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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas Greetings to all the members----

I know you won't get this until after the date, but do wish you all a healthy and happy 2010. All of you may have learned that the older you get the faster time goes. When I was much younger I always felt sorry for the old people who just sat around thinking their days must be so long and boring. That "ain't" so - my mornings are gone by the time I eat breakfast. What has really slowed me down was that I tripped on my oxygen cord and threw myself into a door jamb with the result of one sore back.

Not much stamp news this time but you have a ballot enclosed. Vote for the listed candidates or write in anyone else who you think might do a good job. Please return the ballot to:

Chris Dahle 1401 Linmar Dr. NE Cedar Rapids Iowa 52402

If you haven't paid your dues by now, please include them.

SW Colo. Weather: Snow and Cold

Twin report: They will be here for Christmas!!!!!!!!

Until nest time, Fran

SPITZER, Carl H., born October 21, 1923, San Francisco, CA; passed away September 29, 2009 in Tucson. Son of Laura and Carl Henry Spitzer, Sr. He served in the U.S Army in World War II, Korea, and the Army Reserve, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was an Entomologist with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, with a B.S. and M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley. A resident of Arizona for 54 years, Carl volunteered for many years as the librarian at the Postal History Foundation, was a member of the Arizona Philatelic Rangers, Tucson Stamp Club, and was a 4-H Leader. He belonged to Rincon Congregational Church (UCC). Carl is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sylvia R. Spitzer; brother, Robert E. Spitzer; children, Richard, William, Raymond, Ronald, Evelyn, Robert; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There will be a Memorial Celebration of Carl's life at Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson, AZ 85711, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Postal History Foundation, 920 N. 1st Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719 or to Rincon Congregational Church (UCC).

Surplus copies of past issues of Biophilately

The Librarian at the Postal History Foundation recently contacted me to let me know that the many back issues of Biophilately (from 1976 to 2008) which were held by Carl Spitzer, our previous librarian, were passed on to the PHF by Carl's family. She has already contacted the APRL and the RMPL, but they already have full runs. If any member knows of a library which could use some of this material, please contact Charolotte Cushman at ccushman.phf@mindspring.com