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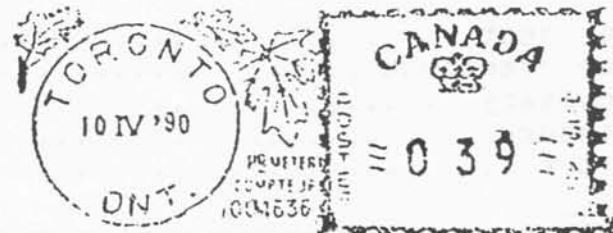
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The Lambda Philatelic Journal is published quarterly by The Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club (GLHSC), an official study unit of the American Topical Association, membership number 458.

The objectives of the club are:

To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material depicting:



notable men and women (and their contributions to society) for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual behavior, orientation or support.

mythology, historical events, and ideas (laws) significant in the history of gay culture.

flora and fauna scientifically proven having prominent homosexual behavior.

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Even though emphasis is placed on this aspect of stamp collecting, the club strongly encourage other interest of philately.

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The Lambda Philatelic Journal thrives on philatelic articles (original or reprinted) and alternative viewpoints for publication. Members are also encouraged to place free advertisements of philatelic interest.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Things haven't been easy for Blair and I during the past few months. Most of you already know that while on a camping trip out west (WA, OR, ID) I suffered what doctors called "a minor heart attack."

After a week at the VA Hospital in Boise, ID, Blair and I flew back home where I was to receive follow-up treatments at the East Orange, NJ VA Medical Center. During a visit to my doctor, I learned that my "minor heart attack" had complicated matters and that I needed an emergency triple bypass operation. I was admitted on Columbus Day.

I was transferred to the Manhattan VA Center to have surgery, which occurred on October 22. By November 8th was well enough to be transferred back to East Orange for continual recovery. I was finally released on November 16th and was able to spend Thanksgiving Day with the in-laws.

First and foremost important - I'm truly thankful to have a partner of fifteen years who has been so lovingly devoted to me during serious illnesses. During this crisis we both lost about thirteen pounds.

To all the doctors and nursers, thanks a million!! I was truly touched by the beautiful flowers, fruit baskets and the dozens of thoughtful letters and cards from all of you!!! A special thanks to those who were able to visit me while I was in the hospital. We shall always remember your kindness in our time of need.

Because of my strict diets and daily exercise routines, its best that I resign as Editor and concentrate on other club affairs. One of the things I would like to start on is updating our checklist. I will also concentrate on my exhibit.

I look forward to a full recovery

THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT

GLHSC members and especially myself owe the survival of our club to one person, our president, Ed S Centeno. When Ed joined us back December 11th 1985, it was at a time when we were looking for someone to take over.

Ed's innovating ideas has implanted "us" in the philatelic map. We are recognized and reviewed by major philatelic magazines and societies. Since 1985, our membership has doubled (87 to 259).

The club's operational structure was computerized, making life easier to yours truly. You can find "us" listed in just about all the major gay guides in the country, philatelic reference books, and brief articles about our philatelic specialty in non-philatelic magazines/newspapers.

The above are just a few of the countless contributions Ed has given us in the past four years.

LONG LIVE THE PRESIDENT.

Love,

Paul Knopf

a lick from the president:



Because of space limitation, I'm unable to bring you the results of the votes. In our next issue a complete report will be provided along with a design that was suggested by a club member for the desperate needed logo.

I'm truly pleased to have received so many letters regarding the name change. Please keep those letters coming.

.....and introducing Joe Petronie, Editor:



Joe Petronie joined GLHSC June 6th, 1988 after reading about us in the June issue of the National Advocate Magazine. His collecting days began back in grade school, but junior high held too many distractions and so stamp collecting was put aside. It wasn't until 1983 that he rekindled his relationship with philately.

His collecting interest are: U.S., Sweden, France, Germany, AIDS on Stamps, and gay history. Most recently he started a topic of bodybuilders and weightlifters on stamps; possibly a new study unit. Besides his main interest, he also collects anything that falls into his hands.

Joe is a member of the ATA, APS, and the Dallas Philatelic Society. An avid philatelic reader: Stamp Monthly, Linn's Stamp News, APS Magazine, Topical Times, and Stamps Magazine. He has developed an excellent philatelic pen-pal rapport with club members.

