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# MILWAUKEE PHILATELIST



December 2024

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### It's Election Time

Enclosed with this month's newsletter is your MPS ballot and a self-addressed return envelope. Please mark your choices and mail the ballot in the provided return envelope. If you would like to write in a member for one or more of the positions, there is a space for that under each position.

Don't forget to write your MPS membership number, located on the mailing label of the newsletter, in the **lower left hand** corner of the ballot return envelope and mail the ballot so it arrives no later than December 9. If you prefer, you can hand deliver it to Jonathan Kumbera at the December MPS Holiday party. Remember, the ballot must still be sealed in the ballot return envelope with your membership number in the lower left hand corner. The ballots will be counted during the December MPS meeting. The winners will be announced at the end of the meeting and published in the January newsletter.

One more thing. **DO NOT** send anything else in the ballot return envelope except for the completed ballot. Any correspondence except for the ballot must be sent in a separate envelope or email.

### MPS 2025 Meeting Schedule

Due to some conflicts and scheduling issues at the Brookfield library, we are not able to meet the second Tuesday of every month in 2025. Here's the schedule for MPS meetings throughout 2025:

January 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
February 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
March 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
April 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
May 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
June 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
July 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
August 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
September 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
October 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
November 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
December 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Each month's meeting date will still be published in the lower banner on the front page on that month's newsletter.

### MPS 2025 Membership Dues

Just a reminder...MPS membership dues must be paid by the end of 2024. Please send your membership dues to Robert Mather no later than December 31, 2024, to ensure your membership in the MPS remains active.

**Club Meeting – December 10, 2024 – Alioto's Restaurant  
Holiday Party –6:00 - 9:00 P.M., Dinner starts promptly at 6:30 P.M.**

# MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Web Sites:

www.milwaukeephilatelic.org  
www.milcopex.org

### Officers:

#### President:

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#### Past President:

David Hunsicker (2024)  
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#### Vice-President:

Jim Stollenwerk (2024)  
smallgasengine65@gmail.com

#### Secretary:

MaryAnn Bowman (2024)  
maryann15b@mac.com

#### Treasurer:

Robert Mather (2024)  
burrobb@wi.rr.com  
(262) 968-2392

#### Directors:

Bill Gedemer (2023-24)  
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(414) 778-0666

Jonathan Kumbera (2024-25)  
jkumbera@att.net  
(414) 350-2139

Chris Proeber (2023-24)  
(262) 565-7870

Gaylord Yost (2024-25)  
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#### Sergeant At Arms

Patrick Dougherty

### Committees:

#### Youth

Bill Gedemer  
Linda Books  
Dave Wilinski

#### APS Liaison

Gary Meyer

#### ATA Liaison

Robert Mather

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. is a 501(3)c non-profit organization that meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Brookfield Public Library (1900 North Calhoun Road). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to allow members to trade, sell, and visit. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Jonathan Kumbera is the editor and publisher of the newsletter. He can be reached via email at mps.editor.0024@gmail.com. Your stories and articles, or ideas for stories and articles, will be greatly appreciated and may be published in the newsletter.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society participates in two events each year: Stampfest in early spring and Milcopex in early fall. At each of these events, we distribute assorted items to encourage kids to collect stamps. To do this, we need your help. We need used stamps on and off paper, supplies, and old albums. If you would like to donate any of these items to the youth program, please contact any of the Youth Committee members or any of the club officers.

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Annual Dues: \$10 for adults  
(\$30 for three years)  
\$5 for youth (18 and under)

Dues can be paid in person at any club meeting, or a check can be mailed to:

Robert Mather  
556 W29562 Roanoke Drive  
Waukesha, WI 53189

MEETING MINUTES

**Milwaukee Philatelic Society  
Minutes - General Meeting November 5, 2024**

Attendance: President Blayne Kirsch, Vice-President Jim Stollenwerk, Secretary MaryAnn Bowman, Treasurer Bob Mather. Directors: Jonathan Kumbera, Chris Proeber, and Gaylord Yost. Absent: Director Bill Gedemer and Past President Dave Hunzicker.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by voice vote after discussion regarding the date reported in the minutes for the November meeting. At the time of the October meeting, the November date had been reported to be Monday, November 4, 2024. It was changed later to Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day) upon discovery that the Brookfield Library was not used as a polling place. The minutes are written to reflect the business discussed at the meeting. Elsewhere within the club newsletter, the date was correctly published to reveal the November meeting date.

Copies of the treasurer’s report were distributed. MPS is in a strong financial position with three \$5000 CDs, a savings account of \$4973.20, a checking account balance of \$16748.42, and cash on hand of \$132.60. Bob Mather also reported that the insurance company would need the name of the new treasurer for their records. Jim Stollenwerk questioned when the CDs became due but the answer was unknown at the moment.

Several committees made reports. Educational Coordinator Jonathan Kumbera reported that some new books had been donated to the library. Donation committee was revamped with Gary Meyer being asked to relieve his duties as chair. Keith Trischan offered to chair the committee supported by volunteers MaryAnn Bowman, Patrick Dougherty, and Jim Stollenwerk. A standard procedure to document a process for donations is needed.

