

The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



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The Statue of Liberty Club's biennial meeting, Las Vegas, NV ~ October 26-28, 2017. Attendees (l-r):

Lebo Newman, Brendagael Beasley-Forrest, Steve Sample, Lolly Sample, Stuart Beasley-Forrest, Francine Grillo, Dale Dwyer, Amanda Liberty, (club guests) Debbie & Robert Davidson, Liberty George Dukov, Carol Oakes and Vince Swift.



Club members provide comments, and many pictures, of their time in the Las Vegas area for our biennial meeting.

From **Francine Grillo**

What a wonderful decision it was to take the trip to Vegas... I hadn't flown in 9 years and it was time! I chatted my way through a quick TSA inspection and had a beautiful martini at The Palm at the airport... 3 movies on my must-see list on the plane and right to Gordon Ramsey's Steak with Stuart and Brenda my beautiful, long-time friend in Liberty, love, heart breaks, partying and friendship. Liberty brought so many of us together!

I loved spending so much quality time with Brenda and Stuart... cocktails, the food of famous chefs in pretty restaurants, Bill Maher(!)... and even hit "19" four times on the Roulette wheel in two days to pay for one of those meals! And not even breaking both shoes on the way out of the Stratosphere could break our stride! It was so eerie being so close to the tragedy of the shootings just 3 weeks before and we listened to the Uber drivers accounts of that night.

I treated myself to room service and sleeping in (love my view of the Excalibur castle from the Luxor!) until our ...

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early Saturday HBO interview... with a gorgeous spread of breakfast then lunch, compliments of the production company. What a wonderful day listening to everyone succinctly say to the HBO audience what we already knew about each other! A few tears and a lot of passion! It was good to talk about and remember my days volunteering on Ellis Island again. To hear Robert [Davidson] speak of how he sculpted the NY NY Hotel Statue of Liberty was a beautiful bonus... Amanda in Las Vegas Liberty's flowing white, seeing Lolly and Steve again, hanging out with Lebo, running into Vince and Liberty George randomly(!), meeting Carol Oakes... and our "Pope Room" dinner was perfect! We missed you, Brian, and everyone who couldn't make it!! Meeting Carol Oakes was special awesome, and it was great to meet Dale Dwyer!

A friend of 30 years ago noticed I was in Vegas from my Facebook posts... she and her family picked me up for lunch and drove me to the airport! I missed most of the monsoon weather in NYC except for some 'roller coaster' turbulence but all in all it was happy trails and more happy memories.

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From **Amanda Liberty**

I feel so incredibly lucky to have gotten the opportunity to attend the Club meeting this year!
I have to thank World of Wonder from the bottom of my heart for making it possible for me to come and for keeping my 100% club meeting attendance record intact (since I joined in 2008)
I really hope that it was worth it for them too to have me for the filming, and I hope I did the Club proud as well as them! I will look forward to seeing the finished documentary.
It is always a joy to see my friends in the Club, and share our love in the Lady! Old faces and new!
I brought along my friend Ann Lippert to the club dinner - and I think we have got our newest Club member! [ED: Ann has join our club]
I know her via Facebook, and invited her to take part in the documentary as well as the Club meeting, as she lives in Las Vegas, and she has dressed up as a Statue of the Statue of Liberty - and so her costume is white rather than green!
The dinner was fantastic even though there was enough food to feed another 5 people! What a great restaurant!
The Pope room was fantastic! He spun around in the middle of the Lazy Susan, and below a beautiful Spanish chandelier! Chandeliers are the other love in my life next to our Lady!
So I was very pleased to see her hanging there illuminating our table!
I hope Brian gets better soon! I sure missed him at the meeting! But Vince did a great job of hosting for us!
Wonderful as ever! And I look forward to the next one in NYC!

From **Vince Swift**

The club's 2017 biennial meeting in Las Vegas was a success and a fun experience for those attending. I had been in the city since Monday, October 23, and was doing several tourist activities and scouting a meeting location in the Luxor hotel, an assignment from Brian Snyder. The weather was 60F – 80F the week I was there – very comfortable any time of the day.

