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The Monthly Newsletter of the
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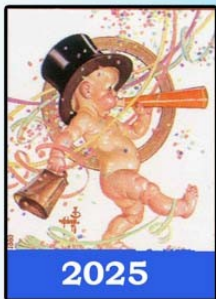
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January Program – ISC’s Youth Program

Meetings of the Indiana Stamp Club are held on the first Monday of each Month at the Lawrence Community Center located at 5301 N. Franklin Road, Lawrence, IN. The clubhouse is approximately ¼ mile south of 56th Street, on the east side of the road. The parking lot is well lit at night. Doors open about 6:00 P.M. with dealer set-up, selling, and social hour from 6:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. The club meetings begin at 7:30 P.M., followed by refreshments and the program of the evening.

Meetings are highlighted by door prize drawings, a mini-auction consisting of about ten philatelic items, a brief show-and-tell segment, discussion of upcoming stamp exhibitions in the area, and introduction of visiting collectors and guests. Come check us out.



CLUB MEETING
6:00PM, JAN 6, 2025
Bring Your Inner Child
to an Overview
of the Youth Program

Dues are due.

It's 2025 and we do need members to keep their dues current. There are a number who last paid their dues in 2024.

Don't let your membership lapse!

Keep receiving the Kicking Mule!
Stay informed on what's going on in philately in Indiana!

Or perhaps you are a new or prospective member.

Dues may be paid as follows:

- Regular or Associate Member \$12.00
- Spouse \$ 1.00
- Junior Member \$ 2.50
- Sustaining Member contribution \$ any
- Web site contribution \$ any
- Other donation \$ any

All donations gratefully accepted.

Remit payment by check payable to "Indiana Stamp Club" to Greg Cool, c/o Indiana Stamp Club, Inc.,
P.O. Box 20005, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

You may also use your Indy Bucks to pay your club dues!



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**January is
Bath Safety Month**



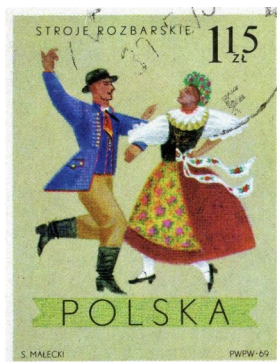
Financial Wellness Month



Glaucoma Awareness Month



Polka Music Month



National Soup Month



**Up Coming Programs
2025**

- o January – ISC Youth Programs
- o February – Club Auction

Please share program ideas with Doug Tracy.



**Up Coming Area
Philatelic Events**

January 4th and 5th 2025
MSDA show – Indianapolis
Lawrence Park Community Center
5301 North Franklin Road
(Where the club meets)

Later in 2025

MSDA show – April 12th and 13th
July 12th and 13th
November 8th and 9th

St. Louis Stamp Expo
March 21st to 23rd



Great American Stamp Show '25
WHEN: August 14-17, 2025
Thurs. - Sat. 10 - 6 p.m. • Sun. 10 - 4
LOCATION:
Renaissance Schaumburg Convention
Center
1551 North Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg,
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Some "unusual" January Recognitions

January 1st - Euro Day



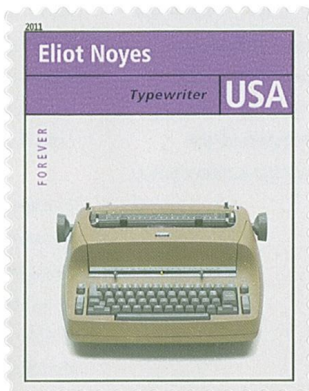
January 3rd – Drinking Straw Day



World Braille Day January 4th



January 8th – World Typing Day



January 9th - Balloon Ascension Day



January 11th - National Milk Day



January 13th - Rubber Ducky Day



January 14th – International Kite Day



January 17th – Cable Car Day



January 18th – Winnie the Pooh Day



January 20th
Penguin Awareness Day



January 23rd – National Pie Day



Jan. 27th - Auschwitz Liberation Day



January 27th - Viet Nam Peace Day



January 29th - Seeing Eye Dog Day



Solomon Islands First Issue

By Kurt Streepy

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I am working towards an exhibit on the Solomon Islands first issue. The issue is commonly known as the large canoe issue to differentiate it from the second issue known as the small canoe issue. I'll let you determine how the names came about. While researching the postcard in figure 1, I found information on the Loose Ship Letter marking.

It is a 26 x 22 mm oval with serified capital letters and was struck on uncanceled stamps posted on board ships arriving at Brisbane, Queensland.¹ Basically, a Paquebot letter that was not cancelled on the ship before landing in Brisbane. This is 1 of 5 large canoe covers reported with this marking.



Figure 1: Loose Ship Letter marking

Return address is the Roman Catholic Mission English New Guinea (now Papua New Guinea). In 1908 the area was known as the Territory of Papua being administered by Australia based on the passage of the Papua Act of 1905 which transferred authority from England. The Solomon Islands are the eastern neighbor of Papua New Guinea.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart was founded in 1885 on Yule Island. This is likely the source of the card. The mission was successfully led from 1900 to 1908 by Bishop Henry Verius. Appears the card is notifying someone in Switzerland of the sender's arrival.

I would appreciate any further information anyone can discern from the card or markings. I'm also looking for other good examples on covers/cards along with reference material for this issue if anyone has anything to share.

REFERENCES

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2. Wikipedia

History of New Years Day



January 1st is considered New Years Day in today's society. But this is a fairly new concept because up until the time of Julius Caesar, the Romans celebrated the New Year in March because it was the first month in the Roman calendar. However, January 1 marked the time when the Romans changed their governmental figures and new consuls were inducted into office. And, they had games and feasting to help celebrate the new officials. But, they still used March 1 as their official mark of the new year and had a festival to their god,



Mars (God of War).

It was Caesar who changed the Roman New Year's Day to January 1 in honor of Janus, (God of all beginnings and gate keeper of heaven and earth). Janus was always depicted with two faces: One looking back to the old year (past) and one looking ahead to the new year (future). One of the customs in the festival honoring Janus was to exchange gifts and then make resolutions to be friendly and good to one another.



When Constantine ruled the Romans and accepted Christianity as their new faith, they kept the Festival of Janus as the New Years Day (Not March as before) and turned it into a day of prayer and fasting and not parties etc. It was a day for all good Christians to turn over a new leaf. However, the Romans may have accepted January 1 and Janus as the New Year, but many did not accept the turning over a new leaf, prayer and fasting part of it.

However, even in 1582, Great Britain and the English colonies in America still kept March for the beginning of the year. (Spring as a beginning?) It wasn't until 1752 that Britain (and its colonies) adopted the new Gregorian calendar and January 1 as the beginning of the year. But many Puritans in New England felt Janus was an offensive pagan god and chose to simply ignore January 1 as a New Years Day. Instead they just made the entire month of January as "The First Month" of the months.

And, today no one really considers January 1 a fasting day. Ironically, for many it is a major day of feasting on junk food and watching football games on television.



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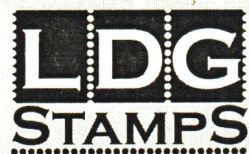
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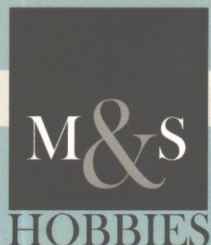


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