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The **Lambda Philatelic Journal** is published quarterly by the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club (GLHSC). GLHSC is a study unit of the American Topical Association, Number 458, and an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society, Number 205. GLHSC is also a member of the American First Day Cover Society, Number 72.

The objectives of the club are:

To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- ▶ notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation.
- ▶ mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture.
- ▶ flora and fauna scientifically proven having prominent homosexual behavior.
- ▶ even though emphasis is placed on this aspect of stamp collecting, the Club strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP :

Yearly dues are \$8.00 per calendar year for U.S., Canadian and Mexican residents; \$10.00 or 12 IRC per year for foreign residents to help defray the higher postage costs.

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The Lambda Philatelic Journal thrives on philatelic articles original or reprinted and alternative viewpoints for publication. Members are also encouraged to place free advertisements of philatelic interest. The Editor reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

I hate to start a new year off with this, but I am in desperate need of articles for the journal. Currently, I have two articles on my desk. I have three others promised me. That is all that I have for this year!! It's very hard, let alone depressing, to publish a newsletter of any length with no articles.

I receive many letters thanking me for the journal. Most seem to enjoy it. However, I'll have to cut down to four or eight pages if I do not get help from you, the members. Please send me articles on anyone listed in Paul Hennefeld's handbook or any other topic associated to philately.

Several persons have come out of the closet recently whom have been featured on stamps. Greg Louganis and Leonard Bernstein come to mind. Is some exotic country your favorite collection? Have you taken a trip recently? Can its story be told through stamps? Have you read a stamp related article you think other members might enjoy? (Please be sure to obtain a letter from the author and/or publisher for permission to reprint. Include the letter in your package to me.)

I really need everyone's help to keep this journal going. Thanks to all of you who have sent me items. I really appreciate it.

Another topic that needs addressing is that of club officers. The club is in need of some energetic people who would like to run for President, Vice President Secretary or Treasurer. See page 4 for the club by-laws.

Finally, it has been some years since GLHSC had an official club meeting. The main ATA show will be held in the Reno, Nevada area. 1995 is ten years since GLHSC was given study unit status by ATA. That board meeting was held in Reno. Maybe a tenth anniversary meeting

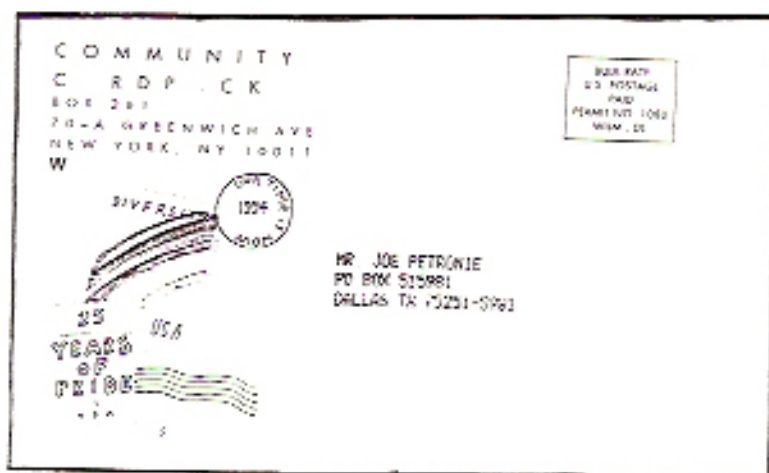
could be held in June? Anyone who will be attending, please let me know.

A related idea, is there anyone out there who could possibly design a cachet in relation to our tenth anniversary of ATA recognition? Would you, as a GLHSC member, be interested in purchasing such a cover?

Pacific 97 is the World Philatelic Exhibition. It is to be held in San Francisco from May 29 to June 8, 1997. Now is the time to begin planning for either a major GLHSC meeting and/or a major exhibit on the Club. Is there anyone who would like to be Chairperson to organize this?