On Tuesday, October 24, I found a comfortable seat and Internet connection at the Clark County Library and started outlining this edition of the newsletter – I delayed this task long enough, so it was time to identify what my contributions to the content were going to be. I located the makeshift memorial for the October 1 shooting victims, at the famous 'Welcome' sign on Las Vegas Boulevard. The city had adopted a #VEGASSTRONG theme and that could be seen throughout the Vegas strip and on souvenir shirts on sale everywhere. This image, from Wednesday October 25, shows the start of the memorial and to the left, a billboard with the # theme.



Thursday, October 26, was arrival day for most out-of-town members and a day to rest from travel or jump into the 'Vegas scene'. I had scheduled an airport pick-up for Liberty George Dukov who was flying in from New York City. On the same trip, I fetched club member Carol Oakes who was arriving from Denver; Carol and I worked together in Michigan and North Dakota.

Friday, October 27, was another 'Vegas scene' day; Brian had recommended two museums, Vegas has many unusual topic museums. Lebo, Liberty George, Carol and I took in the National Atomic Testing Museum that had a large facility dedicated to the atmospheric & underground atomic bomb testing conducted at the Nevada Test Site, only a few miles from the Vegas strip, from 1951 to 1992. Next, we went to The Mob Museum, officially the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, to view the history organized crime played in establishing the early Vegas and how their criminal activities were eventually their downfall ... in Vegas!

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Other members took in a tour of Hoover Dam, located about 36 miles from the Las Vegas strip.

I had the 'pleasure' (forced need) to traverse the new, 2010, Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge twice on my travels from Las Vegas to Flagstaff then back to Las Vegas.

Officially named the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, the 1,900-foot-long structure sits 890 feet above the Colorado River, about a quarter of a mile downstream from the Hoover Dam. The \$240 million project to relieve vehicle traffic on the Hoover Dam began in 2003, and is scheduled to open to traffic sometime this week.

(The Bridge was dedicated and opened to vehicle traffic on October 19, 2010)

Photo and description Courtesy of Federal Highway Administration from www.npr.org



Saturday, October 28, was the 131st Anniversary of the 1886 dedication of *The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World*, in New York Harbor. Club members assembled at the New York-New York Hotel and Casino to participate in a scheduled series of personal interviews for a documentary about The Statue of Liberty.

Upon completion of the interviews and light lunch, the club members conducted a traditional Saturday Meet-and-Greet led by myself, in place of Meeting Coordinator Brian Snyder. We were treated to a 45-minute presentation by Robert Spencer Davidson, a Las Vegas business owner who received the commission to build the Liberty statue that adorns the corner of the NY-NY Hotel & Casino property – he did not build the base the statue stands on. Robert was accompanied by his wife Debbie and his 50 inch tall (1.27 meter) maquette (model) used to dimension successively larger models/sections for the build process – essentially the same process Auguste Bartholdi employed more than 131 years ago. MANY interesting build facts were explained, including there is a ladder in the interior of the statue but is only used for inspections – never tourists, and access to the limited interior space is through a door place on the right foot of Liberty (the raised foot) while not knowing that Bartholdi made a virtually identical access.

The NY-NY Statue, alone, is 100 foot tall (30.5 meters),

making her a 2/3 size replica and, I believe, **IS** the largest replica in the World. The statue's build processes, materials and sequencing were highlighted in Robert's presentation – and he gave credit to his brother for fabricating unique equipment for the build.

Robert is also the copyright owner of the Statue and was surprised when his wife bought stamps a few years ago and they discovered it was his Statue's face on the U.S. Postal Service Forever stamp. Robert reports that a trial was held recently in Washington D.C. concerning the copyright violation and he is now awaiting the Judge's decision. Robert was very agreeable to answer all our questions about the build process and, what he could, about the stamp's copyright case.

After Robert's presentation, the club members went around the room, introduced themselves, briefly discussed their collection specialty and identified any items they brought to Las Vegas for sale, trade or give-away.

Lolly and Steve Sample offered 2, U.S. Army 77th Infantry Division military patches to whomever would like them. This is the military patch with the Statue of Liberty outline in gold and surrounded by a deep blue color. Both were accepted by members.



