

CONNECTICUT POSTCARD CLUB NEWSLETTER

Holiday 2011

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Advertising – Open

The club meets 5 times a year on the 3rd Sunday of the month **except for March** (4th Sunday) at the K of C Hall, 2630 Whitney Avenue in Hamden from 10am – 3pm. **The Meetings for 2012 are Mar. 18, Apr. 15 – Show at Holiday Inn, June 17, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, and Dec. 16 The Christmas Meeting**

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETINGS

Merrit/Wilbur Cross Parkway (Rt. 15) Exit 61 – North on Whitney Ave (Rt. 10) about 1 mile to K of C hall on the left.

I-91 to Exit 10 (Mt. Carmel/Whitney Ave.). Left (south) on Whitney Ave. (Rt. 10) about 1/2 mile to K of C hall on the right.

I-95 to either I-91 or Merritt/Wilbur Cross Parkway and then follow above directions.

Remember – Club fees are due on and changing on January 1st. \$12.00 per person / \$18.00 for Family membership at the same address. Your mailing label will indicate the year you are paid up through. Send dues to: Joanne Coykendall / 344 Tollgate Rd./ Berlin, CT 06037.

Your prompt payments help to keep our costs down therefore anyone renewing before March 31st will be given a discount of \$2.00 making individual renewals \$10.00 and family renewals \$16.00. Thank you in advance for being a good customer

WEATHER ISSUES: If conditions are threatening please use the following contacts in order to find out whether the meeting will be held; this would apply to any future meeting as well. Tom Dickau 860 582 1537 Jose Rodriquez 203 272 2841 John Quimby 203 248 1556 Cancellations would be made by 8:00 am the day of the meeting, sooner if obvious. Please do not start traveling to the meeting if there is any question. Please call one of the people listed.

Newsletter via email:

The CPCC has now entered the 21st century. We can send your newsletter via email instead of snail mail. If you would rather receive your newsletter via email please send your email address to Pam Hutchinson at Pam.Hutchinson@sbcglobal.net. For now she is handling the sending of newsletters via email.

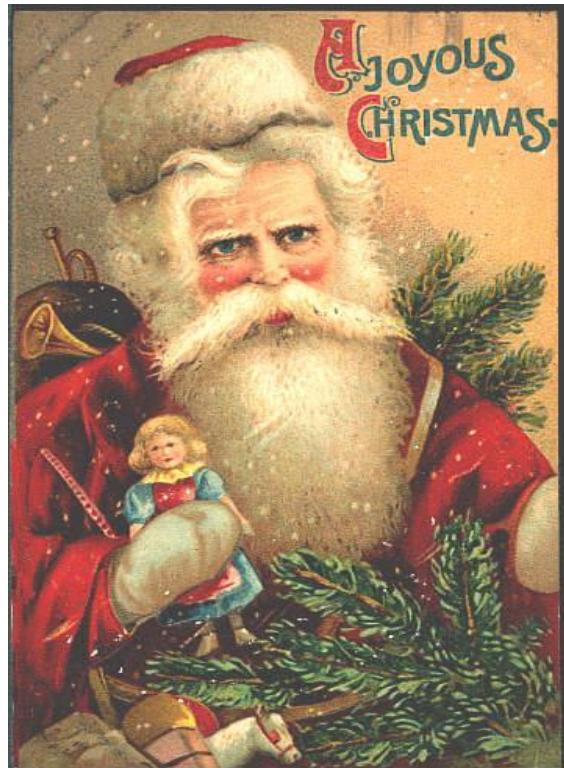
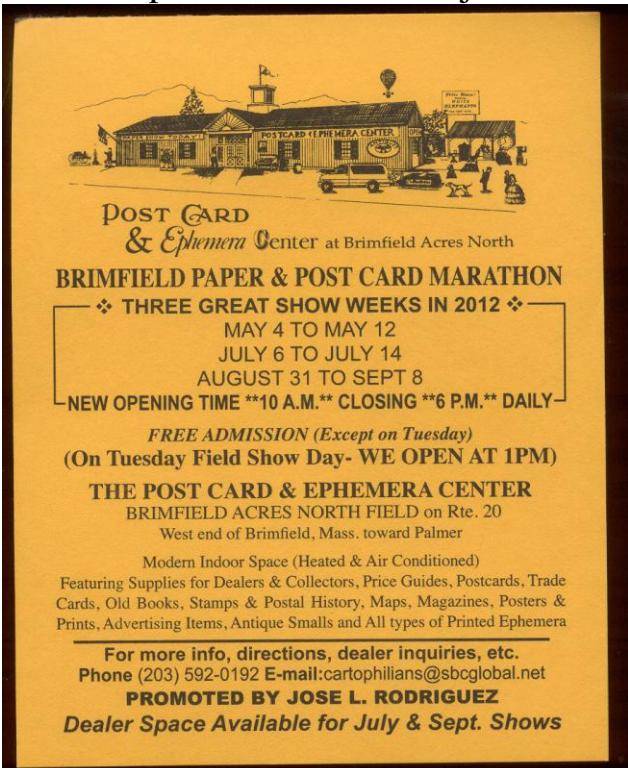
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Well the holiday season is upon us and it is time for our annual Christmas get-together including our potluck buffet; election of officers; annual auction and charitable giving. Please remember to bring items for the auction. Designate whether the item is a donation to the club or on twenty percent consignment. Please make sure to bring a dish that will feed eight or more. Please no desert; the club takes care of this. Included in another section of the newsletter is a postponement contact people in case of inclement weather. Please do not venture out if there is any question. Please contact one of the people listed.