Some good news: I am getting an up-to-date computer at work! So, I will have access to a better word processing software package. Look for changes in future journals.

I received the Community Card Pack towards the end of last year. The card pack is a collection of 3 x 5 advertising cards mailed to gays and lesbians. The advertisers run from financial services to travel to "toys". The "label" card showed two stamps and a postmark.



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section One: Title

This organization shall be known as the GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORY ON STAMPS CLUB (GLHSC). It shall be operated exclusively for non-profit purposes. It is an official study unit of the American Topical Association (ATA), membership number 458. It is also affiliated with the American Philatelic Society (APS), affiliate number 205, and the American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS), number 72. Any member(s) in good standing wishing to commence a chapter utilizing or referencing the name of this organization may do so by filing a written request to the Board.

Section Two: Objectives

The objectives of GLHSC are to promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material depicting:

- 1) notable men and women (and their contributions to society) for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual behavior, orientation or support,
- 2) mythology, historical events and ideas (such as laws) significant in the history of gay culture,
- 3) flora and fauna scientifically proven as having prominent homosexual behavior,
- 4) maintain and provide facilities for archives pertaining to this facet of philately for the benefit of present and new philatelists in their endeavors,
- 5) and to promote philately in general to the public.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section One: Qualifications

Any individual or organization interested in this facet of topical collecting and willing to agree and conform to the Constitution and Bylaws of said organization is eligible for membership.

Section Two: Application

Anyone desiring membership in this organization shall be required to submit a complete application form to the Secretary or designee, together with the sum required for dues.

All records are kept under strict confidentiality. GLHSC does not disclose any of its membership data for the purpose of advertising or to other GLHSC members. Anyone wishing to contact any club members are asked to submit a SASE to the secretary, and in return, it will be forwarded to that party.

Section Three: Membership Classification

Membership of GLHSC shall be unlimited as to numbers and shall include the following classifications:

- 1) Active Member (A): Anyone allowing their name and address to be submitted to the ATA, APS or AFDCS; has all rights and responsibilities of GLHSC; can run for any office of GLHSC. In order for GLHSC to maintain its affiliation with ATA, APS and AFDCS, the officers and a minimum number of members must be affiliated with each group.
- 2) Supportive Member (S): Anyone wishing to have their name and address excluded from the ATA, APS or AFDCS list; cannot run or vote for any office; has all other rights and responsibilities of GLHSC.
- 3) Complementary Member (C): Any organization or individual wishing to obtain a copy of the journal for the sole purpose of archival value and/or review; has no rights or responsibilities under the bylaws; exempt from paying dues.

Section Four: Membership Fee Schedule

Members are expected to pay their dues yearly by the first of the quarter as listed in the first three digits on their mailing label. Dues not paid within 30 days of the due date is cause for deletion from the GLHSC mailing list

- 1** - dues are due by January 1
- 2** - dues are due by April 1
- 3** - dues are due by July 1
- 4** - dues are due by October 1

The purpose of the dues is to pay for the production and distribution of the quarterly journal.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section One: Executive Officers

The executive officers of GLHSC shall consist of the Board of Directors. They will perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws. They shall not receive compensation for services rendered, except for reimbursement of administrative expenses. The term of office for all officers shall be for three calendar years. There will be no limits to the number of terms.

Section Two: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Editor and Treasurer. They shall be responsible for the general supervision and management of GLHSC and its activities.

Section Three: President

The President will have general supervisory power over all matters of GLHSC; will preside at all meetings unless he/she is unable to attend; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; will represent GLHSC in a professional manner to other philatelic and other organizations; shall coordinate publicity and membership drives; shall perform other duties as the Board may direct from time to time.

Section Four: Vice President

The Vice President will be expected to assume the duties of the President in his or her absence or if the position of President becomes vacant; shall perform other duties as the Board may direct from time to time.

Section Five: Secretary

The Secretary shall be the custodian of all records and properties belonging to GLHSC; shall attend all meetings; responsible for keeping accurate and permanent records of all meetings; shall perform other duties as the Board may direct from time to time.

