

# Seasons Greetings

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## ODPCC PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Season's Greetings to everyone! December is upon us, the "Big Show" is over for another year, and it's time to look forward to another New Year – seems they keep coming around faster and faster!

Don't forget to **bring your favorite food** ("real" food or dessert) to the December "Season's Greetings" party/meeting this month. Also, traditionally, members show their "**Other Collections**" to this meeting – please bring your interesting collectibles to share (talk about, not give away!). Also, we'll try another **Silent Auction** to benefit the Club, so please bring items to donate for the auction.

The Show Committee will have a recap meeting at 6 p.m. just prior to our December meeting, so I'll wait until then to give a more detailed report. Judging from the sign-in sheets and dealer activity, the 2016 Show at John Tyler was very successful, with close to 250 attendees during the two days. Our Thursday evening "Meet & Greet" drew many positive comments from the Dealers, and we had plenty of food this year! Thanks to everyone who helped with that and brought food (especially Tre Rockenbach, who purchased and delivered the Club's portion of the food), and all who attended Thursday's event.



*Sibley's Barbeque of Chester offered lunch on both days of the show.*

Thanks also to all who volunteered during the Show – at the front desk, display board check-in and judging coordination, and set-up and take-down. Special mention goes to "Cookie", who not only coordinated the front desk effort, but also had to fill in for some no-shows. Also, hats off to Tim O'Gorman, Henry Fogle, and Phil & Olga Eckman, who handled Exhibit Board check-in, display, and judge interaction. More about the new judging procedure at the December meeting – seems to have been a success!

The exhibits this year, though sparse, were of very high quality and amazing in variety! Thanks to the ten members who entered fifteen boards this year: Cathy Chase, Phil Eckman, Olga Eckman, Henry Fogle, Bill Gregory, Warren Long, Kathy Mincz, Tim O'Gorman, Demaris Swint, & yours truly. Next year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, so be thinking of how we can increase the number of entries for 2017 – the best and easiest way would be for all members to do a board (or two)!



*2016 Show Floor - Collectors and Dealers*

This month my featured postcard is without a doubt the most wonderful postcard I've had the pleasure of "discovering" – and it's a Christmas card! It is also a pre-sinking Titanic postcard, and a Richmond card with an ironic message, to boot!

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# The Virginia Deltologist

As you can see from the front of the card, it shows the "Olympic" and "Titanic" – Largest and Finest Steamers in the World, a wreath with "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year", and a picture of an man captioned "Ask Mr. Bowman".

The back of the card is what makes it so wonderful! First, it is postmarked "Richmond, Va. Dec. 22, 1911" which is about four months **before** the Titanic sank. Now, the printed message is the ringer – explaining who "Mr. Bowman" from the front of the card is and why he sent it: "With Compliments of the Season – I wish to thank you for



*past favors and respectfully solicit your continued patronage and assistance in building up a Home Enterprise, that furnishes TRAVEL WITHOUT TROUBLE to All Parts of the World. ... Free Information and Hotel Bureau. Saml. H. Bowman, Southern Tourist Agent, 708 E. Main Street, Richmond, Va."*

So now we know who "Mr. Bowman" was – a Travel Agent from Richmond using the pre-launch hype about the safety of the Titanic ("Travel Without Trouble to All Parts of the

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### ODPCC 2016 Guest Dealer/Club Events

- Jan 12 - John Whiting, Guest Dealer
- Feb 9- Jeff Eastland, Guest Dealer
- Mar 8 - Ray Bonis - Presentation of Stubbins Postcard Collection at VCU Library
- Apr 19 - John Lawson, Guest Dealer
- May 10 - Joe Kirby, Guest Dealer
- Jun 14- Club Picnic
- Jul - No Meeting
- Aug 9 - Estate Sale for Tom and Madelyn Cox
- Sep 13 - Ernie White, Guest Dealer
- Oct 18 - Member Swap, Sell, Trade Night
- Nov 11-12 - Postcard Show
- Dec 13 - Holiday Party

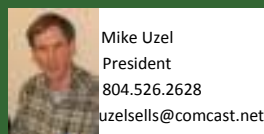
### 2016 CALENDAR OF POSTCARDS EVENTS

- Dec 13 – ODPCC Holiday Party
- Jan 7-8 – DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA
- Jan 10 – ODPCC Monthly Meeting
- Jan 13-14 – Orlando Paper & Postcard Expo, Orlando , FL
- Jan 15 – The Great Jersey Shore Postcard Show, Point Pleasant, NJ
- Jan 20-22 – Richmond Antiques Extravaganza, Richmond Racing Complex, Richmond, VA
- Jan 21-22 – NYC Big Flea, Lexington Armory, NY, NY
- Feb 11-12 – 25th Annual Myrtle Beach Stamp & Postcard Show, Myrtle Beach, SC



**Have a safe and happy holiday season!**

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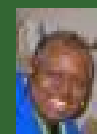
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World"!!!) to advertise his Travel Agency! I wonder how his business fared four months later when the Titanic sat on the bottom of the ocean after sinking on her maiden voyage? The other thing I wondered was if by chance, the addressee was on the Titanic??? Wouln't that be something?? So I checked the Titanic passenger list – both survivors and deceased – Mr. Theo Knutzen of Richmond was not listed on either – good for Mr. Knutzen! There's more to the story on this card, and how it was almost destroyed – I'll fill you in at the meeting. And just so you know, it is staying in my collection for now!

*Happy Holidays to all and happy postcard hunting – you never know what you'll find!*

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**Exhibit Board Results**

Listed are results of the exhibit board competition. The exhibit boards were evaluated on such criteria as design, content, quality, and how well the exhibit engaged the viewer.

Topical:

- 1st – Italian Cyclists – Phil Eckman
- 2nd – Stuckey's – Tim O'Gorman
- 3rd – Little Engines That Could – Mike Uzel

Greetings:

- 1st – Vesslé Vánoce (Czech for Merry Christmas) – Olga Eckman

Miscellaneous:

- 1st – Fire Trucks – Warren Long
- 2nd – Cars on Parade – Warren Long
- 3rd – All Arms and Legs – Demaris Swint

Double Board:

- 1st – U.S. Army Hospital Ships – Henry Fogle
- 2nd – Sunbonnet Sue - Cathy Chase

Judge's Best of Show:

Italian Cyclists –Phil Eckman

Judge's Most Interesting:

All Arms and Legs – Demaris Swint

Other Exhibitors: Bill Gregory, Kathy Mincz

**2016 Judges:**

- Dr. Sara Eskridge, Professor, John Tyler Community College, Chester, VA
- Meg Hughes, Curator of Archives, Valentine Museum, Richmond, VA
- Sue Lee, Postcard Dealer, Buchanan, Virginia



*1st Place Ribbon -Topical category and Judge's Best of Show*



*3rd Place Ribbon - Miscellaneous category and Judge's Most Interesting*