This year after two different shifts as president, I feel it is necessary to relinquish these responsibilities. Morgan has agreed to assume the position if elected. Having served many years in this capacity has been my pleasure. The friends acquired; the respect I have been accorded; and of course the cards acquired have been great! I will be staying as a club member and will remain active including the duties of auctioneer. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the C.P.C.C. and its members. **Tom**

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

If you have a story to tell please send it to your Editor. My email address is listed on the first page. Please put CPCC in the Subject line. Thank you. **John**



The Connecticut Postcard Club Minutes of the General Business Meeting

Sept. 18, 2011

The business meeting began at 12:07pm with President Tom Dickau presiding.

Governing Board Present: President: Tom Dickau, Vice President: Joe Taylor, Treasurer: Jose' Rodriguez, Membership Secretary: Joanne Coykendall, and Recording Secretary: Pam Hutchinson.

Governing Board Absent: Show Chairwoman: Morgan Rogan Hassenmayer, Newsletter Editor/Publisher John Quimby

Upcoming Meetings:

President Tom Dickau began the meeting with the announcement that he would be contacting a friend of his to do a presentation on the Civil War, especially important as this year we are celebrating its 150th anniversary. Tom has said he would try for either the October 16, 2011 meeting, or our March meeting. This friend has made a DVD of his work and should have it available for sale at the time of his presentation.

The 12/18/2011 Meeting

Tom also discussed the 12/18/2011 Christmas Party and encouraged members to bring auction items either for full donation or 20% consignment to the Club. Items should be related to postcard collecting if possible. Tom also mentioned that members should bring a main dish item for our Pot Luck luncheon that would feed 8 people. As in the past, the Club will provide a cold cut platter and breads as well as their signature sheet cake.

At this meeting we will also have the Election of Officers and a discussion on the end of the year contributions to needy organizations that the Club makes.

Email Contact List

Pam Hutchinson spoke on the success of the use of email for not only sending out the Club newsletter, but for the reminders and items of interest she is broadcasting to our members. Our list of addresses is constantly growing. She mentioned that she has two lists that she works with- one of only our members (who have the privilege of getting the quarterly newsletter delivered to their computer screen in vivid color) and the other list, of people who have expressed interest in the Club or postcard related items, but who have not yet joined the ranks of member. These people get the reminder and items of interest emails only.

Membership

Joanne Coykendall spoke on the status of our membership and that 2012 discounted dues of \$10 per person or \$16 per family residing at one location- can be given or mailed to her at any time from now through March. After the March deadline, the dues increase to \$12 per person or \$18 per family.

Website

Pam mentioned that the planned website for the Club is in progress. We will soon be looking for member contributions of articles of interest to Deltiologists. Tom suggested that he and Jose do a write-up on the history of the Connecticut Post Card Club from its founding in 1954 to the present as a way of introducing the Club to website viewers."

Members Who Are Making a Difference

Tom Dickau introduced CPCC member **Dan DeLuca**, well known as a Meriden historian and author of the book The Old Leatherman, who has been in the news recently. Dan was called upon this past summer by Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, CT state archaeologist, to help research human bones found during the excavation of the land that is to become the new Emergency Room for Yale New Haven Hospital. When these bones were determined to be from the mid 1800's, Dan called upon fellow

CPCC member **Joe Taylor** with his expertise and vast pictorial database on historical New Haven to see what stood on this property during the 19th century.

Joe was able to find a picture (a Carte-de-Visite or CDV) of St John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 20 York St. with its cemetery adjacent to it. St. John's replaced Christ Church, the first Catholic Church in New Haven. This cemetery, which once held 550 bodies, stood on the ground now being excavated for the new portion of the hospital.

