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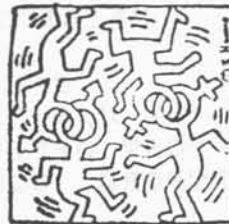
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ALTERNATE LIFESTYLES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE
... OUT OF THE CLOSET ...



FROM THE COLLECTION OF
PAUL HENNEFELD



STONEWALL STA.
20 YEARS 1969-1989
LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE
JUNE 25, 1989
NEW YORK, NY 10199

Stonewall

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Yearly dues are \$6.00 per calendar year for U.S. and Canada residents; \$8.00 or 10 IRC per year for foreign residents (to cover higher postage cost).

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

U.S. POST OFFICE CELEBRATES "PRIDE DAY"

by Nildo Harper

On June 25, 1989, the United States Postal Service (USPS) became the first federal agency to officially acknowledge "Pride Day" and the twentieth anniversary of Stonewall Uprising by authorizing a pictorial cancellation. The postmark was a resounding success notwithstanding Senator Jesse Helms attempt to prevent the event.

It all begin when the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Inc. (GLAAD) read the coverage of our club in the national Advocate magazine (Issue 500 - 6/7/88). Ironically, none of GLAAD staff are philatelists!

While seeking the approval of USPS, GLAAD also enlisted the help of our club. We met to discuss methods of making this project appealing to stamp collectors -- covers, maxicards, postcards, etc.

Paul Hennefeld, winner of several national and ~~international~~ gold awards for his extraordinary collection "Alternate Lifestyles of Famous People" (an exhibit which documents historical figures on various forms of philatelic material), our president Ed S Centeno and other officials of GLHSC, were most helpful to GLAAD both from a philatelically and historical ly standpoint. The cancellation was finally approved on June 8th (to late for adequate coverage on major stamp newspapers).

GLAAD proceeded with original plans of issuing 5,000 souvenir post-cards with space for postage and postmark on front. We (GLHSC) decided to, independently issue cachets using the cover page from Paul's collection.

The design features the Heritage of Pride logo designed by Keith Haring an international renowned (gay) pop artist. Mr. Haring is no stranger to philatelists. In 1984 the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) commissioned him to design a cachet and lithograph for the International Youth Year' first day of issue. His second design for WFUNA was for the International Volunteer Day' first day of issue.

During "Pride Day" Parade and street fair, one could feel the excitement in the air!! Lines for the cancellation were extremely long and post office employees worked tirelessly until 5:00 P.M.

People were mailing letters and postcards to friends, relatives and loved ones from the mobile post office located at Sheridan Square. GLAAD sold out it's entire run of special postcards and estimated that over 25,000 cancellations had been applied!! USPS more conservatively estimated about 15,000 cancellations, nevertheless a very high volume for one day.

The USPS stated that for other street fairs and special events in New York City, less than 3-4,000 cancels were the norm.

Our club also took part of the festivities by having a booth at the street fair. Ken, Ed's life companion, constructed a sturdy and most impressive booth for our club (it sure pays having a handy man around the house).

The idea was so successful that we are making it a yearly ritual and possibly having a float.

Thankfully, Ken constructed a roof to shield us from the sun. The booth accommodated four people comfortably with chairs and cooler, and plenty of counter space to display various philatelic material. We passed out copies of Linn's News and Stamp, club literature, promotional material encouraging people into philately. I must say, the view from the booth was quite enticing - the day was hot and most people were wearing the most minimal attire...

We were really surprised at the number of people who collected stamps, but were "unaware" of organized philately. Most of the people that stopped by our booth (1,020) were only interested in purchasing the cachet for friends and for its political and historical significance. We sold out all 800 prepared covers and we took orders for many people that missed out!!

STONEWALL, which occurred twenty years ago, was the opening salvo in the fight for gay liberation. On that Friday, June 27, police officers and detectives descended on a gay owned establishment called "Stonewall Inn" in Greenwich Village and prepared to arrest patrons without ID's. Such raids were routine enough, but the atmosphere that night was filled with outrage.