Section Six: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of GLHSC; shall pay all bills on the behalf of GLHSC; shall report to the Secretary all delinquent accounts; shall present a yearly financial report to the Board.

Section Seven: Editor

The Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the Lambda Philatelic Journal; shall be responsible for the editing and selecting of material submitted to GLHSC.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

All active members of GLHSC are eligible to hold and vote for any office. Elections shall be by mail ballot with a simple majority of ballots cast necessary for election to any office. Nominations shall be received by the President two months prior to the elections

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

An annual meeting shall be held, if possible, at a time and place as determined by the President. The meeting shall be held in conjunction with the ATA annual convention or the APS annual Stampshow or with other philatelic meetings whenever possible. General meetings may be held at any time and place when deemed necessary by the President upon thirty days notice to the membership.

ARTICLE VI

PUBLICATION

The publication of GLHSC is the Lambda Philatelic Journal. It is to be published quarterly by the Editor. Any member can submit articles of interest to the Editor for publication. It is the Editor's right to edit, publish or refuse any article submitted.

GAY AND LESBIAN UPDATE

February 10, 1994 was the first day of issue for the Brazilian stamp honoring Menininha do Gantios. She was a black priestess of Brazilian voodoo. She was also a lesbian, though closeted. See the book, O Lesbianisms no Brasil, 1988 by Dr. Luis Mott.



The US Postal Service is at it again. This time, they issued a new Love stamp. It features two cherubs resting their chins on a coffin top. The artist was Raphael, who was gay. It now turns out that the coffin top upon which they rest is that of Pope Julius II, who was also gay!

Greg Louganis has hit the newstand in a wild way. He is currently on several magazine covers and has released his autobiography. He also appears on the stamps from six different stamp issuing entities:

Ghana	#1376
Grenada-Grenadines	#1037
North Korea	?
Palau	#309
St. Vincent	#2105
St. Vincent-Grenadines	?

In Vladimir Horowitz's recent book, it is revealed that he preferred men (page

131). It also reveals that his wife knew of such, but was still deeply in love with him (page 136). Her father, Arturo Toscanini, was honored on a US stamp in 1989, Scott No. 2411.

The Israeli Postal Authority issued a stamp to honor Leonard Bernstein on February 7, 1995. The 4.10-shekel stamp depicts Bernstein conducting music from his Symphony No. 1 - Jeremiah and a picture of the Jewish prophet Jeremiah. Bernstein was outed in 1990 after his death.

Free frank of Steve Gunderson, R-Wisconsin:

Steve Gunderson
M.C.

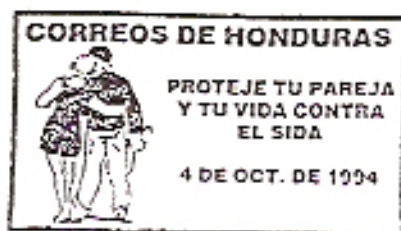
AIDS UPDATE

Algeria has issued an AIDS stamp in conjunction with the UN World AIDS Day on December 1.

Monaco issued a "Fight against AIDS" stamp on October 7, 1994. The AIDS stamp is the high value (8fr) of Monaco's 1994 Red Cross issue. The low value (6fr) is for the fight against cancer.

Belgium has included a "Fight against AIDS" stamp in their 1995 stamp program. It should be issued on November 6, 1995. It is scheduled to be issued as a semi-postal. Semi-postals are issued by many countries. The "extra" paid for the stamp is donated to certain organizations. The United States does not issue semi-postals.

Auxiliary marking from Honduras. Does anyone know the significance of the "October 4" date?



Copies of the Peru AIDS stamp (imperforate) with a doubling effect have been found. It appears that two of the colors are misregistered by about 1 mm which creates the doubling effect. They were presented as being double printed.

Phil Stager has prepared a slide presentation on AIDS and philately. It will be shown at the American Association for the History of Medicine in May in Pittsburgh.

