

CONNECTICUT POSTCARD CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2012

Board of Directors for 2012 are:

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The club meets 5 times a year on the 3rd Sunday of the month 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

Merritt/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:


Greetings Connecticut Postcard Club members! It's hard to believe, but winter is almost over and that means spring is around the corner and it's time for our first meeting of 2012. This will be great chance to catch up with fellow deltiologists --- and of course there will be opportunities to buy postcards as you can always count on several dealers and/or club members offering cards for sale. I encourage you all to come to the meeting and help kick off the start of the new season. I'm excited to be your new President and have several ideas I'd like to share with all of you in the hopes we can help a good club become an even better one. No one person or board of officers can do that alone.....it takes involvement from as many of you as we can get. So here's hoping for a terrific turnout on Sunday, March 18thLooking forward to seeing you.

Morgan Hassenmayer

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.

JohnQuimby



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Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting December 18, 2011

The Governing Board met at approx. 12 noon. President Tom Dickau presided. Present were Pam Hutchinson, Morgan Hassenmayer and Jose Rodriguez. Joe Taylor and John Quimby were in the kitchen helping prepare the luncheon scheduled to be served at approx. 12:30.

Tom Dickau wanted to review the Agenda for the General Business Meeting to take place after the luncheon. He asked Jose Rodriguez to present a brief Treasurer's Report and Recommendations for charitable contributions by the Club at year end as has been customary at our Christmas meeting. He reviewed the slate of nominees for the 2012 Governing Board and mentioned that Ralph Edson would nominate the slate from the floor at the General Business Meeting.

At this point, Morgan mentioned that she had attended the Festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford and thought it might be a good idea if the Club would sponsor a Christmas tree display in 2012 at the Festival with any proceeds from the sale of the tree to go towards our charitable Club donations. She indicated that she would volunteer to decorate the tree and ask for suggestions and help from the general membership for this project. Jose mentioned that Tom Dickau had earlier in the day talked to him about the possibility of the Club designing a Christmas Tree ornament and sell it as a fundraiser for the Club. Tom Dickau said that he has been involved with a similar effort for the Forestville Village Association and it had been very successful. 250 pewter ornaments had been made for them and all but 3 had sold at \$10 each with a net profit to the Association of approx. \$1200. Jose said that he thought both projects had merit and should be discussed further at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned as the luncheon tables were ready.

Notes on the Christmas Luncheon

The luncheon took place between 12:30 and 1:30 in the afternoon. Approx. 50 members were in attendance at this time with about a dozen other members having come and gone prior to the event as they could not stay for the entire day. The luncheon tables were full with a large variety of hot and cold foods including a variety of breads, cold cuts, deli salads, shrimp cocktail, cheese, dips etc. Hot dishes included Italian stuffed shells, meatballs, baked ziti, sausage and peppers, macaroni in meat sauce, baked beans and more. The Club provided a variety of sodas; coffee and hot tea and several members brought white and red wines. The kitchen crew did a superb job of arranging everything beautifully. There was enough for all and enough for second servings. Everyone served themselves buffet-style and then sat at tables decorated with red and green tablecloths. Following the meal, the kitchen crew cleared the serving tables and arranged a beautiful spread of deserts including a Club provided sheet cake shaped in the form of a postcard. Pies, cookies and various types of cakes were available for all. Earlier in the morning various members had brought doughnuts and muffins and the Club provided coffee and hot tea. No one went home hungry and a good time was had by all.

Minutes of the General Business Meeting December 18, 2011

President Tom Dickau called the General Business Meeting to order at approx. 1:45 pm. He announced that following the meeting the Club's annual auction would be held and urged everyone to take a look at the many lots of postcards, supplies and misc. paper collectibles that would be sold to the highest bidder. He thanked the membership for the support he had received during his years as President of the Club and commented on the camaraderie and good will that was in evidence in the Club. He asked for a round of applause and thank you to the following members who helped with the kitchen duties and preparation of the luncheon tables: Candace Callan, Jocelyn Quimby, Theresa Rafter, Aida Rodriguez, John Quimby, Bill Callan, Pam Hutchinson and Tom Dickau.

At this point, he called on Jose Rodriguez for recommendations on the Club's charitable giving for 2011 and a brief Treasurer's Report.