Old Business: Regarding the large donation recently received, the MPS Board suggested that the donation be accepted and the MPS would pay for a fair market appraisal. This recommendation was brought to the general membership for discussion and a vote. Jonathan made a motion that MPS follow the recommendation of the Board and that an appraisal be made of the material with the appraiser to be selected after receiving three quotes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Holiday Party: December 10, at Alioto’s from 6 - 9 pm. Details regarding menu selection are in the newsletter. A minimum of 25 is needed to reserve the room. MPS members and guests to each pay \$20 with the host club paying the remainder. RSVP Gary Meyer with payment by December 5.

Club Auction Process - looking for volunteers to help with auction registration each meeting by 6 pm.

Nominating Committee: Jonathan will again head up the committee. He reviewed the voting process and reminded members that the outer envelope MUST have their membership number in the lower left corner of the envelope. The slate of officers to be elected were all of the incumbents with the exception of Bob Mather (treasurer) whose name will be replaced by Dave Hunsicker on the ballot. Stan Ewert offered to run for a position of Board Director and his name will be added to the ballot.

Upcoming 2025 club meeting dates were announced. There will be three Monday meetings during the upcoming year as our regular Tuesday meeting date was not available.

Members were reminded to pay their 2025 dues.

The door prize winner was Thomas McLinn.

The meeting was followed by the fall major auction.

**From Your Editor**

The Holidays are upon us, and whether we like it or not, that means it's getting colder. This is a good time to break out the boxes and bags of stamps you've accumulated and start putting together your next great collection. That's what I'll be doing!

The MPS Holiday Party is this month. The doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The party officially ends at 9:00 pm, but you can stay and socialize until the bar closes if you would like. See Gary's column for all the details.

Unfortunately, this is Robert Mather's last year as treasurer. He has requested his name not be included on this year's ballot, but he has said that he will assist the new treasurer in any way he can. Because of the brevity of this month's newsletter, there isn't room for all the details but be sure to check out the January newsletter for more information. In the meantime, make sure you give Bob a huge thank you for everything he has done for the MPS finances when you see him.

As always, if you would like to submit an article for publication in our newsletter, please send it to me at mps.editor.0024@gmail.com. If you don't feel comfortable authoring the article yourself, you can always send ideas for articles to me as well.

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**President's Message**

Due to scheduling issues, our new president was not able to submit his column this month. Please look forward to his column in next month's newsletter.

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**Programs  
By Gary Meyer**

On December 10th, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society will have an end-of-the-year (Christmas) party at Alioto's Restaurant 3041 N. Mayfair Rd in Wauwatosa in lieu of our regular meeting. The cost is \$20 a person and you can bring a guest for the same price. The club will pick up the rest of the cost. Members of other local stamp clubs have been invited so expect to meet up with some collector acquaintances you haven't seen in a while. Our room is on the main floor towards the back—no steps to negotiate this year. It was a good time for all last year and the reports were that the food was wonderful. There will be door prizes and besides socializing we will have a short meeting and announce the election results for next year's slate of officers.

There will be four entrees to pick from, which you select upon arrival:

- 12 oz. New York Strip Steak or,
- Shrimp (grilled or breaded) AND 6 oz. New York Strip Steak or,
- Chicken (or eggplant) Parmesan or,
- Fresh Salmon.

Dinner includes salad with choice of dressing, Italian bread, coffee, and sherbet for dessert. There will also be a "soda bar" with a cola, white soda, or diet available. Your cost includes everything including tax and tip, but if you want something a little bit stronger than soda or coffee you can purchase alcoholic drinks from the bar.

We must submit a final count before the gala, so get your money for yourself and guest (if there is one) to Gary Meyer at 3275 N. 81st St. Milwaukee, WI 53222 no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>. Make the check out to the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Any questions—call or email Gary or another board member or leave a message on our website.

See you at the party!

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Show Time

November 30, 2024

Supex 2024

William Tell Countryside Holiday Inn

6201 Joliet Road

Countryside, Illinois 60525

December 7, 2024

Calumet Area Stamp, Coin, & Postcard Show

(Bourse Only)

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

905 E. Joliet Street

Schererville, Indiana 46375

January 4-5, 2025

MSDA Indianapolis Stamp Show (Bourse Only)

Lawrence Park District Community Center

5301 N. Franklin Road

Lawrence , Indiana 46226

January 10-11, 2025

MSDA WI-IL Stateline Stamp Show

(Bourse Only)

First Christian Church

13022 Wilmot Rd

Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142

And Now...A Little Humor

Q: Why are elevator jokes so classic and good?

A: They work on many levels.

Q: When does a joke become a “dad joke?”

A: When it becomes apparent.

Q: Why did the coach go to the bank?

A: To get his quarterback.