ANYONE WISHING TO READ MORE ABOUT STONEWALL AND/OR KEITH HARING,
PLEASE SEND A SASE ATTN: EDITOR



Postcard can be purchase directly from GLAAD for \$1.00 each (\$1.50 if prestamped and cancelled). The color of triangle is pink and back reads:

COMMEMORATING

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL UPRISING,
GREENWICH VILLAGE, NEW YORK CITY - THE BIRTH
OF THE MODERN LESBIAN/GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

GLAAD

80 Varick Street, Suite #E
New York City, New York 10013-1923

Founded in 1985, GLAAD discourages stereotypes and misinformation about "our community"

TENNIS SUPERSTAR: MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

by Kathy Foster

"You'll need a tank to beat me," Martina said once to a Russian opponent. As of July 1989, her total gross earnings were more than \$13MM, more than any player in the history of tennis. She couldn't achieve this success in Communist controlled Czech.

At the age of six she fell in love with tennis. Her stepfather patiently coached her. And up to this date she credits him for his guidance and encouragement.

Her parents sacrificed summer vacations to save money so she could travel to tournaments. But she yearned to go abroad, especially to the United States: "I was so stubborn, so independent, that I was more American than Czech, even as a little kid."

The ticket out was her athletic skills. Navratilova's first trip beyond Czech borders was in 1969 to West Germany, where she did well in a tournament. "My first trip out confirmed my suspicions that the West had a style and a freedom that Communism couldn't match," she wrote.

She continued her tennis practice, improving her tennis games, at the Sparta Club in Prague while attending school. She played again in West Germany, England, and in Soviet block countries (including Soviet Union). At the age of fifteen, she won the Czech National Championships.

In 1973, Martina made her first visit to America. After playing in tennis tournaments in Florida and Dallas, she was ready to compete with America's finest women players. In Akron, Ohio she faced Chris Evert for the first time, starting their famous rivalry.

Martina and Chris victories on this tour qualified her for the Wimbledon Tournament in England, which she eventually won in 1978.

In August 1975, while playing in Westchester County, New York, she defected with her agents's help. The loneliness resulting from this decision hit her like a "ton of bricks," she wrote in her candid 1985 autobiography. She could have returned at any time for visits if she had been married to a U. S. citizen, but by now she accepted the fact that she was a lesbian.

She fell in love with an older woman who ended the relationship after six months. The romance was kept discreet from the press.

This became apparent when she had a relationship with novelist Rita Mae Brown. They met in 1978 in Virginia when Brown asked to be introduced to her while researching a Czech character for a book. They met again in 1979.

Navratilova found Brown intellectually stimulating. Martina wrote "I liked Brown's seething, witty core." But Brown had no interest in tennis, which ruptured the relationship. She left Brown, after a loud scene in 1981 on the advice of basketball player Nancy Lieberman.

Nancy became dominating and in 1984 Martina broke up the relationship. Martina writes, "my next love was a wife and mother whose marriage was already in trouble."

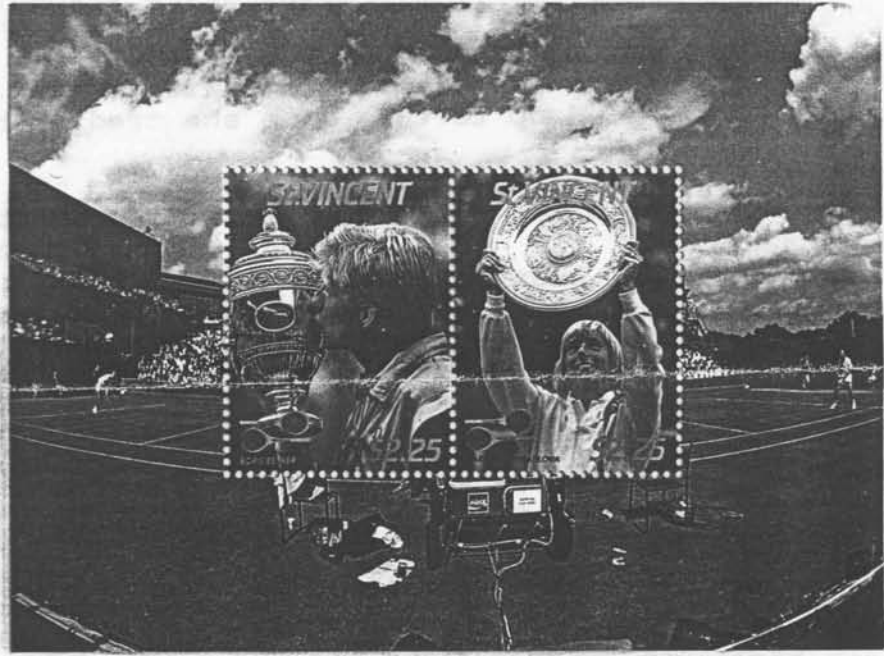
She became a U.S. citizen in 1981, and she praises America for giving her "the space and freedom" to be a champion. But when told "society" isn't ready yet for the freedom to be gay, she replied, "aren't we part of society too? I don't like labels. Just call me Martina

