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New Year's Eve in a Stamp Den Gone Wrong

A poem by Ian Robertson

'Twas the night before New Year's and all
through my den,
papers were falling and I searched for a pen.

With Christmas far gone and my cat at my feet,
I decided my album needed notes that were
neat.

The years had passed quickly, with work need-
ing done,
leaving plans to mount stamps that were barely
begun.

They lay about, mostly, in singles and packets,
a few were in stock books, and some in my
jacket.

Now where are those tongs, the ones with flat
tips,
to handle definitive and commemoratives with-
out leaving rips.

Perf gauges and rulers of several lengths,
sat beside magnifiers with varying strengths.

With visions of pages masterfully drawn,
I reached for some ink and stifled a yawn.

It was late in the day as my arm brushed a
ledge,
something tiny fluttered down; I felt slightly on
edge.

I stood up so quickly, the chair fell with a clatter,
my cat bounded from sight, spilling ink all a-
spatter.

I grabbed for the lamp, the one near the door,
to cast away shadows on the dust on the floor.

The light cast a glow on the rug 'neath my chair,
showing stamps, tongs and hinges all mixed
with cat hair.

I thought for a moment, that what I was seeking
had once graced the cover of an old Christmas
greeting.

I'd placed it in water, as I had been taught,
later drying it a while, then clearly forgot.

Was it the tiny commemorative, with the angels
and snow
that lay lost from my sight amid the clutter be-
low?

Down on my knees, I began sifting and sort-
ing,
with dust balls and damaged fillers cavorting.

Then, just as my thoughts turned into dreams
about bed,
I was filled with a feeling of horror and dread.

Beside a pool of black ink a tiny image ap-
peared,
my eyes opened widely, my thoughts became
clear.

That's no modern stamp that lies over there.
My hands began shaking, my vision just
stared.

Could it be that full-margined nice Penny
Black,
now soaked with a stain that no bleach could
attack?

With fingers barely moving, I kept it face
down,
wishing for a miracle that would end my grim
frown.

Stumbling to the window I through open the
sash,
by the light of the moon, I saw in a flash.

It wasn't Queen Victoria's face on the stamp.
As I spotted a snowflake, both eyes became
damp.

The old gem was quite safe, still tucked on the
shelf.
What the ink had well-covered featured an elf.

Feeling quite chaffed at my clumsy pursuit,
I couldn't resist and let out a hoot.

What a way to mark New Year's in a room that
went wrong.
I couldn't resist and began humming a song.

Instead of just mounting misplaced stamps in
a book,
I began tidying a bit, in my overstuffed nook.

It may take a while, I exclaimed right out loud,
but keeping things sorted could make me
quite proud.

As the clock chimed in midnight, I closed my
den door. In the light of the day, I would re-
turn to do more.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Sat Jan 7

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed Jan 4

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed Jan 18

Guelph Stamp Club
Tues Jan 3
Tues Jan 17

KW Philatelic Society
Thurs Jan 5

Check with the club be-
fore going to its meet-
ing.

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EXHIBITS

UPCOMING

TOPICS

JAN -

The Colour Red

FEB -

Horse Drawn Vehicles

MAR -

King Charles III

Message from the President

"We can stand proud for responding to the need of persons in the service area of Hanover"
- Salvation Army.

Through your donations of non-perishable food and material for the auction, the Saugeen Stamp Club membership was able to make a donation of \$500.00 (plus the food) to the Hanover Christmas food bank.

Thank you everyone for reaching out to touch the lives of others – even though many of the members live outside of this service area. A big "thanks" to Peter and Ken for managing the auction; Judy for taking care of the money; to Cliff for arranging to deliver the money and food and taking the picture. Bill is making contact with the Hanover Post with a write up and picture (this is a great community interest story). And of course, thank you to all who made purchases through the auction.

Remember, our January and February meetings are on Saturday from 1:00 – 3:00. Our annual show is on May 6th in the Walkerton Legion on Scott St – hours are 10:00 to 3:00.

May you have a safe holiday season with family and friends. Keep well and stay safe



Merry Christmas!!

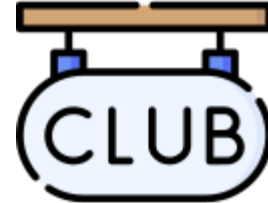
Happy New Year!!

Another Measured Moment

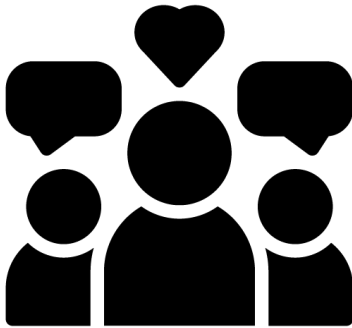
I have long believed that it is almost immoral for a person to be a member of any club, church or country, and not contribute in some way to the success of that society. I was therefore interested to come across the following poem.

Do You Just Belong

Author Unknown



Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you contented that your name is on the list?



Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock?

Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you work on committees? To this there is no trick;
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

Please come to the meetings often, and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.



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Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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Saturday May 6 2023

Saugeen Stamp Club

Annual Show

Royal Canadian Legion

505 Scott St Walkerton

Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / exhibits

Dealers / Circuit Books / lunch counter

Free admission / free parking

Further information contact:
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REMEMBER—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The regular meetings for January and February are planned and booked for:

When: Saturday January 7th and February 4th.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Our Regular Location St Matthew's Church

Why: To save from night driving in bad weather

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