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ALEXANDER HAMILTON FOUNDING FATHER – BORN IN JANUARY

Alexander Hamilton was an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was an influential interpreter and promoter of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the founder of the nation's financial system, the Federalist Party, the United States Coast Guard, and The New York Post newspaper. As the first Secretary of the Treasury (1789-1795), Hamilton was the main author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. He took the lead in the funding of the states' debts by the Federal government, as well as the establishment of a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. His vision included a strong central government led by a vigorous executive branch, a strong commercial economy, with a national bank and support for manufacturing, plus a strong military.

Hamilton was born out of wedlock circa January 11, 1755 or 1757 in Charlestown, British West Indies, to a mother of French Huguenot and British ancestry and a Scots father, James A. Hamilton, the fourth son of Scottish laird Alexander Hamilton of Grange, Ayrshire. Orphaned as a child by his mother's death and his father's abandonment, he was taken in by an older cousin, and later by a prosperous merchant family. He was recognized for his intelligence and talent, and sponsored by a group of wealthy local men to travel to New York City and pursue his education. Hamilton attended King's College (now Columbia University), choosing to stay in the Thirteen Colonies to seek his fortune.

Hamilton became the leading cabinet member in the new government under President Washington. He was a nationalist who emphasized strong central government and successfully argued that the implied powers of the Constitution provided the legal authority to fund the national debt, assume states' debts, and create the government-backed Bank of the United States.

In 1795, he returned to the practice of law in New York. He tried to control the policies of President Adams (1797–1801). In 1798–99, Hamilton called for mobilization against France after the XYZ Affair and became commander of a new army, which he readied for war. However, the Quasi-War was never officially declared and did not involve army action, though it was hard-fought at sea. In the end, President Adams found a diplomatic solution that avoided a war with France. Hamilton's opposition to Adams' re-election helped cause his defeat in the 1800 election. Jefferson and Aaron Burr tied for the presidency in the electoral college in 1801, and Hamilton

helped to defeat Burr, whom he found unprincipled, and to elect Jefferson despite philosophical differences.

Hamilton continued his legal and business activities in New York City, and was active in ending the international slave trade. Vice President Burr ran for governor of New York State in 1804, and Hamilton crusaded against him as unworthy. Burr took offense and challenged him to a duel on July 11, 1804.. Burr mortally wounded Hamilton, who died the next day.

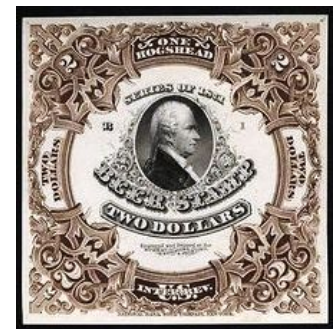
Though he never attained the highest office of his adopted country, few of America's founders influenced its political system more than Alexander Hamilton.

Alexander Hamilton is portrayed on nine (9) postage stamps (Scott #143, #154, #165, #176, #190, #201, #217, #1053 and #1086 and also several revenue stamps.

Shown below are images of four (4) Hamilton stamps..



1870 (#143)



1871 BEER (#REA29)



1899 REVENUE (#R180)



1956 (#1053)

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - JANUARY, 2017

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

Wishing everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year. May 2017 find you still enjoying your collecting activities and finding that elusive item.

If at all possible try and come to one of our meetings and of course visit WILKPEX 2017 being held on April 22nd and 23rd.



ALL 12 ISSUES ON A FIRST DAY COVER ISSUED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

JAN 1, 1932 WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL

JANUARY, 2017 MEETING DATES

January 8th and January 22nd

On January 22nd we will have "SHOW and TELL" before the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites."

******* PLEASE JOIN US *******

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

****** OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 – JUNE 30 ******

CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD: The Club annual Christmas Party was held on December 11, 2016. It was attended by 24+ people including members and their guests. There was plenty of food. **THANKS TO ALL WHO BROUGHT IN FOOD!**

Gene Bujdos conducted the annual philatelic trivia contest. This year it was a list of 15 United States stamps that related to Pittsburgh. Contestants had to choose the correct year of issue from three choices. This year's winner was member Ray Damico who had 8 of 15 correct. Ray received a \$10.00 gift card for Sheetz donated by Danielle Weaver. **CONGRATULATIONS RAY AND THANK YOU DANNY!**

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.
(Photos courtesy of Dawn Richards)

LINN'S STAMP POLL: Linn's Stamp News has announced its 2016 U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll. You can view the current leaders and cast your ballot online at: <http://www1.linns.com/poll/> Voting will continue with deadline being postmark date of March 1, 2017.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTMAS CANCEL: Danielle Weaver reports that the local Christmas cancel is so bad that it obliterates the stamps. To file a complaint, about it call 412-359-7700. THANKS!

