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President's corner

What we do

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

The officers of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs get together every few months to discuss affairs of the organization and the state of philately in general. Our winter meeting, which I have tried to make into a tradition, is held at the birthplace of the WFSC in downtown Fond du Lac in January or February.

We tend to schedule the other meetings in southeastern Wisconsin for these reasons: 1) That's where we can find a number of stamp shows to attract our attention when we're not wrestling with the weighty problems of the Federation. 2) Chairmen at the shows have been accommodating enough to find a room for us to meet, and 3) That's where a lot of the officers and committee heads live.

The individual clubs in the embrace of the Federation overflow the state borders – into Illinois to the south and into Michigan to the north. The officers and committee heads, however, tend to cluster toward the southeast. Until the board approved the appointment of a new Central Region vice president at its most recent

meeting, I had the distinction of being the board member from the farthest north.

The addition of Mike Lenard of Wausau to replace Gregg Greenwald of Marshfield as Central Region VP changes that [See related story on Page 5]. Mike has a long history of service to promote philately in Wisconsin through his home club, the Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, and in past affiliation with the Federation. In fact, he is a member of the WFSC Philatelic Hall of Fame.

I was gratified when he called to volunteer, and I'm confident that he will maintain contact with the clubs in his region, which include the Chippewa Valley Stamp Club in the Eau Claire area, the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club of Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids, and the Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club of Rhinelander.

(I know there are other stamp clubs not yet affiliated with the WFSC that Mike could also help. I have heard of clubs in the LaCrosse area and Minocqua, for example. If you have contact information for these or other clubs please send the information to Mike or me.)

Service is the lifeblood of the Federation, and I think it's a good idea to consider this fact from

time to time. That's why I started this column with a brief description of the executive board of the WFSC.

The people whose names you find in the list of officers in every issue of this newsletter deserve our praise. Most of them for years have been dedicated enough to represent you at our formal meetings and at informal gatherings and at meetings of local clubs.

Yes, they have concerned themselves when issues affecting the hobby have popped up. They have looked for ways to help, resolve conflicts, meet challenges and increase interest in philately. Primarily, I think (though it sounds at first blush to be almost incidental), they have been willing to put their names on the line and serve.

These are women and men who not only enjoy collecting stamps but want to help others have fun. Without them and others like them in a procession that trails back several generations, the hobby would be much less rich.

Every once in a while I hear a challenge or question: What does the WFSC do, or why should collectors be involved with it? It's a legitimate question, and I try to address it in

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We - still - need you !

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions.

Secretary: The Federation's secretarial duties may be divided among two or more people. We still need someone to fill this vital position. Duties are typical of a secretarial position: Prepare executive board meeting agendas, record and submit minutes, submit reports, respond to inquiries and maintain files.

Stamp Suggestion Chairman: Recommend to the USPS stamp subjects with Wisconsin connections and help to promote ceremonies in conjunction with stamps issued in Wisconsin or having Wisconsin connections.

Blue Book Coordinator: Ensure that the information and guidelines in the Federation's *Blue Book* procedures for stamp show organizers are accurate and up to date.

Chairman, Judging Committee. The chairman coordinates WFSC judges for shows with competitive philatelic exhibits.

To volunteer or nominate someone for these positions, please contact President Maurice D. Wozniak.

Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Parnell Ryan, a member of the Waukesha County Philatelic Society, last spring, President MaryAnn Bowman promised to bake a cake for him. Instead, Ryan said he'd rather have a pizza.

As reported in the club's newsletters, Bowman asked him, "What kind?"

"Big!" he said.

So at the next meeting, the group enjoyed pizza and soft drinks and sang Happy Birthday to the honored guest. The program for the night was a short show-and-tell by club members. When it was his turn, Ryan said, "I'm glad to be here."

The rest of the club was glad too, we're sure. It's any excuse for a party when it comes to the fellowship of a stamp club - and a 90th birthday trumps a lot of other excuses.

