



NEWSLETTER

No. 7

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the efforts of a number of our members, our presence was strongly felt at LISDA in October. Under the leadership of Art Fitzpatrick, our Society manned a booth for all three days of the show. We had an exhibit of Long Island postal history in the exhibition section and conducted a well-attended Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Highlights of the meeting were plans for membership meetings both Spring and Fall, for another mail auction perhaps combined with a floor auction, for the possible purchase at auction of large lots of Long Island covers for future sale in our own auction and for publication of our Newsletter on a quarterly basis starting in 1983 with Fred Rodriguez as the new editor. I think that I speak for all of us in praising Art Fitzpatrick for the excellent and conscientious job he has done as editor of our Newsletter these past two years. Cal Hahn and Dan Knowles report that the next issue of the Journal will be out shortly and will be published more regularly in the future. Please contribute to our Journal. Cal and Dan will be glad to give you guidance or assistance in the preparation of your article.

Our Spring meeting will be devoted mainly to swapping covers, socializing, etc. So, plan to come and have a good time. See you all then.

John Price

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our second annual meeting was held at the LISDA Show in Hempstead on October 31.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by President John Price.

The Secretary read a brief report of the Society's accomplishments since organizing in August 1980.

The Treasurer read a report of financial activity since our last Annual Meeting, June 7 1981. See a later page.

A motion was approved to appoint a committee of Messers Hahn, Knowles and Rodriguez to inspect, evaluate and bid on several lots of Long Island covers to be offered at the upcoming Sotheby Auction. Maximum Society expenditure to be \$400. An excerpt of Cal Hahn's report appears on another page.

A motion was approved that we hold two full membership meetings each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Spring meeting is set (tentatively) to be held at INTERPEX, in New York City, on a Sunday afternoon. The Fall, 1983, meeting to be held again at LISDA.

A re-affirmation was made of the Society's intent to publish four Newsletters and, at least, two Journals each year.

Fred Rodriguez agreed to take over the editing and publishing of our Newsletter and to take on the creation of a library of slides of outstanding Long Island covers. More from him later on this project.

A vote of thanks was extended to all those members who had contributed to the welfare and growth of our Society whether by expenditure of time, effort or material contributions.

Art Fitzpatrick

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Helping to man our booth were Carl Baker, Wayne Lindquist, and Arthur Pollinger. Because we had a booth, we have five additional members. We received many favorable comments on the seven frames of Long Island covers exhibited by John Price.

We welcome the following as new members of the Society:

Lennart A. Hartman
52 Cameron Dr.,
Huntington, N.Y. 11743

Alexander Hyde
P.O. Box 187,
Lawrence, N.Y. 11559

Richard O. Jones
135 Commonwealth Ave.,
Massapequa, N.Y. 11758

Paul Marks
32 Crescent Dr.,
Old Bethpage, N.Y. 11804

David W. Snow
588 Dryden St.,
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONT'D)

Membership reinstated:

Irving Choban
P.O. Box N, Flatbush Station,
2255 Church Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226

Changes of address:

William R. Gibson	To	6 Laurel Dr., B-38, Mineola, N.Y. 11501
Elliot Mitchnick	To	698 West End Ave., New York, N.Y. 10025
Henry L. C. Wenk, III	To	195 Meadbrook Road, Garden City, N.Y. 11530
Mrs. Linda Wierenga	To	P.O. Box 595, Muskegon, Mi., 49443

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Brad Arch sent me some 'ads' for reprints of "The Monitor Guide to Post Offices and Railroad Stations in the United States and Canada-1876". I'll send a copy of the ad, and an order coupon, to anyone interested.

Notice of a new publication, released by Al Zimmerman, has been received. It is The Pioneer Flights of Garden City Estates, New York: 1911, by Robert Schoendorf. Information may be obtained from Mr. Zimmerman, 843 Van Nest Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10462.

A new postal history society is now being formed-The Modern P.H.S. for those interested in the current aspects of postal practices and policies-from 1938 to date. Information can be obtained from Dr. Terence Hines, Psychology Department, Pace University, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

LONG ISLAND POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY
P.O. Box 1178, Southold, N.Y. 11971
Organized 1980 Annual Dues \$10.

President -----John M. Price, Jr., M.D.
Vice-Pres/Secty-----Arthur Fitzpatrick
Treasurer-----Carl F. Baker
Journal Editor-----Calvet M. Hahn
Associate Journal Editor-Daniel M. Knowles, MD

AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Condensation)

At the last meeting it was voted, upon a motion by Mr. Wenk, that the treasurer would authorize expenditure of up to \$400. for purchase of lots at the upcoming Sotheby sale where four Long Island lots were being offered and that Mr. Hahn would execute as agent without charge. Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Hahn and Dr. Knowles were appointed to inspect the lots and determine a level at which the Society could bid to buy in for the club auction.