A three year marriage to a non-stamp collector has prove once again "that apposite attracts". I had the privilege in meeting Joe during our meeting at World Expo '89. He truly impressed me with his innovating ideas and his candid enthusiasm towards the club's future.

Please get-to-know your new editor.

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Dear Ed:

I was very surprised to see the article in the journal about changing the name of the GLHSC. What's going on?? What's the reason for the vote?? I'm particularly interested in knowing what the objections are to the word "lesbian".

My interest is political. I am very active locally and professionally. I'm part of the movement to include the word "lesbian" along with the word "gay" in the name of any "coed" organization seeking to attract and/or represent both men and women. In fact, this is such a strongly held belief for me that I will resign from membership if GLHSC changes its name to anything that includes the word "gay" without including the word "lesbian."

I collect gay men on stamps and very interested in reading about and seeing examples of lesbians on stamps. I'm also interested in associating with lesbian and gay stamp collectors and in supporting an organization which exists for us.

I think we should include the word "bisexual" as well. Yes, that results in cumbersome names. So what? Being homosexual and bisexual ain't easy. No one ever promised us that it would be.

Of course, there are ways to avoid this semantic issue. There's nothing wrong with such names as "Lambda Philatelic Society" or "Stonewall Philatelic Society." However, I believe in being more forthright about who we are and what we're about. After all, "Lambda" and "Stonewall" are code words.

"Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual" put it out there for all to see without any apology. There's another possibility as well. We could be the Harvey Milk/Gertrude Stein Stamp Collectors Club. For that matter, "How Dare You Presume I'm Straight Stamp Collectors Club." I don't care.

My concern is that the name of a group for both men and women shouldn't in its very language exclude women. Would you feel welcome in the "Lesbian Stamp Club?" Would you believe the organizers of a group with that name if they told you that you would be welcome to join and that your needs would be met??

Very truly yours,

M.A.K.
Ypsilanti, MI

Dear Mr. Centeno,

Please do not change the name of our stamp club. I think it best describes what the club is and does. It's a study unit documenting the history of gay and lesbian on stamps or through stamps. All of its members are not gay or lesbian which only leaves choices # 3, 4, 6, and 14.

I would vote for #3 or 4, however it means so much to me - and to the community here in Vermont with whom I share club info - that the words GAY and LESBIAN be included in the new name; right out there for everyone to see without any apologies.

When I took my daughter to EXPO '89 in Washington D.C. I was proud to point that we (GLHSC) were right there for everyone to see - GAYS and LESBIANS - on stamps!

I'm afraid that some gay collectors might miss the significance of "Lambda" or "Stonewall" in the name and never realizing that a gay and lesbian club exist. Of course, it will be totally lost on the non-gay philatelic society (what a pity!).

6 and 14 are both fine. I choose these two because I want to keep lesbian in our name. Its the most beautiful word in the English language!! What do you mean "resentments" from some club members?? It sounds like homophobia.

I always enjoy the Lambda Philatelic Journal. I collect Eleanor Roosevelt and Martina as part of my Women on Stamps Collection. Please keep up the good work and don't take the Lesbian out of GLHSC!!!!

Thanks for being there GLHSC!!!

Sincerely,

J.E.B.
Bradford, VT

Dear Ed,

Hard for me to decide on a new name for the club or stay with the same name. So I won't blow a fuse in taking a long time to decide about the name.

I'll stay with the name we already have. WHY?? In our name, it's saying exactly what we specialize in philately.

Happy stamp collecting,

M.R.
Philippi, WV

Hi Ed:

I personally like Lambda Philatelic Society. Though I would like to use gay and/or lesbian in the title. One option, is adding the word International.

1. If GLHSC wishes to remain strictly American, with some foreign members, either Lambda Philatelic Society or Stonewall Philatelic Society would be appropriate.

2. If we wish to form an umbrella organization; that is all gay stamp groups networking, we would need to include the word international or some other similar word. Without it, we would most likely alienate those not in the U.S.

