Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago

(Founded May 1942)

P.O. Box 596, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

Bulletin

Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month, 6:00 - 7:30pm
St. Mary's College, Frederick St., Port of Spain

President : Mr. John Chay Tel: 637-7876

Hon Secretary: Mr. Robert Franco Tel: 637-3603 Bulletin Editor: Mr. Edward Barrow

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY APRIL-JUNE 2022 VOL. 12 BULLETIN #297

NEW ISSUE NEWS



Figure 1: Reprint of the "In Memorium of HRH Prince Phillip 1921-2021"overprint issue

The first issue released for this year was a reprint of the overprint 'In Memorium of HRH Prince Phillip 1921-2021' on the 26th May. The original overprint of the memorial issue consisted of three stamps (Bulletin #294), however only one of the stamps was reprinted which was QEII addressing Parliament (SG #940/Sc #652). The denomination remained at $1.00 and a pair of stamps had to be collected to obtain the complete overprint. The only feature to distinguish this reprint from the previous was the date of "01/03/2022" printed in the top left corner selvage. On the 2021 overprint the selvage had no date. A quantity of 125,000 stamps were overprinted. No FDC's were produced.

The second and third issues released in 2022 consisted of one overprinted stamp each to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Lady McLeod stamp and H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Both stamps were overprinted with 50¢ denominations, released on the 16th June, printed in black ink and a quantity of 100,000 was produced for each.



Figure 2: "175th Anniversary of the Lady McLeod stamp" and "H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee" overprint issues.

The stamp used to produce the Lady McLeod 175th Anniversary was the 15¢ 1984 reprint of the 1983 Flowers definitive, 'Star Grass' (SG #638B/Sc #394a). The overprint read: 175th Anniversary of the Lady McLeod 1847 – 2022 and 04/1847. There was a decorative obliterator used on top of the previous 15¢ denomination. There was also an illustration of the Lady McLeod stamp on the bottom right corner.

The stamp used to produce the QE II Platinum Jubilee was the 80¢ 1988 reprint of the 1983 Flowers definitive, 'Columnea Scandeus' (SG #694/Sc#400i). The overprint read: HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 1952 – 2022 and 16/6/2022. The decorative obliterator used on the Lady McLeod overprint was used again on top of the previous 80¢ denomination. There was an illustration of the Queen's head on the bottom right corner.

Klip Art Caribbean Ltd. of Arima did the printing on all three overprint issues. New issues being prepared for release later this year are the 60th Anniversary of T&T Independence and the 100th Anniversary of KC Confectionery Ltd., a local manufacturer of confectionery.

The printing quantities of the Scenic Views of T&T definitive are 200,000 of the $1 stamp and 50,000 each of all the other denominations. The FDC's (set of 3) and the Presentation Stamp Pack were produced in a quantity of 1000 each. The layout on the stamp sheet was 20 stamps per sheet. The printing was done by Cartor Security Printing, France and the graphic designer was Troy Rhodes.

Joseph Chin Aleong 1936-2022

Long-time Philatelic Society member and philatelist Joseph Chin Aleong passed away earlier this year. To those who knew him, he preferred the more informal “Joe” as opposed to his full name. He was a lifelong collector, as was his father before him, and like many serious collectors he moved beyond stamps to an abiding interest in postal history. Tobago was a particular love, as was St Vincent, especially the town and village cancels. In the pursuit of this he developed a love of visiting the remote post offices and taking impressions of the current cancels and instructional marks. This interest he transmitted to many collectors like myself; an interest which often takes you to remote corners of the islands in search of the rare and exotic cancels. He became a recognised international expert in these areas co-authoring with Ted Proud the established reference books for Trinidad & Tobago, St. Lucia and St. Vincent postal history (The Postal History of St Lucia and St Vincent, and The Postal History of Trinidad and Tobago).



Joe in action at Flanagan Town Post Office in Trinidad.

Joe was a Saints man, attending CIC before leaving Trinidad to pursue a mathematics degree at University College Dublin. He left UCD with his masters and was working towards his Ph.D. at Imperial College, London when his father died. Being the eldest and the only son, duty meant he had to cut short his studies and return to Trinidad. Given his academic background it is no surprise that he became a mathematics lecturer at UWI. I heard that he would make the most of conferences at the Mona Campus in Jamaica to roam and visit post offices there!

In the area of Caribbean philately Joe left his mark, making many discoveries, publishing numerous study papers, editing the West Indies Postal History Review, as well as writing and publishing books. As a mark of his impact, as a collector I have come across so many covers written by Joe that I can instantly spot his distinctive sloping style.



Joe at Lower Penville Post Office in Dominica

Joe's interests were not limited to philately; it spread far and wide to postcards, books and even blue glass bottles! But postal history held a special place for him; I remember him relating that when he worked at Shell in the Salvatori Building in Port of Spain, at lunch time he would go to the Hobby Centre higher up on Frederick Street and go through their stock of stamps looking for

postmarks. This almost idyllic image of wandering up a bustling Frederick Street to spend time in a collectable shop has the romance of an earlier, simpler time in Trinidad. It is also a time when every small village had a functioning post office.



A typical philatelic cover made by Joe on one of his trips.

On a personal level, Joe was a devoted husband to his late wife Carol with who he had five children, two sons and three daughters. His youngest daughter, Jill, continues to run his collectibles business and is an active member of the Philatelic Society.



The Post Mistress at Lower Penville Post Office in Dominica

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 9th February 2022 at 75 Ana St., Woodbrook, Port of Spain. Present were eight members. The returning officer was Mr. Alan Aché. The results of the election of officers are: President – Mr. John Chay; Vice-Presidents – Mr. Edward Barrow and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary – Mr. Robert Franco. The four Committee Members – Mr. Alan Aché, Mr. Roger Ramoutar, Ms. Jill Chin Aleong and Mr. Jazad Ali; Librarian – Mr. Roger Ramoutar; Hon Auditor – VACANT. Education Officer – Mr. Frank Ferreira and Public Relations Officer – Mr. Albert Sydney.

HON. SECRETARY: Mr. Robert Franco, 33 Verbena Road, Victoria Gardens, Diego Martin. Tel: 637-3603. General correspondence, change of address and new issue standing orders. Please make payments for the new issue standing orders payable to Robert Franco. If you have not received a bulletin, please inform Robert. Email address: francorobert345@fmail.com. If you have any ideas for new stamp issues, please send them to Robert. Please note the stamp programme is planned one to two years in advance.

PRESIDENT: Mr. John Chay, P.O. Box 596, POS. Tel.: 637-7876 (Monday to Friday 3pm to 4pm). Sale accessories, i.e. Stockbooks, albums, mounts etc. Fax: (868) 622-2602.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Mr. Edward Barrow and Mr. Albert Sydney (Tel.: 761-1105), Email address: albertsydney@hotmail.com.

BULLETIN EDITOR: Mr. Edward Barrow. Email address: e.barrow1@gmail.com.

TREASURER: Mr. Roger Edghill. P.O. Box 596 Port of Spain. Tel.: 282-5819. All remittances are to be sent to Roger except for the new issue services. Payments are to be made payable to the Philatelic Society of T&T. Email address: redghill@hotmail.com.

The five members of the Board of Trustees are John Chay, Albert Sydney, Robert Franco, Roger Edghill and Jazad Ali. The board was approved by officers present at the AGM.

PORT OF SPAIN MEETING: Due to Covid-19 pandemic our monthly meetings will be held at 75 Ana Street, Woodbrook (corner Ana & Warren Sts.) until further notice.

****

Free stamps available at all our meetings