Jose Rodriguez recommended that the Club reaffirm its charitable donations as follows:

\$100 to the Salvation Army

\$100 to the Connecticut Food Bank

\$100 to the New Haven Soup Kitchen

\$100 to the New Haven Museum

These amounts are the same as were donated in 2010. Jose Rodriguez also recommended that we renew and increase our

Donations to the Animal Haven of North Haven and the Meriden Rescue Animal League from \$50 each to \$75 each. He indicated that the need at these "no kill" shelters was greater than ever because of the large number of abandoned pets that needed rescue, health care and adoption during these hard economic times. He then asked for any comments, questions or additional recommendations from the floor.

Ralph Edson inquired about the state of the Club's Treasury asking whether the balances were increasing year to year. Jose stated that the Treasury was healthy and stable. He said that ending balances were generally slightly lower in the past few years due to loss of some revenue from the annual postcard show and lower membership dues. He further stated that as Treasurer he prepares an annual summary of revenues and expenses and the report is published in the March newsletter and these reports can be studied to determine trends over time. Jose then indicated that the current balance in the Club's deposit account was \$7,241.99 before year-end payments of hall rent, donations and Christmas party expenses. Ralph Edson then stated that in his opinion the Club did not need to have such high balances and could well afford to double its charitable contributions to the Salvation Army, the Connecticut Food Bank and the New Haven Soup Kitchen.

Art Johnson then stepped forward and said that he felt the Club should increase its donations to the animal shelters previously mentioned to the \$100 level as \$50 or \$75 would not go very far in feeding the many dogs and cats housed at these shelters.

Jose asked for any further comments or recommendations. Jane Bouley suggested that the Club adopt Jose's recommendations with no changes. At this point Tom Dickau suggested that a vote be held on Jose's recommendations and then a vote on Ralph's recommendation and a vote on Art Johnson's motion. Votes were held. Jose's recommendations were voted on and passed unanimously. Ralph's motion that the donations to the Salvation Army, the CT Food Bank and the New Haven Soup Kitchen be increased from \$100 to \$200 each was adopted by majority vote. Similarly, Art Johnson's motion that the Club's donations to the North Haven and Meriden animal rescue groups be increased from \$75 to \$100 was adopted by majority vote.

In summary, the following will be the donations for 2011

Salvation Army	\$200
CT Food Bank	\$200
New Haven Soup Kitchen	\$200
New Haven Museum	\$100
Animal Haven, Inc.	\$100
Meriden Animal League	\$100
Total Giving	\$900

Tom Mills then asked what the terms of the contract were for meeting hall rent with the Columbus Lodge and whether any increases in rent were anticipated for 2012 or thereafter. In response, Jose Rodriguez stated that although most organizations using the hall had to prepay rent on a per use basis, we paid the rent on an annual basis given the many years that we had been renting from the Lodge. He stated that the Lodge has never increased the rent from its original \$100 per meeting but that approximately 8 years ago, the Club voluntarily increased its rental rate to \$175 per meeting as a way of helping the Lodge with its financial difficulties at the time. The Columbus Lodge was very pleased with the gesture of good will shown by the Club and had not ever asked for more rent. Tom Mills asked whether meeting dates for 2012 and beyond had been set. Jose indicated that every year in October he reserves the meeting dates for the subsequent year and that those dates were already set for 2012 and published in the latest newsletter.

Ralph Edson was asked to present the slate of nominees for election to the Governing Board for the year 2012.
Ralph

Presented the slate as follows:

For President	Morgan Hassenmayer
For Vice President	Joe Taylor
For Treasurer	Jose Rodriguez
For Corresponding Secretary	Pam Hutchinson
For Membership Secretary	Joanne Coykendall
For Newsletter Editor	John Quimby

Ralph then asked for any other nominations from the floor. As none were offered, he asked for a vote for the slate as presented. A vote was held and the slate was elected unanimously.

At this point, Tom Dickau expressed thanks to Jose Rodriguez for all he does for the Club as Treasurer and behind the scenes. The general membership applauded in approval. Applause was also given to Tom Dickau for his years of service.