3. We can strive to be "the" gay group worldwide. However, this would entail much hard work, expanding the journal to be issued in several languages and securing members and articles from foreign sources. It could be done, but it would almost cause us to be more "professional" in the managing of the group. It would be tough, but we could pull it off. It would also rest on how interested the other groups are in this idea.

Joe Petronie
Dallas, TX

Dear Ed,

Out of the 20 suggestions that were made in the Oct/Nov issue of the journal, I found the "Lambda Philatelic Society" suggestion to fit best.

Since some of our members do not like the use of the word lesbian, and I am one of the gay members who is not public about my sexual orientation, the use of the word lambda seems more "neutral," and irrespective of gender.

It was nice to see such an informative breakdown of membership statistics. It is good to see we have so much members. Its also very encouraging to learn that GLHSC has attracted 62 people to the world of philately. I have enjoyed this wonderful hobby for 23 years. Perhaps, Linn's Stamp News would like to run a special ad in offering a years' subscription with a copy of the "Stamp Collecting Made Easy."

Furthermore, since I am one of those 10% of the membership which fall into the advanced collectors category, perhaps the club would be interested in membership with the American Philatelic Society.

Thank you for your time.

M.A.
Hudson, NY

G'day Ed,

First of all, I am in favour of any new name that drops the word "Lesbian". Are we not all GAY, be we female or male?? and, if we don't use the words GAY and/or LESBIAN instead use Lambda. We may get more members - particularly for those, for what ever reason, are still in the closet. I would also like to see the word "International" used as this indicates membership is made up (and welcomed) from people worldwide.

Therefore, my first nomination is "The Lambda International Philatelic Society. (L.I.P.S.) or the International Association of Gay Philatelists.

Secondly, may I again say how interesting I find the articles in the journal. They bring a fresh approach to collecting and expand peoples knowledge of gay history.

Regards,

Foreign member

Dear Ed,

First off, let me state upfront that I consider myself a gay woman. Friends of mine, however, make it clear that they are lesbians. The fact that I call myself gay and they call themselves lesbians doesn't invalidate either labels.

I can understand why my friends choose to identify themselves as lesbians: throughout history, women have been forced into invisibility by men. The word "homosexual" was widely perceived as referring to the male of the species. Likewise, in most non-gay people's minds, when the word "gay" is used, they envision male homosexuals.

So gay women became, yet again, invisible - like their heterosexual sisters throughout history. Thus, in the early years of the gay rights movements, women demanded an end to their invisibility, and the word "lesbian" came into more frequent usage. Saying "gay" and "lesbian" prevents people from forgetting that there are women involved the struggle, too; it prevents people from envisioning only gay men.

I call myself gay, however. That's because I see myself as more connected to the gay community than the feminist community, and - whether fairly or not - the word "lesbian" connotes feminism. (and yet, I am a feminist, but that's another discussion).

Gay is, after all, the only word - even homosexuals excludes bisexuals - that we have to describe all of us. It promotes unity and - if fully understood - it fully means diversity.

Ultimately, of course, it's the individuals's choice. If someone wants to call themselves gay, lesbian, or bisexual, it's up to them. No one can dictate to others how to identify themselves. Even the variant spelling of the "woman" is a personal choice, although it does get a trifle confusing.

Perhaps the solution is to dedicate ourselves to eradicating sexism and other forms of intolerance in our community. Then we wouldn't need to use labels of any sort.

L.F.
Philadelphia, PA.

comments:

Most anything is OK - just keep the word "Lesbian" in it - DO NOT TAKE IT OUT!! GLHSC is just fine; one other possibility is: GAY & LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF PHILATELIC INTEREST (GLOPI) - What do you think??

Hi Ed,

I do not care for "lesbian" to be part of the new title. I feel that it's redundant (and some what sexist). Are lesbians - gay women??

Since your membership shows that a good percentage of the members are not advanced collectors, I feel that is better to keep the title simple. Words like Lambda, Stonewall and Philatelic can be a little to esoteric for new members to have an idea what the club is about.

Since 10% of the members are foreign, I think the world international should be in the title (if it is the objective of the club to be an international club).

