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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](http://www.LongBeachStampClub.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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

### 2012

MAY 1 & 15

JUNE 5\* & 19\*

JULY 3\* & 17\*

AUGUST 7\* & 21\*

SEPT. 4 TBA & 18

OCTOBER 2 & 16

NOVEMBER 6 & 20

DECEMBER 4- XMAS PARTY

### 2013

JANUARY 8 & 22

{22 IS ANNUAL DINNER }

**\*THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM, 2219 W. ORANGE AVENUE, ANAHEIM, CA**



## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**S**TEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on May 27, 2012 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

## LOBEX STAMP EXPO

**L**OBEX STAMP EXPO will be held on May 31 – June 2, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6 for all three days.

## ORANGE COUNTY PHILATELIC SERVICE

**O**CPS will hold their Semi-Annual Sale and Auction on June 24, 2012 at Villa Park, CA from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Parking is Free.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**T**HERE were no winners for April, so the prize for our first meeting in May will be \$25.00.

## STAMP QUIZ FOR MAY

"I have a deep-seated bias against hate and intolerance. I have a bias against racial and religious bigotry. I have a bias against war, a bias for peace. I have a bias which leads me to believe that no problem of human relations is ever insoluble."

CAN you name the Diplomat and give the Scott number of the stamp honoring this man?

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](mailto:leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net).

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

## EXPLORING GREENLAND

WITH so much of it under an ice sheet most of the year, Greenland has long posed problems for the explorer and researcher. This has not stopped explorers from crawling all over the huge island, and the Greenland post office regularly issues stamps noting the achievements of these adventurers.

Part six of the post office "Expeditions" series tells of Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld's voyages to Greenland between 1870 and 1883. Nordenskiöld was a Finnish geologist who was forced to leave Finland, then under Russian domination, when he criticized the Russian government. He settled in Sweden and from there conducted several research expeditions to Greenland for the Natural History Museum of Sweden. He discovered huge iron-nickel rocks along the shore which he first assumed were meteorites but which were later determined to be iron ore, which makes up much of the interior of Greenland. A joint issue souvenir sheet with Finland offers views of the research ship Sofia, a portrait of Nordenskiöld, and a 22-ton iron rock on the beach.

In 1883 Nordenskiöld, with two other Finns, skied across the inner part of the Greenland ice cap conducting more research. When challenged on the extent and duration of their trip upon their return to Sweden, he organized a ski race that proved they could ski 140 miles in two days.

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## ANSWER TO APRIL'S STAMP QUIZ

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 E (1560)         | 6 C (3746)          |
| 2 I (1875)         | 7 B (2869g or 2870) |
| 3 G (2137)         | 8 A (2766)          |
| 4 F (2982 OR 2984) | 9 D (2044)          |
| 5 J (3121)         | 10 H (2016)         |

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Harry Futoran                      Joanne Sheppard  
   Bert Hazelwood

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## QUOTE

"Now and then an innocent man is sent to the legislature."

— Ken Hubbard

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## ARTICLE FROM LINN'S

THIS article tells how a teacher of seventh and eighth grades is using stamps in teaching history and how the stamps relate to that history.

Stamps can teach geography indeed. Our stamp Club had an exhibit table in our city library on "Hobby Day" where we displayed historic stamps, covers and many different philatelic items. We also gave away information pamphlets and booklets, and had both a United States and worldwide nickel stamp box.

A young lady stopped by and bought 10 stamps from the worldwide box. After browsing the other tables, she came back and bought another \$5 worth.

I asked if she was trying to fill holes in her collection and she replied that she was not a collector — she was a teacher of seventh and eighth graders.

"I'm going to give each of my students a few stamps and have them bring in a report on the country they came from, where it is located, what's shown on the stamp and how it relates to the country, it's money system and anything else they find interesting or unusual about that country," She said.

In short, she was going to make learning geography fun for those students.

Maybe we should start sending stamps to schools as educational materials. We all know playing with stamps is a great way to learn about many things. Spread the word.

Robert E. Berry  
Winter Haven, Florida

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## STAMP OF THE MONTH

UNITED STATES — Postal stationery collecting is alive and well in the United States.

On January 4, 2010, the U.S. Postal Service issued a \$4.90 Priority Mail stamped envelope (Scott U674) depicting the Mackinac Bridge.

The Scott *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* values the envelopes at \$10 in mint condition and \$7.50 in used condition.

The mint envelope is definitely worth buying at full Scott catalog value. The used envelope is probably worth \$7.50 as well, but it is probably almost impossible to find one commercially used in the right time period in collectible condition.

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