



THE WEBFOOTER

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"Every subject known to man can be found on a post card"

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Happy Valentines Day



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Next Meeting – February 16, 2008

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Card sales to begin at 10:30

Auction coming up April 18, 2008

28th Annual Show and Sale on April 19-20, 2008

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President's Corner

Our Auction is coming up April 18th at the Rodeway Quality Inn at 9727 NE Sandy Blvd. Preview begins at 3:30, the Banquet begins at 5:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. Once again, we need your quality items for consignment. Those of you who attended last year's auction remember the high quality of items available. If we want to make that happen again, we need your consignment or donated items. We all have those items we don't know what to do with, and the auction is the solution.

Items you donate to the Auction go to support The Webfooters and to keep our membership costs from increasing. Items you place on consignment can put money in your pocket and support The Webfooters as well. **The deadline for us to receive items is March 3, 2008,** to allow time for cataloging and photographing the items, then to post them on our website. **Contact Glenn Mason or Dusty Schmidt.**

Our **Banquet precedes the Auction** and those of you who attended last year's banquet remember the good food and superb service we enjoyed at the Rodeway Quality Inn. We anticipate the same high quality food and service again this year. **The deadline for reservations is coming up on April 10. Contact Maggie Parypa to make reservations.**

Our 28th Annual Show & Sale will be held April 19-20 at the Jackson Armory. We are featuring a Webfooters Table to allow members who want to share a table to sell cards and share the cost of the table. If you've got one, two, three or five boxes this is for you. You can take turns selling the cards, and spend time looking to add to your collection or stock.

At our last Membership Meeting, The Club members voted unanimously to bestow **Honorary Lifetime Membership upon Al Powers,** member number 58. Al joined The Webfooters 42 years ago in 1966. He served as President and Show Chair, organizing a couple displays at the Meier & Frank Auditorium. Later, he served for about 10 years as Treasurer. Al and his wife Lois, member number 75, have helped many times with Newsletter and Club mailings.

I received a note "**To The Members of the Webfooters Post Card Club**" from Honorary Lifetime Member **Al Powers:** "Wow, what a surprise, and an honor you bestowed on me today. I never anticipated such an honor, but I do appreciate it more than you can imagine. I hope that I can justify this honor in some way in my support of The Club in any endeavor it undertakes." **Editor's note:** We appreciate all you do and have done for The Club.

Member Update

It is with sadness we report the passing of Member 1301, Georgianne Paynter, who died January 18, 2008 at the age of 74.

Update on Edouard Pecourt: he was admitted to the hospital on Feb. 1 for chemotherapy. He is supposed to be there about a week. The plan is for several more chemo treatments, then an MRI to see what good they are doing against the brain tumors. If not helping, they might give a few radiation treatments to help make him more comfortable.

Roster Addition

Welcome to The Webfooters Ben!!!

Collins Ben 1727

Collects: Idaho



Northwest Productions Presents
The Largest Antique Paper Shows in the Northwest

**The Greater Portland
 Postcard, Stamp & Paper
 Collectibles Show**

**The Greater Seattle
 Postcard & Paper
 Collectibles Show**

February 23 and 24, 2008

June 28 and 29, 2008

Kliever Armory
 10000 NE 33rd Drive
 Portland, OR

Kent Commons
 525 4th Avenue North
 Kent, WA

**Old Postcards, Photographs, Stereo View Cards, Books,
 Stamps, Valentines, Matchbooks, Magazines, Prints,
 Maps, Trade Cards, Movie Posters & Much More!**

Early Bird Show Hours:

Saturday: 8 - 10 am
 Admission: \$20 (Also good Sunday 10-4)

Regular Show Hours:

Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
 Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
 Admission: \$5 (Good for Saturday & Sunday)

Upcoming Shows:

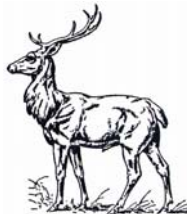
**Portland Oregon
 at Kliever Armory
 June 21 and 22, 2008**

**Kent Washington
 at Kent Commons
 June 28 and 29, 2008**

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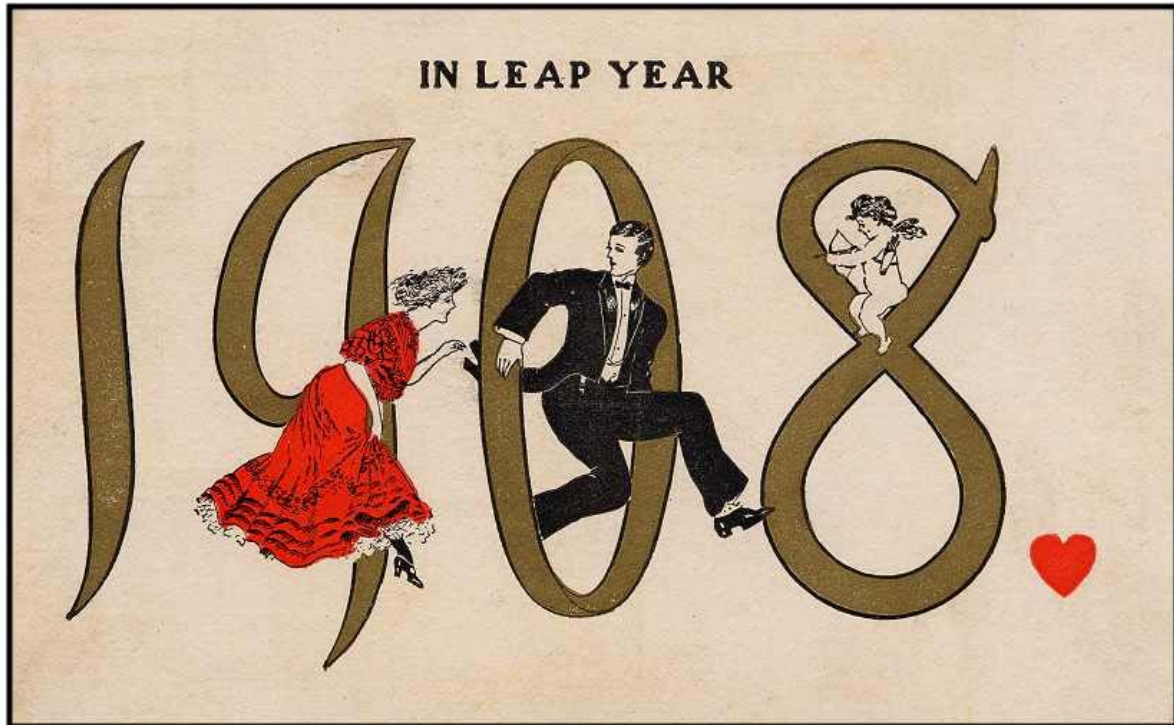


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Leapin' Leap Years



Every four years or so, we celebrate Leap Year. Traditions have come and gone and it is fun to look back at the Leap Year Post Cards that were produced 100 years ago. Nearly all of the Leap Year post cards were printed in 1908. A few were produced in 1912.

February 2008 has five Fridays - it starts and ends on a Friday. Between 1904 and 2096, leap years with the same day of week for each date repeat every 28 years which means that the last time February had five Fridays was in 1980 and the next time will be in 2036.

What is a leap year?

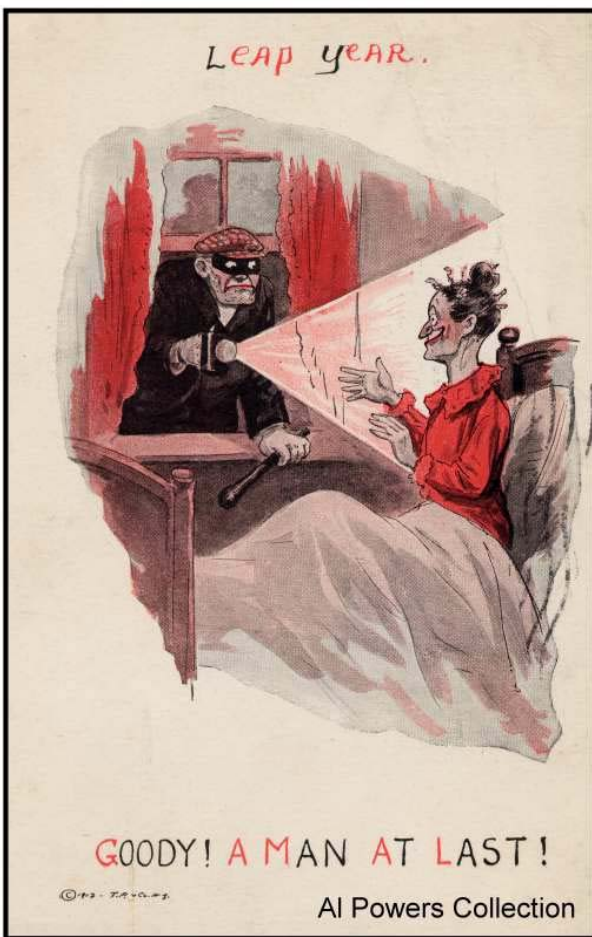
A leap year is a year with one extra day inserted into February. A leap year has 366 days with 29 days in February as opposed to the normal 28 days. (There are a few past exceptions to this.) The first leap year was recorded in Egypt in 238 BC.

Which years are leap years?