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Program ideas

Members of the Waukesha County Philatelic Society continue to provide a large part of the club's programs - and by doing so earn "stamp bucks" that they can use for stamp goodies at a yearly auc-

tion. "Show-and-tell" is a popular theme, with such specific emphasis as "Summer Stampin'" (on members' summer activities) and "Non-Philatelic" cloth items other than T-shirts (such as tote bags, caps and wall hangings).

Another kind of show-and-tell is an Alphabet Night, for which members bring things to a meeting that begin with a certain letter. ATA Chapter 5, Waukesha, did "S," for example, and suggested a country (like Sweden), a philatelic term (such as a souvenir sheet), a subject (such as Santa Claus or Carl Schurz), or a topic (such as snowmen or soccer).

The Kenosha Stamp & Cover Club saw the American Philatelic Society slide show on "The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893." Members were urged to bring items from their collections related to the subject.

In its 12-month activities schedule, the Outagamie Philatelic Society, Appleton, has listed seven formal opportunities for members to acquire stamps or other items - two Swap Nights, three auctions, a Dealers Night and a Buy-Sell-Trade night. The Green Bay Philatelic Society has auctions planned at four out of 12 meetings.

A Badger Stamp Club

(Madison) member gave a talk on stamp collecting in China based on his experiences and observations while being there for some six months this year.

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What others are doing

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society moved its popular spring-time club auction to St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church when its usual site at Mayfair Mall was not available. The club has reserved the church site for Saturday, March 28, 2009,

Carol Schutta, editor of the Milwaukee Philatelist newsletter of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, included an all-too-short biography of Darren Mueller, MPS president. Even club officers are not well known to everyone in the club, and a regular newsletter feature introducing members and their collecting interests would make for interesting reading.

In an issue this fall, the newsletter of the Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club, West Bend, included a copy of an article in Linn's Stamp News on stamp-soaking issues.

"Start filling your piggy banks," the editor of the Kenosha Stamp & Cover Club bulletin, "Post Scripts"

observed in a look at plans for 2009 issues from the U.S. Postal Service.

The Jadeco Hobby and Stamp store in Stevens Point, where the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club has held one of its monthly meetings, has moved to 1808 Post Road, Plover, a few miles south. The club also meets monthly at McMillan Library in Wisconsin Rapids.

Information for "Clubs Are Trump" is gathered from club newsletters. Please send newsletters to Maurice D. Wozniak, 1010 Berlin St., Waupaca WI 54981.



Shown above is a bull's-eye, or socked-on-the-nose first-day-canceled 22c plate number single of the 1987 Contemporary Christmas issue, Scott 2368. Although many collectors create SOTN first-day cancels, these items can be challenging to locate.

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U.S. self-adhesive stamp soaking method that works

Al Harris

Time to soak stamps? Grab a bottle of 190-proof Everclear or an 80-proof bottle of Absolut.

Don't drink it! Use it as a solvent to dissolve the !#@%*& self-adhesive gum from the backside of contemporary United States stamps.

If you can brave the flashpoint and other dangers, with Everclear you can soak the gum off a single on-paper Forever self-adhesive in less than a minute. In less time than you can conventionally soak a tray or even a bathtub full of ordinary foreign stamps coated with commonplace gum, you can fill several blotter/drying books with no loss of color or damage to the stamp or paper (see comment below). In my opinion, alcohol even bleaches the paper somewhat without degrading the ink!

Absolut is tamer than Everclear. The risks are less, but the soaking time is greater.

Both do the job about equally well.

I've recently run experiments, based on my more than 35 years of experience in developing film and paper in a darkroom, plus many years as director of publicity and publications at Jacksonville (Alabama) State University. I'm now retired and have loads of time on my hands to soak stamps. I've found the following process works quickly and efficiently, and soaking is no longer a chore.

Many noxious solvents, including turpentine, have been recommended as a remedy for the USPS "goof-up" — i.e., gum that has no water-soluble layer and resists being soaked off envelope paper with lukewarm water.

I claim no originality for this fix. I'm no expert, and probably many others have discovered the same thing by accident (spill a little here, spill a little there and finally there's bound to be a soggy U.S. stamp stuck somewhere on your shot glass).

In my musings, I envisioned a darkroom approach.