The reverse page is from Paul Hennefeld's collection.

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

(1956-)

ATHLETE



\$1.50 additional postage on reverse.

In her autobiography Martina writes honestly of her lesbian lifestyle and of the difficulty her parents had in accepting it.

CANADA'S FIRST GAY STAMP CLUB!!!



You have no idea how flabbergasted we were at the Stamp Club meeting to be handed your correspondence dated April 24th. And we thought we were the first Gay Stamp Club in the world! From the likes of it, it appears we're the first in Canada. We all were extremely impressed with your Lambda Philatelic Journal and on behalf of the club I thank you for the AIDS UN cover and the literature you kindly forwarded about the club.

And now about our club's history. It all started in August '88 when four of us decided to inquire about the idea of having a Gay Stamp Club in Toronto. Why not?? I was sure that "out there" were some gay people also interested in collecting works of art somewhat afford able.

Anyway, our official existence was February 1989 and the first meeting took place on March 8th. So far we can count five members; not much I'm afraid. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, 6-8PM, at the Gay Community Centre.



Club officers are: Michel Bencini- President, Michael Evans- Secretary Garth Norbraten- Treasurer and Philip Malloy- P.R.O. For the time being we are not charging any dues. We hope to attract more bait as time goes and set objectives.

Stamps are our focus of attention and promoting goodwill among our community. It's a shame we missed you when you were here in Toronto last year. Our members would like to arrange a weekend together, maybe we can meet in Washington D.C. for World Expo '89.

Should you or any members of the club visit our city, please let us know and we'll be greet you with open arms.

p.s.



This two cent stamp commemorates the plight (sic!) of Maltese workers. It looks like an interesting orgy of men and women all naked and fondling each other. Although male nudes is not our topic of interest, very interested in Maltese stamps since I am originally from Malta.

Michel Bencini, President
THE GAY STAMP CLUB
C/O The Community Centre
519 Church Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2C9 CANADA

" AIDS ON STAMPS " UPDATE :

Jean Anne Hlavacek, a nurse at University Hospital and Clinics in Madison, Wisconsin, was rejected by the Citizens's Stamp Advisory Committee (for the eighth times over the past two year) for a postage stamp designed to advertise the AIDS problem. Their reason: "People don't want dissagreeable or gloomy stamps on their mail."

Her campaign began in August 1987 after her best friend's father-in-law died of AIDS. She has spend more than \$3,000 of her own money and vacation time sending letters to government officals and soliciting thousands of signatures for petitions in support of the stamp.

In response, she has received numeral letters of endorsement from government officials and orgazinations, including a leeter of support from President George Bush when he was Vice President.

Anyone interested in dropping her a note of encouregemnet can write:

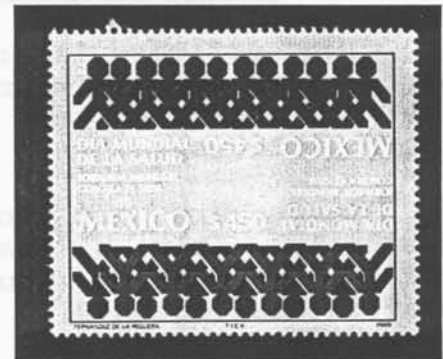
Mrs. Jean Anne Hlavacek, R.N.
701 West Lakeside Street
Madison, WI 53715

this page made possibly by the following members:

- Joe P of Dallas - for Scott Nos.
- Michael Ravis - for stamps
- Dr. Satbir - for stamps
- Nildo Harper - for info on Ms. Hlavacek



can anyone identified this country??