Just some thoughts,

J.T.
Louisville, KY

Hi VIP,

I always thought that "gay" meant a preference for those of the same sex. It still does, doesn't it?? There are still gay men and gay women, right?? Well, how come we call ourselves lesbians and gays?? That's like saying "oak and wood" or "vodka and booze" or "Levis and jeans,". All wood is not oak, all gays are not lesbians. But all oak is wood and all lesbians are gay.

So, maybe it's just semantics. Maybe lesbians like the idea of being separate from being identified with gay men. I heard of a lesbian movement afoot to change the spelling of "women" to "womyn: so they won't even have to be reminded of the word "men".

I feel that the modern gay movement has come a long way towards joining together in so many aspects, it seems ludicrous that we or they or somebody somewhere had chosen to divide gay into "lesbian and gay."

Now, as if we're not confused enough, along comes another splinter group called "lesbian, gay and bi-sexual." I always thought a bi-sexual was somebody who couldn't make up his/her mind what to be, so he/she would be both.

I just wish we'd forget all these labels and come up with a new word that we could all agree upon. Wait!! I got it!! HUMAN.

Ha!! Human, huh?? Whaddya think.... does it have a chance??

S.D.
State of PA.



The hospice concept, which was started by Dr. Cicely Saunders of Great Britain, began to appear in North America in the 1960's.

The Casey House Hospice, Inc., was founded by social activist June Callwood in March of 1986. The hospice was named for Callwood's youngest child who was killed in a motorcycle accident at the age of 20.

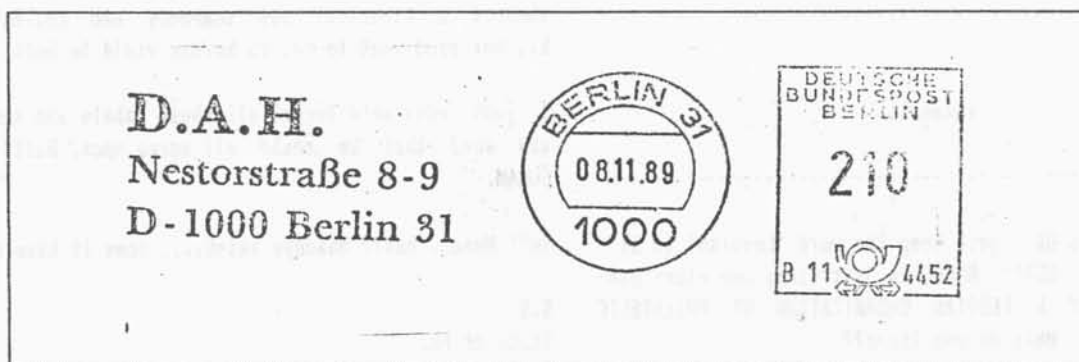
It provides a home-like environment for people living with AIDS. Casey House is a free standing hospice affiliated with St. Michael's Hospital. The home accommodates 12 residents offering 24 hour care, including medical, nursing, counselling, and support services.