Before we ended our 'Meet-and-Greet' session, we briefly discussed:

- 1) our next club meeting, October 2019 in New York City,
- 2) my wish to have another club trip to France in the next 3-5 years and
- 3) club member usage of our MARKETPLACE member-to-member buy/sell webpage on the club's Internet site.

Next, the entire membership, with the Davidsons, went across the street from the NY-NY Statue to have their picture taken with the Statue clearly visible in the background – see the front and back pages of this newsletter.

A few of the many Las Vegas pictures sent in by Francine, Amanda and Brendagael Beasley-Forrest can be see starting on page 11. Be sure to see what members quickly named 'The Pope Room' for our Saturday evening business dinner.

Considering A Native American Colossus

By Laura E. Cortner and
Robert R. Hieronimus, Ph.D.



Thank you to the Statue of Liberty Club for printing the very informative article by the esteemed Jeffrey S. Dosik in our Summer 2017 issue (vol. 27, no. 2), "In the Shadow of Liberty: A Native American Colossus." Despite being the co-authors of a book about the lesser-known concepts of the Statue of Liberty, this bit of reporting by Dosik was completely new to us! The concept drawing and map you included of the proposed American Indian Memorial showed how this monument would have certainly changed the way the Statue of Liberty was later perceived, starting with the simple fact that she would no longer have been the first glimpse of "America." As much as our nation has been remiss in creating colossal monuments or proper respect for the sophisticated nations that preceded the Europeans on this continent, we are pleased that Lady Liberty's premiere location was not usurped by this or any other memorial.

In our book *The Secret Life of Lady Liberty: Goddess in the New World*, we talk a lot about the influence of the Native American philosophy on the Revolutionary generation. The American Revolution has been described as a product of the European Enlightenment, the philosophical movement in Europe beginning in the mid-1600s, but without the discovery of the "noble savages" in the late 1500s in the first place, the Enlightenment itself might never have been sparked. The observation that men really could live in a "natural state" opened the minds of the European philosophers to imagine a better life and allowed them to consider the possibility of change.

In the pre-contact European mind, the concept of freedom was related exclusively to the concepts of nation and aristocracy. The Mayflower Compact is "all about obedience to the king, obedience to the rulers, there is no concept of personal freedom," said anthropologist Jack Weatherford. "That's the American Indian concept... When an individual person gets to decide things for themselves, how to lead a life, what they want to do, the pursuit of happiness," continued Weatherford "these ideas came from the American Indians, and were shocking to the people who arrived here from Europe."

In the 1500s and 1600s, many tall and vigorous Indians were brought to Europe and traveled around, on display, and seeing these healthy and athletic specimens in person was

stunning for the Europeans. Most Europeans were stunted and sickly and living in comparatively filthy and oppressive conditions. "They had never encountered this before," said Akwesasne Mohawk Douglas George-Kanentio, "seeing Native people existing without the encumbrance of a centralized state, or a set of privileged class royalty, or not qualified by the teachings of the institutionalized religion. . . . They were not only shocked, they were captivated."

Once the Enlightenment ideas did spark, they disseminated around the world, but nowhere else did they take root into real radical social change except among the English colonists living in the northeastern part of the North American continent -- in the land of the Iroquois.