Country: Niger Scott # 794/5
Issued : 2/28/89

Country: Italy
Scott #: 1762

Country: Mexico
Scott #:



Country: Bhutan Scott # Issued 12/1/88

ANDY WARHOL ON A STAMP??
(1 9 3 0 - 1 9 8 7)

The Andy Warhol Diaries published by Warner Books in May 1989 reveals his gay inclinations. The book mentions him wanting a gay relationship with a younger man. The book also details close friends (Truman Capote, Tennessee Williams, etc.). What's hard to believe is his claim of never having any sexual contact with anyone.

Andy Warhol was world's most prominent Pop artist, famous for his repeated silk-screen images of everyday subjects from Campbell's soup cans to celebrities. He's also known for his underground "adult films" (Trash, Chelsea Girls). In 1985 Andy turned down the United States Postal Service for a commission.

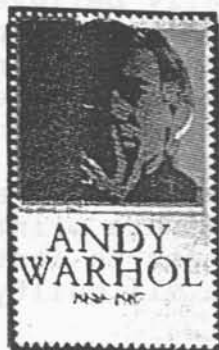
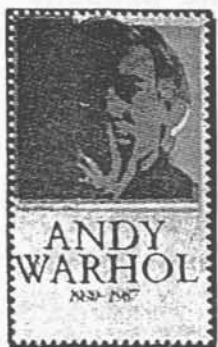
Fred Hughes (executor of Warhol's estate) came across what appears to be the first cinderella commemorating this American artist. Andy, son of an immigrant Czech coal miner and a homemaker, died on February 22, 1987 at age 58. He suffered a fetal heart attack after gall bladder surgery. The label depicts the artist's 1966 Self-Portrait.

For months a French artist named Michel Hosszu have been mailing letters with only these beautiful labels for postage. The stamp has no nation nor price (this concept is called "Phantom Philately"). So far, says Hosszu, the stamps have carried 900 envelopes though 30 postal systems around the world.

He spent thousands of dollars in producing a limited edition of 2,500 stamps. "I chose a typeface and a set of colors that Warhol might have chosen," he says. " I made the stamps without price or country so they could be mailed from anywhere." It was crazy - the post office helping my homage.

Mailing letters with any unauthorized postage is illegal, but postal services from Tahiti to Kuwait have honored these. "Postmen around the world are participating," says Hosszu, who has sent the stamps to those who might be interested. He has put 140 stamps though the New York postal system, and on the anniversary of Warhol's death, he'll stop

"People have been mailing Cinderella stamps for years." says Peter Robertson, curator of the Philatelic Foundation. "If the post office delivers it, that doesn't make it a postage stamp." *



Cinderella is any stamp-like item other than government issued postage stamps or postal stationery. Many collectors (especially topicalist) include them as sideline to their philatelic endeavors. Although fun to collect, they don't belong on exhibit pages.

Most frequent, cinderella are found on back of envelopes, usually across the flap to aid in sealing the envelope.

By: Ed Centeno

"In the future, everyone will be world famous for 15 minutes"

* Linn's Stamp News

F A M O U S Q U O T E S

"I have to admit that basically I am gay. Homosexuals go through a lot of pain, and I would support anyone who is totally frank, because it's not ever easy. My mother was the first person I told that I was gay. She was understanding, and still. That made it easier for me. I've always had a good relationship with her."

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In 1975, Elton cheerfully admitted to Rolling Stone Magazine that he was bisexual, but his honesty backfired on him. Perhaps because he hadn't realized the basically conservative nature of his predominantly young American fans, John was greeted with a hailstorm of abuse in many parts of this great land.



"I really didn't think people would care," he said later. "Especially in Britain, where people are much more broadminded. In America, it's slightly different. I've had more people insult me in the streets of America; you know, call me a faggot. And yet America's supposed to be the great liberated free-minded society which of course it isn't. It's just fucked up. I couldn't ever live there. It would drive me crazy."

