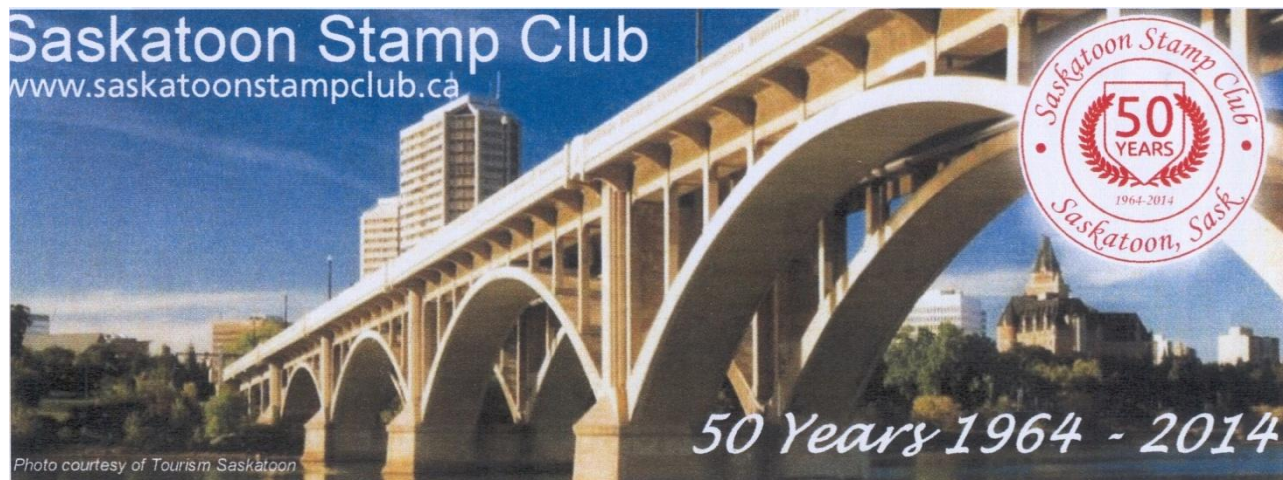


**SASKATOON STAMP CLUB**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER**



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### **President's Message ...**

It's a great time being your president in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Saskatoon Stamp Club. From 1933 to 1964 Saskatoon had

three different stamp clubs for twenty or more years, each one was dissolved after running a few years. Then in 1964 the present day club started and here we are today 50 years later. Thanks to the many members that kept the club going, we have three founding members, one being the first president.

Today we have 53 members in the club. Total membership since 1964 has been 299 people, 34 being ladies in our club, with 7 ladies holding a membership today.

Over the 50 years many changes have taken place, eight or more meeting rooms have seen the many changes in the executive positions. Membership yearly dues have had modest increases. Today you enjoy 21 meetings for \$15.00, less than a dollar per meeting. Where can you get cheaper entertainment and the ability to make new friends with both having common interests.

We have made a few changes, four constitution amendments, auction changes, put a web site on the internet, and formed a Java coffee group.

Member participation at the meetings must be at an all-time high. We are seeing members speak about their stamps to Thimble collections, guest speakers giving

the club a talk on Abiang, in the country of Kiribati, located in the Central Pacific.

2014 is off to a good start. Latest changes are member participation by speaking on a topic to receive door prizes. We made a colour coded calendar of club events, and a special edition anniversary newsletter is being prepared.

Our anniversary committee will have special items of interest at the October Coin and Stamp show. This is still being worked on.

In closing I wish to thank all the members for your assistance in making the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a success and allowing me to be your president during this historic year.

Ernie Wlock, President



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## History of the Saskatoon Stamp Clubs

The Saskatoon Philatelic Society was organized on October 27, 1933.

The club's first meetings were held in Dr. Biro's office in the Canada Building. The stamp club grew to 78 members by 1937 at which time meetings were being held in the King George Hotel. The Philatelic Society was dissolved late 1940's.

