

# The Bulletin

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB,  
Tuesday February 7
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB  
Wednesday February 1
- KW PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
Thursday February 9
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB  
Wednesday February 15
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB  
Tuesday February 21

### One Page Exhibits—

#### upcoming topics:

February: Birds

March: Back of the Book

April: TBA

## THE GRAY JAY

### *Canada's National Bird?*

By Lloyd Pfeffer

We still do not have a national bird. I believe it was the Canadian National Geographic Society that voted the Gray Jay should be our national bird, and I am one who believes it should be as well.

The bird's Latin name (*Perisoreus Canadensis*) has Canada in it, how Canadian is that! The Grey Jay, or Canadian Jay, is found in all our provinces and territories, although in Ontario it is not found south of Algonquin Park – I would not disqualify it for that, likely pollution, habitat loss and pesticides are to blame. It is after all a Boreal bird, liking northern forests and wide open spaces!

The bird is a very friendly creature – it will often come and join you for lunch in those northern forests, and may sit on your hand. It is friendly and welcoming, although not overly colourful – again, how Canadian!

As a true northerner, the Canadian Jay does not wing it south with the first bite of winter – it stays here in the winter months and endures the cold and snow. It's intelligence is demonstrated by the fact that it will cache food stores, and remember where those caches are located. (continued on Page 4)



## ***THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN .....WALT BERRY***

As we enter the new year, the weather forces us inside to keep warm and safe. This is a great time to refresh one's collection and take stock of what we have and what should be moved to another collector's stock of treasures. Over the course of time one has a tendency to save items – interests do change as time moves forward.

Over the last month, our club has lost one of its members – Dr. George Vanner passed away. He was a valued member of the club – specializing in stamps of the South Pacific Islands. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Joanne and family.

I will have an opportunity to connect with fellow collectors of the Rotary On Stamps Fellowship during a June 7 to 17 2017 trip to my first Rotary International Conference in Atlanta Georgia. As of about one month ago, more than 30,000 Rotarians & guests had registered for the conference... including many stamp collectors belonging to the ROS Fellowship. It should be an interesting time. Volunteers man a booth in the House of Friendship over the course of the conference – answering questions and supplying stamps for a “picking table”.



During the April 2017 meeting, the club will once again have an auction of better quality items to enable members to move these items to new homes. Clear & accurate descriptions of good quality items must be provided to our bulletin editor for inclusion in the MARCH bulletin. Each item should have a reserve price along with the description. Appreciating everyone is looking for a bargain in their purchases, it is expected that both the buyer and the seller will treat each other with proper respect and price /bid for items accordingly.

Happy Stamping!!

### **What's coming up...**

*See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:*

**February 4—Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show**

**February 11—Burlington Stamp Club—Burlpex**

**February 25—St. Thomas Stamp Club Annual Show**

**March 11—Oakville Stamp Club Annual Show**

**March 18 2017—OXPEX/OTEX oxford Philatelic Society show**

**April 22—KW Philatelic Society STAMPFEST 2017**

**May 2016—Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show**



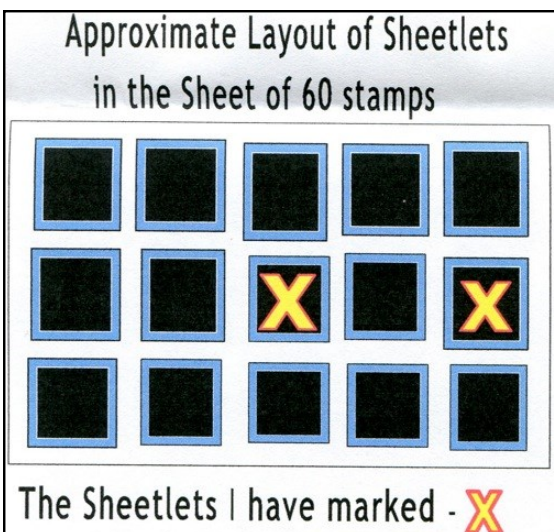
**ANOTHER ‘MEASURED’ MOMENT.....*Jim Measures***

**MELBOURNE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION 1928**

It has often been said that we should support our dealers, especially at Stamp Shows where they pay a table fee. A good reason for this is that they get to know your collecting interests and can locate an elusive item for you. Such is the case for me in my search for a souvenir sheet from the 1928 Philatelic Exhibition in Melbourne.

In support of this exhibition the Australia Post issued a souvenir sheetlet of four blue 3d stamps showing a Kookaburra. The initial printing was in sheets of 60 stamps divided into 15 sheetlets of four with blank selvedge around each sheetlet. These were issued first at the exhibition on October 19 1928. They were not available at other postal outlets until November 2 when the stamps appeared in full sheets of 120 stamps, rather than divided into sheetlets. Only 5,043,000 of these stamps were printed, most in the larger sheets of 120, therefore the intact sheetlets are rather scarce, and have been on my “Want List” for some time.

As a result of taking time to talk to dealers and share my want lists with them, two dealers have in the past year found copies of the scarce 1928 sheetlet for me. At first I thought that I had a du-



plication, however upon examining my second purchase, I found that I have two different sheetlets. One sheetlet has a straight edge on the right side revealing that it is from the right side of the sheet of 15, while my other sheetlet has perforations all around showing that it is one the three internal sheetlets in the sheet of 15.

In summary, I am so glad that I have made friends among the dealers who support this hobby (addiction!) of mine!

# Saugeen Stamp Club

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Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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## GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

*The next GRVPA Directors meeting is January 10 2017.*

## The Gray Jay—continued

Alternate choices for national bird could include the loon, but they are well represented on the one dollar coin; the Canada Goose, but they are noisy polluters; the Blue Jay, but they have a baseball club named after them; and the chickadee, but they are a provincial bird. I say that the Gray or Canadian jay is the bird that should represent our country and our people. And you have your own stamp (Scott #478), issued February 15 1968, and a very attractive stamp it is!



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