I figured I could soak the stamps in straight lukewarm 80-proof Absolut vodka with a drop or two of Dawn dishwashing detergent as a wetting agent to help the stamp turn loose from the gum faster

As a photographer would do, I "agitated" or gently rocked my "dissolving tray" to help the alcohol erode the gum much better. The Dawn and alcohol work remarkably well together.

After a few minutes, I gently begin rubbing the gum side with my fingers and place the gum-free stamps on a paper towel. Lo and behold, the congealed gum rolls off the stamps easily, like a mass of depleted rubber cement. It looks like KY Jelly straight from the tube.

Then, as another experiment, I switched to Everclear, a nearly 100 percent full-grain alcohol that is widely available and cheap. It carries numerous warnings on the label. Take them seriously! Use good ventilation and turn off gas flames. The results were astounding! The Everclear cut the soaking time in half. I soaked from a standard paper envelope a U.S. self-adhesive in far less than a minute. The envelope paper would have dissolved, I think, had I not removed it quickly.

I experimented with cotton swabs on large batches of stamps (all U.S. commemoratives). Finally, using my fingers to massage the gum was much faster. I had to attend to the work continuously or the stamps would over-soak in the Everclear. Finally, I cut the Everclear with a little distilled water and the time became manageable but still fast. Experiment to see what's right for you.

The already-exposed gum on a Forever stamp acted rather like a snail dissolving in salt. By stripping a whole sheet of Forever stamps, I found the gum could finally be removed entirely with finger- or thumb-rubs long before the paper got too soggy.

The plan worked like a gem — and history overruns with real-life examples of solutions that arrive to us in dream packages. After several "trials," I tweaked the process and tested several alternate theories.

I found:

1.) Not just *any* alcohol will do. Don't use rubbing alcohol. Avoid bourbon and corn mash whisky as they usually include caramel coloring and other ingredients that can stain the stamps, leaving prematurely "old-looking"

soakers. The cheapest high-octane clear alcohol works as well as the most expensive, which you'd be better off sipping while you soak your stamps. Remember: Use the cheapest and highest-proof clear alcohol for stamps. Use the tamest, best-tasting alcohol for drinking.

For stamps you'll be using for craft projects, you can even soak some of your stamps in coffee — instant or ground bean, it matters not — after gum removal. This is how we used to do "sepia-toned" prints in the darkroom before the costly (and foul-smelling) commercial sepia solution came along. My wife, Patt, saves my culled (torn or damaged) stamps for decoupage, and so before I'm finished — and while the stamps are wet — I give them a long soak in coffee, as she loves the warm, brown hues.

I rinse, then dry them in a separate blotter book to avoid staining my good stamps.

2.) You can buy everything you need, excluding the alcohol, for about \$5 at a thrift store. You need only two trays; one for soaking and a slightly larger plastic tray or small tub for rinsing (agitate it by hand during rinsing unless you splurge on a professional model, or increase your son's allowance for providing agitating services).

Not knowing the long-term effects of alcohol on stamp paper and ink, even when hinged to acid-free album pages that remain closed so to avoid sunlight, I rinse my stamps about five minutes or longer in cold tap water, then begin removing them in small batches to the blotter paper. This gives me "insurance" time to pluck and blot a number of stamps that I can easily handle; otherwise, I'd find myself with a mound of stamps that would be drying and sticking together before I could place them into my drying press.

3.) For heaven's sakes, don't discard the used alcohol — and don't drink it, either!!! At all costs, keep the alcohol away from children! Instead, teach them soaking techniques with lukewarm water and foreign stamps. By the time you've soaked a large batch of stamps, the alcohol is laden with dissolved gum. Only someone who got an A in chemistry might

Better safe than sorry: A guide to the safe handling of alcohol

Everclear — 190-proof pure grain alcohol — is widely available and can be a very effective tool when used properly. **BUT**, it is a very dangerous, unstable and flammable fluid, and all warnings on the label (as well as those found here) must be heeded to prevent serious injury. It should never be used by children. These warnings cannot be overemphasized. Grain alcohol is an extremely strong solvent and is used as fuel. It burns fast and hot. Although it is drinkable when cut with distilled water or juice, pure alcohol can practically weld the esophagus shut if taken straight. Fumes are dangerous as well and can cause respiratory problems.

