

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Our cover provides a chance for a little quiz. Which of the species shown are moths that get to go to the dance, and which are butterflies that will get bounced at the door? See the answer on page 344.

Our final edition for this year includes some bonus material as an early holiday gift for all of our members. We have included an event calendar per member request that shows all of the American Philatelic Society sanctioned World Series of Philately exhibitions for the upcoming year.

We have also included a couple more articles than usual to start implementing some of the suggestions of the jury at the last literature exhibition.

Also the Unit Board of Directors has voted to increase the membership dues for those who receive the print edition of the journal. (See the revised rates in the box below.) The on-line electronic membership dues will remain the same.

The Unit has not increased its dues since 2001, and for the past three years it has been operating at a deficit. Perhaps the government can get away with deficit spending, but since unlike the government, we cannot print our own money, when we run out, we are through. A new membership form is included with the print copy in the mail. A downloadable version is also on the Unit website (www.biophilately.org).

The Secretary is asking **all members** to fill out and return this form whether you are paying your dues now, or not. This includes our Life members. The Secretary needs your updated address and contact information and your indication to grant or withhold your address data in our membership listing. This is very important, so please do not neglect to submit your form. The electronic version of the form is fillable on your computer, so you can fill it out, save it and email a copy to the Secretary to save yourself time and a stamp. (By the way, the new US first -class rate will go up to 55c in January 2019.)

While you are considering the new membership dues, I would like to point out that there are advantages to receiving the web/electronic version besides the lower rate. For one thing, each new edition is immediately available to read as soon as it is published. You need not wait on the mail to deliver your copy. Also, because the sections are separated, you can select and read/download only those you are interested in (though I and our authors would appreciate it if you would take a look at all of the articles).

Since it is the end of the year, what would that be without asking you to consider making a donation to the Unit along with your membership payment. For US residents, such donations are tax-deductible. Each year the Unit gives out three exhibiting awards at the National Topical Stamp Show. These donations help pay for those awards and also help sponsor the publication of handbooks and other materials produced by the ATA.

I neglected to place an index in the last edition of Volume 66 and I have corrected this omission in this edition by including a combined index for Volumes 66 and 67.

I hope everyone has a terrific holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year.

Jack R. Congrove



DUES RATES (US\$) (note new amounts)

US membership	\$25
Canada membership	\$30
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