Another club called the Rusholme Road Stamp Club was organized and held meetings in the choir loft of Christ Church which was located at the corner of Avenue E and Rusholme Road. Charlie White was the caretaker of the church who was also a collector, with his passing so did the club.

In 1951 another stamp club was organized which met at the C.N.R. Veteran's Club Room at the corner of Avenue A and 19th street. The President was H. Smith and the Secretary was Mark Fennell. This club had weekly meetings and with the demolition of the CNR Club rooms a new meeting place was once again required, the club was dissolved shortly after in late 1950's.



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Then in the fall of 1963 Saskatoon's newspaper The StarPhoenix had a notice inviting all stamp collectors to meet at the University of Saskatchewan. Thirty collectors attended this first meeting on February 6, 1964. Arie VanDuyvedyk was the first President and K.J. Knight was the Secretary-Treasurer. This was the beginning of the present Saskatoon Stamp Club.

Many meetings followed at the J.S. Wood Library, at City Hall in the Water Meter Readers Room then moved to the Field House until mid 1980's. While meeting at the Field House city employees went on strike. In order to keep the club viable members took meetings to their homes. Two meetings were held at Fred Meyers and three meetings at Merv Morrison's basements. Meetings then were held at the Rusty MacDonald Library until the end of March 2013.

The first meeting at St. John's Cathedral on Spadina Crescent was held April 9th, 2013, where meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. This is the present meeting place of the club which has over fifty members. Ernie Wlock is the President, Douglas Smith the Secretary and Janice Newman the Treasurer of the present club.

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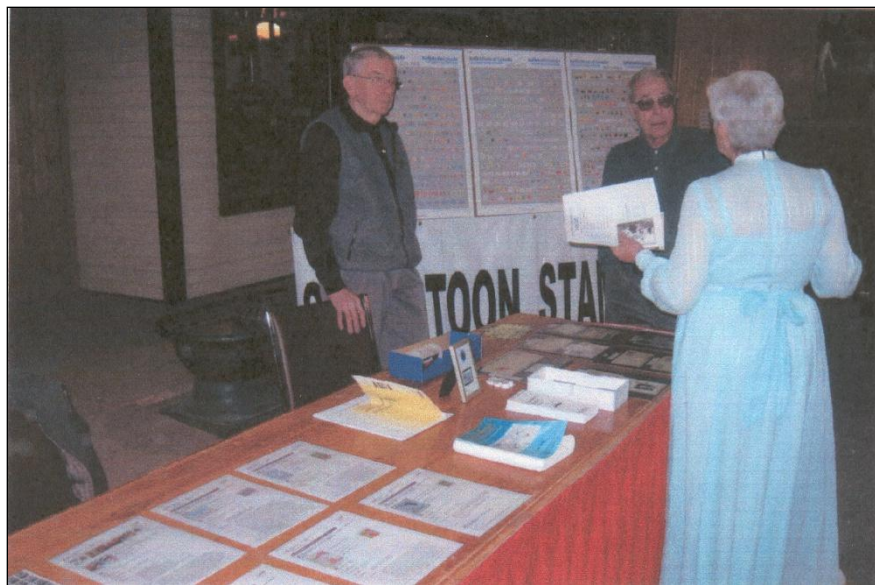
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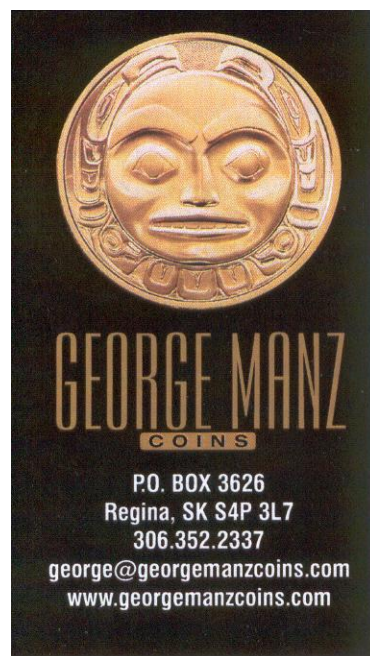
In 2007, the Saskatoon was invited by the Saskatoon Heritage Festival to take part in the yearly festival. The Festival, while showcasing various organizations, is an opportunity to promote interest in the city's history. The Stamp Club agreed to take part in order to promote our club which has been part of the community for 50 years.