Rock of Ages by The Rolling Stone Press '86



Michael Jackson

"It saddens me that many may actually believe the present flurry of false accusations. To this end, and I do mean END - NO!! I've never taken hormones to maintain my high voice. NO!! I've ever had my cheekbones altered in any way. NO!! I've never had cosmetic surgery on my eyes. YES One day in the future I plan to get married and have a family. And any statements to the contrary are simply untrue. Henceforth, as new fallacies are printed, I have advised my attorneys of my willingness to institute legal action and subsequently prosecute all guilty to the fullest extend of the law."

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GAY & LESBIAN HISTORY SERIES - FIRST DAY & EVENT COVERS

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Cachet No	Description	Price	Cachet No.	Description	Price
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1	Robert F. Kennedy 1979	\$3.00	11	Vietnam Veterans 1979	\$2.00
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1A	Robert F. Kennedy 1979	\$3.00	12	Frances Perkins 1980	\$2.00
		::		(All golden rod envelopes)	
2	Martin Luther King, Jr. 1979	\$2.00	13	Veterans Administration (C)	\$2.00
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3	International Year of Child 1979	\$2.00	14	Christmas 1980 (religious)	\$2.00
		::			
4	John Steinbeck 1979	\$2.00	15	Red Cross 1981	\$2.00
	(plate block of 4)	\$3.00		(Official & Unofficial cancels)	\$3.00
5	Einstein 1979 (C)	\$2.25	16	Savings & Loan 1981 (bulls eye cancel)	\$2.25
	(With 1966 Einstein stamp)	\$3.00			
6	Pennsylvania Toleware 1979	\$4.00	16A	Savings & Loan 1981 (bulls eye cancel)	\$2.25
	(setenant bl of 4 on cover, golden rod or white)	::			
7	STONEWALL 69 - GAY PRIDE 79	\$5.00	7A	STONEWALL 69 - GAY PRIDE 79	\$3.00
	(Large envelope 6"x9", cxd West Village P. O.,	::		(Standard 6 3/4 envelope, same as #7)	
	cachet: photo outside Stonewall Inn 6/26/69,	::	7B	GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE - 10 YEARS	\$3.50
	franked with various stamps)	::		(Clxd same as #7, logo: Pride Week Committee of Chicago	
	COVER WITH PL # ON CREDO.....	\$5.50		envelope same as #7A)	
8	Seeing Eye Dog 1979	\$2.00	17	1981 Dignity Convention (C)	
		::		Opening Day Cover Sept 4th	\$2.50
		::		Set of 3 days: 4th, 5th, 6th	\$8.00
9	John Paul Jones 1979	\$2.00	18	Touro Synagogue 1982	\$2.25
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10	Christmas Stamps 1979	\$3.00	19	National Archives 1984	\$2.50
	(Both stamps on all covers; please specify North	::			
	Pole (secular) or Washington DC (religious)	::	20	Social Security 1985	\$3.00
		::			
	STONEWALL 20TH ANNIVERSARY U.S. POSTMARK	::	21	Toscanini 1989	\$3.00
22-, 22A, 22B		::			
22C, 22D, 22E	(All with same serial # in set)	::	22A & 22B	Dual Cancellation	\$5.00
22F, 22G, 22H	Set of 9, all with same serial # in set...	\$10.00		(Phila 6/27/89 & Stonewall postmark, same serial #)	

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ALL ORDERS CAN BE SENT TO:

LAMBDA STAMPS, INC.
 POST OFFICE BOX 5968
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19137

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: M. SHEEHAN

SHIPPING CHARGERS: A large SASE to accompany all orders/inquiries.

CACHET INFORMATION: Covers are size 6 3/4 (except #7).
 Envelopes are white (except #6 & #12 are golden rod).
 Cachets are black and white (except #5, #13, #17).
 ALL COVERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY; PRICES SUBJECT
 TO CHANGE. This list supercedes all other lists and is
 effective August 1, 1989.

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 1

ALVIN KAPLAN In September 1973 (San Francisco) granted the first of two gay bars on the west coast of the United States, Fred's, gay-friendly premises like others by homosexuals. A letter reporter contacted this former article was also lost.

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 1 A

BARNEY HINDS elected as a Gay in November, 1977 as a San Francisco City Supervisor and then by an unusual ballot November 11, 1978 alongside by a former city supervisor Don Wilson, who in April 1979 won the same position 1979 San Francisco Supervisor.

