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## CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY



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**Next Meeting - June 21, 2008**

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

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



# President's Corner

It is with sadness we report the loss of a friend of many Webfooters, Portland native Frank J. Schlick, who died April 12 at the age of 76. He was a historian who was fascinated with amusement parks and dance marathons and especially Lotus Isle. Frank was born the year Lotus Isle closed. He was a tireless researcher who spent hours going through microfilms of Portland's newspapers. He ordered microfilm copies of Billboard Magazine from the local library after they were shipped from the University of Missouri.

Frank loved to uncover articles about all the Dance Marathon promoters who got their start in Portland at Lotus Isle and went on to fame, fortune and shame in places like Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Atlantic City. Frank was a little disappointed to discover that the microfilms at that location did not go back any further than 1934. Lotus Isle closed in 1932, so possibly there are old Billboard Magazines out there from 1930 to 1932 that would have stories about Lotus Isle. Frank was tickled to share the information he had uncovered to preserve it for future generations.

Frank Schlick was very generous about sharing photos and information and he allowed us to periodically publish his findings in *The Webfooter*. Frank had lunch with us the last time at our Christmas Dinner in December. His battle with cancer prevented him from attending any more of our meetings. Our hearts go out to his wife Arlys, who worked at the Oregon Historical Society for a number of years, as well as their two sons and two grandchildren.

## Notes from Members



*"It was an enjoyable day at our May meeting. Nice to have an air-conditioned venue at our meeting place. Maybe even more persons would have shown up if they realized how comfortable it is in the building on a hot day.....and if they knew that such fine faire (strawberry shortcake, etc.) was on the 'menu.'*

*Good to have a couple of neophyte sellers (Judy Irwin and Steve Bieler) participating. Get those cards out of the attics and basements and onto the market. People soon find out that it can be fun and even a bit lucrative (even if it's "25-cent" cards that were inherited from a relative) to sell what they don't want for their collections."*

David Elston.

## Roster Additions

We welcome 3 new members!!

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**Waters Daniel** 1742 Portland, OR

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# A HISTORY OF



# FLAG DAY

Each year, on June 14, we celebrate Flag Day which is the symbol of our independence. Twenty days later, we raise the flag again to celebrate Independence Day on the Fourth of July. Colorful patriotic and Fourth of July post cards are usually somewhat whimsical, featuring Uncle Sam or showing children in a patriotic setting with flags.



Merry Americans in the Jolly Band





A beautiful Ellen Clapsaddle card showing Uncle Sam and company in an airship

Though the first Flag Day was celebrated in 1877, on the hundredth anniversary of the flag's existence, the idea of making it a yearly celebration is believed to have originated in 1885.

In course of time, a number of individuals and organizations advocated the adoption of a national day of commemoration for the U.S. Flag. However, B.J. Cigrand, a teacher from the Wisconsin Public Schools District 6, is believed to be a forerunner of the thought. He organized the pupils in the Fredonia Schools to observe June 14 as 'Flag Birthday'. It was the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes, the first national flag of the United States.



Wishing you a Glorious 4th of July

Cigrand's proposal was to inspire and educate the school children with the spirit of the Flag as well as a love for the nation. And it was not a single shot bid. He continued to advocate the need for its observance in the following years through numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses. But the celebration was yet to take off in a well defined style and in a wider scale.



On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day.

Inspired by Colonel J. Granville Leach, a historian, the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America adopted a resolution on April 25, 1893. The resolution requested the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day'. It was also recommended that on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.



As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag. Patriotic songs were sung and inspiring speeches were given.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings. Meanwhile, with BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the driving force, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, came into being.

The purpose of this association was to promote the holding of Flag Day exercises. And thanks to its initiative, on June 14, 1894, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held. More than 300,000 children participated in the programs held in various parks across Chicago.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs in different parts of the country. The celebration registered increasing popularity with more and more states and localities over the next three decades.

The Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years following Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949 that President Harry Truman designated the 14th of June as National Flag Day to be celebrated each year across the nation.



Uncle Sam is a popular subject of Patriotic cards



Another classic card by Ellen Clapsaddle



Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July!



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# Board Meeting Minutes

Attending the May 10, 2008 Webfooters Board Meeting, held at Elmer's Restaurant were: Mark Moore (President), Tony Roberts (Vice President), Arne Soland (Treasurer), Steve Bieler (Membership Chair), Phyllis Palmer, Irene Adams & Brian Hansen (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 gave a financial report. The Audit Committee, made up of Phyllis Palmer, Dave Elston and David Sell reported that Arne Soland is doing a great job as Treasurer. After reconciling cancelled checks, there was no discrepancy noted.

## ***Report of Standing Committees***

**Membership** - Steve Bieler reported that there are 219 Active Members (104 individual Members, 83 Family Members, 25 Patron Members, 6 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.

**Refreshments** - Reimbursement of up to \$25 is available for those contributing this service. Phyllis Palmer reminds us that this comes to about 50 cents a member if there is a good turn out at the meeting. Unfortunately, with the rising food cost we don't come close to breaking even. It was suggested to everyone who can afford it, to please contribute \$2.00 in the donation can.

**Auction/Show** - Mark passed out a report on the 28th Annual 2008 April Postcard and Paper Show. Special Thanks to Mark, Glenn, Dusty, Phyllis & all the people who helped with physical labor of setting up & taking down the show tables. Phyllis suggested that the Club purchase some durable lightweight tables especially for meetings, as our old wooden ones are too heavy for one person to lift, and we don't want any back injuries.

**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 signup sheet for those who can help. Phyllis Palmer has been faithfully doing this, so here's a reminder to ask her if she needs help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**The next board meeting will be held on July 14, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie Parypa*, Secretary



# 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

June 21 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange  
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

July 14 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)  
 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

July 19 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange  
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

August 16 – 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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