It was decided that our booth would be manned by Club members who would display various aspects of our hobby and be willing to answer questions by the people in attendance. To raise some interest in the hobby, young people were given small packets of worldwide stamps. The response was overwhelming. Booth volunteers spent five hours interacting with the visitors by explaining the displays and promoting our club. The young people were excited to see that their stamp packets contained stamps from so many countries. The response was very positive as volunteers interacted with many of the 2500 people who attended.

Since 2007, we have attended every year. A large number of our members volunteer to present displays and attend to the booth as they have learned what a positive experience it has been for past participants.

Participating in the annual Heritage Festival has proven to be an enjoyable way to spend a cold Sunday afternoon in February.

Submitted by  
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## From the Archives

### Highlights

- Feb 6, 1964: First Meeting of the Saskatoon Stamp Club. Initially dues were set at ten cents per meeting. Later in the year, annual memberships were set at \$2.00 for senior collectors and \$1.00 for juniors.
- March 1964: First stamp club constitution ratified.
- Oct 1965: First joint Coin & Stamp show held at St. Georges Parish Hall. Since then the club has held an annual show every fall except in 2009. In the three years from 1980 to 1982 the club held two shows, one in the spring and one in the fall.
- April 1966: First slide show presented at a regular stamp club meeting entitled 'Animals Around the World'
- December 1973: Saskatoon stamp club becomes chapter 80 of the RPSC.
- January 1980: First Life Membership awarded to Henry Godden for his work with junior stamp collectors.
- Oct 1981: Record 31 exhibits entered in the annual fall stamp show.
- Oct 1982: Two people arrested at the fall show for attempting to sell a stolen stamp collection.
- Oct 1984: Club members attend Centennial of Saskatoon Postal Service celebrations at the main Post Office in the city.
- May 1985: Canada Post issues the Gabriel Dumont commemorative stamp

following successful efforts of club member Bob Buckley.

- Late 1985: Final meeting of the junior section of the stamp club.
- 1986: Club member Bill Wood becomes first RPSC accredited stamp show judge from Saskatchewan.
- 1986: Saskatoon stamp club 'Best in Show Trophy' named 'Bill Richards Memorial Trophy'
- 1999: R.D. Miner takes over operation of the RPSC stamp circuit book program.
- 1999: Club purchases new stamp exhibition frames for \$2029.15 plus tax, financed mostly by donations from club members and local stamp dealers.
- Sept 2001: First issue of the stamp club newsletter by President Ed Lewis.
- Fall 2005: First meeting of the Philatelic Java club following June 15th talk given by guest speaker Gray Scrimgeour.
- Summer 2006: First year the stamp club holds monthly meetings throughout the summer.
- February 2007: Stamp club takes table at the Western Development's annual Heritage Festival for the first time.
- Sept 2009: Fire at Concordia club forced cancellation of the annual coin & stamp show. Exhibit frames and other club assets destroyed.
- January 6, 2014: Received official word that club president Ernie Wlock has

been appointed as Director to the Royal Philatelic Society. The appointment takes effect May 2014 for a 2 year term.

### Meeting Locations

- PFRA Building (Feb 1964)
- J.S. Wood Memorial Library (March 1964 – May 1970)
- City Hall Meeting Rooms (May 1970 – Aug 1975)
- J.S. Wood Memorial Library (Sept 1975 – May 1990)
- Field House (Sept 1990 – May 2002)
- Rusty MacDonald Library (Sept 2002 – May 2013)
- St. John's Anglican Cathedral Hall (April 2013 - ????)

