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Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club

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Happy Birthday To Us!

## TS & CC Is **10** Years Old!

By Larry Benson

Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club celebrates its 10th birthday during the month of March. That's why the postmark type "logo" in our banner reads "TALLAHASSEE FL MAR 1988 32302."

It was on the second Tuesday evening in March 1988, that a small group of perhaps six people first met in the Community Room of Tallahassee Community Hospital to organize a stamp club. (An earlier attempt to form a club at the Senior Center by a few collectors did not succeed.)

Membership rosters do not go back that far, but among the first 10 members who joined and are still active are Mike Paulson, who was founding President, Larry Benson, Bruce and Pat McDonald, King Reynolds, and Bob Tedcastle.

### Meeting Locations Moved

Soon after being formed, the Club had to move from the hospital so we relocated to a dimly lit bar which was far from ideal in the activity room of an apartment complex in Killlearn. Not long afterward, we moved again, this time to the Tallahassee Community College (TCC)

Foundation Board Room on John Knox Road.

It became obvious after a few meetings that the room was not going to be large enough as we began to add new members each month. By this time, the membership numbered around 20 stamp collectors.

As expected, we soon overflowed the TCC Foundation room so we were on the move one more time to the Cafeteria on the TCC Appleyard Drive campus. But still another move was in our future and we soon moved again to a Sunday school room at Faith Assembly of God church.

### Club Issues First Cover

On October 7, 1989, TS&CC prepared and issued a cover commemorating the opening of a Philatelic Window in Tallahassee in the Main Post Office on South Adams.

Jim McNaughton was elected as our second President in 1990 when Mike's term ended. By July 1991, members began to express concern about meeting at the church and a committee was appointed to find yet another more convenient and, hope-

fully permanent location. Finally, on September 10, 1991, Club meetings were moved to the Art Annex at the Senior Citizen Center. After five moves during the first three years in existence, the TS&CC has found a home at the Senior Center and has recently been shifted to the larger "dance room" on the first floor of the main building.

### Leadership Changes

Jim resigned as President in June 1991 and Vice President Larry Benson assumed leadership of the Club. Don Plaskett was Treasurer and Shirley Widd served as Secretary.

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In The **POSTROAD** Ahead

**Apr. 14** - Members' Auction  
Bring Items to Auction Off!

**May. 12** - Being A Stamp Dealer  
By Phil Spitzer

**Jun. 9** - Stamp "Preserves"  
By Larry Benson

**Jul. 14** - Program Needed -  
Any Volunteers?

Meetings 7:30 p.m. in Senior Center  
Corner N. Monroe and 7th Avenue.

## *It's Time To Pay Your 1998 Dues*

Members should begin paying their dues in April and will have one month to do so before they are considered to be delinquent.

If dues are not paid by June 1, membership is revoked which places members in inactive status and suspends all benefits and services including *The Postscript*.

Your 1998 Dues Statement is enclosed. Please complete it and mail to our post office box or give the form and your check to Club Treasurer "**Lyn**" **McCauley** at the next meeting.

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## **1998 Club Officers Elected in December**

New officers for 1998 were elected at the December meeting. Beginning their terms of office in January are **Ed Walters**, President; **Jules Gall**, Vice President; **Lynwood McCauley**, Treasurer, **Gwynn Peacock**, Secretary and **Larry Benson**, Editor.

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## *Welcome New Members*

TS&CC welcomes new members **Marilyn Proctor**, **Sarah Jordan** and **Jim Kemp** who joined since the last newsletter was published.

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## **Miller Silver Medal For Estonia Exhibit**

**Ken Miller** won a Silver medal for his Estonia Exhibit at FLOREX '97 held in Orlando in November. Congratulations, Ken!

## **Consider Helping Stamps for Wounded**

Submitted by Gene Densmore

"Stamps for the Wounded" (SFTW) is a volunteer philatelic service of the Lions Club International Stamp Club. Since 1942, the Lions have gathered ordinary postage stamps and donated them to wounded veterans in some 130 VA hospitals and convalescent centers around the country.

Stamps can give a bedridden, long-treatment and convalescent patients an interest. They can sort and mount stamps without effort even while lying in bed. Ambulatory and wheel-chair patients can pass many happy hours soaking, drying and mounting stamps in their albums.

Even the far-withdrawn, mentally disabled patients find pleasure in using the more common stamps to make fanciful greeting cards or to cover decorative boxes in organized therapy sessions.

### **Contributions Tax Deductible**

Donations of cash, stamps, covers and stamp supplies are deductible at **fair market value** for firms or individuals. Cash donations are used to buy albums, hinges, magnifiers, catalogues and other stamp accessories.

All philatelic material is wanted including United States and foreign stamps and covers. Envelopes from your daily mail and those with special postmarks, first-day covers, first air mail flights, etc., are also solicited and welcomed.

However, badly torn, damaged or defective stamps, whether older or modern are **not** wanted.

## *Here's How To Help Stamps For Wounded*

1. Leave at least a quarter inch margin of paper around the stamps you tear or cut off envelopes or packages. **Don't** soak stamps or sort them into packets; this work is much of the fun for the hospitalized collector.

2. You can separate stamps into three groups: canceled U.S., uncanceled U.S., and foreign stamps. Ship them together, of course.

3. Pack your stamps well before shipping so your parcel won't break open during transit.

4. If you request a tax receipt, include an estimate of value citing your reference source (stamp catalogue, dealer buy or sell lists, auction realizations) or an appraisal.