LAST LICK

TOPEX-NEVPEX '95 will be held in Reno, Nevada. It has been rescheduled to July 7-9, 1995. It will be held in the South Meeting Room complex of the Reno/Sparks Convention Center located at 4950 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada.

The APS STAMPSHOW will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on August 24-27, 1995. It will be held at the Cervantes Convention Center.

While reading the recent Linn's Stamp News (March 20, 1995, page 45), I noticed an item in the recent trends section.

"The first-day ceremony held in Washington, D.C., for United States Scott 2032-35, the 20 cent Balloons stamps

issued March 31, 1983, included a brief ascent in a castle-shaped hot air balloon by then-Postmaster General William F. Bolger. He was accompanied by the owner of the craft, magazine publisher and internationally-known balloonist Malcolm Forbes."

Malcolm Forbes was outed shortly after his death several years ago.

Swiss man, 38, would like to hear from young men in America to exchange stamps and friendship. Write to:

G. Pouly
Case Postale 31
1000 Lausanne 25
Switzerland

Thanks to Paul Hennefeld for sharing the following pages from his collection. The remaining pages will appear in the next issue of the journal, due out in June.



Gays and Lesbians



Gay & Lesbian History on Stamps Club

A multitude of gay men and women, famous for achievements in religion, politics, the arts and sciences, have been commemorated by nations of the world through their depiction on postage stamps.

Persons portrayed in this collection have all contributed to society, and have given us pride in our gay heritage.

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PHILOSOPHERS & SCIENTISTS



SOCRATES

Socrates loved many young men, especially Alcibiades and Critias.

Aristotle favored two students, Theodectes and Hermeas.

Zeno founded Stoicism, whose adherents believed in the equality of homo/heterosexuality.

Alexander von Humboldt and Aimé Bonpland explored South America together. Published correspondence revealed an intimacy between the two explorers.



ARISTOTLE



ZENO



HUMBOLDT

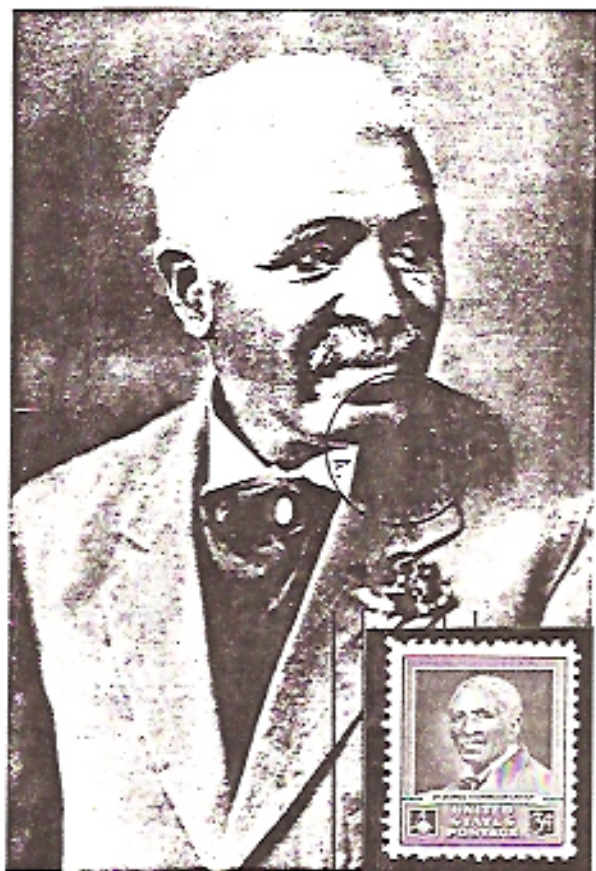


Justus von Liebig "We found, understood, loved and will forever love each other"
(Platen's diary)



Margaret Mead's love for Ruth Benedict was intensely secretive. Her daughter became aware of the affair only after her mother's death.

