlene Hickok passed away on November 27, 2015 after a long battle with cancer.

She was a worldwide collector, and member of Sequoia Stamp Club since 2001 and started their "Stamps R Us" youth program.

Darlene provided a lot of help and support to Brian Jones when he was first getting started doing youth philately and could be counted to help with the Boy Scout merit badge programs he hosted.

Her gentle and patient nature will be missed.

More information:

<http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/obituaries/2015-12-01/darlene-l-hickok/1776425154381.html>

or

<http://www.penpex.org/sequoia-stamp-club/>



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**How do you plan to help
in 2016? Getting
involved is very
rewarding, and keeps
the club thriving!**

A Word From

Our President

A New Year brings the annual custom of looking back on last year's success's & shortcomings and setting goals for the New Year. I'm going to start with a review of our 2015 goals as a reference point for 2016.

In January 2015, we set the following goals for the club:

- ❖ Increase membership
- ❖ Improve membership participation in club activities and functions
- ❖ Increase club bank balance up to \$1750

It is wonderful to report that we made progress on all three of 2015's goals. We gained 5 new members this year! This is a wonderful achievement for a year and I'm setting the goal of matching it in 2016.

Our club activity improved in 2015 especially from our members who have joined in the past 3 years. The club hosting a table at the Sunnyvale Antique Fair was a new activity this year did a job of taking stamp collecting out to the public. The hospitality area at Fiesta continues to grow and gain in popularity. We awarded our first APS Sparkplug Award to Jim Steinwinder for his wonderful presentations and building the club a new website. Jessica Rodriguez is a star performer at recent events, created our Facebook page and is the new editor for the newsletter. I'd love to see some of the "old guard" find ways to contribute. We can accommodate many limitations.

Our club bank account took a nice bump up this year mostly due our success at Fiesta. The bank account closes the year with \$2179 – a \$900 increase over this time last year and blows

Stamp Club and Post Card Club Come
Together for a

Holiday Potluck

Once again, SJSC joined forces with the San José Post Card Club for a holiday potluck. The party was held on Wednesday, December 9th at Hilltop Manor (during the regular Post Card Club Meeting).

Family, friends, and spouses were all invited along to celebrate the holidays. The room was filled! It was nice to see members from each club interacting.

One enjoyable moment, was the member introductions. Each of us provided an introduction



and stated what we collect. We are such a diverse group of collectors!

Food included ham, KFC chicken, sticky rice, egg rolls, pies, cakes, and much, much more!

I hope to do more of these type of events in the future. It's a great way to get to know all of the collectors living in our backyards.



A Few Notes From the Fiesta

Wrap-Up Meeting

(Submitted by Brian Jones)

Fiesta will be in a new venue in 2016. Due to a complex set of issues with the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds going back is not an option.

The good news is that with the help of Clyde Homen the show is moving to the Elks Lodge – the site of our awards banquet that past couple of years. The main ballroom and adjacent rooms give us the space we need. The stage makes a high visibility area for the club hospitality area.

Also, the show will be reduced to 2 days. The Elks Lodge is not available to move in on Thursday and the 2-day show reduces the requirement for exhibit frames and judges.

The Elks Lodge is giving us a fair price and has plenty of free parking. Our exhibit frames will also be stored there during the balance of the year.

Everyone in the SJSC is going to be asked to help to inform the community of the site change.

The Filatelic Fiesta committee has two important positions to fill. After many years of great service, Ed Laveroni is retiring as Exhibit Chairman. He will remain available to help in a lot of ways, but someone is needed to find and coordinate the exhibits. Also, Akthem is taking a year off from his position as Awards Chairman. The SJSC members should think seriously about taking up one of these roles (or sharing it with someone).



Have You Bookmarked SJSC Web Pages?

1 Official Club Website:

(<https://sanjoseesc.wordpress.com>)

2 Stamp World:



STAMPWORLD

(http://www.stampworld.com/fi/profiles/pages/?page=page_2&user=112600)

3 Facebook:



(<https://www.facebook.com/San-Jose-Stamp-Club-1721624398059089/>)

**Don't miss any club news!
Everything is on our web pages!**

A Word from Our President (Continued)

Your generous donations were a big part of the success.

A success on all three goals is a great achievement for the club. Everyone can be proud of this accomplishment.

Now let's look forward to 2016. We talked about this at our club meeting on December 2nd and we talked about some new goals. First, we want to keep our foot on the gas of growing the club membership and club activities. I've already invited the local members of the International Society of Japanese Philately to join one of our future meetings. Joint ventures with local philatelic societies are a new way to develop our philatelic interests. Meetings need to have good programs and speakers to keep existing members coming and attract new people so I hope everyone will contribute.

A big topic of discussion was finding ways for members to sell their own items for to have opportunities to purchase material for bargain prices. We are still too small a club to host auctions like Sequoia Club does, but I'm open to finding new ways to buy and sell. Suggestions are encouraged.

The goal I'm most excited about is the club challenge to prepare a single frame exhibit for Fiesta 2016.

At the December 2nd meeting, many of us want to start building our first exhibit. We will show these at Fiesta and the Club will sponsor an award for best club member exhibit. It is up to each individual if you want your exhibit to be judged by the APS judges or only informally for the club challenge. For example, I expect that my integration of Jones family memorabilia and Lisbon NY postal history will not meet APS judging standards. Therefore, I plan to only be judged for the club challenge.

To summarize, our goals for 2016 are:

- ❖ Grow the club with 5 new members
- ❖ Continue to grow and expand club activities
- ❖ Develop methods to buy and sell philatelic items
- ❖ Host a club challenge of member exhibits at Fiesta 2016 with at least 6 entries

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Brian

Save the Dates!

- ❖ **January 6: SJSC Club Meeting**
7PM, Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125
- ❖ **January 16-17: Great American Stamp Expo**
Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expy. San Jose 95131
Free parking, free admission! Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4
- ❖ **January 16-17: Vintage Paper Fair**
County Fair Bldg. Hall of Flowers, 9th & Lincoln Way, San Francisco
Free parking, free admission! Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5
- ❖ **January 20: SJSC Meeting**
7PM, Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125
- ❖ **January 29-31: Sacramento Gold Rush Paper Show**
La Quinta Inn & Suites Rancho Cordova Sacramento, 11131 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova, 95670



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