### Club Presidents

- Arie van Duyvendyk (Feb 1964 – Dec 1964)
- Fred Glazier (Jan 1965 – April 1966)
- Cy Quale (May 1966 – April 1973)
- Harry Voss (April 1973 – Dec 1978)
- Alf Arthur (Dec 1978 – Dec 1981)
- Bernie Anderson (Dec 1981 – Dec 1983)
- Irvine Page (Dec 1983 – Nov 1985)

- Lowry Knight (Dec 1985 – Dec 1986)
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- Mel Byblow (Dec 2001 – Dec 2004)
- Ernie Wlock (Jan 2005 – Oct 2008)
- Fred Meyer (Oct 2008 – Dec 2008)
- Martin Schofield (Dec 2008 – Dec 2012)
- Ernie Wlock (Dec 2012 - ????)

Submitted by : Doug Smith, Secretary



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## **Minutes of a meeting held Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1964.**

We are indebted to the P.F.R.A. people, especially Jack Godwin for providing us with the opportunity of using the comfortable and well-lighted room on the lower floor, of the PFRA Building.

Thirty collectors, including several students, railway workers and teachers; one semi-retired farmer, five PFRA technicians, two housewives, one busy housewife, one green-thumbed nurseryman, and one weather prognosticator, who was, in fact, under the weather with a cold; were in attendance.

Arie Van Dyvendyk was everyone's choice to act as Chairman temporarily. Ken Knight was volunteered as temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

Arie Van Dyvendyk announced that Mrs., Frances Morrison, Public Librarian had suggested that a room suitable for stamp collectors to meet could be provided at the J.S. Wood Memorial Library. She said that books about stamp collecting, and stamp catalogues, could be made available at our meetings. There would be no charge for these facilities.

Terry Higgins wondered if it might not be best to get authority, in writing from the Library Board that the J. S. Wood Library would be available. Someone commented that the Camera Club meets at the Library and are made to feel welcome. Arie Van Dyvendyk offered to speak with Mrs., Morrison again, but suggested that we decide upon a night most suited to the group.

Al Schumacker suggested we meet once a month on Thursday evenings beginning at 8 p.m. Terry Higgins felt that we should meet every two weeks during the winter months, and less often in the summer. George Wondga said that the old stamp club held no meetings during June, July and August.

While no motion was made, the meeting agreed that we meet every second week from September through May, and once a month during the months of June, July and August. A vote on the evening preferred was recorded as follows: Tuesday and Thursday, 18 votes each, Wednesday 12 and Friday 2.

The chairman said he would speak with Mrs. Morrison about getting Tuesday or Thursday night. Al Schumacher said that that should read Thursday or Tuesday.

A discussion about fees to be collected from our members resulted in little agreement. Some wanted to charge \$5 annually; others thought 10cents a meeting was enough. The consensus of opinion was that we should delay a decision in this regard for two or three weeks until we are certain whether a room at no cost can be found. Jack Wyder moved that we elect an executive at our second or third meeting, which could study the problem and make firm proposals to the membership regarding activities to be followed and the fee required to carry out the program. Orly Felton seconded the motion. Carried.

Orly Felton moved that upon leaving the meeting that each person in attendance leave his name tag, complete with address main collecting interests, and ten cents to defray the costs of the meeting, with the Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Jack Wyder and carried unanimously.

A discussion about age limits for membership in the club followed. It was decided to table the matter until a future meeting.

Jack Wyder suggested that the Secretary write to Linn's Stamp News and the Canadian Philatelic Assoc. inquiring about sample programs and constitutions for stamp clubs.

The Chairman asked if we wished to have a business meeting as part of every meeting.



