

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are all still under Covid lockdown ten months later. This continues as a time of isolation and uncertainty. I personally feel frustration and impatience, as I want to get out and work on my genealogy or browse through stamp stock binders. The Libraries and Historical Societies are still closed down and stamp shows are cancelling left and right. That goodness for the internet.

As I write this, Thanksgiving is next week. No family get togethers this year, as I have to protect my 91 year old mother. As I reflect, I realize that there are still things to be thankful for. There are four new hedgehog stamps released this year! No one close to me has died from Covid. Although some family members have had the virus, they have recovered completely. As much as I wanted to visit towns and explore libraries and graveyards, I do have the internet to help me find information. As people are stuck at home and bored, they are taking DNA tests to explore their ancestry. This surge has helped increase my chances of finding cousins! I have found that many stores are offering great web offers to increase their sales. I am spending more time with the dogs and cat, not sure if this is good or an annoyance. I suppose the greatest positive to come this year is ZOOM. I have it pretty well figured out, except to get my video and audio at the same time. Guess it better to hear me than see me. I certainly have been able to attend more organization meeting and seminars as a result of the shutdowns. Before Zoom I could not attend the out of town meetings. Now I can easily attend and feel more a part of the organization. I think a lot of people feel the same way. I certainly loved the ATA talks from August and October; it was wonderful to keep connected. So glad they will continue next year.

Stay safe this Holiday Season. Remember that the best way to show love to family and friends is to keep them safe and virus free!

