

THE CLUBHOUSE

The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

The ceremonies inaugurating the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award took place on Saturday, October 18, 1952, with a dinner held in New York, N. Y. Its success was beyond expectations, as no doubt most have read in the philatelic press, which reported this event.

Due to the fact that the fund solicited is still receiving contributions, no final report to members can be given at this time. It is planned, therefore, to treat this plus all the inaugural ceremonies in the next number of the COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST.

But as an interim report, it must be recorded that the response from the Club's members through their contributions has greatly exceeded the total amount anticipated. This is remarkable because the solicitation of funds had been done by only one or two letters at the most and very little publicity. This can only be attributed to the revered standing of the name of *Alfred F. Lichtenstein* in philately. Many contributors throughout the United States and in foreign lands, when mailing their donations, specifically mentioned that they were proud and pleased to participate in a Memorial Award in honor of the one whom they regard as such a great philatelist in an overall sense.

Theodore E. Steinway was the recipient of the first medal, a most appropriate selection to all who know of the close friendship between Messrs. Lichtenstein and Steinway, and how as a pair they continually served philately as almost its unsung heroes.

Meeting of September 15, 1952

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The first gathering of the members was held at the Club Room on the evening of September 15, 1952.

President Jack Thomas all of the time was speaking including the presentation of a volume of short papers by members of the philatelic community who have recently departed from the Club, Mrs. W. J. Smith and Philip B. Smith.

The program was first reported in length in the spring editorial issue of the Club News, which showed the total amount of contributions as the August 1, 1952, issue. It was especially gratifying to know of the new issue of 1952, by the volume of contributions to date with the help and assistance of members including the following those whose names are listed below: Eugene who has just now come to attending the event. The new Club members will be a source of pride, and we will hope that these will be a very pleasant year in which to work on the Club's behalf.

The President Jack Thomas reported on the progress of the fund for the Lichtenstein Memorial Award. All were glad to assist for the first time in such a program. The program was very successful and we hope that it will be a very pleasant year in which to work on the Club's behalf.

The meeting was then closed with the singing of the Club Song, the National Anthem, and the presentation of the Lichtenstein Memorial Award to Theodore E. Steinway. The meeting was a most successful one and we hope that it will be a very pleasant year in which to work on the Club's behalf.

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