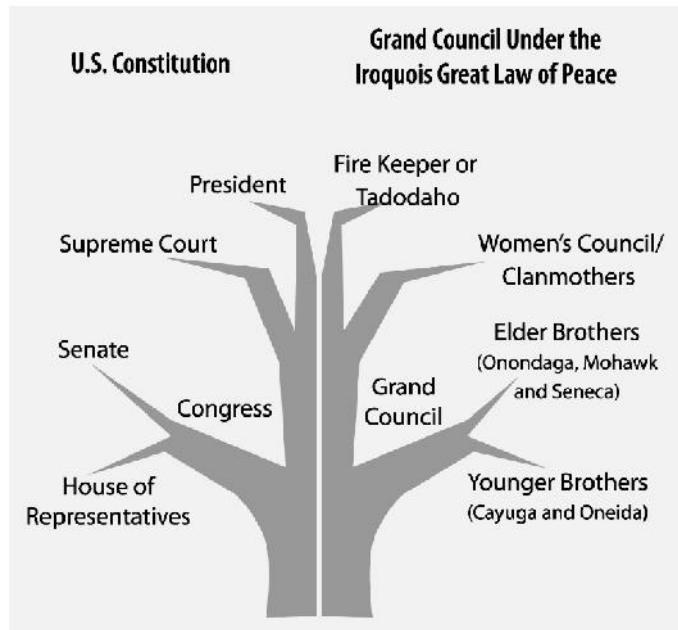


Masthead design by Paul Revere for the Royal American Magazine in 1774 features the Indian Princess symbolizing "America" offering the peace pipe to the Genius of Knowledge.

Historian Gordon Wood observed that "Classical Republican values existed everywhere among educated people in the English-speaking world, but nowhere did they have deeper resonance than in the North American colonies." In none of the other colonies settled by the British, Dutch, Spanish, or French did representational democracy spring up. It materialized only in the northeast of America, because it first required the germination from the seeds planted there by the Iroquois.

Of course, there were many other influences on our founders in addition to the Native Americans, such as the writings of Locke, Montesquieu, and Rousseau, the Greek tales of overcoming insurmountable odds, and the republican ideal of Rome. It is astounding, however, to count up the number of times all the founders, and in particular Ben Franklin, wrote about how they considered

the Native Americans their role models. This wealth of data is called the influence theory and shows that our founding fathers deliberately and consciously followed some of the patterns established by the League of the Iroquois when designing the new U.S. government. For a short while in the United States, the brightest minds of the Revolutionary generation identified themselves as the symbolic Indian Princess. For an even shorter while they were not ashamed to emulate the real Native Americans



The U.S. self-governing structure mirrors that established by the League of Iroquois over 500 years earlier. Chart based on the concept in "The Great Law" at Injunuity.org.

and acknowledge how much they owed them. As we write this, our nation is poised to learn a great lesson again from the Native Americans who are leading the way in protest against unlimited corporate profiteering pipelines at the expense of clean water and environmental safety for future generations. Regardless of our nation's erupting violent disputes over monuments erected to honor various people or moments of the past -- that when judged by today's standards are not seen as worthy of honor -- we Euro-Americans still owe the indigenous nations a monumental marker. We owe them more than thanks and acknowledgement, in fact, but a monument would be a start.

[ED: Our club embraces free speech, love of Liberty and respect for all our world-wide membership.]

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From Iris November

I was so surprised and delighted to receive a post card from Las Vegas, signed from all the attendees at the recent meeting of our group. I felt transported there with you -- Vince sent the photo of you all together! I was always in awe that all of us come from different places and because of our passion for The Lady, we found each other. And though I wasn't physically present with you, I sure was there in my memories of our past shared experiences.

Francine will remember [1998] driving with Mort and me in that huge car we rented and passing the Bellagio just as the fountains started and the music played-- it was magical. And shopping at the gift shops in the hotel--New York, New York had just opened its doors, and we all thought we had to buy every Liberty item we saw-- and there were so many. Thanks to Lolly and Steve, we found restaurants and meeting areas, and we had just met each other-- instant friends! Fill in the rest please-- I can't find the report I wrote for the Newsletter that followed. Just priceless moments!

Have you noticed how often the Statue of Liberty is appearing in the media--both print and video-- and the Emma Lazarus poem also. I have recently seen the poem quoted in a letter to the editor in our local newspaper. Of course it had to do with immigration and where our country was heading with this political football. It made me feel proud that the passion that I feel for our symbol of liberty and the symbol that my Aunt Paula, my mother, Celeste, and my nanny--that's my grandma Eva--were welcomed by in 1905, was still telling the world who we are and what we stand for. No matter what our personal opinion is on the issues confronting us, I do believe we all recognize how important the message is that Miss Liberty delivers, and is one that we all embrace. We certainly are so grateful that she brought us all together!

I wish you all a happy holiday season, with friends, family and great food! And remember to get your flu shot!!!

Hugs, Iris

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**From the Treasurer
New Liberty Island Museum**

YOU RESPONDED! STATUE OF LIBERTY CLUB MEMBERS HONOR THE LADY WITH A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING DRIVE!