In the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar used by most modern countries, the following rules decide which years are leap years:

1. Every year divisible by 4 is a leap year.
2. But every year divisible by 100 is NOT a leap year
3. Unless the year is also divisible by 400, then it is still a leap year.

This means that years 1700, 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years, while years 2000 and 2400 are leap years.



One hundred years ago, Leap Year was traditionally the time for women to propose marriage

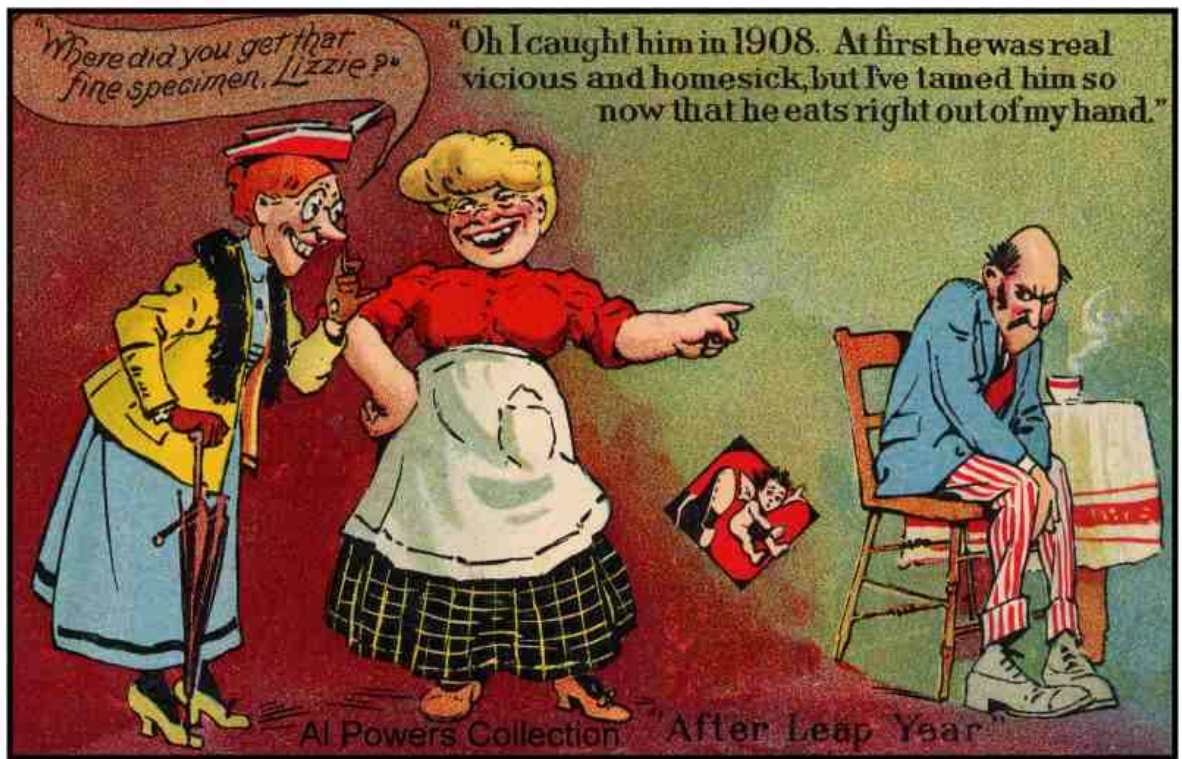
Why are leap years needed?

Leap years are needed so that the calendar is in alignment with the earth's motion around the sun. By adding leap years approximately every fourth year, this difference between the calendar and the seasons can be reduced significantly and the calendar will follow the seasons much more closely than without leap years.

Is there a perfect calendar?

None of the calendars used today are perfect, they go wrong by seconds, minutes, hours or days every year. To make a calendar even better, new leap year rules have to be introduced, complicating the calculation of the calendar even more. The currently used Gregorian calendar may need some modification a few thousand years from now.

Tidal acceleration from the sun and moon slows the rotation of the earth, making the day longer. Such change depends on such things as post-glacial rebound and sea level rise due to climate change. We can't predict these changes accurately enough to be able to make a calendar that will be accurate to a day in tens of thousands of years.



A calendar like the Julian Calendar, (with every 4th year as a leap year) was first introduced by King Ptolemy III of Egypt in 238 BC. The Gregorian Calendar was designed to keep the vernal equinox on or close to March 21, so that the date of Easter (celebrated on the Sunday after the 14th day of the Moon that falls on or after March 21) remains correct with respect to the vernal equinox.

Other leap years facts

- The Gregorian calendar has a 400 year long cycle and the calendars have the same week days -- February 29, 2008 is a Friday and February 29, 2408 is a Friday.
- The Gregorian calendar has 97 leap years during those 400 years.
- The longest time between two leap years is 8 years. Last time was between 1896 and 1904. The next time will be between 2096 and 2104.
- A person born on February 29 may be called a "*leapling*" and their birthdays are usually celebrated March 1.