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 2

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 2 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 3 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 4

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 4 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 5

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 5 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 6

GAY HISTORY SERIES # 6 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 7 A

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GAY HISTORY SERIES # 12

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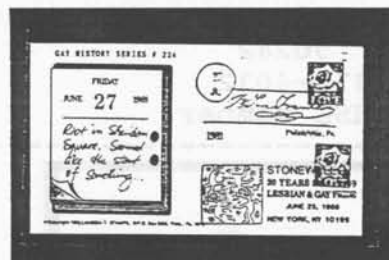


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cachet #'s 22A & 22B (dual cancellation)



cachet # 22H

ADDRESSES, PLEASE
by Angela Watson

I would like to propose a list of all the members and their philatelic endeavors, so others could share same collecting interest. The list would be separate from the journal, in that fashion, we could protect member's privacy. It would go out under separate cover only to people wishing to participate.

The list would be quite simple: just a member number, a name (first name only, unless you wish otherwise), and things you collect. Even if you aren't interested in corresponding, you could find a good trading partner through the club, and exchange stamps through the mail.

After the list is carefully reviewed by you and find a party(s) you wish to correspond; write a note/letter and send it to the club with appropriate postage. The club in return will forward your note/letter to the trading partner of your choice.

I currently correspond with GLHSC members in Kansas, Indiana, Canada, and Australia. They are the most rewarding contacts I have and we get to trade some really good stamps. With 240 plus members we have, I'm certain there's probably a trading partner for everyone.

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GIOVANNI BOSCO (Italian saint, 1815) is a recent subject of a stamp issue. He has been mentioned briefly in THE GAY BOOK OF DAYS. Anyone with substantial evidence can write to me:

STEPHEN BERG * 129 Harrison * Dekalb, IL 60115

I'm seeking philatelic pen pal with other women members. I collect female nudes, UN, US, animals and flowers. I would be delighted to learn about your collecting interest. I promise to answer all letters. Please write:

ELIZABETH J. LEE * 1118 Western, Apt 2 * Topeka, KS 66606

Interested in corresponding and exchanging USED stamps of the world with other GLHSC members, anywhere in the world. Please write before sending stamps!! I am not really an advanced collector; I just wish to exchange stamps and get to know some of the other members!! My address is:

MICHAEL AGUILAR * 164-A Diamond Street * San Francisco, CA 94114

I collect general worldwide, including cto's and dunes. I would gladly welcome trades from members. All letters will be answered. SASE appreciated but not necessary.