Terry Higgins suggested that during the organizational period at least, that a business meeting was an essential part of each meeting. There was general agreement with this suggestion.

Al Robb moved a vote of thanks to Arie Van Dyvendyk for his leadership in organizing stamp collectors in Saskatoon. Jack Wyder was quick to second, and the meeting responded appropriately,

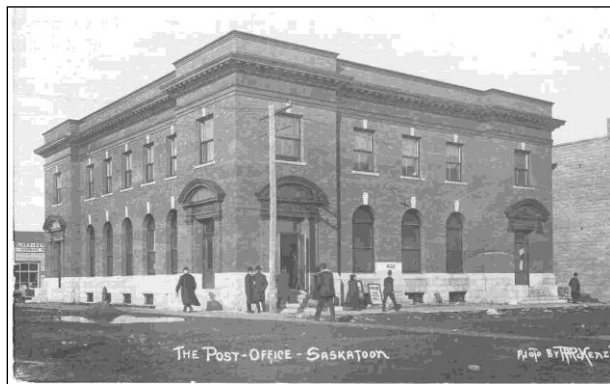
Jack Wyder moved that the business part of the meeting adjourn. Al Schumacher seconded the motion and an informal session of swapping talk, and a few stamps, followed. The meeting ended at 11 o'clock.

The following were elected by acclamation:

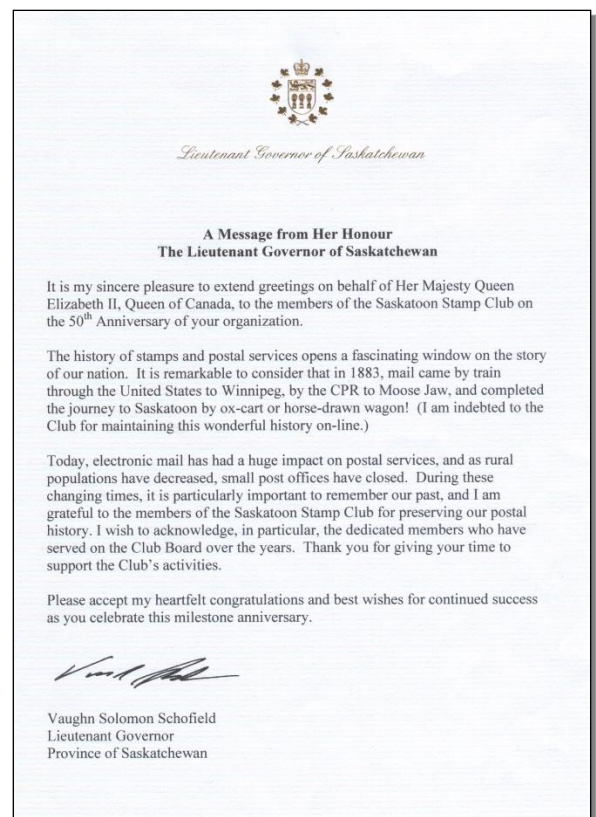
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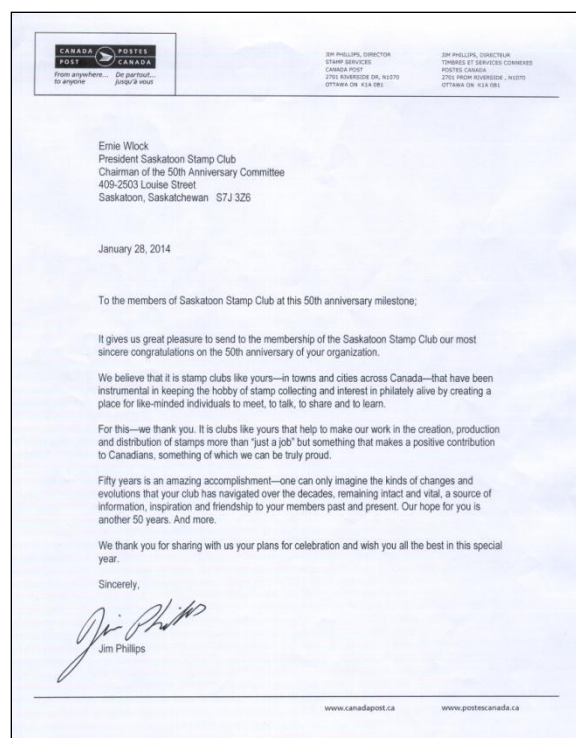
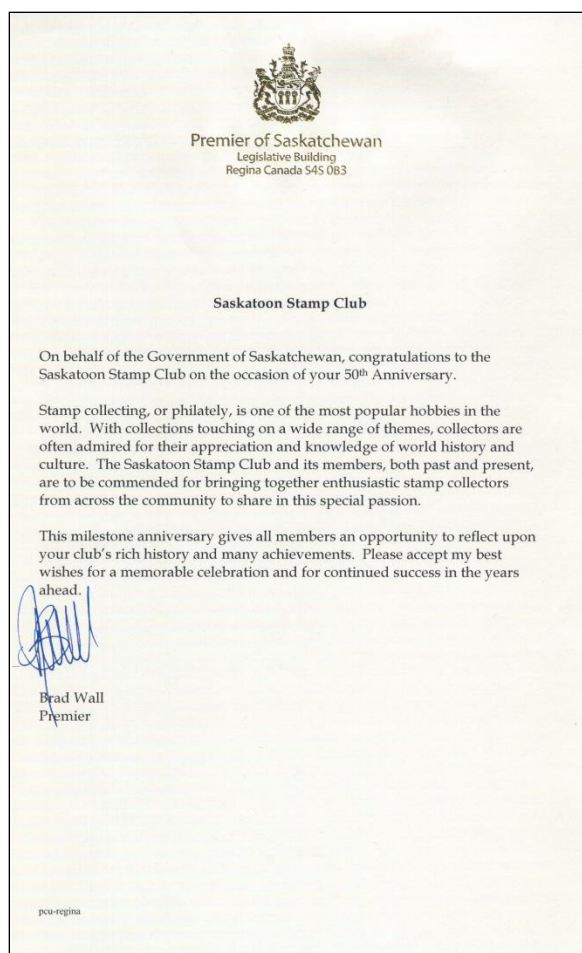
Vice-President: Jack Godwin

Secretary- Treasurer: Ken Knight

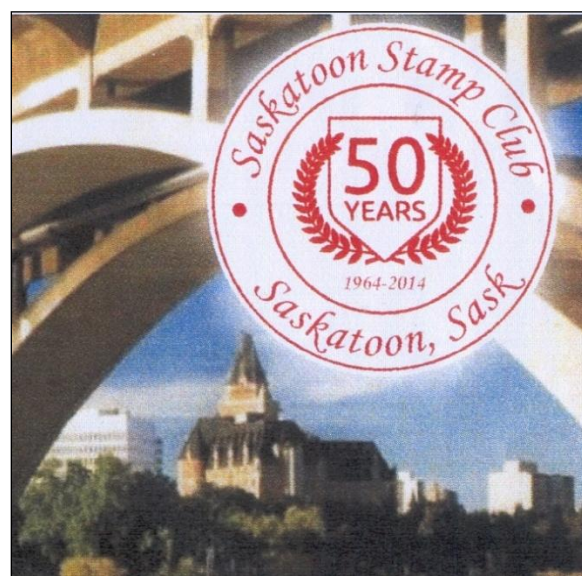


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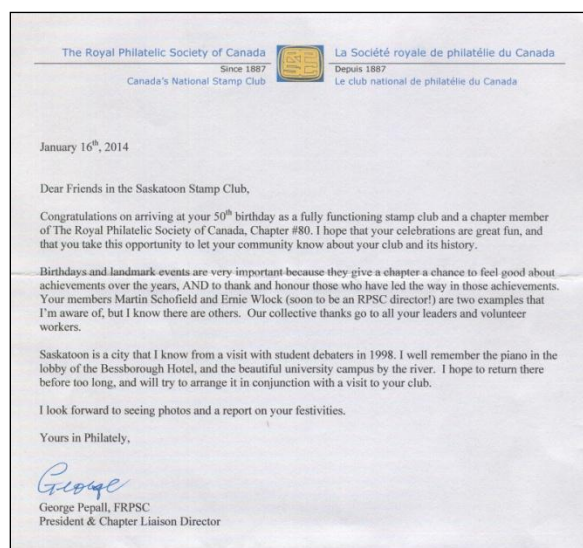
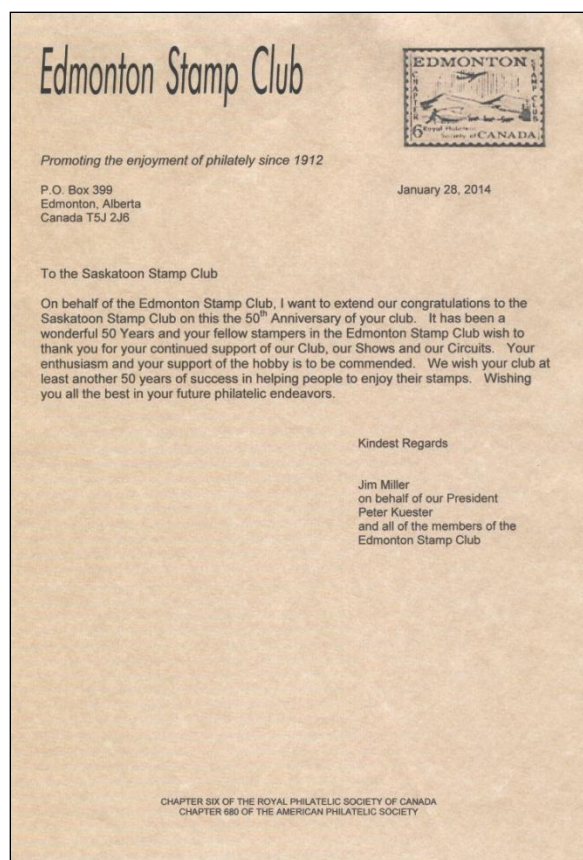