In addition to the 14 members identified in the Summer 2017 newsletter, the following members made contributions to the fundraising drive:

- Jeff Dosik Dale Dwyer Judy Gambrel
Lolly & Steve Sample
Brendageal & Stuart Beasley-Forrest

The total contributed by members and matching funds totals \$3,189.86 THANKS to all !

Treasurer's Report

Current Club Assets	
Credit Union Checking Account Balance	\$3,380.56
Total Club Assets	\$3,380.56
Current Club Expenses	
Estimated cost of this newsletter, includes printing the newsletter and membership directory, mailing supplies and postage.	\$1,000.00
Web site cost (pre-paid through Feb. 2018)	-
Total Club expenses (approximate)	\$1,000.00
Statue of Liberty Club Membership	
Honorary 20	International 8
	U.S. 91

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Marketplace Ad Titles on November 15, 2017

The Secret Life of Lady Liberty: Goddess in the New World
Liberty Greeting Card by Peter B. Kaplan
Handmade & Unique Greeting Cards
Bartholdi Signature "For Autograph"
4 Liberty Prints ~ Reverse Paint
Book: Liberty Enlightening the World
Book: New York World's Fair Medals 1939-1940
Book: Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World
Book: The Story of the Statue of Liberty
Booklet: 2-Image Statue of Liberty Booklet
Booklet: Around The World
Book: Book of New York City sites in 1936
Liberty Lawn Sprinkler
ROCK6 ComicCon Poster
DVD: We Put Her There (English & French included on DVD)
Wanted: Book – Images of Liberty
Members are expected to <u>use the contact information within the ads</u> to contact the seller/buyer.
http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/marketplace/



**From the President
Club Meeting in Las Vegas**

The attendees of the recent club meeting are pictured and named on the cover of this newsletter. I want to express a sincere THANKS to **Brian Snyder** for all the work he did prior to the club meeting in Las Vegas - only to have a medical condition prevent him from attending and I

know this was a great disappointment to Brian. I took a few days before the meeting to revisit sights in northern Arizona, specifically the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, Lowell Observatory and, for a first time, Winslow AZ. I sent lots of postcards to my grandsons and other family.

The Luxor Hotel and Casino is connected by an enclosed walkway with the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino. Members will recall the horrifying shooting that happened from the Mandalay Bay on October 1. The area where the victims were attending a musical concert was directly across Las Vegas Boulevard from the Luxor. The entire square block of the concert area was still surrounded by yellow police 'CRIME SCENE' tape and with staffed police vehicles vigorously preventing walkers from that side and that block of the Boulevard.

Club members attending this meeting continued a 'fun tradition' of signing a post card for Iris November then mailing it to her.

2018 Gift Card and Membership Directory

With this newsletter, I am pleased to provide members with my 13th annual gift – not a calendar this year, but a gift card. Last year I mentioned my goal was to prepare a calendar highlighting French stamps that featured or contained The Statue of Liberty, similar to my 2015 calendar of U.S. stamps, but I ran out of time in my production cycle. I had the assistance of 3 club members – who I note on the face of the card – with French stamps material and research. I also want to note that Brian Snyder was my proof reader.

I hope you will enjoy the beauty and special histories of these French stamps.

This newsletter also comes with the annual Membership Directory. Please confirm the information we have about your membership and report any changes/corrections to a club officer.

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Getting Up-to-Date with Member Contacts

From time-to-time I get behind in reporting on conversations I have with other members, so I want to take this opportunity to report on a conversation with **Kathy Sheeran**. I met Kathy at a New York City meeting – maybe 2005? – and recall she worked for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

I had reason to email Kathy earlier this year and she reports that she has retired from the successor of INS, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and is "swamped with volunteer services." Kathy's father worked with the U.S. Border patrol and later retired from INS – supporting Immigration services is a family quality. Kathy sent these pictures where she is our Statue of Liberty at children's naturalization ceremonies in Miami.