RAY KERSTETTER * 6038 Richmond Hwy, Apt 415 * Alexandria, VA 22303

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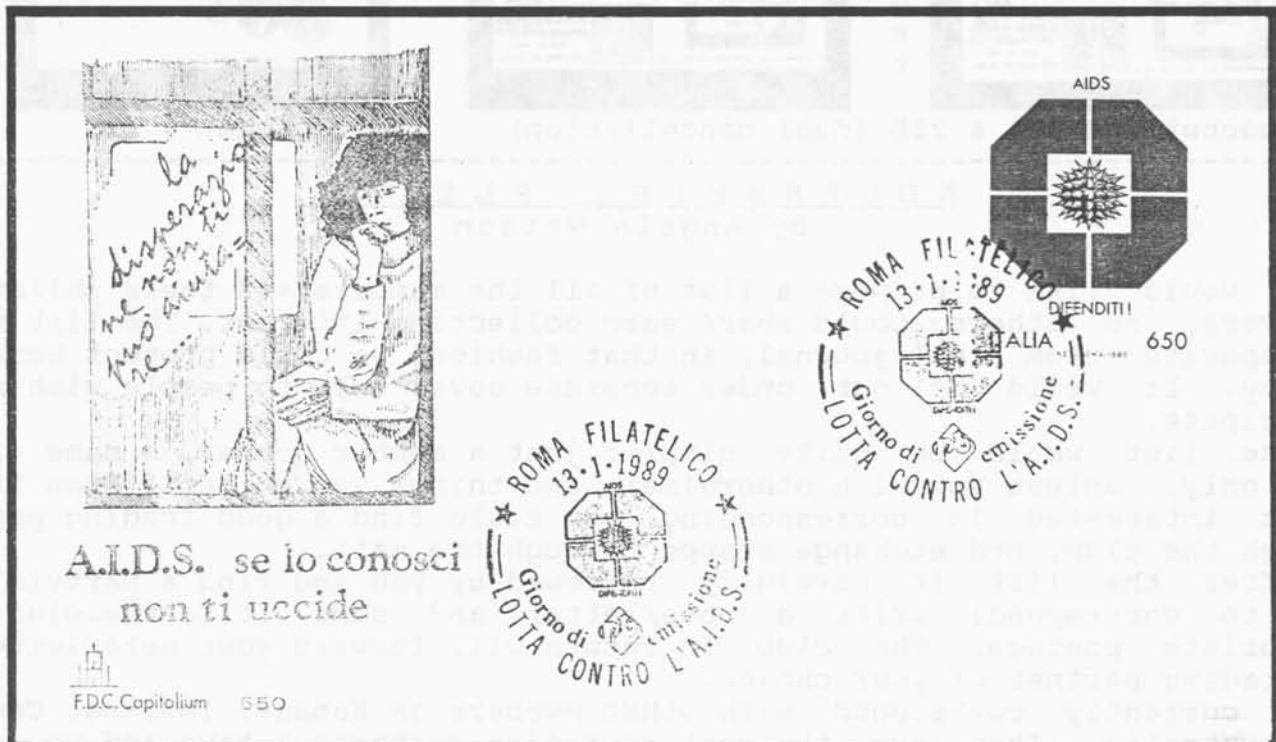
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Cincinnati

Ohio



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USA



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Plorzen
über Kaufbeuren
Germany.

Airmail usage.

Senators Buchanan and King had formed a very close relationship. Andrew Johnson referred to King as "Miss Nancy", others called him "Buchanan's better half". When President Buchanan appointed King as U.S. minister to France, Washingtonians labeled this as their "divorce".

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Would like to correspond with international and domestic members. My interests are: U.S. (mint & used), Canada (mint & used), Australia, New Zealand, and U.S.S.R. Promise to answer all letters. With first letter will send some trading material of your interest.

ANGELA WATSON * 2645 "E" Street * San Diego, CA 92102

SAN DIEGO STARTS CLUB

Two GLHSC members have been inspired to organized a local Gay & Lesbian Stamp Club. They have yet to decide formally on a name, however they will include Gay & Lesbian related material as a topic. Planning to meet Sunday, Sept. 30th @ 1:00 PM at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center. More details coming your way.

They urge members to please write them with suggestions and ideas, especially collectors belonging to local clubs (gay or not). Write to:

C/O ANGELA WATSON * 2645 "E" STREET * SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

They would like to encourage other GLHSC members to start their own local chapters.

Dear Ed,

I rec'd the first newsletter this week and found it to be informative and well written. Becoming a member has opened new avenues of intrigue into my "conventional" collection.

Particularly inspiring to me is AIDS on Stamps. I have found the two volumes published by Jonathan Ned Katz as sources to read about Gay & Lesbian history. Other books I recommend are: THE ALYSON ALMANAC, OUT OF ALL TIME by Terry Boughner, GAY BOOK OF DAYS, just to mentioned a few.

Sincerely,
Graham.

I wish to salute the USPS for its issuance of the Stonewall Station postmark in spite of the anticipated hate mongering and bigoted responses of Senator Helms of N.C. and other right wing fanatics.

I participated in the Stonewall Uprising (the Boston Tea Party of the Gay Rights Movement), an experience I will never forget. This was an assertion of independence and freedom from the oppression and discrimination suffered by gay Americans from the likes of Senator Helms.

We have come a long way since then. The American Topical Association, of which I am a proud member of, has recognized our club as an official study unit. Your publication [Linn's] along with STAMPS Magazine has been certainly generous with coverage of our quarterly journal throughout the years.

I am glad the USPS is sensitive to the progress made in this area. Twenty years from now, if not sooner, there will be U.S. stamps honoring gay history just as we now honor black history. By then, Senator Helms will be a fly speck in history.

Yours truly,

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