

Not Hibernating — Reorganizing

You may be thinking that the Chapter Activities Committee is hibernating this fall and winter season, but that's not the case! We are simply in the process of reorganizing and realigning our priorities with your club needs.

After much consideration we have decided to suspend the publication of the *CAC Newsletter*. Our 20+ year-old publication has simply run its course, even after undergoing an all-digital conversion not too long ago.

Issues from 1990 to the present continually have been posted on the APS website, available for one and all to read, download and print, creating what we consider the Internet's number one informational archive for and about stamp club operations. Much of its content has withstood the test of time and remains as relevant today as when originally published. We are thankful to Fred Baumann who agreed to compile a master index of the newsletter's subjects and articles soon to be online at http://www.stamps.org/cac/cac_arch.htm for everyone to use.

The CAC Committee will be focusing our efforts in the upcoming months and years in building our online presence with meaningful content not necessarily possible in an exclusively newsletter format. That will include things such as colorful, customizable posters to advertise your club meetings, templates to keep track of your members, spread-

sheets for tracking basic club finances, etc. So one "chapter" (excuse the pun!) is closing on the Chapter Activities Committee and another is just beginning. If you have items like these you'd like to contribute, or expertise to lend a hand, please let us know!

Jane Fohn has announced the resumption of the CAC Stamp Show Program Competition. Programs from local, regional and nationals level exhibitions held in 2009 are eligible and will be critiqued and judged by three experienced APS members: Tim Bartsche, John Hotchner, and Janet Klug. To participate, program editors or club officers of CAC Chapters may submit three copies of the program along with an official entry form by January 31 to Jane. Forms may be downloaded from the APS CAC website or by requesting one from Jane (please include an SASE). There is no entry fee. All entries become the property of the APS and will be on display at STAMPSHOW 2010.

In addition, Jane manages the CAC Chapter Newsletter Competition, which also has a deadline of January 31 and is free to enter. APS Chapter clubs with newsletters are eligible to participate. Three copies of three separate issues of the club's 2009 newsletter are to be submitted by an editor or club officer along with the official entry form, again available via download or through Jane, and all copies become the property of the APS. The newsletter jury includes Rob-



ert Odenweller, Hal Vogel, and Patrick Walters.

Jane may be reached by email at janekehr@sbcbglobal.net or by writing to her at: Jane King Fohn, Manager, 10325 Little Sugar Creek, Converse, TX 78109-2409.

Our Chapter Chatter column here in *The American Philatelist* will continue to run regularly three times a year in January, May and September. We also will send out news occasionally through the monthly APS e-Newsletter.

Is your club doing something newsworthy? How did your Chapter celebrate Stamp Collecting Month? What issues would you like to see covered in the next column? Send me an e-mail or a letter and let me know! Tom Fortunato, 28 Amberwood Place, Rochester, NY 14626-4166; e-mail stampmf@frontier-net.net.