The New Liberty Island Museum

Treasurer Lebo Newman has a final report on our club members' contributions to Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation (SOLEIF) for the new museum under construction on Liberty Island. I will only note that dirt is being moved and cement is being poured – the construction has started, and we have a goal of being visitors there during our October 2019 meeting in New York City. Enclosed with this newsletter is the annual brochure from the SOLEIF highlighting their annual ornament. I know many club members collect these and some decorate a holiday tree containing only these ornaments.

Visiting the U.S.A. for different reasons

This past summer, 4 of our French members visited America, at approximately the same time, and achieved very different goals. More pictures from both couples are in this newsletter. Here is what I know of those visits.

Roseline and Christian Meyer travelled to Castroville, Texas, near San Antonio, to visit the community that was established by Alsatian immigrants in 1844, when Texas was still an independent Republic. This was Roseline's second visit to our country and Christian's third visit to Castroville. Recall that for the Meyer's wedding last year, some of the Texans travelled to the Colmar, France area for the wedding.

Roseline and Christian got to experience several days of 100-degree Texas heat, an annual Alsatian-theme festival and experience sausage making. Christian sent many pictures, here are a few.



Thank you, Kathy, for your wonderful effort to introduce immigrants, especially children, to our Statue of Liberty. **Please let us/me know** if there is anything your fellow club members can do to support your efforts. I am certain we could collect and send age appropriate Liberty gifts, from our collections, for the children.



eclipse is 3 days away ... that is a lot of time, distance and stops in the first 13 days of an 18 day visit. Laurent assures us they stopped in many antique stores along the way to look for Liberty items – but no luck.



That is a pretzel on their shirts in the last 2 pictures – a favorite Alsatian treat! Christian reports that they had a fun time and departed Texas just before Hurricane Harvey went ashore on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Delphine and Laurent Ghesquière have been to America often and are welcome tourists to this country. Their trip was established for Laurent, a professional photographer, to observe and photograph the Solar Eclipse and started August 5 upon arriving in Denver, Colorado. The travel loop of locations they visited, prior to the eclipse, is a real tourist’s dream; locations/sites include: Travelling North into Wyoming (WY) then West with stops in Laramie, Rawlins, Rock Springs and Dubois before visiting Yellowstone Park (“... certainly the most beautiful park in the world.”); their ‘selfie’ at Yellowstone is shown. Still in WY, East to Cody, Buffalo, Moorcroft and finally Devils Tower (“We looked for aliens ...”). Next, East into South Dakota (SD) and Spearfish, Roubaix, the Badlands then West again for Rapid City, Mount Rushmore National Monument and the Crazy Horse Memorial. By the time they had made their way back to Mt. Rushmore, it was August 18th, Delphine’s birthday and the **The Statue of Liberty Club** **Fall/Winter 2017**



A note about Roubaix, SD; Laurent claims it was named by a resident of Roubaix in France and they live very near to that French town.

The final swing west was in the direction of Casper, WY where they planned – MANY months ago and with Brian Snyder’s assistance – to view the eclipse’s totality. Because of price gouging, they did not have a hotel room the night before the eclipse, so, in Laurent’s words ...

“Finally we decide to settle down at the Glendo Reservoir (WY) and spend the night in the car; in the evening, the sky is covered ... and if tomorrow the weather is cloudy: the horror !!!

The next morning, woke up early ... and the sky is BLUE !!!!!!! Not a cloud !!! But it must be until noon!

The hour approaches: it will be necessary to wait till 11:42 to take full advantage of it.

This is the moment; the moon is nibbling the sun more and more. The atmosphere is electric ... and more and more, the sun leaves his place of king to his friend the moon. The weather is superb !!

11:42, the sun disappears, the light falls, the shadows disappear, the calm is heard, the air is refreshed: that’s it !!!!!

A crazy show, the cry of joy for it is rare, unreal, magical ... indefinable!

I do not know if you have seen it, I hope so.

Nature is magic, beautiful ... there is no word to describe such an event ... 2 minutes 28 seconds of pure happiness!”

After the obvious thrill they enjoyed, they spent 9 hours in traffic making their way 106 miles to Cheyenne, WY for their last night in America ... similar traffic delays were immediately reported throughout the U.S. where eclipse totality was observed. And in Laurent’s final report ...