At the height of his career Carver and Austin Curtis shared an openly gay lifestyle.



DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER,
TUNKERS INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

WORLD LEADERS



ALEXANDER



JULIUS



AUGUSTUS



TRAJAN

Alexander favored his beloved Hephaestion.

Augustus became emperor of Rome by catering to the advances of Julius Caesar.

The Emperor Trajan possessed a harem of young men who accompanied him on trips throughout his empire.



RICHARD I



SALADIN



PHILIP II

Philip ...so honored [Richard]...that they ate every day at the same table and from the same dish, and at night their beds did not separate them.

During the 1st. crusade, Sultan Saladin prevented Richard from capturing Jerusalem. A treaty was signed by these two gay men.



MOHAMMED II

Upon conquering Constantinople, Mohammed demanded the sixteen year old son of the patriarch to be turned over to him for his pleasure.

Sultan Suleiman's lover Ibrahim, was his constant companion, until death. Rustem, a page to the sultan, soon captured the heart and passion of Suleiman.



SULEIMAN I

WORLD LEADERS



BACON

Sir Francis Bacon and his brother Anthony were both gay. In a letter their mother accused Francis of having male servants as lovers.

Queen Christina of Sweden, was in love with her lady-in-waiting, Ebba Sparre. Christina was forced to abdicate her throne and live in exile.

Frederick The Great was ordered to watch the execution of his lover Hans Von Kathe. He later married but did not live with his wife, preferring instead the company of his valet and tutor.

Queen Anne and Sarah Churchill were lifelong lovers. In later years Abigail Hill stole the queen's heart away from Sarah.



CHRISTINA



FREDERICK



ANNE



STEBEN

General Friedrich von Steuben legally adopted two of his soldiers, William North and Ben Walker. When the general died, both men shared in his estate. Col. Alexander Hamilton wrote to Col. John Laurance:

I wish my dear Laurance, it might be in my power by action rather than words, to convince you that I love you...like a jealous lover, when I thought you slighted my caresses, my affection was alarmed and my vanity piqued...

General Mikhail Kutuzov died of a heart attack while making love to one of his soldiers.



HAMILTON



KUTUZOV

WORLD LEADERS



BUCHANAN



GORDON



LUDWIG II



RHODES

Senator James Buchanan of Pennsylvania and Senator William King of Alabama formed an extremely close relationship. King was referred to as 'Miss Nancy' by Andrew Johnson, while others called him 'Buchanan's better half'.

General Charles Gordon, religious zealot, was 'directed by God' to feed, bathe and house destitute boys.

King Ludwig II of Bavaria, favored men of artistic ability, muscular peasant woodsmen and soldiers.

Cecil Rhodes, diamond mine magnate surrounded himself with attractive male companions, who were forbidden to marry. They were called his secretaries and bodyguards, but in truth were neither.



CASEMENT



PU YI



LYAUTEY

Roger Casement. This Irish patriot noted in his diaries, in explicit detail, his numerous homosexual encounters.

'The Last Emperor', by Brackman, discusses the homosexuality of Henry Pu Yi, a trait common of China's rulers.

General Louis Lyautey's homosexual inclinations were well known to his compatriots yet he was promoted despite the verbal censure of some of his fellow officers.

ARTISTS & SCULPTORS



Sandro Botticelli is noted for his 'Three Graces' and religious paintings. Accused of having illicit behavior with one of his students, he was advised to marry but refused to do so.

Leonardo da Vinci favored apprentice Andrea Salaino and Francesco Meizi. In 1986 Lillian Schwartz, a computer analyst, accidentally discovered that the 'Mona Lisa' was a self-portrait of the artist.



MICHELANGELO



1475-1564

Republic of Maldives



MICHELANGELO
By Raphael

Michelangelo Buonarroti's most admired sculpture is his 'David'. The love sonnets he wrote to his male lovers were altered upon publication, to read as if written to women.