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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Holiday Greetings to all with wishes for health, joy and peace. I'm beginning to believe in global warming as most of November had temperatures in the 60s keeping the golf course busy. It may be with an altitude of 6000' we are just closer to the sun!! We now have the Christmas look with some snow.

I was going to write about time going faster and dues being due, but discovered I did that last month, which means my mind is slipping too. So I'll just use this as a reminder if you haven't paid them

I am planning and looking forward to attending the National Topical Stamp Show in Irving Texas June 15-17 so 'come on down'. We will be having a Unit informal get together on Saturday, not so many in number but we almost always meet some members who have just been names before.

Fran

IN MEMORIAM

I have just received an e-mail from Hans-Peter Schultze, who returned from Chile on Sunday to find two messages from Wallace Ashby's daughters advising him that Wallace had passed away on November 12th.

Wallace had served the Unit well as Editor of the Paleontology column for a number of years, as well as submitting articles on that subject. No further details appear to be available.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, DECEMBER 2006

There are currently 182 members of the Biology Unit. Forty-two are life members. Two life members died. There are 35 members from countries other than the United States. The distribution of members around the world is as follows: Australia 3; Belgium 1; Brazil 2; Canada 13; Czech Republic 2; France 1; Germany 1; Japan 1; Philippines 1; Poland 1; Republic of China 1; Spain 1; Switzerland 1; Thailand 1; and United Kingdom 5. Since the last report in June 2005, we have had 8 new members, and three resignations.

New members:

1778 Stuart Sheppard, Bobcaygeon, ON

1779 Larry Fancsalzski, Mt. Prospect. IL

1780 Charles McCarthy, Mattituck, NY

1781 Glen Gerner, Edgewood, Ky

1782 Timothy Phipps, Sittingborne, Kent, UK

1783 Jeb Weisheit, Parma OH

1784 Dennis Woodland, Berrien Springs, MI

1785 James Monroe, Trenton. MI

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