

JACKSON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (JPS)

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JPS Newsletter for July 2021

Jackson Philatelic Society met for its monthly IN-PERSON and ZOOM meeting on June 19 2021, at Hindu Temple of Mississippi, located at 173 Vernon Jones Avenue off of Old Fannin Road in Brandon.

Members in attendance were John Colonias, K.R. Rao, Lokanath Polepalli, Yugandhar Adari, Mahesh Adari, Akhila Adari, Shashidhar Surakanti and K. Indira Rao.

Members on Zoom were Eckhard Stuart from Colorado, Harini Vedala and Gayatri Meduri of California and was coordinated by Vijay Vedala.

The meeting was started by the interim President and Vice President Dr K.R. Rao in place of Colonel Eckhard Stuart who is at Colorado summer home for six months. Colonel Eckhard was present throughout zoom. Due to technical difficulties in zoom connection the meeting was delayed and started at 10:30 AM. Lokanath Polepalli managed the technical set up and we thank his efforts.

Every one wished the senior member John Colonias on celebrating his 93rd birthday on June 8th. Karl Schoek, treasurer was under the weather and could not be present. Karl Schoek gave his approval on phone to KR to be in charge of the auctions at the future monthly meetings.

The minutes of May monthly meeting was circulated and were approved.

KR announced that JPS website is active and up to date for everyone to see. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the web master Vijay Vedala. KR invited members to give their feed back and informed the website will be updated once a month.

At 10:50 AM Shashidhar started his presentation on the Stamps issued by Princely States of pre-independence India. The unique feature was there were 675 independent states in India; Some states issued stamps of their own and other states issued in collaboration with British Government. Stamps issued between 1874 to 1885 are rare and hard to find. The quality of the stamps improved as time advanced with technology. Stamps issued by Hyderabad had space above for cancellation and for recipient's address. Nizam of Hyderabad was the first one to introduce revenue stamps. Jaipur was the first state to introduce two color stamps. The first stamp of India was dated in 1835.

The presentation was very informative and good. Due to lack of time the President decided to continue Shashidar's presentation on Saturday August 21, 2021 meeting.

The auction time was limited and the out of station members did not have time to review the auction items. To facilitate the out of station members, it was suggested all auction items should be photographed and submitted before the meeting every month. The auction was postponed to next month.

Since the technical problems with zoom connection delayed the entire process, Lokanath volunteered to check with Vijay for the connection before the meeting from next time.

The interim president gifted the junior member Akhila Adari who attended JPS meeting for first time with a few stamps in glassine envelopes, gifted by Colonel Eckhard.

Please take time to visit the JPS web site <https://jacksonphilatelicsociety.org/>.

Next month meeting will be on July 17th 2021 from 10 AM to noon at HTSM Community Hall. There will be a presentation about "The Hernes Head Issue of Greece" by Dr. John Colonias.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.