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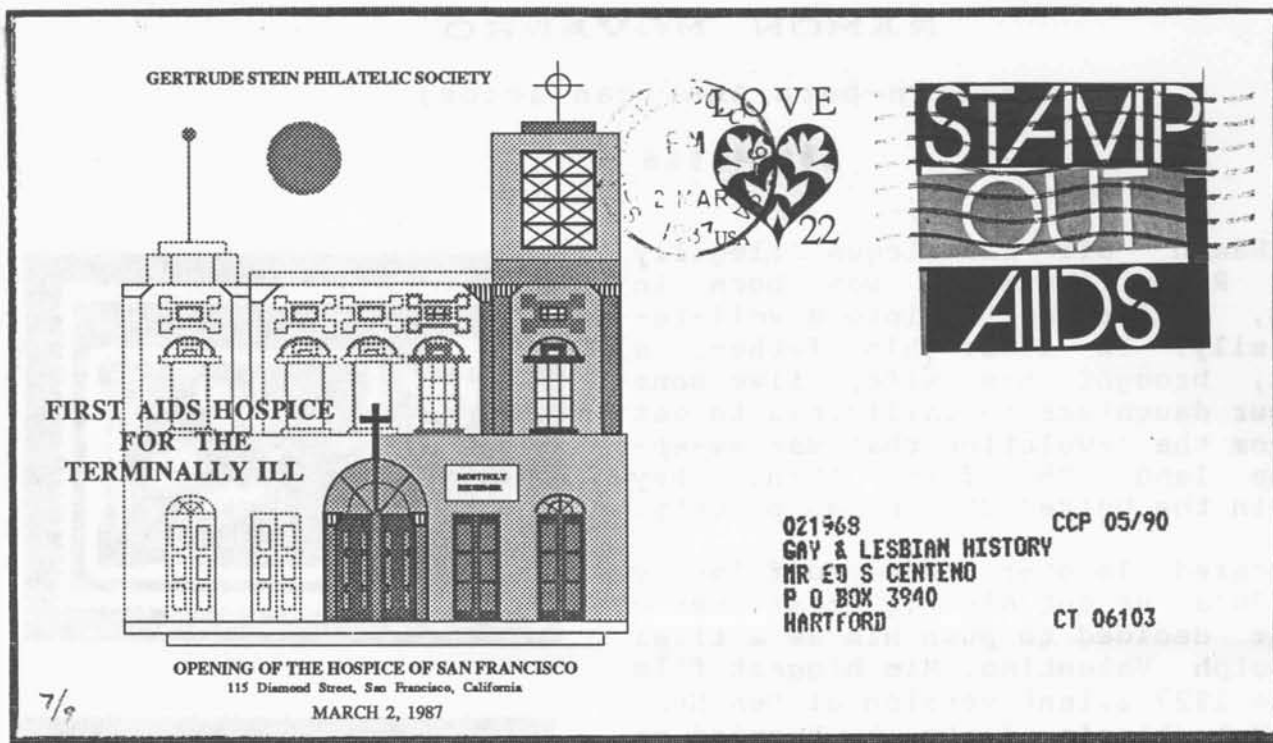
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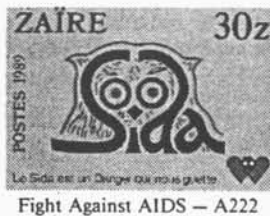
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RAMON NOVARRO

(Mexican-born American actor)

1899-1968

Jose Ramon Gil Samaniegos (legally became Ramon Novarro) was born in Durango, Mexico in 1899 into a well-to-do family. In 1913, his father, a dentist, brought his wife, five sons and four daughters to California to get away from the revolution that was sweeping the land. The first thing they found in the United States was poverty.

He appeared in over a hundred films by mid 1930's. He got his big break when a producer decided to push him as a rival to Rudolph Valentino. His biggest film was the 1927 silent version of Ben Hur. After Valentino's death, he carried on the role of the Latin lover.

He co-starred with Greta Garbo (Mata Hari '32), Helen Hayes (The Son-Daughter '33), and was still in the radiant orbit of Hollywood beauty in 1960, when he drew good reviews for a smaller role in "Heller in Pink Tights" with Sophia Loren. His roster of leading ladies also included Norman Shearer, Myrna Loy, May McAvoy, and Alice Terry.



His fame crested in silent films and he never achieved the height of popularity in talking pictures. By 1934, Mr. Novarro, who had wanted to be an opera singer, had given up Hollywood and was devoting himself to giving concert appearances and to managing vast real estate holdings. During his years of big earnings (\$5,000.00 a week), much of which untouched by income taxes in those days, he invested in real estate in the San Fernando Valley and in Mexico.

He never married nor had a "life companion". He was known to entertain often, including his four brothers and two sisters who lived in the area. He was one of Richard Halliburton's (climbed the Matterhorn in 1921, swam the Hellespont in 1925, and the Panama Canal in 1928, and flew over 50,000 miles around the world in his own airplane) bedmates's.

His life ended tragically; choked in his own blood - the lead Art Deco dildo which Valentino had given him forty-five years earlier thrust down his throat. His nude body, battered, tied, and bloody, was found on his bed by Edward Weber, Mr. Novarro's private secretary and long-time friend.

Two brothers from Chicago, Paul and Tom Ferguson, chose October 31, Halloween Night, to play Death Angels to the sixty-nine year old Ben Hur. Apparently they were hired by Novarro as hustlers, and beaten to death while trying to learn where he hid 5,000.00 - which they'd heard from other hustlers that Novarro kept hidden in his home.