

The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



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The Statue of Liberty on Stamps

By: Dale Dwyer

The Statue of Liberty (SOL) has been placed on stamps of over 180 countries since 1919, right up to this year.

The very first country to put the SOL on a stamp was NOT the United States; but the United States, since 1922, has put the SOL on over 40 different postal items.

The Statue of Liberty designs have been highly symbolic, her left hand holding the tablet with the date of July 4, 1776, her crown with the seven rays (spikes) radiating over the seven seas and continents, the torch in her right-hand. Little interest has been shown to the broken chains at the bottom of her feet.

So what country was first to put the Statue of Liberty on a Stamp? Uruguay in 1919.

Below are the 6 stamps issued in July 1919 by Uruguay. This set was issued to Commemorate the PEACE at the end of World War 1.



Left, the first United States stamp with the Statue of Liberty issued in 1922, 3 years after Uruguay.

SOL stamp Oddities and Design Errors

On pages 9 & 10, I provide nine (9) world stamps that

are examples of Liberty oddities or errors in their design. Look them over and see if you can find the following:

Where is Liberty on the stamp?

Four (4) stamps have the Statue on them but is very difficult to see because she is not the main topic of the issue.

Two (2) have an all-too-frequent design error – Liberty holding her torch in the wrong hand. This error is too often found on other Liberty memorabilia.

One (1) has another common error, though not as common as the left-hand torch, with too many spikes in the crown [only seven (7) spikes is correct].

The design error on the **Peru (a)** stamp is one that only a serious stamp collector (philatelist) would know, so I'll give you that answer now. The statue on the stamp was to be a completely different statue given by Chile to Peru.

Why Liberty was used is someone's BIG mistake.

And the last oddity is found on the **São Tomé and Príncipe** stamp/card; how many Statues do you count on this stamp?

Answers are found on page 7.

[ED: Stamp images on this page are increased by 20%]



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20-Year Reunion for Liberty Club Members

by Brendagael Beasley-Forrest

In early June I went to California to visit my cousin who is battling cancer. Carol Beasley is more like a sister to me—we grew up together, went to college together, and until a couple years ago she lived here in Beaufort and worked at Parris Island, the Marine Corps Recruiting Station. When her cancer spread into her spine, she decided chemo was not for her, and off she went to California to try medical marijuana. It was time I paid her a visit to show my support and help her navigate some difficult decisions.

I noted her town of Kingsburg was close to Fresno, and I recalled that was where Brian Snyder lived. The Central San Joaquin Valley is an area rich with fruit trees, berries, almonds and avocados that ship worldwide. I contacted him to see if we could get together while I was there that week. I met Brian and Kim Snyder at the Las Vegas meeting of the SLC in early December 1998. It's also where I met one of my best friends, Francine Grillo, Iris and Mort November, and many others I've been in contact with over these two decades.

Brian met with me briefly when he was passing thru Kingsburg on business, where he introduced me to the Berry Lady. Brian frequents their processing plant/store every few weeks when the berries are coming in fresh off the fields. Another night he had me out to his home, only 30 minutes away, where I had dinner with the family and got to see his Liberty Room. I love seeing a friend in their home environment! It adds a new dimension to any friendship or kinship when you see how their home is an extension and a reflection of themselves.

While a tri-tip of beef was slowly grilling on the gas cooker, and his wife Kim was making delicious sides, Brian and 16YO son Adam, introduced me to his Liberty collection. It's exciting for a collector first of all to know someone who shares your passion for collecting—Lady Liberty in this case—but to see their collection and how it's displayed is astonishing, even awe-inspiring! You're seeing some of the same things from your own collection, but showcased in a different way. You're also seeing things in person for the first time that you've seen pictures of or heard about. And, you're being introduced to things you never knew existed. It is a truly heady adventure for a collector to be in a setting that amplifies what you hold near and dear. Lady Liberty is a strong image to behold anyway; but being surrounded by them is a powerful and exhilarating experience! I'm sure Laurent and his family know what I'm talking about, having also been to the Snyder home. Also for those of you who have seen Iris's or Pat Krauchune's Liberty Cottages.



Thanks so much to the Snyders for having me over and affording me this opportunity. I encourage each of you to connect with other club members, either in your travels, or should you live close enough to visit with each other. That instant bond you feel with a fellow collector blossoms when you see their collection and their unique way of displaying their Liberties. Perhaps regional tours visiting several collections over the course of a few days would be a consideration for our club members.

[ED: Below is one of the pictures sent in by Brendagael, more are noted and found throughout this newsletter.]



"I've Never Seen 1 Liberty Skateboard, Let Alone 4!"



From Iris November

Where to begin?!

By the time you read this, hopefully and prayerfully, the situation at the border will have been resolved, at least for a while. Families will stay together, and acceptance or not of immigrants to our country will be decided on an each-case basis. I do hope it is possible. Calling Senator Portman, Republican from Ohio, has become my daily activity, and my daughters are sure, the FBI or CIA will be at my front door any day now! And, to

tell you the truth, that's ok with me. I always feel that Ms. Liberty is channeling me, or vice versa, and I am on the side of "Liberty and justice for all".

I realize I'm speaking to the "choir" when I vent to you all. However, it is you and I and those we speak to, who will support the values that we have always treasured in our country. It seems like every day, there's a new crisis for us to address. I guess the best way to move our country forward is to vote for those who promise to support the initiatives that we support, after understanding what those are. Education is the answer!