Emergency rooms see many patients who have passed out, vomited and inhaled it — a deadly situation.

Whenever using pure alcohol it is vital that there is sufficient ventilation. It should never be used within 50 feet of an open flame or even while smoking if you are a smoker. Anything that can cause a spark is enough to set it off.

Alcohol burns so white hot and fast that it is invisible. Emergency crews can't even see with the naked eye where the flames are.

Because it takes a lot of alcohol to handle multiple thousands of stamps, it has to be constantly replenished (grain alcohol evapo-

rates rapidly), and, as mentioned in the article, it soon becomes gelatinous. But that doesn't make the stuff any less flammable. Used alcohol should be stored and disposed of properly.

If you doubt the dangers of grain alcohol, pour a quarter cup on soil outside, stand back 10 feet, and throw lit match toward it.

Again, used in knowledgeable hands as a solvent, Everclear can be a safe and useful "tool" for removing adhesive from the backs of stamps. But, in the wrong hands, it can be deadly — no one would allow children to play with dynamite. Please be very careful.

know what it really contains, and it certainly can't be good for you. A brown plastic dark-room bottle is handy for storing old alcohol. Cheesecloth or nylon hose and funnel work well for removing solid matter and other particulates from the used "soup." Simply pour the leavings into the jug then rinse out the cheesecloth or nylon.

Keep a tight lid on the bottle of used alcohol. With luck, your used alcohol may last six months or much longer, depending on your level of stamp activity – never mind that it turns a bit gelatinous. In this regard, you can see how an approximate \$17 investment (in my state) in a tray full of Everclear (190-proof, 750 ml to the bottle) can cost less than pennies per use, especially if you cut it with distilled water. (Only college students and fools actually drink this stuff straight.)

4.) As opposed to darkroom work, light is not a problem. You can work anytime. Simply line your 8- by 10-inch or larger plastic trays in the bathtub or kitchen sink area under good light so you can see (as well as feel) when the gum is gone. Each globule you leave behind may represent a sticking point, so be thorough. Check with your spouse ahead of time to ensure you're not about to hold up someone's bath time or other personal matters.

5.) A wetting agent of some type is needed. You can spend \$15 or more for one of the commercial wetting agents, like Photo Flow solution, or you can spend fraction of pennies with

a drop or two of Dawn dishwashing detergent. Wetting agents help penetrate the paper without harming the stamp.

6.) After the job is done, blot and enter the stamps in your drying press. You'll find that the next day – if you've followed these points to the letter – the dried stamps will shake free and cascade from the press as easily as if you'd soaked older stamps in water. If not, you've missed a step or misunderstood a point.

In my experience, the No. 1 cause for sticky stamps in the drying press is that you've gotten in a hurry and not rinsed long enough to remove all the gum. And, remember, the longer you reuse the alcohol solution, the more dissolved gum accumulates in it. Don't be a miser: Start over with a fresh bottle occasionally!

6.) Other caveats to remember: Only time will tell how long the stamps can last before reacting to the alcohol process. I believe the stamps will last indefinitely. Fifty to a 100 years from now, you want your heir to be proud of the bright, like-new condition in which he finds his or her stamps in the albums you've bequeathed. You can test this process by speeding up the "aging" factor. Simply leave a dry, test set of stamps, hinged to acid-free paper, outdoors under blazing sun for a number of days (take indoors if rain is predicted, of course). After a month or six months of this (it's your call, but the longer the better), if there are no discernable age spots or discolorations, I'd call it a success.

Because I'm retired and liable to keel over

dead long before sufficient, exhaustive testing is done to prove just how long they'll hold up, I've neglected this step. Younger bodies coupled to more scientific brains than mine are required for this. But, if you can repeat the experiment I've outlined here and get the same results as I've reported, then we're on the right track.