A drawing of the 50/50 Raffle was then held. Morgan Hassenmayer was asked that her first official act as President-elect be to draw the winning ticket. The ticket was drawn and the winner stepped forward, Susan Mohn of North Haven. She and the Club split \$65 equally. Katie Coleman spent the morning selling the 50/50 tickets to the membership. Thank you Katie for the excellent help you provide.

The meeting was adjourned.

NOTES ON THE AUCTION

The annual auction began at approx. 2:30pm with Tom Dickau as auctioneer, Charles Casella and Linda Manning as runners, and Jose Rodriguez as keeper of the book. Most lots submitted were on consignment with 20% to the Club. Some were donated with 100% of the sale proceeds to the Club. Twenty one lots were sold realizing a gross total of \$387. The highest selling lot was a box lot of approx. 600 Real Photo misc. view cards that realized \$110. After payouts to consignors, the Club netted \$133. Thank you to Jane Bouley and Linda Manning for their donations to the auction and to consignors William Callan, Katie Coleman, Tom Mills and Susan Mohn. Thank you also to the bidders: Art Johnson, Don Richards, Bill Callan, Morgan Hassenmayer, Linda Manning, Jose Rodriguez, Katie Coleman, Joe Taylor and Ethel Castles.

Respectfully submitted

Jose Rodriguez
December 19, 2011

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2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting Balance on January 1, 2011 \$6,522.36

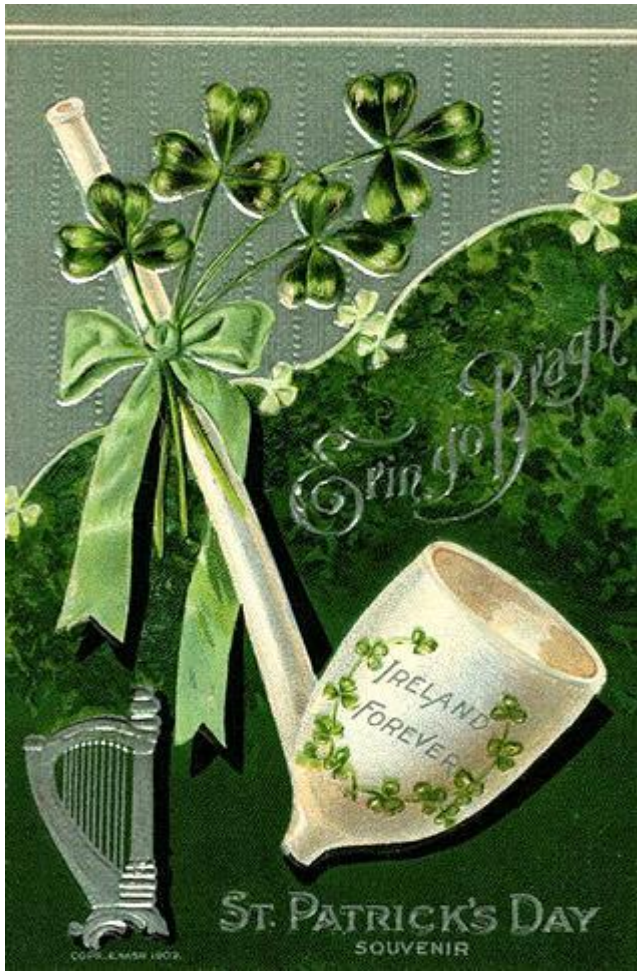
2011 Revenues

Membership Dues	\$1,799.00
Show Dealer Fees	\$2,181.00
<i>Show Admission Fees</i>	<i>\$ 128.00</i>
Auction, Donations & Raffle	\$ 230.44
Total Revenues	\$4338.44

2011 Expenditures

Show Expenses	\$2,012.45
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 397.63
Membership Expenses	\$ 88.00
Food & Entertainment	\$ 257.86
Liability Insurance	\$ 808.00
K of C Hall Rent	\$ 875.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 900.00
Misc.	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$5,348.94
Deficit	(1,010.50)
Ending Balance at December 31, 2011	\$5,511.86

Respectfully submitted,
Jose L. Rodriguez, Treasurer
February 29, 2012



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Our 58th year

2012 CPCC MTG. DATES

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We're looking forward to seeing you on **Mar. 18th** at the K of C.