5. Be sure to print your name and return address on your parcel so SFTW will know who sent in the packet.

### **Where to Send Stamps/Covers**

Stamps, covers and philatelic items should be sent to the following address:

SFTW/LI  
Box 1125  
Falls Church, VA 22041

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### *Senior Center Invitation*

The Senior Citizen Center has invited TS&C to staff a table for only four hours on Thursday, May 21, as part of the Center's anniversary celebration. We need volunteers - call Ed Walters for schedule.

## **Birthday** - From Page 1

The first issue of the TS&CC *Newsletter* was published in July 1991. The first editor of our quarterly publication was Larry Benson who continues to serve in that capacity. The name was changed to *The Postscript* effective with the July-September issue of 1993 and a new improved computer-generated format was introduced.

During the December 1991 meeting, Larry Benson was reelected President, Don Plaskett Vice President, Pat McDonald Secretary and Ken Miller Treasurer. The same officers served during 1992 and 1993.

### **Springtime Tallahassee**

Members of TS&CC teamed up with local USPS personnel in the park downtown on April 4, 1992, to help apply the first official "Springtime Tallahassee" cancellation to covers. We have participated in every Springtime celebration since then servicing covers for the public.

On October 2, 1992, TS&CC again joined with USPS to apply a special cancellation promoting Stamp Collecting Month. In January 1993, the Club first displayed articles pertaining to stamp collecting in glass cases on the second floor of the Leon County Library.

In October of 1993, TS&CC members were at the Library again canceling covers bearing the Youth Classics stamps.

### **Live Auctions Held**

A series of "live auctions" was initiated in June of 1993 and remained popular for several years. They were eventually replaced by "silent auctions" held now at every meeting and "members' auctions" which are

conducted periodically and continue to be well received today.

New officers assumed their duties in January 1994. They were Don Plaskett President, Ken Miller Vice President, Shirley Widd, Secretary and Pat McDonald, Treasurer. These officers were reelected for another term in 1995.

Once again, Club members worked with USPS to apply special cancels to the "Wonders of the Sea" issues of October 1994. And, who can forget the BIG DAY on March 3, 1995, when Tallahassee was the first day of issue City for the "Florida Statehood" stamp. (That's the ugly one with the alligator rising out of the swamp!) We serviced and sold nearly 500 covers which brought \$885 net income.

### **New Officers for 1996**

Elections of officers for 1996 saw Mike Francis chosen as President, Bert Davis Vice President, Frances-Jeanne Hansen Secretary and Ed Walters Treasurer. These same officers also served a second term during 1997.

In April 1996, members braved the hot sun while canceling Springtime Tallahassee covers celebrating "The Arts in Bloom." The last such special cancel was offered at the Main Post Office on Adams Street on July 29, 1997, when the "Bobby Bowden Station" cancellation was applied to the "Legendary Football Coaches" stamps.

Currently, Ed Walters serves as TS&CC President, Jules Gall is Vice President, Lynwood McCauley Treasurer, Gwynn Peacock Secretary and newly added officer Larry Benson Editor.

### **Many Members Recognized**

Throughout the 10-year history of TS&CC, several members have been recognized for service rendered as judges at stamp shows, for articles published in national philatelic media and for exhibiting their stamps and covers at local as well as regional and national stamp shows.

And, just as importantly, many of our members have given excellent presentations at meetings covering subjects from watermarks to plate blocks, and from topical collecting to specializing in one country or region of the world.

Our membership has continued to grow from the first handful of members in 1988 to 70 today!

Annual dues to belong to TS&CC has remained unchanged since the beginning 10 years ago. Being able to keep our dues to a minimum is certainly a tribute to all the hard working members who have helped with fund raising projects and activities over the years. Certainly, the TS&CC leadership also has contributed, and continues to contribute, to the popularity, enjoyment and success of our Club.

### **Where Will Club Be In 2008?**

Where will TS&CC be 10 years from now? Hopefully, by the year 2008 we will be celebrating our Twentieth Birthday! That all depends upon those who follow us as motivated, active members and those who fill positions of leadership during the next decade.

But, in the meantime, let's enjoy one another on our Tenth Birthday!

**Happy Birthday To Us!**

THE PRESIDENT WISHES YOU...

## A HAPPY TENTH ANNIVERSARY!

By Ed Walters

### Happy Tenth Anniversary!

Each member is so important to the Club and I appreciate so much the willingness of each one to contribute in various ways to bring about an active and viable collectors fellowship.

We have come a long way in the past 10 years and look forward to growing and increased activity in years to come.

I hope to get better acquainted with each member and will appreciate your contacting me about any of your concerns.

If there is a collecting interest you would like to talk about, please volunteer for a program. If you need help putting a talk together, call on one of the more experienced collectors in our Club to help you.

### Let's Have Fun Collecting

Let's just have fun collecting! It's so nice to have someone to share similar interests. The club provides many services to the community.

Let people know we are available to help those with stamp collections.

See YOU at the next meeting.

## Upcoming Events

There are several upcoming events and the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club will be participating in many of them. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the following activities, so contact President Ed Walters at 385-8379 and sign up for a time when you can be on duty.

### Springtime Tallahassee April 4, 1998

In The Park Downtown

### Senior Center Anniversary May 21, 1998

At The Senior Center

### Library Display Month of July 1998

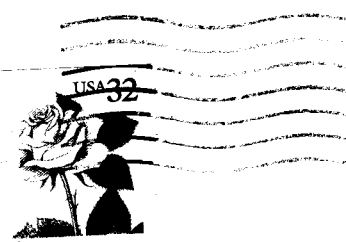
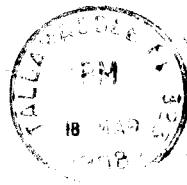
Help Set Up Exhibit in Glass Case

*Sign Up Today to Give  
A Talk at a Club Meeting*

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