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB –JANUARY, 2017



CHRISTMAS PARTY – GROUP PHOTO OF MOST WHO ATTENDED
Thanks to all who brought food and desserts

Photos from the Christmas Party,
held on Sunday, December 11th

Photos include members and
non-members

(SORRY IF SOME THAT ATTENDED
ARE NOT SHOWN)

**A GREAT TIME WAS
ENJOYED BY ALL**

Photos courtesy of members Dawn
Richards who took the photos.
THANK YOU DAWN!



CHRISTMAS PARTY – TRY TO STAY LONGER NEXT TIME
Jim Senkewitz makes a “cameo” appearance



CHRISTMAS PARTY – WHEN ARE WE GOING TO EAT?
Mickey Iannone, Marty Cooper and “Santa” Ray Damico



CHRISTMAS PARTY – A NEW AND OLD MEMBER
New member David Aquino and “old” member Bill Brierton



CHRISTMAS PARTY – TALLYING THE TRIVIA CONTEST
Gene Bujdos checking contest forms and Marge Novotny

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – JANUARY, 2017**MARK YOUR CALENDARS****Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows**

STAMP SHOW - January 20-21 – **YORK, PA** - York County Stamp Show White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue. Friday 10AM-6PM; Saturday 10AM – 6PM.

STAMP SHOW – January 22 – **MARS, PA** – - K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) - VFW Post 7505, 331 Mars Valencia Road, Mars Pa. Sunday, 10AM – 4PM – Free Lunch.

STAMP SHOW – February 12 – **HUDSON, OHIO** - Hudson Stamp Bourse Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway. Sunday 10AM – 4PM

STAMP SHOW - March 4-5 - **NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW Saturday 10AM – 5PM; Sunday 10AM – 4PM

STAMP SHOW – March 23-25 – **CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Garfield Perry March Party – 127th Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse. La Villa Conference and Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130. Thursday 11AM – 6PM, Friday 10AM – 5:30PM

STAMP SHOW – March 26 – **MARS, PA** – - K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) - VFW Post 7505, 331 Mars Valencia Road, Mars Pa. Sunday, 10AM – 4PM – Free Lunch

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 8 – **PITTSBURGH, PA** - Three Rivers Postcard Club, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd. (Route 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Saturday, 9AM – 4PM. Admission \$2.00

STAMP SHOW – April 22-23 – **MONROEVILLE, PA** - WILKPEX Wilkesburg Stamp Club, Gateway Firehall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146. Saturday 10AM – 4PM; Sunday 10AM – 3PM Special Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW – May 12-13 – **BUTLER, PA** – BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora. PA. Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM Admission FREE

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE**PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES**

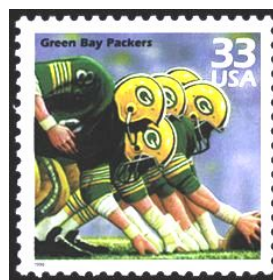
Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1967

1999 U.S.A.



1997 U.S.A. - LOMBARDI

1972 EQUATORIAL
GUINEA

2015 MADAGASCAR S.S.

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
THE GREEN BAY PACKERS AND FOOTBALL AND
ASTRONAUTS AND SPACE PROGRAMS**

JANUARY 15, 1967 - The NFL Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 in the First AFL-NFL World Championship Game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to win the championship of American professional football. It became known retroactively as Super Bowl I.

JANUARY 27, 1967 - Apollo 1 was destroyed by fire at Launch Complex 34 at Cape Kennedy, killing all three of the American astronauts on board killing American astronauts Command Pilot Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, 40; Senior Pilot Edward H. White II, 36; and Pilot Roger B. Chaffee, 31.