“Last day, the 22nd, our direction is Denver to take the plane back to Europe.
And last little memory ... we discover a Statue of Liberty in Greeley, Colorado.

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What a trip, beautiful places, a dazzling eclipse, a different, deep America.
18 days // 2996 miles”

(From Vince: I observed the eclipse totality in the driveway of my son’s home in Smyrna, TN.

I completely agree with Laurent’s description, my 101 seconds [1 min. 41 seconds] were magic.)



Greeley, CO’s ‘Strengthen the Arm of Liberty’, an early 1950s Boy Scouts of America project.
Photo by Laurent.



From the Vice President

The Las Vegas meeting sounded fun, however, I didn’t get to enjoy it this year as a kidney stone shaped like the crown of the Statue of Liberty altered my plans. So I exaggerate a bit, more like her torch!

A huge thank you goes out to Vince Swift for filling in as the meeting coordinator with 2 days notice.

I look forward to our next club meeting in 2019 where we will be back in New York! I have already begun the early planning.
Be thinking of what you want to do while we are all together in NYC and shoot me an email with your idea(s). We are pretty good at doing the tourist thing but we haven’t done any one-day community service projects. Is it time to give back with a few hours of our time? What about a monetary collection to purchase Statue of Liberty plush dolls for a local children’s hospital?
With almost 2 years before we meet again, plan now to attend. First time attending? What better of a reason to plan a trip to New York than going with experienced friends! It’s a very fun, educational, friend-filled, Liberty-centered, eating and shopping experience. Living in California, I have a long flight, and I’ve been there 14 times.
See you in New York - October 2019. **Brian Snyder**

Liberty Sightings

Laurent Ghesquière just sent a very interesting Internet link about an Indianapolis, Indiana site that we **MUST** check-out, it is **‘Indy’s Teeny Statue of Liberty Museum’**; see **URL #1**. I will include a note to club members who live close to Indianapolis and request they visit when their time permits. We should have this collector in our club!

Laurent also sent 2 additional Internet links, both are French language site but most browsers will translate.
URL #2 continues the running question of **WHERE** did the copper for the Statue originate – this link claims Russia.
URL #3 offers a new name/theory on **WHO** was the face of Liberty. We have heard that Bartholdi’s mother or his brother was the face.

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FRAN VOLZ 2016

Judy Gambrel sent an Internet address, see URL #4, that has amazing pictures of the 2017 winners of the U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition – these are certainly worth a look! There is also this picture of a 2016 straw Statue of Liberty by Fran Volz, who won 2nd place in 2017 with ‘Ballerina’.



Brian and Vince thought member Dale Dwyer was lost, but Dale and his wife were enjoying their time in Vegas. Dale ‘found’ the other members and participated in both of Saturday’s events.



Vince’s son-in-law, Brad Shaull, was on a trip to Nashville, Tenn when he spotted a wooden Liberty in the lobby of the 21c Museum Hotel and sent a picture.

Information on the piece:

Pedro Reyes

Lady Liberty (as Trojan Horse),

2016 Wood

“Pedro Reyes’ Lady Liberty (as Trojan Horse) resembles an oversize wooden toy replica of the iconic public sculpture, presented on an army tank-base, carrying the torch of peace and freedom into battle. ...”

Paul Lajoie sent this advertising information on a beautiful Paris Mint commemorative coin that features *Statue of Liberty of the Grenelle* (located on the Siene river) in their series, ‘Treasures of Paris’. This Liberty has been mentioned several times in recent newsletters and can be viewed on the 2016 calendar and the club’s membership card.

78,00 Euro converts to \$90.48 on November 4.

10 Euro Silver France BE 2017 - Statue of Liberty of the Grenelle

Face value : 10 Euro
 Year : 2017
 Metal : Silver 900 ‰
 Diameter : 37 mm
 Weight : 22.20 g
 Quality : Beautiful Event
 Emission : 3,000 ex. only
 Delivery : Sous capsule in a prestigious jewel case with certificate of authenticity

10 Euro Silver France BE 2017 - Statue of Liberty of the Grenelle

For the second year of the program ‘Treasures of Paris’, celebrating two prestigious buildings of the capital each year, the Monnaie de Paris honors the Statue of Liberty of Grenelle, located on the Swan Island in the fifteenth century borough. The engraved text on the piece is the one written on the base of the Statue. The flame is covered with a selective deposit of gold. With the Eiffel Tower in the background, Liberty illuminating the world is today the symbol of the strong ties that exist between French and Americans.