Leap Year Folklore

Leap Year has been the traditional time that women can propose marriage. It is believed this tradition was started in 5th century Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick about women having to wait for so long for a man to propose. According to legend, St. Patrick said the yearning females could propose on this one day in February during the leap year.

There is a Greek superstition that claims couples have bad luck if they marry during a leap year. Most couples try to avoid setting a marriage date in a leap year.



Supposedly (but disputed), in a 1288 law by Queen Margaret of Scotland (then age 5 and living in Norway), fines were levied if the proposal was refused by the man; compensation ranged from a kiss to payment for a silk gown or gloves.



A Special Word of Thanks to Al Powers for sharing his Leap Year Cards

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending the January 14, 2008 Webfooters Board Meeting, held at Elmer's Restaurant were: Mark Moore (President), Tony Roberts (Vice President), Arne Soland (Treasurer), Steve Bieler (Membership Chair), Irene Adams (Member-at-Large), Phyllis Palmer (Member-at-Large) and Maggie Parypa (Secretary). After a call to order at approximately 7:00 PM, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report—Arne Soland reported the current account balances. The Audit Committee, made up of Phyllis Palmer, Dave Elston and David Sell will meet in March and submit a report to the membership in The Webfooter.

Report of Standing Committees

Membership—Steve Bieler reported that there are 212 Active Members (99 Individual Members, 74 Family Members, 30 Patron Members, 8 Honor Members and 1 Charter Member). A discussion followed about the types of Honorary Members: Charter Members joined early in 1966; Permanent Lifetime Members must be elected by a majority vote of the membership; and Honorary Members can be appointed by a vote of the Board for a period of two years. All current Honorary Members were renewed for a two-year period beginning January 2008.

A discussion of the renewal process followed as the President asked that renewals should be the responsibility of the Membership Chair. Steve Bieler accepted the challenge to make this happen. It was suggested that we make phone calls to those folks who have not renewed after their fourth and final renewal notice.

Refreshments—A sign-up sheet for providing refreshments at the 2008 Saturday Club meetings is available at all regular Club meetings. Three months are still open for 2008. Please sign on to provide the type of refreshments you would like to see at our gatherings. Reimbursement of up to \$25 is available for those contributing this service.

Auction/Show—Mark passed out a report on the 28th Annual 2008 April Postcard and Paper Show. It showed that dealers have paid for 31 tables to date. A suggestion was made that we try to accommodate more members who want to sell a few cards at the Show. We could have Club Tables to allow a couple members to share the space and split the cost. This suggestion met with everyone's approval, as long as we can find members willing to bring their cards. Items for consignment are needed for the Auction. Now is the time to look for items you would like to see find a new home.

Hospitality/Greeters—A team of volunteers is needed to take shifts at the hospitality table on Saturday meeting days. Dealers who setup and sell cards find it difficult to leave their tables, so we will have a sign-up sheet for those who can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on March 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Parypa, Secretary



Second Annual

WEBFOOTERS POST CARD CLUB

Postcard, Photograph & Ephemera

*** AUCTION ***

Friday, April 19, 2008 * 7:00 pm

Preview begins at 3:30 pm

**Rodeway Quality Inn – Portland Airport
9727 NE Sandy Boulevard in Portland, Oregon**

AUCTION LOTS INCLUDE:

- Post Cards: real photo, holiday, artist signed, lithos, linens & chromes.
- Vintage Photographs: daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereo views, CDVs, cabinet cards, snapshots & mounted photos of all sizes.
- Paper Ephemera: advertising, trade cards, travel brochures, maps, menus & other early paper items!

**No-host banquet dinner at the Rodeway Quality Inn beginning at 5:30 pm
Reservation Deadline: April 10, 2008 Please contact: Maggie Parypa**

QUALITY CONSIGNMENTS WANTED!!! DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2008

Call Dusty Schmidt 503-703-2612 or Glenn Mason 503-297-5892

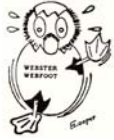
28th Annual Show and Sale

Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 21 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Oregon National Guard Armory
6255 NE Cornfoot Road, Portland, Oregon**

For dealer and general show information, contact Mark Moore: mark@pdxhistory.com – www.thewebfooters.com



Club Officers

President/Editor.....Mark Moore
 Vice President.....Tony Roberts
 Secretary.....Maggie Parypa
 Treasurer.....Arne Soland
 Membership Chairman.....Steve Bieler
 Members-at-Large.....Irene Adams, Brian Hansen and Phyllis Palmer
 Historian.....Joe Macdonald
 Librarian.....Steve Kuryk



Calendar

February 16 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

March 10 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)
 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

March 15 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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