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I hope, you and your families all had enjoyable holidays, are well and have good reasons to look forward optimistically to the New Year.

Next Meeting

Due to the Covid situation, several members have expressed their concern about having a physical meeting in January. Therefore, we will not have a meeting on January 15. Our next meeting will be on February 19 at 10:00 am. **Please note**, that at that time, we will meet at the G. Chastaine Flynt Memorial Library in Flowood, MS. The address is 103 Winners Circle, about ½ mile north of Lakeland Drive on the east side of Old Fannin Road.

We will have a presentation by K. R. Rao on “Earliest stamps of select countries of the world and their values”. As usual, we will also have our traditional auction of stamps and philatelic material.

Stamp donations received

While I was in Colorado, an employee of the local post office learned, that I was a stamp collector and involved with the Jackson Philatelic Society. He offered me a cigar box of mid-19th century international stamps, which he had inherited from his father and had no use for. I gladly accepted his kind offer and we will make these stamps available for our youth members over the next months.

Also, I was recently contacted by a kind lady from Jackson, who had a box of old stamps sitting around. I told her about our youth members and a couple of weeks ago, I received the stamps and again, they will be made available to our young members.

2022 membership dues

If you have not submitted your 2022 membership dues, please send your check to the JPS at P. O. Box 16792, Jackson, MS 39236-6792.

I would like to update our membership roster with the next newsletter. Please make sure, you are current with your dues and review your info on the present list. If necessary, submit any changes to me by the end of this month.

2022 JPS Officers

The proposed slate of officers, as published in the December 21 newsletter, was accepted at the December 21 meeting.

Why have a stamp catalog?

Some “collectors” just throw the stamps they receive in a box, let them accumulate and never really look at them again. Sadly, most of these accumulations at some time just get thrown away, because nobody really cares about them. If you are a more serious collector, you would at some time concentrate on a certain area – geographically or by subject. If you are collecting stamps from a country or several countries, you would want to organize them by the time, they were issued, keep track of which stamps you have already and what you want to look for to add to your collection. This is where the stamp catalog becomes an indispensable source of information. It gives you a description and picture of every stamp issued, including many varieties, the date the stamp was issued and the value for a mint and a used stamp.

For collectors in the US, the main catalog source is the Scott catalog, issued every year and covering every country of the world in six volumes. If you can't or don't want to pay the price for the latest Scott annual catalog issue (s), which per volume will cost you about \$ 100, a catalog, which is a few years old, will help you to achieve most of your goal. The catalog lists all stamps issued from the very beginning to the latest stamps prior to the catalog issue date. So, you are only missing a few years, but cover most of what you might need and only pay a small fraction of the original catalog cost.

As for the collector of US stamps, one can go to the website of the Mystic Stamp Company and download their latest catalog as a PDF or request a free hard copy (some strings attached). However, this catalog lists dealer prices (sometimes a bit higher than the Scott catalog prices) and less information than the Scott catalog.

We will have a whole set of used Scott catalogs at the next auction for \$ 5.- per volume.