Roger S. Brody to Receive 2014 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award



Roger S. Brody has been selected by the Board of Governors of the Collectors Club of New York to receive the 2014 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award. Throughout his lifetime Roger has established an outstanding record of accomplishment in and service to virtually every aspect of philately. He has been a consummate philatelic exhibitor and researcher, an outstanding author and lecturer, and maintained a superb and continuous record of service to philately from the local to the national levels.

Roger is a recognized expert in early twentieth century United States stamps. This has grown out of his initial interest in regular and commemorative United States and British North America stamps. Today it is reflected in his interest in United States twentieth century postal history, coil stamps, booklet panes, airmail and revenue stamps. His interest in the United States 1902 Regular Issue not only introduced him to exhibiting, but ulti-

mately brought him national and international attention in the philatelic world via national gold and grand awards and International Gold Awards. His recent studies include the production and postal history of postWorld War II United States definitive issues, specifically the Prominent Americans and Great Americans series. These exhibits have been recognized at the national level with Gold Awards.

Roger has also been active in the area of philatelic research and has published numerous articles in *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, *The United States Stamp Specialist*, *Opinions VII & VIII*. and others. He is a double recipient of the USSS Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award for the best research article in *The United States Stamp Specialist*. His subjects have included Essays and Line Drawings, a series on the Washington Shield stamp, numerous census reports on the 1902 issue, the eight cent Martha Washington issue and pneumatic tube mail. His collaboration in the preparation of the auction catalog for his 1902 series sale by Shreve afforded what is considered to be the definitive study of this issue. In 2007 he received the John H. Luff Award from the American Philatelic Society for Distinguished Philatelic Research.

He presented numerous lectures on his studies and findings on several aspects of the U.S. Series 1902, and on stamp development and production at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing including the Royal Philatelic Society London and the Maynard Sundman Lecture Series at the National Postal Museum.

Roger also has an outstanding record in his service to organized philately. He is currently chairman of the research committee of the Smithsonian's Council of Philatelists, where he coordinates a large group of noted philatelic researchers and staff members of the National Postal Museum in a wide array of research projects.

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On the evening of September 23, 1952, Nixon pleaded his case to the American public to remain on the Republican ticket as the Vice President candidate. In what was considered the first major televised political campaign speech, Nixon talked about his beginnings, his modest family and a dog that was given by a supporter to his daughter Trisha. The dog's name was Checkers and Nixon vowed "And you know, the kids, like all kids, love the dog, and I just want to say this, right now, that regardless of what they say about it, we're gonna keep it."¹

Towards the very end of the speech, Nixon added, "Wire and write the Republican National Committee [RNC] whether you think I should stay on or whether I should get off. And whatever their decision is, I will abide by it."² So Mr. Gorman Loss of Newark, NJ (return address on rear of cover), presumably wrote a letter of support (not with the cover) and addressed it to General Eisenhower at the Commodore Hotel, Eisenhower's campaign headquarters.³ He posted it by noon the following day. Since Nixon's speech did not include an address for the RNC, Mr. Loss sent it to Eisenhower directly.

History and technology marry well, and with the advent of digitization of books and the Internet for searching reference material, knowledge from around the world is available almost immediately at one's fingertips.

Endnotes:

1. http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/richardnixoncheckers.html

2. http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/richardnixoncheckers.html

3. <u>http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/research/finding_aids/pdf/Eisenhower_Dwight_Papers_as_</u> President/Campaign_Series.pdf

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He served the Collectors Club (New York) as Treasurer, Vice President, President and Governor, bringing to bear his vast experience in the financial area to assure the financial health of the Club. He also serves as board chairman of the United States Stamp Society and was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the American Philatelic Research Library in 2005. He currently serves the APRL as its president. Finally, he has served as Treasurer of Washington 2016 since the inception of the organization.

Professionally, Roger earned a bachelor's degree from Lehigh University in business administration, and went on to an outstanding career in the financial services and investment industry. For over three decades he provided investment strategy and implementation for many of the top United States and foreign banking and investment firms.

Please join us at the Collectors Club Annual Awards Dinner on May 7th for the presentation of the Lichtenstein Award for outstanding service to philately.