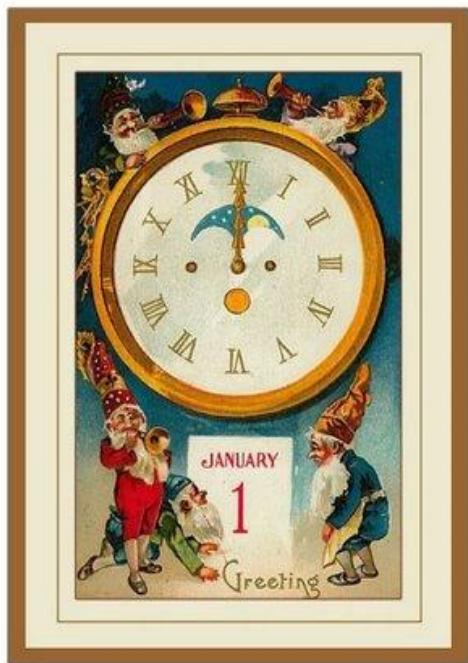
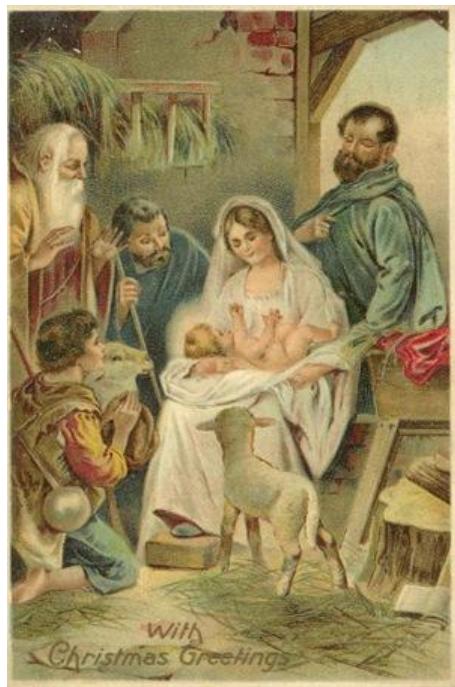
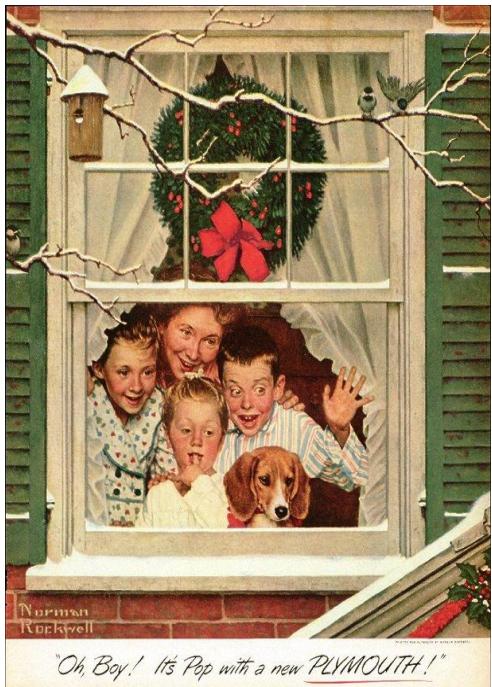
(For you historians, Christ Church was destroyed by fire in 1848, and was replaced by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in 1858. The cemetery was no longer used after 1851 and grave markers were removed in 1898; however the bodies remained. Over time the existence of the burial ground was forgotten, and the land sold to Yale New Haven Hospital who in ignorance capped the land and built over it.

[http://easthaven.patch.com/articles/long-forgotten-cemetery-lies-beneath-yale-new-haven-hospital\)](http://easthaven.patch.com/articles/long-forgotten-cemetery-lies-beneath-yale-new-haven-hospital)

Tom Dickau has also lately been making strides, in his community of Bristol. Tom gave a slide presentation of his postcards depicting Bristol life in 1911 as part of a celebration by the Bristol Historical Society celebrating its 100th anniversary of incorporation as a city. Tom mentioned that recently the groundskeeper at the BHS headquarters came across a brick engraved with the year 1911 in the buildings' façade.

Just as in our previous story, Tom, with his wealth of knowledge of the history of Bristol, knew of the building, originally Bristol's high school, built in 1890. He speculated that the brick was engraved by a student government group at the time called the Ivy Club. The plans are now to reset the stone with a time capsule behind it containing postcards and other documents commemorating this year's landmark anniversary.





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Our 57th year

2012 CPCC MTG. DATES

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We're looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 18th at the K of C. Don't forget to bring a dish that will feed eight or more. Please no deserts – the club supplies cake. Also, please bring items for the auction – either donation to the club, or 20% to the club - please specify.

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