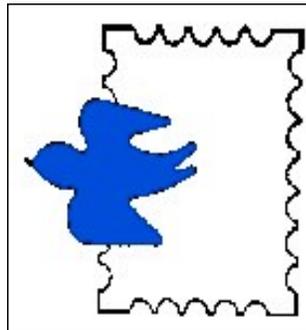


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, December 3

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade
View auction lots
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, November 5th:

We had only seven members at the meeting. Where were YOU? We discussed the low attendance and **Stanley Campbell** volunteered to call members we haven't seen or head from lately to see how they are doing.

A discussion took place about the meeting times and dates. We will be considering options and polling the club for ideas to improve attendance.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Terry Kurzinski** - *Early First Day Cover from the St. Louis World's Fair* article from the USSS October issue.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - letter from *The Register-Gazette, Rockford, Ill.* Jan 7, 1900. To Robert Rew, Attorney, who was Mayor of Rockford from 1917-1921.
3. **Jeff Hall** - reminded us that Nov 10th is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Marines.
4. **Frank Schmitt** - a) pretty FDC of the 1931 Red Cross issue with *Rockford Electric Company* corner card and colorful cachet by A.O. Henry (see below) b) Classic Cars FDC c) Croatia train stamps.

December is our Christmas Charity auction for Ken-Rock Kids. Bring lots to donate and a treat to share. See Frank's article for more info.



DUES NOTICE

We're closing in on the end of 2025! That means your 2026 dues need to be paid soon. **\$15 for a printed newsletter and \$8 for the electronic version.**

This is a bargain for all the philatelic fun you have at the meetings, **that many of you are missing out on!**

See the **enclosed dues notice**. We also have three questions asking your opinion about how we can get more member participation at the meetings. Please fill this out and bring to a meeting with your payment or mail it in to the address on the form.

Please pay your dues promptly and please give us your input on the form. Thank you!



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Show season takes a break for December in Illinois and Wisconsin. Below are the next two in Jan & Feb.

Fri-Sat Jan 9-10 - MSDA Stateline Show

Kenosha, WI. First Christian Church, 13022 Wilmot Rd. Hours: Fri 10-5, Sat 10-3. Free admission and parking.

Sat Feb 14 - Janesville Stamp Show

Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place. Bourse and exhibits. Hours: 10-4. Free admission and parking.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Here we are already, our last newsletter for 2025. This year went by faster than a USPS express mail package. Unfortunately, that could almost be a true statement. As we close this year out hopefully everyone had a very enjoyable and fruitful year enjoying our hobby. With any luck (and a chunk of money), most were able to fill in many of those blank spaces in your albums or acquire that elusive cover or revenue document. The chase never ends, however most of the stamp shows have ended for the year, but that gives us time to update and assemble our want lists for next year. Of course, there is always the internet to whet and or sate our appetites until the shows return.

Following tradition, our Wednesday, December 3rd, meeting will be our Christmas party. We ask everyone to bring a treat to share with the other members to add to the festivities. We will also hold our annual charity auction. All auction lots are donations and all auction proceeds are for the benefit of the Ken Rock Kids. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated. Last year we were able to donate \$250 and that is our minimum goal for this year. Please help us put some smiles on our faces and theirs.

We continue to face low attendance numbers at our Wednesday meeting and Tuesday auction. Some of the causation can be attributed to a few members that have passed away, others that have transportation issues, and some "aging out" and physically unable to enjoy the hobby any longer. There has been some discussion about going back to one meeting/auction per month in hopes of making the meeting more accessible to all. Current thoughts are for a daytime meeting to eliminate night driving and related weather hazards. We welcome your suggestions and/or any thoughts or ideas on this matter. There will be more to come on this subject.

Please come join us for our holiday festivities. Remember to bring a treat to share, donation auction lots, a friend, family member, or another collector, a Christmas/Holiday related show and tell, and your holiday spirit. Dues will also be accepted, \$8.00 for the electronic newsletter, \$15.00 for the printed and mailed copy.

Happy Holidays, stay safe, stay well, happy collecting.

Great Americans Issue of 1980-1999 - Getting to Know Them

This issue depicts some well-known persons as well as many who were lesser known. "The Great Americans stamps may be viewed as a kind of melting pot, although certain mini-topical collecting areas stand out, those mentioned (women, black Americans, native Americans) as well as others (scientists, politicians, doctors, writers, humanitarians)". Michael Schreiber writing in *Linn's Stamp News* on November 24, 1994.