The Society's interest focused on lots Nos. 24 and 25. Lot #24 consisted of 27 L. I. covers, 1850-1900, est. \$150-200.; lot #25 was 53 cards and covers, most early 20th century, est. \$100.-150..

Both lots went to other bidders since the bidding exceeded the valuation which was the consensus of the committee's opinion (to include the house %10).

Richard Frajola, a Connecticut dealer, has offered to sell to the Society, at his cost (\$198.), lot No.24 for which he was the successful bidder. He may also offer to sell it through our auction as a gesture of good will. I recommend the acceptance of this last offer should it be made.

I should like to recommend that we maintain the fund for such future opportunities as may turn up with a similar evaluation committee approach.

Calvet M. Hahn

Any member desiring a more detailed report of this, our first such venture, may have one by dropping me a line.

Art Fitzpatrick
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BAKER'S COMMENTARY

"Uncle Jesse's Depot" in our August Newsletter informed us that Huntington's weekly newspaper, "The Long Islander" of August 30, 1890, had reported The Fairground Post Office as being scheduled to open on September 1st. Uncle Jesse, also known as Fred Rodriguez, did not hesitate to note that official records show that office as being established on July 24th.

Such discrepancies, often noted between official records and local histories, apparently resulted because the Post Office Department would authorize a new office on a certain day, though the actual opening might be delayed for several days. Assuming this to be true, might not a letter postmarked after the officially established day actually be a First Day Cover? Any comments on such a possibility?

In our latest Journal Fred Rodriguez's "Flatbush Again" proved interesting indeed. That recent find shows that it is still possible to reach the pot of gold at the end of the Philatelic Rainbow.

William Duncan's "L.I. Experimental Helicopter Mail Service" reminds us that Postal History doesn't have to be really old. It also brought back personal memories of the Helicopter Mail Pick-up that I witnessed on a cold January 6th (1947) morning at the then vacant field between Railroad Ave. and the Railroad tracks at Huntington Station. All mail carried on that flight received a special cachet sponsored by the Huntington Stamp Club and was backstamped "New York, N.Y. Jan 6, 1947, 12 M, A.M.F. Tour 2". The cachet shows that these flights were a three day experiment..

I was truly impressed by Calvin's Hahn's "Flag Cancellations of Long Island" and by his "The LIRR'S Brief Fling as an Interstate Carrier", a truly commendable achievement in research.

Cal's great work on this phase of the LIRR reminded me of a question that has been bugging me for some time. Was the RPO marking applied only to those pieces of mail given to the RPO Clerk personally by individuals meeting the train at the railroad station? It would seem to me that all mail actually received at the Post Office and then shipped by train would receive the regular town marking only. Can any one enlighten me as to the actual practice?

Hope that no one minds another reminder that our Society's dues of \$10.00 are now payable for our 1982-83 year as of August 1st. Your checks payable to the Long Island Postal History Society should be sent to Carl F. Baker, Treasurer, 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N.Y. 11768. Please remember that subsequent reminders will prove an unnecessary expense to our Society.

Ed. Note-If a red asterisk appears before your name on the envelope you are now delinquent with your 1982-1983 dues. A due bill is enclosed for your convenience.

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Buy, sell and/or trade)

WANTED - Cover-Port Washington & New York RPO
William J. Duncan, 26 Moody Ave., Freeport, N. Y. 11520

WANTED - The U.S. 1869 Pictorial issue used on cover with local
town cancels from anywhere in the country, especially from
New Jersey and Arizona. Correspondence invited.
Brad Arch, 144 Hamilton Ave., Clifton, N.J. 07011

WANTED - Postal History covers from Woodbury and Syosset. Also wish
to purchase or trade L. I. pictorial corner cards on covers
thru early 1900s.
Carl F. Baker, 140 Lewis Road, Northport, N. Y. 11768

WANTED - L.I. postal history items from all four counties. I will buy
or trade for interesting covers. Especially want Suffolk and
Queens Co. CPMs, L.I. Civil War patriotics, PMs free franks,
reg. and spec. delivery covers and all covers from P.O.s
within Huntington Township. Also want old L.I. postcards,
1900-1920. Send on approval or Zerox.
J. Fred Rodriguez, Box 49, Greenlawn, N.Y. 11740

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance - Report June 7 1981.	\$83.74
Dues collected (June 7, 1981-Oct. 29 1982.	\$642.50
One copy Brooklyn Postal Guide sold.	6.00
Bank interest posted thru September, 1982.	26.62
Bidder's checks deposited (Auction June 1982)1,079.55	
Total Receipts.	\$1,754.67
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	\$1,838.41

Secretary's expenses thru 10/15/82.	\$192.08
Additional Auction Expenses.	23.25
Checks to Auction Consignors.897.31
Total Expenses.	\$1,112.64
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Bank balance.	\$ 725.77