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### **JPS News**

**Our next August meeting** will be on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The June meeting was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Our July meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**DATE:** 6-24-2023 **Venue:** Flynt Library SMALL Meeting Hall, Flowood Library **Time** 10:00 AM

**Members In attendance:** KR Rao, K. Indira Rao, Vijay Vedala, Lokanath Polepalli, Karl Schoeck, , Stanely Stewart, Sumesh Arora, Shashidhar Reddy, Sitaram Makena, Terry hubbman

**Zoom:** Gayatri Meduri (San Jose), Col. Eckhard Stuart (Colarado)

### **MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. There was no meeting in the month of May. The meeting was cancelled covid The acting president KR Rao was overcome by COVID. The June meeting was postponed to June 24th one week late due to conflicting schedules. Many members are absent for the June meeting with their travel plans.
2. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by the acting President KR Rao. He took charge in the absence of President Eckhard Stuart who is on sabbatical from May to October 2023. 3. KR emphasized that the club is a place to exchange stamps.
- 3 Our member Jayant Mahajan is moving and relocating to Phoenix, AZ from July 1. He has been our program coordinator which he will continue virtual and attend meetings on zoom. Mahajan stopped briefly to bid goodbye. On behalf of the club KR presented him with an album as a parting gift from the club.
4. As it stands, monthly presentations were clarified as follows June is by Karl Schoeck, July by Lokanath Polepalli, August by Vijay Vedala, September by Ugandhar Adari, October by Mary Blalock, November by Sumesh Arora, and December by Rachana Puri.
5. Karl Shoeck presented in April about one penny stamp issued by British Guyana and its journey to a millionaire Weinberg of New York in April meeting. But the video was not audible, and members expressed the wish to see it again. Since May 2023 was cancelled, with better equipment it was decided to present the video again in June, which happened to be this meeting.
6. Next meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM Karl took the stage at 10:25 AM for presenting the subject. Printed in 1856 British Guyana, a part of UK. After 17 years of printing, a 11 year old local schoolboy found it in his grandmother's collection and sold for \$1.75. Later the stamp was purchased by John

Dupont for \$37000/-. John Dupont held the stamp as an investment when he got in trouble with law and ended up in jail for life. This stamp was later bought by a shoemaker in auction by Weinberg for 9.5 million dollars. Weiberg died at age 88 with cancer. The video was appreciated by all members.

7. Since Vijay Vedala is out the country on vacation, the next zoom meeting will be conducted by Lokanath Polepalli.
8. Auction was brisk, and all items were sold. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.