Selective Deposit of Gold.



I wish all an enjoyable holiday and holiday season, and a safe winter season.

Cherish Our Liberty.

Vince Swift



Laurent's pictures of the Crazy Horse Memorial, model in the foreground with actual progress in the background, and the solar eclipse totality.

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Roseline and Christian visit The Alamo in San Antonio, Texas



New member Ann Lippert and Amanda.

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Brendagael & Francine found the jellybean Liberty.



Amanda and Ann Lippert on the Vegas Strip.



The centerpiece at Saturday evening's business dinner, plus one of Amanda's special Liberty models on top.



Amanda, with Vince, in the 'costume' that new club member Ann Lippert wore during her performances as Lady Liberty in Las Vegas. Picture from Francine Grillo.



Amanda and Liberty George with his mask of club member pictures and people in his past that have helped him.

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Robert Davidson and his construction model of the NY-NY Casino and Hotel Statue. Robert is holding the torch.



Brendagael & Stuart included a tour of the Hoover Dam on their extended trip.

All pictures on this page provided by
Brendagael and Stuart Beasley-Forrest.

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Lolly, Steve and Francine ... and a Pope or two.



The Sphinx, part of Luxor Hotel & Casino, is reportedly larger than the real thing in Egypt...larger is a Vegas thing. This structure serves as the main entrance for the hotel & casino, car/taxi drop-off & pick-up area and commuter tram station between Mandalay Bay, Luxor and Excalibur properties.



Lebo tries the throne in the 'Pope Room'.



Stuart & Brendagael take the hint ... and a selfie!

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All pictures on this page provided by
Brendagael and Stuart Beasley-Forrest.



Robert Davidson, his Liberty model and the Production crew's cameraman.



Francine and Carol

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19 Renewing Members ... Thank You!

Marianne Carpenter Morgan L. Jones
 Susan Costa Yasmin Byron
 Ronald Cutadean Paul Lajoie
 Jeff Dosik Liberty George Dukov
 Patrice Doucette SLC *** ARCHIVE *** COPY
 Amy Dougan Karen Mock
 Dale Dwyer Sarah Sharpe
 Marilyn Ebersole Vince Swift
 Naomi Hills James Wasas
 Susanne Jackson Jean Wiart

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1 New Member ... Welcome!

Ann Lippert, [REDACTED]hed
 November, 2017

Changes in Member Information ~ Changes to member contact information for the past year, including new members' information, are in the new Membership Directory.

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1	http://fox59.com/2017/11/02/indys-teeny-statue-of-liberty-museum-should-be-on-your-must-see-list/	
2	https://fr.rbth.com/histoire/79356-statue-liberte-russie-cuivre	
3	https://actu.fr/normandie/rouen_76540/une-auteure-rouen-raconte-lhistoire-sarah-modele-visage-statue-liberte_12836921.html	
4	http://strawusa.com/	SLC *** ARCHIVE *** COPY
	http://www.secretlifeofladyliberty.com/	Cortner/Hieronimus book also available on major Internet stores
	TheStatueOfLibertyMuseumStoreOnline	The online store (Gift Shop) on Liberty Island is under redesign
	Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Museum Store Item # 3335	
	Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Museum Store Item # 3753	

Liberty patiently waits for our 'group photo' as we try to get the club members separated from the sidewalk crowd.



The club members had our Saturday evening business dinner in the 'Pope Room' of a Buca de Beppo Italian Restaurant in Las Vegas. Members, left-to-right:

Dale Dwyer, Liberty George Dukov, Stuart & Brendagael Beasley-Forrest, Lebo Newman, Francine Grillo, Carol Oakes, Steve and Lolly Sample. Vince Swift was behind the camera and Amanda Liberty and Ann Lippert had not yet arrived. ~ Yes, a few of the members were imitating the Papal hands!