

# THE MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC.

Organized: November 5, 1899

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. (MPS) is one of the oldest stamp collecting organizations in the nation. MPS was organized with four charter members on November 5, 1899 and four more members joined later in that same year. Early meetings were held at the members homes or in the Trustee's Room of the Milwaukee Public Museum.

From those humble beginnings the club grew, so that in 1979 it had a membership of 212. As with most philatelic organizations today the membership is somewhat less than that, but the club offers all of the benefits of the past as well as additional newly developed benefits. The club sponsors MILCOPEX, a World Series of Philately (WPS) stamp show each September. The club also sponsors STAMPFEST, an annual spring show held on the first full weekend in March.

Mini auctions are held at most meeting except for one spring meeting and one fall meeting when major auctions are held. At the club auctions there are usually some philatelic items that can be purchased with "stamp bucks" rather than actual cash. The club has a program whereby members may earn them for a wide variety of actions within the club, from attending meetings to volunteering for various activities.

The club has recently become a 501(c)3 organizations and any donation to the club is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

The club meets at 6:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Firefly Room at the Wauwatosa Public Library located at the intersection of 76th Street and North Avenue in Wauwatosa, WI. Dues are \$10.00 per year for those 18 and older and \$5.00 for those 17 and under. Members receive a monthly eight page newsletter. We invite you to join us. You will find that you are welcome and we are confident that you will enjoy your membership.

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## MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, INC. and agree to comply with its constitution and by-laws. I enclose the appropriate dues - adults 18 and over \$10.00, persons 17 and younger \$5.00.

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (City/State/Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to receive the monthly newsletter via email? This is a cost savings to the club and we would be most appreciative. \_\_\_\_ (YES) \_\_\_\_ (NO)

Send check payable to the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. with the above application to Robert J. Mather, S56-W29562 Roanoke Drive, Waukesha, 53189-9035.