



APS CHAPTER 50

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Meets at 8 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Friday at
the Reformed Church of Syracuse, 1228 Teall Ave.

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EXPERTISERS SHARE THEIR STORIES

Sergio and Liane Sismondo of The Classic Collector (www.sismondostamps.com), professional philatelic expertisers and consultants who have worked for Scott Publishing Co. and the Philatelic Foundation, shared unusual and interesting stories of the stamps and people they have encountered at shows and auctions all over the world at our Jan. 6 meeting. Sergio also explained the intense research that goes into preparing one of his certificates. Then he demonstrated the process on several dozen specimens provided by club members. The presentation held club members in rapt attention for nearly two hours and was "one of the best the club has ever seen," President Mike Ammann said.

FIRST NEW MEMBER OF 2006

Bernie Serriane of Syracuse was elected to membership at the Jan. 20 meeting. He collects Australia, Czechoslovakia, and Italy.

LOSS OF A LIFE MEMBER

Lottie Noldan of East Syracuse, a 25-year life member, died on Jan. 3 at the age of 92. She joined the club in 1981 but had not been able to attend meetings for many years because of poor health. A moment of silence was observed in her memory at the Jan. 6 meeting.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

A printed wallet card containing the entire 2006 program schedule is available. Attend a meeting, call 315-476-8052, or e-mail webmaster@syracusestampclub.org.

PROGRAMS

March 3 — *STAMPO* and Three-Cent
Worldwide Mixture

March 17 — APS slide show:
Irish Philately

March 31 — Auction

April 7 — Swap & Shop

April 21 — Auction

Mini-auctions will be conducted at 7:45 p.m. on March 3 and April 7, if material allows.



Club members Vincent Juchimek, center, and Jeff Costello, right, present Syracuse VA Medical Center director James Cody with a framed set of the club's Distinguished Marines first day covers. The ceremony took place in the director's office on Dec. 2, 2005.

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