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Newsletters of the Long Beach Stamp Club published almost every month throughout the year. Meetings are usually on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of **MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, 2800 SNOWDEN AVENUE, IN LONG BEACH, CA.** Visitors are always welcome. Address dues, payments, and correspondence to the Club at Box 90042, Long Beach, CA 90809-0042 or our website www.LongBeachStampClub.com.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

ALL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

2013

FEBRUARY 5 & 19

MARCH 5 & 19

APRIL 2 & 16

MAY 7 & 21

JUNE 4 & 18*

JULY 2* & 16*

AUGUST 6* & 20*

SEPTEMBER 3* & 17#

* MEETING LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING WILL BE AT MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL



INSTALLATION DINNER

THIS year's dinner was a great success and all who attended had a wonderful time.

The Club would like to thank A.J. Manker for making it possible for the Song Works Quartet to honor us with songs and humor during the evening.



Raffle prizes for this year's Installation Dinner are as follows:

1st Prize – Nicholas Braun - \$200

2nd Prize – Paul Tongsy - \$100

3rd Prize – Nicholas Braun - \$ 50



Paul and mom Goldie Tonasy @Khourys

Gift certificates can be redeemed from Coast Philatelics, 1113 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Phone: (714) 545-1791. When calling, ask for Bob Chisholm.

Congratulations to all our winners!

LOBEX STAMP EXPO

LOBEX Stamp Expo will be held February 7 - 9, 2013 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday – Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6.00 for all three days.



Dotie & Freddie Kuntz @Installation dinner Khourys

Please contact LLOYD BAUMANN if you can work the Friday night shift from 4-6 p.m.

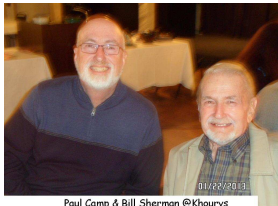
STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on February 24, 2013 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.



SANDICAL STAMP SHOW

THE 42nd SANDICAL STAMP SHOW will be held February 8-10, 2013 at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearney Mesa Road, San Diego, CA 92111. This year we honor a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. Show hours are Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Admissions and parking are free.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Berry	George Franzen	George Reindfleisch
George Zimmerman, Jr.	Lee Jensen	Fred Kuntz
Steve Radell	Rodger Dubbs	Janet D'Agostino

STAMP QUIZ FOR FEBRUARY

NAME the person who invented and patented the "Lasting Machine" used in the manufacturing of shoes. Also give the date of Patent, and the Scott catalog number of the stamp honoring this person.

- Name the person?
- Date of Patent?
- Scott Catalog number of stamp?

IF you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net.

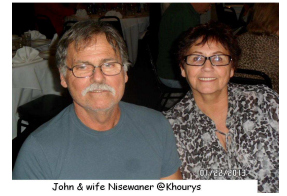
{Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

ANSWERS TO JANUARY STAMP QUIZ

- 15 cent
- Scott catalog #77
- 1866

AMERICA'S FIRST STAMP

THE first United States Postage Stamps, the 5¢ and 10¢ issues of 1847, began a new era in mail service. Before adhesive stamps revolutionized the U.S. postal system, letters were marked "Paid" by pen and ink, and by various hand-stamping devices.



America's first postage stamps went on sale on July 1, 1847. Now over 150 years old, they represent a crucial stage of U.S. history. As a nation, America was taking shape at that time, and these stamps played an important part in its growth.

The 5¢ issue of 1847 (Scott #1) features a portrait of Benjamin Franklin. Franklin is credited with organizing America's postal service back in the 1700s. On July 26, 1775 he was appointed by the Continental Congress as



the first Postmaster General of the Confederation – which was of great importance to communications during the Revolutionary War. With this background, it's easy to see why Franklin was given the honor of appearing on America's first postage stamp! The 10¢ issue of 1847 (Scott #2) pictures George Washington, Revolutionary War hero and the first U.S. President.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

CHINA – Treaty Posts, Chungking – in the 19th and early 20th centuries, China was forced to tolerate extraterritorial authority by foreign powers in a number of its port cities. These cities were known collectively as Treaty Ports.

They were developed local post systems, primarily to handle the mail of foreigners doing business and living in these Chinese cities. Although Treaty Port issues are local post stamps, they are listed in the Scott *Classic Specialized Catalog of Stamps and Covers 1840-1940*.



Chungking (now transliterated Chongqing) was a port city in the Sichuan province. It issued stamps for its local post service from 1893 to 1897. The Temple and Junk Coastal Scene set (Scott 3-7) is valued at \$20.50 in unused hinged condition in the Scott Classic specialized catalog.