

# The Bulletin

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## Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tuesday February 4

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Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed February 5

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Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Wed February 19

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Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed February 5  
Wed February 19

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KW Philatelic Society  
Thursday February 13

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## *Interesting Stories About Stamps*

*From "Stamp Collectors Handbook" by Samuel Grossman*

### **War started by a stamp issue**

In 1900 the Dominican Republic issued a set of stamps showing its boundary extending into the territory of its neighbour, Haiti. This started intermittent border conflicts between the two republics until 1938 when the dispute was finally settled. It is estimated that over 15,000 were slain because of this controversy.



### **Tin Can Mail**

This was mail sealed in a 5 gallon can and thrown overboard. It was thereupon picked up by canoe or a swimmer and brought to its destination, the island of Niutoo of the Tonga group. The mails to the steamer was by the same means. This practice was discontinued due to casualties suffered by the swimmers in the shark-infested waters.

### ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

### UPCOMING TOPICS

- **February -**  
*Winter Sports*
- **March -**  
*Fav. Stamp*
- **April**  
*Airmail*

## Message From the President

The President has been found – he could have been found under the weather just as he was leaving home in Brussels for the regular monthly meeting. The weather took a sudden turn for the worst and the driving would have presented an issue on the way to the meeting and potentially for the drive home. After travelling approximately 10 kms, the decision was made to turn around and head home – better to be safe than sorry.

For next winter, we must consider moving our December, January & February meetings to a Saturday so members would not have to travel in the dark and/or in winter weather.

Needless to say, this is another time to “say thanks” to the many volunteers in the club who readily step up when needed –THANK YOU PETER & ROSE” for chairing the meeting and taking notes.

On a sad note, we will make a donation in honour of Martin DeKeyzer who passed away on December 27<sup>th</sup> – he was a well-respected member of the club and as many will recall, Martin donated a penny black to many area clubs for the sole purpose of promoting stamp collecting as a hobby. Martin will be missed by his many friends.

Our plan for a club mini club fare has change!! Originally planned for February 1<sup>st</sup> – **IS NOW PLANNED FOR MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 AT OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION.**

**DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

**LOCATION: ST MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**TIME: 10:00 TO 2:00 - doors open at 9:30**

**Silent auction – 3 lots / person MAX**

**Table for high value items**

**Individual member sales at their table location**

**LUNCH**

**Members are encouraged to bring their duplicate / surplus philatelic items to any of our club meetings with the intent of selling to interested club members.**

**Member Jim Brett was the winner of free membership dues for the 2020 year. He had paid his dues by January 2020 and his name was drawn from all members who had met the deadline.**

## What's Coming Up

See the Grand News for complete details of the following:

February 1 - Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

February 15 - BURLPEX 2020

Further info is not available because the Grand News is not online at the GRVPA site

## Another Measured Moment.....

### Two-faced Santa

Taking a closer look at your stamps may offer a few surprises! Here is one surprise that I found on a Canadian stamp.

With politicians calling each other, “Two-faced” lately, I must think of the Canadian 1993 86¢ Christmas stamp. That year the focus was on various images of Santa Clause from around the world, including: North America, Poland, Russia, and Australia. The 86¢ stamp shows Father Christmas riding on a Kangaroo rocking horse. At first glance there is nothing strange about Santa’s appearance, however, when we take a second look and enlarge the image, we see that Santa has one face, with a beard, looking at the camera, and also a second face, looking backwards.

I don’t know if this was intentional, however, I do know that Robert Bateman stated that he was forbidden from signing drawings that he provided for use on Canadian stamps, so he hid little personalized items in each drawing. Perhaps Jeff Jackson, who submitted the illustrations for the 1993 Christmas stamps did the same. If so, who is he showing on the back of Santa’s head?



Saturday May 2 2020

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

Knights of Columbus Hall

963 Bruce Road 4 – between Hanover & Walkerton

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

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Silent Auction/Dealers /  
Circuit Books / Lunch counter

Free admission / Free parking

## Saugeen Stamp Club

Chapter 220, Royal Philatelic  
Society of Canada  
Chapter 1538, American  
Philatelic Society  
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley  
Philatelic Association

**Meeting:** St. Matthew's  
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## *Obituary of Martin DeKeyzer*

It is with great sadness that the Saugeen Stamp Club recognizes the loss of our long time member Martin DeKeyzer. Here is a copy of the official Obituary.

*DeKeyzer, Martin of St. Thomas and formerly of London and Aylmer passed away at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital on Friday, December 27, 2019. He was 87. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn DeKeyzer. Dear father of Mark DeKeyzer(Marcia) of London and Kelly DeKeyzer of St. Thomas. Loving grandfather of Martin, Cory, Deanna and Heather. Great-grandfather of Alexa. Brother of Jenny Irwin(Alvin Lindsay), Bill DeKeyzer(Janet) and Anne Silcox (Ron). Predeceased by his wife Deanna and brother Gerald. Step-father of Nancy(Dave), Dianne(Jamie) and Susan(Jim). Also survived by a number of step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Born in Zoelen, The Netherlands on August 14, 1932, son of the late Martin and Anna DeKeyzer. He worked at Ford Talbotville from 1967-1993. Martin was an avid stamp collector. The funeral service was held at the H. A. Keibel Funeral Home, Aylmer on Friday, January 3, 2020. Interment, Aylmer Cemetery. Donations to the Diabetes Assoc. would be appreciated.*



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