



**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.**

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# The Virginia Deltiologist



*(That's how my daughter Djenane pronounced "incredible" when she was 4. Ever since, when something is unusually fantastic, awesome, I say "**INCREDIBLE!**")*

My post card offerings and prices at the January meeting will be **INCREDIBLE!**

25 cent boxes

Recent purchases

Reduced older stock (including Tom & Madelyn Cox cards)

**AND, YOU WILL BE GETTING FIRST CRACK AT SOME OF MY PERSONAL COLLECTION!**

Plus, a bulk matchbook collection.

**SEE YOU TUESDAY!** John

## ODPCC PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I do believe that I am still in 2016 – that's my excuse this month for being so late with writing this. Everyone who attended our "Holiday" party in December had a great time – I especially liked the "Other Collectables" presented by members with other hobby interests. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the Holidays with family and friends.

Like it or not, 2017 is upon us, with many new experiences in store, I'm sure. And I'm not just talking about politics, Mariah Carey, sports, or the weather. We have the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual ODPCC Show this year, and we need everyone to get involved to make it the best ever! If you have any suggestions to make this Show unique or different, or ideas on how to attract the general public to the Show, please bring them to the January meeting!

Speaking of the New Year, there are a couple of "projects" already in the works to publicize the hobby and our Club in 2017. One we've mentioned before - an exhibit opening in March at the Chesterfield County Museum titled "Chesterfield's Picture Postcard Past." Tim O'Gorman has spearheaded this effort and will share more at the January meeting. The other project is another exhibit at the Chester Library in September, with no set theme yet. The librarians said our exhibit in 2016 was the most successful they have ever had there, and were so happy with our

displays that they want us to exhibit for two months instead of just one this year! Again, more about this at the January meeting.

Always look forward to the first meeting of the year, when John Whiting starts us off right with great cards and great bargains! Hope everyone can make it!

To start the New Year, I'm going to ask everyone to be thinking of your favorite postcard in your collection, and also why it's your favorite. I have an idea of how we can share

them – more about this at the meeting! The "Titanic" card I shared last month has to be at the top of my list, due to its uniqueness and its Richmond connection. But here is another, which, though over 100 years old, still conveys so much feeling between these two sisters, identified on the back of the card as Irene and Elinor Shaw of Santa Cruz Co., California. Their expressions tug at the heart; the big sister standing proudly and her little sister hanging on to her with a look of uncertainty, yet trying to be brave for the camera. Looking at this card always makes me wonder what lives they both led, if they married, had children, and where their descendants may be today. So much to see in an old postcard, and why we get hooked on Deltiology!

Mike U.

### Recap of December's Meeting

Our December meeting was the annual Christmas party and in place of having a dealer we had a silent auction and several members discussing their hobbies with examples displayed. The show committee met before our regu-



*Irene and Elinor Shaw of Santa Cruz Co., California.*

lar meeting and recapped our November show that had approximately 250 attending and positive feedback had been received from the dealers. The new judging procedures went quickly and smoothly and the judges commented on many of the boards that they graded. One suggestion made was to increase the size of the identifying label attached to the front of each board. Also discussed at the committee meeting was how to increase participation in the making of boards for this annual display.

Our monthly meeting got underway in a different room than typical. We were in the large banquet room behind security and across the hall from our usual meeting room. We had 22 in attendance and we established a committee tonight of three members who will oversee the election of officers at our January meeting. Also, dues are due at our January meeting. A number of boxes of miscellaneous postcards were for sale by several of our members. Additionally, the following members brought examples of other items they collect. Jim Adams brought a dozen Zippo lighter's sporting advertising logos. Bill Gregory brought matchbook covers from years gone by - examples of business advertising nostalgia. Trey brought vintage handkerchiefs printed with illustrations of maps, calendars, and information such as how to speak French or Spanish! Phil Eckman brought a collection of odds and ends of things that he had collected over the years that had personal meaning such as a Swiss Army knife, a coffee mug, a cigarette lighter, an old cigar case, and a name badge from long ago. Mike Uzel brought a reproduction of an interesting postcard found recently in a newly found collection. On the face was the image of the Titanic, on the reverse was writing from a Richmond travel agent to a perspective passenger on the ships maiden voyage. Stamped just four months before the launch, Mike researched records that indicated this perspective passenger was not on board. Wonderful story. John Whiting brought six or seven cribbage boards dating as far back as the 1880s. Several were of unusual designs in shapes of Christmas trees, a bear, and one that resembled the state of Vermont. Warren Long brought vintage ashtrays-from hotels, TV stations, tire stores, and automobile dealerships. Warren even had an example of a salesman's display case of demonstrator ashtrays.

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Winners of the display board competition held at our November show included Warren Long for the People's Choice award and Phil Eckman for the Ben Duncan award. This last award carried a \$100 prize. Tim O'gorman received a gift certificate from Cookie as winner of the raffle of members who worked the front desk. A most enjoyable evening.

**ODPCC 2016 Guest Dealer/Club Events**

Jan 10 - John Whiting, Guest Dealer  
Feb 14- Jeff Eastland, Guest Dealer  
Mar 14 -  
Apr 11 - John Lawson, Guest Dealer  
May 9 - Joe Kirby, Guest Dealer  
Jun 13- Club Picnic  
Jul - No Meeting  
Aug 8 -  
Sep 12 - Ernie White, Guest Dealer  
Oct 10 - Member Swap, Sell, Trade Night  
Nov 10-11 - Postcard Show  
Dec 12 - Holiday Party

**2016 CALENDAR OF POSTCARDS EVENTS**

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 Raceway Complex, Richmond, VA  
Jan 21-22 – NYC Big Flea, Lexington Armory, New York, NY  
Feb 11-12 – 25th Anniversary Myrtle Beach Stamp & Postcard Show, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Feb 14 – ODPCC Monthly Meeting  
March 4-5 – DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA