

Charles J. Peterson to Receive 2008 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award



The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 2008 will be presented to Charles J. Peterson, of Laurel, Maryland, at the Collectors Club Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Cornell Club in New York on May 7, 2008. Mr. Peterson has had a distinguished career in philately, most notably as an author, editor and administrator.

A member of the Collectors Club for 35 years, Charlie has served in many capacities within the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library. His term as president of the latter culminated in the effort to secure the Match Factory for the APS.

At the international level, he served the F.I.P. as commission president of the Literature Commission for 17 years and currently serves on the F.I.P. board as a direc-

tor. He has been a jury member for over 30 F.I.P. juries and has served as jury chairman on a number of occasions, most recently at Washington 2006. Besides jury work, he has been active in the organizing of national and international shows.

His collecting interests are eclectic: Serbia, U.S. postal history, German specialty items and thematics. Overshadowing all these, however, is his philatelic literature collection, which features many classic volumes.

If anything, Charlie is noted for his editorial prowess. Two journals are closely linked with his name, the *Chronicle of U.S. Classic Postal Issues*, which he edited for 23 years and for which he twice received the Diane Boehret award, and the *Philatelic Literature Review*, which he edited for 15 years and similarly twice received the Thomas Brasch award. He has compiled cumulative indexes for at least 14 different philatelic periodicals and books, a much underrated task that he achieves with greatest care. Besides hundreds of book reviews and articles on philatelic literature or philatelic writing, in both U.S. and foreign journals, he has been technical editor or advisor on ten or more philatelic studies, often unheralded but of exceptional value to the publication.

Needless to say, Charlie Peterson has received many honors in his philatelic career. Foremost of these was signing the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1991. He is one of only five to have received the Luff Award from the APS twice; first in 1988 for Outstanding Service to Philately and again in 2006 for Service to the APS. The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society chose him for the Distinguished U.S. Philatelist award in 1992 and awarded him the Lester G. Brookman Cup for outstanding service to the USPCS in 2003. Overseas, the Bund Deutscher Philatelisten awarded him both the bronze and silver service pins and the silver pin for Special Service in Research and Literature. The Copenhagen Philatelic Club, Denmark, awarded him its Silver Medal in 1994. He has been a member of the Royal Philatelic Society London for 40 years and is a Fellow. The APS Writers Unit #30 elected him to its Hall of Fame in 1997. It is fitting that he now adds the well-deserved Alfred F. Lichtenstein Award to these achievements.