I hope this article helps boost, renew and reinvigorate U.S. stamp collectors' interest in U.S. stamps once again. Don't let the necessarily cost-conscious USPS folks spoil your hobby. To hear many collectors tell it, they were on the brink of dumping or giving away their entire U.S. albums and collecting worldwide only. Many others said they were ending their U.S. collecting with the advent of the self-adhesive gum in 1974.

"My" system – now yours as my gift of gratitude to the many who have helped me – has some negative points. For example, every U.S. stamp coated with self-adhesive gum automatically becomes a soaker, so you'd better find a way to enjoy soaking. On the other hand, I enjoy quiet time in a darkroom or other "soaking space," listening to soft music and watching the soaking tub fill with my little gems.

If you have questions, please contact me for a problem-solving discussion. As I mentioned, I'm retired and have plenty of time to experiment — if the solution to your problem is not obvious and is of sufficient interest to others, I will work on it.

My e-mail: alofbama@netscape.com. And, if you find the soaking process helpful and feel charitable toward a disabled collector (me), send me a few of your good-condition used or duplicate commems, either U.S. or worldwide, on paper or off, at P. O. Box 265, Jacksonville, AL 36265.

By the way, I specialize in birds, insects, snakes, U.S. and worldwide scenics.

Santa Steam Train cancel available



Shown above is the special pictorial cancel designed for the Santa Steam Train in Plymouth, Wisc., Dec. 13. Cancels are available through Jan. 12, 2009, by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to Postmaster, Santa Steam Train Station, Plymouth, WI 53073-9998. For more information about the steam train, go to: <http://www.plymouthwisconsin.com/events.html>.

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some way at every board meeting.

In general, the answer is service, of course, but it's also social. Separating the two isn't easy.

The Federation tries to help member clubs do a better job of attracting and holding onto their members. It communicates, face-to-face and through this newsletter and our website, with collectors all over. It is a resource for people looking for information. It is a resource for the American Philatelic Society and other organizations seeking information on stamp collecting in Wisconsin.

We sponsor the annual Wiscopex show and

participate fully with the state's largest stamp show, Milcopex. We coordinate the dates of club shows to prevent conflicting dates.

Young and beginning collectors have long been an interest for the WFSC. We have helped to bring new rules of exhibiting to the front.

It is a satisfying role, and that's why the board members persist. Stamp collectors throughout the state are the beneficiaries of their efforts, and you can keep the tradition rolling. Your help can make the fun of our hobby known to more people. Help us to help you. Volunteer your time for the hobby. A full listing of our organization's needs appears at the bottom of Page 1.

WHO'S WHO IN THE HALL OF FAME

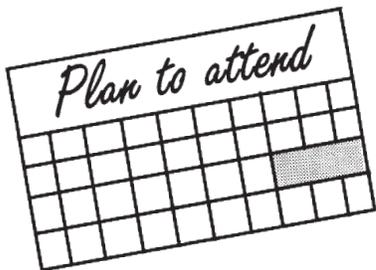
The Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame was established to recognize prominent Wisconsin philatelists for contributions to the hobby in the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

This series of short columns will familiarize *Across the Fence Post* readers with some of the individuals who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since 1976, as well as some of the interesting details about them.

Which individual most closely matches the following statements? The correct answer appears elsewhere in this issue of *ATFP*:

This month's HOF member was the first recipient of the APS Kerr Award established in 1991 for outstanding service in promoting philately, especially youth philately.

- (a) Verna Shackleton
- (b) Wayne Youngblood
- (c) Karen Weigt
- (d) MaryAnn Bowman



Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or other event here!
 Calendar listings are free for one WFSC member-club event per year. Classified advertising rates apply for all non-members and other events appearing in this section.

2008-09 WFSC show schedule*

*Some dates and details may be subject to change, and there will likely be additional listings.

Feb. 8, 2009

Janesville Annual Exhibition and Bourse
Janesville Stamp Club
 Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Pl.
 Janesville WI
Contact: Gary Wentworth
 (608) 756-1380, wnstamps@aol.com

Feb. 15, 2009

Stevens Point, Cenwispex '09
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club
 Show location to be announced.
Contact: J.D. Manville, P.O. Box 845,
 Stevens Point, WI 54481
 (715) 341-5555, jadeco@charter.net

Mar. 14-15, 2009

WISCOPEX/ROCKFORD '09
(Annual Convention and Philatelic
Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of
Stamp Clubs)
 Hosted by Rockford Stamp Club, Forest
 Hills Lodge, 9500 Forest Hills Rd.
 Rockford IL
Contact: Tim Wait, 1718 Northrock Ct.,
 Rockford, IL 61103 (815) 670-5869,
 t.wait@comcast.net

Mar. 21, 2009

Green Bay, Baypex '09
Green Bay Philatelic Society
 Best Western Midway Hotel, 780 Armed
 Forces Dr. (formerly known as Packer
 Dr.), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Ray D. Perry (920) 469-8925,
 fiveperrys@athenet.net

Mar. 28-29, 2009

West Allis, STAMPFEST '09
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So.
 92nd St., West Allis WI
Contact: Carol Schutta, 10250 W.
 Sharon Ln., #5, Milwaukee, WI 53225
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Apr. 19, 2009

Madison, Danepex '09
Badger Stamp Club
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington
 Ave. (across from East Towne Mall),
 Wadison WI, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Contact: Bob Voss, 5533 Kevins Way,
 Madison, WI 53714 (608) 221-2311,
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Apr. 25, 2009

Appleton, Outapex '09
Outagamie Philatelic Society
 Four Aces (formerly Columbus Club),
 2531 N. Richmond St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Contact: Al Marcus, (920) 725-0798
 allan.marym@hotmail.com)

May 9, 2009

Sheboygan Falls
Sheboygan Stamp and Coin Show,
Sheboygan Stamp Club
 Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo St.
Contact: Barbara Stohl, P.O. Box 907,
 Sheboygan, WI 53082, (920) 458-4883

June 13, 2009

Rhineland, Annual Show and Bourse
Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club
 James Williams Middle School, 915
 Acacia Ln., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Larry Marten, 3295 Hancock
 Lake Rd., Harshaw, WI 54529
 (715) 282-5636, lfmarten@yahoo.com /
 Bill Julian (715) 277-2692

June 27-28, 2009

West Allis, Tri-Pex Stamp Fair
ATA Chapter 5 & North Shore Phil. Soc.
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So.
 92nd St.
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E 1/8 page (2 1/4" x 3 3/4")	\$7.50	\$6.00
F Econo Ad (2 1/4" x 2 3/4")	\$3.75	\$3.00
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H Back page (7 1/4" x 9 1/2")	\$57.75	N/A

Please make checks payable to :W.F.S.C.

Remember...

Please use stamps on mail whenever possible!

Other major non-WFSC shows near Wisconsin (below):

May 22-24, 2009

Complex '09
Chicago Area Philatelic Societies,
 Forest View Educational Center, 2121
 So. Goebbert Rd., Arlington IL

July 17-19, 2009

Minnesota Stamp Expo
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Lenard Named Central VP for WFSC

Mike Lenard of Wausau has been named Central Region Vice President for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, President Maurice D. Wozniak announced.

In his position, Lenard will be responsible for coordination with four local clubs of stamp collectors, including his home club, the Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society. Other clubs in the region are the Chippewa Valley Stamp Club in the Eau Claire area, the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club of Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids, and the Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club of Rhineland.

Lenard, 65, is a retired postal worker. He has taken on leadership roles in the Wausau club and nationally. He is general chairman of the

Yugoslavia Study Group in the United States. He was named to the WFSC Philatelic Hall of Fame in the early 1990s.

A worldwide collector who specializes in Yugoslavia stamps, Lenard has been collecting since he was 8 years old.

Currently treasurer of the Wisconsin Valley club, Lenard was president for two widely separated two-year terms and also served a term as secretary.

Lenard said his main interest in the post will be to help clubs remain active and to seek to interest youth in the hobby of stamp collecting.

He replaces Gregg Greenwald of Marshfield, who resigned. Greenwald continues as president of the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club.

Answer to Who's Who quiz on Page 2: MaryAnn Bowman



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