This series of articles will focus on the stamps, beginning with those issued from 1980 to 1985, listed in Scott Specialized Catalogue as #1844-1869. They are shown in denomination order. Wikipedia: Source for bio info.



Jan 26, 1982
#1866

Robert Andrews Millikan (March 22, 1868 – December 19, 1953) was an American experimental physicist who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1923 "for his work on the elementary charge of electricity and on the photoelectric effect." As Chairman of the Executive Council of Caltech (the school's governing body at the time) from 1921 to 1945, Millikan helped to turn the school into one of the leading research institutions in the United States. He also served on the board of trustees for Science Service, now known as Society for Science & the Public, from 1921 to 1953.



Mar 20, 1985
#1867

Grenville Clark (November 5, 1882 – January 13, 1967) was a 20th-century American Wall Street lawyer, co-founder of Root Clark & Bird (later Dewey Ballantine, then Dewey & LeBoeuf), member of the Harvard Corporation, co-author of the book *World Peace Through World Law*, and nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

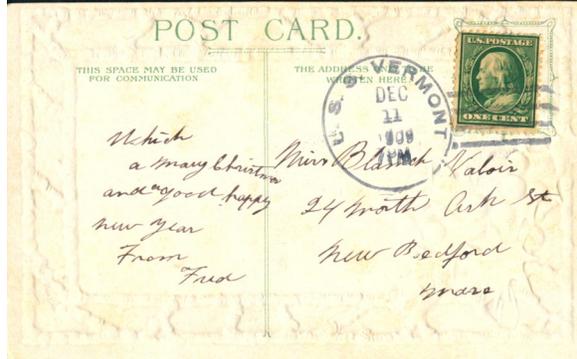
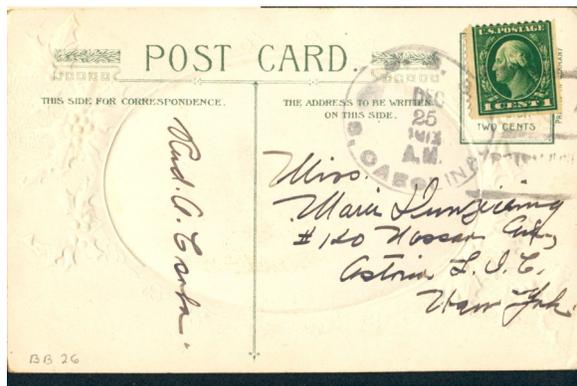
The National Historic Register has called Clark an "international lawyer and legal architect of world organizations," who was "active in world peace efforts and an advisor in governmental affairs." Further, he was a "drafter of the United Nations Charter, author of *A Plan for Peace* and co-author of the acclaimed *World Peace Through World Law*. He was an advisor to four United States Presidents, founder of the Military Training Camp Association (1917) and leader of the Plattsburg movement, and author of the Selective Service Act of 1940. Clark organized the two Dublin Peace Conferences, in 1945 and 1965, out of which grew the United World Federalists."^[4]

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - Please take a moment to go to our webpage listed above. We need to do some updates but what else would you like to see? Please let us know your comments.
 Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year - Jeff Hall



Jeff is providing Christmas and New Years greetings from sailors on two ships. Christmas card from battleship U.S.S. Vermont, Dec. 11, 1909, New Years card from battleship U.S.S. South Carolina Dec. 25, 1913 (?).

We hope everyone has a Great Christmas and Happy New Year!

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2025 Dealers

We held another successful Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. The dealers are listed below so you can contact them for follow up or getting those items you were thinking about at the show! Please support our show dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.

David Alex, Sat. Only

Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

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ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meeting and an auction are held the first Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm, every month except July. An auction takes place the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 9:00am. Both are held at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, Illinois. We start with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages and collecting levels from beginner to advanced are welcome.

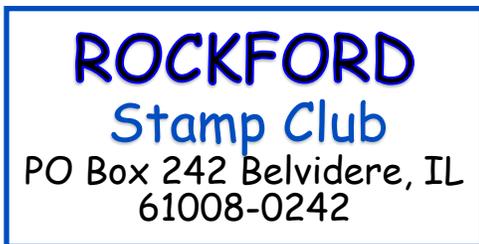
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NEW - Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award

In 2025 we inaugurated this new award for deserving members who have served the club by volunteering, provided outreach programs, served as an officer or made a difference in our club.

2025 Terry Kurzinski



Holiday Party - Bring Treats to Enjoy
Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, December 16 at 9/10am
Wednesday Night & Tuesday Morning