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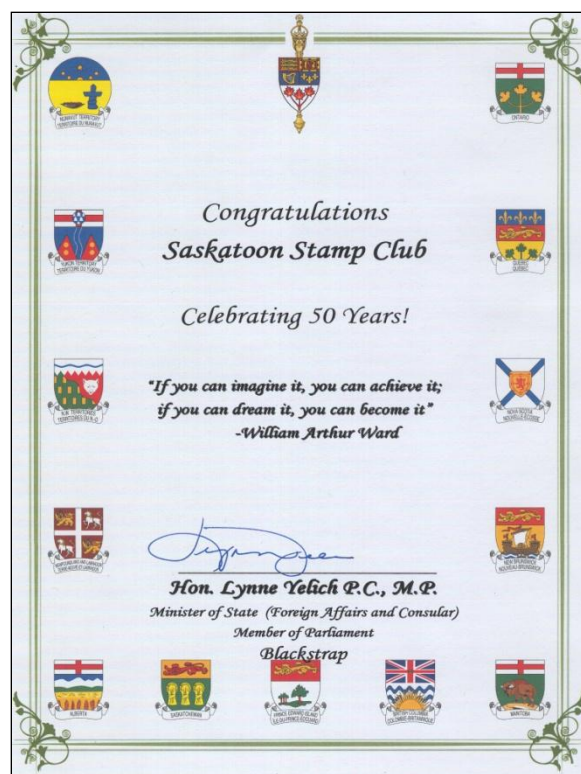
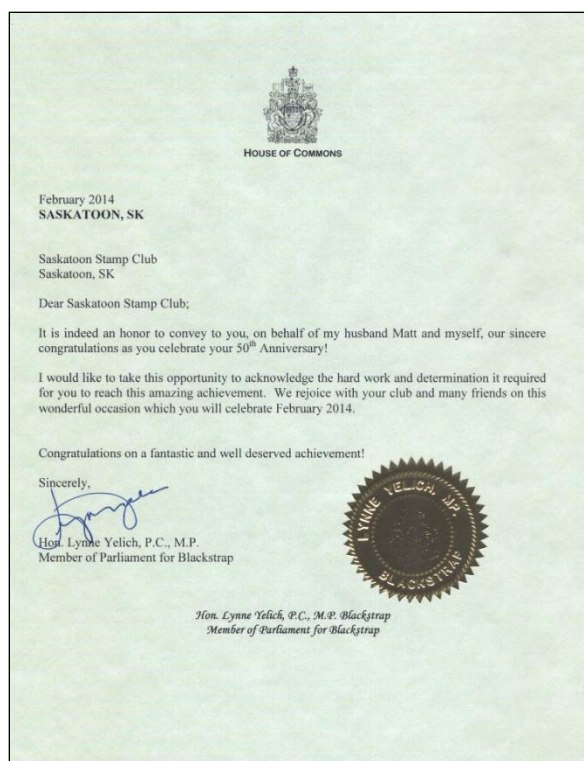




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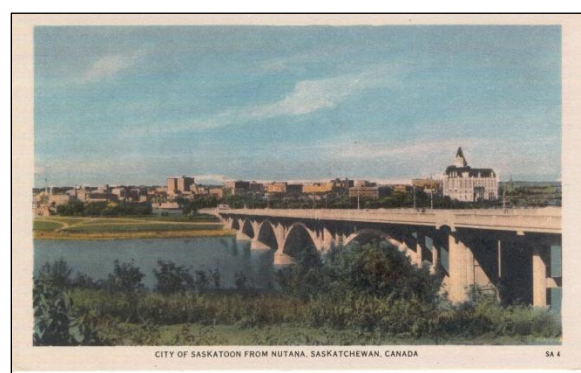
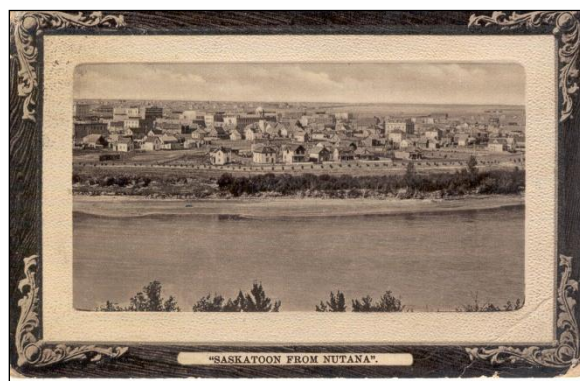
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### Saskatoon Stamp Club Honors Members

Two of our three founding members Al Robb (on the left) and Harry Voss (on the right) are honored at the February 2014 Stamp Club Anniversary Celebration. Our President Ernie Wlock (in the center). Missing from the picture was Arie Van Dyvendyk who was enjoying a much warmer climate south.





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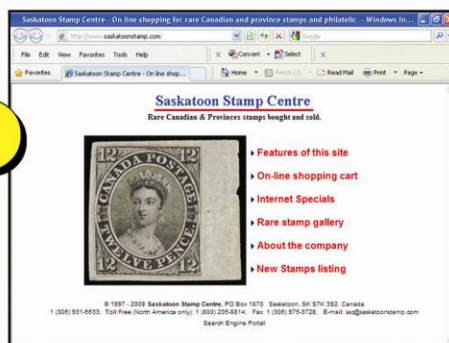


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