Major Fall 2024 Auction Results

Lot #	Scott Value	Min. Bid	Sold
1	\$54.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
2	\$12.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
3	n/a	\$5.00	\$5.00
4	n/a	\$5.00	n/b
5	n/a	\$5.00	n/b
6	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
7	n/a	\$5.00	\$6.50
8	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00
9	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.75
10	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.50
11	\$6.10	\$0.75	\$0.75
12	\$4.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
13	\$4.50	\$1.00	\$1.25
14	\$3.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
15	\$71.70	\$7.00	\$7.00
16	\$6.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
17	\$7.75	\$1.00	\$1.00
18	\$27.00	\$2.00	n/b
19	\$12.00	\$1.25	n/b
20	\$40.00	\$4.00	n/b
21	\$72.50	\$7.50	n/b
22	\$58.25	\$5.50	\$6.00
23	\$14.00	\$1.25	\$1.25
24	\$8.50	\$0.75	\$0.75
25	\$700.00 +	\$50.00	n/b
26	\$70.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
27	\$75.00	\$2.75	\$2.75
28	\$37.50	\$12.00	\$20.00
29	\$130.00	\$3.50	\$6.00
30	\$47.00	\$1.75	\$2.75
31	\$42.50	\$2.25	\$2.25
32	\$69.50	\$2.25	n/b
33	\$42.50	\$1.75	\$1.75
34	\$57.00	\$2.25	\$9.00
35	\$95.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
36	\$100+	\$20.00	n/b
37	\$10.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
38	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
39	\$15.00	\$3.00	n/b
40	n/a	\$5.00	\$8.00
41	\$33.00	\$5.00	n/b
42	\$16.75	\$3.50	\$5.00
43	n/a	\$5.00	\$5.00
44	\$18.40	\$3.50	\$7.50
45	\$30.00	\$2.50	\$9.00
46	\$14.60 face	\$12.00	n/b
47	\$40.00	\$2.50	\$3.25
48	\$24.00	\$2.50	\$2.50
49	\$13.00	\$2.00	\$2.75
50	\$32.00	\$2.50	\$4.25
51	\$325.00	\$7.00	\$20.00
52	\$40.00	\$3.50	n/b

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Lot #	Scott Value	Min. Bid	Sold
53	\$40.00	\$2.00	\$3.00
54	\$25.00	\$1.50	\$2.25
55	n/a	\$5.00	\$5.50
56	n/a	\$5.00	\$5.00
57	n/a	\$5.00	\$5.00
58	n/a	\$5.00	\$7.00
59	n/a	\$2.50	\$2.50
60	n/a	\$2.50	\$3.75
61	n/a	\$2.50	\$2.50
62	n/a	\$2.50	\$2.50
63	n/a	\$2.50	\$2.50
64	n/a	\$2.50	\$3.00
65	\$7.00	\$0.75	\$0.75
66	\$7.00	\$0.75	\$0.75
67	\$160.00	\$15.00	\$21.00
68	n/a	\$3.00	\$6.00
69	n/a	\$3.00	\$5.50
70	n/a	\$3.00	\$3.00
71	\$10.15	\$2.00	\$2.00
72	\$84.20	\$7.50	n/b
73	\$177.55	\$15.00	n/b
74	\$82.50	\$5.00	n/b
75	\$91.80	\$7.50	\$7.50
76	\$12.50 / \$25.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
77	\$251.40	\$25.00	n/b
78	\$113.00	\$10.00	n/b
79	\$41.00	\$4.00	n/b
80	\$1,674.85	\$40.00	n/b
81	>\$50	\$3.00	\$20.00
82	eBay> \$250	\$10.00	\$10.00
83	\$30-40	\$10.00	\$24.00
84	\$123.00	\$45.00	n/b
85	n/a	\$3.00	\$6.50
86	\$11.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
87	\$7.50	\$2.00	\$4.00
88	n/a	\$10.00	n/b
89	\$4.95	\$1.00	\$1.00
90	\$74.00	\$15.00	n/b
91	n/a	\$20.00	n/b
92	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$5.00
93	\$53.30	\$5.00	\$5.00
94	\$72.50	\$5.00	n/b
95	\$40.50	\$4.00	n/b
96	\$53.75	\$5.00	n/b
97	\$42.25	\$4.25	\$4.25
98	\$43.95	\$4.20	n/b
99	\$104.00	\$10.00	n/b
100	\$84.00	\$8.50	n/b
101	\$58.20	\$5.50	n/b
102	\$34.90	\$3.50	n/b
103	36.00	3.50	\$3.50
104	38.00	3.75	n/b
105	51.25	5.00	\$5.00
106	33.90	2.50	\$2.50
107	50.00	5.00	n/b
108	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00

Lot #	Scott Value	Min. Bid	Sold
109	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00
110	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00
111	n/a	\$1.00	\$2.75
112	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00
113	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.50
114	n/a	\$1.00	\$1.00
115	n/a	\$1.00	\$2.25
116	n/a	\$1.00	\$8.00
117	n/a	\$1.00	n/b
118	\$17.50	\$2.00	n/b
119	\$17.50	\$1.75	\$1.75
120	\$275.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
121	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
122	\$130.00	\$15.00	n/b
123	\$450.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
124	\$90.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
125	\$27.50	\$2.75	\$2.75
126	\$9.50	\$1.00	n/b
127	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

n/b = no bid