A sweet story. Friends of ours here, Sheila and Bob Allenick, retired last year and are living their dream. They both love to sail and have been dreaming for the last 20 years and preparing for the last 10 years for their yearlong adventure on their live-aboard Freedom 38 sailboat, named "Her Diamond"--another story! So last year they started off and after many adventures-- I do hope they will write the book--they were sailing down the Hudson River, and as they passed some buildings, they came right in sight of the Statue of Liberty. They said, "we immediately thought of you, and it was a very emotional moment, knowing how much the Lady meant to you and to us." Sheila and Bob shared this story with me as we were standing at a new mega shopping center that is opening here. As they spoke, we each teared up and I got goose bumps, knowing that explosion of emotion that happens when we see her standing in that harbor. They will start off again in November, and I hope they will keep sharing their extra special moments with me--every moment is special, just some are "extra" as this one was.

And writing about Miss Liberty, once again I must mention how often her image is being used in newsprint, as well as political cartoons, and TV commercials. Have you noticed though, that these images are less negative or ugly than in past renderings-- or maybe I'm not seeing all of them. Be vigilant, and if you see anything that is unfair or offends you, say something. Years ago, and some of you will

remember this story, there was a terrible game/toy, that blew up the head of Miss Liberty. We all wrote letters and called the manufacturer, and the toy was removed from the market. Right actions do prevail!

Have a safe summer!

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Stay active in more ways than at the gym!

With Love, Iris

From the President

One of my duties as a club officer is to report on the death of current, or former, members as we get notification. I have two members to report to the club.



Marge Dougan

"Our wonderful mother passed away January 20, 2018. She had been declining with Parkinson's

disease. It was very peaceful and she was comfortable with Hospice." These words are Amy Dougan's in a note I received from her; "peaceful" and "comfortable" are a tribute to Marge's loving family.

I remember Marge from several New York City meetings and specifically the 2011, 125th Anniversary meeting when we had Marge and 5 of her family with us. Three pictures provided by Amy are on page 8.



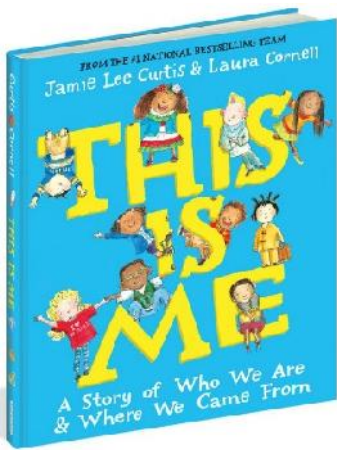
Amy and Marge Dougan, 2011 in NYC, Gail Marder is in the background.

Sandra K. Finch

Sandra Finch of West Unity, Ohio died on February 7, 2016. Sandra was a club member since 1998 and her obituary mentions her membership in The Statue of Liberty Club and that her wide range of interests included 'collecting Statue of Liberty memorabilia'.



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A book review

This Is Me: A story of Who We Are & Where We Came From

In our Spring (March) 2018 newsletter, **Marilyn Ebersole** provided a book review of **'Her Right Foot'** and identified it as a timely narrative on immigration. I also found a recently

released book that highlights immigration, **This Is Me.**

This story is from the point of view of an elementary teacher to her school children about her great-grandmother, who as young child, was told she and her family will be going far away by ship, and is provided a small suit case to pack all that is important to her for she will not be coming back. A quote from the book "Tomorrow we leave for a place far away. So fill up this case with the things you LOVE best. Sadly you'll have to leave the rest." The story then follows the child's selection process as she decides what to pack and what to leave.

Next, the story challenges the elementary school children to do the same – take a comparable size suitcase – and determine "the things you LOVE best" to be packed. The last 2 pages of the book are a pop-up of a small suitcase – maybe the size the children had – with the caption "What Would You Take?"

I found this book at the **Shop** tab of the website www.SaveEllisIsland.org

Authors: Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell.

Age Range: 4-8 years, Grade Level: Preschool-3.

My note: As a descendant of immigrants and we are ALL descendants of immigrants to North America, I could imagine my maternal ancestors, although older than a small child, determining what they could bring, by ship, as they start on a new life in a completely unfamiliar country.

Liberty Island Gift Shop

The Evelyn Hill gift shop website is off-line for redesign. If you want to order gift shop items, you can call 7 days a week from 10AM to 4PM (Eastern Time), 212-363-3180

Do you remember?

Cable channels are running TV shows as far back as 50s black & white programs. One of TV's most popular series was **M*A*S*H** that aired from 1972 to 1983.

I occasionally watch episodes and recently saw M*A*S*H Season 3, Episode 21, **'Big Mac'**, first aired on February 25, 1975.



Episode narrative:

"The 4077th is chosen for a great honor: A personal visit from General MacArthur, who wants to commend them on their medical successes. ... While the camp is still practicing, MacArthur arrives early. As it turns out, he does not have time to even stop, and simply rides through the camp in a Jeep, while he studies battle plans. The only member of the company

he notices is Klinger, who got away from the MPs and donned a Statue of Liberty costume, with sparklers for a torch. Rather than finding Klinger offensive, or odd enough for a psychological discharge, MacArthur salutes him, and continues on his way."

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[See URL # 1 for links to sources used in this article]

CBS News Sunday Morning on June 24, 2018

This multi-story news program highlighted immigration by focusing on the stories of a tenement building in the lower east side of New York City. The building is now a museum of re-established tenements (high-rise apartments) that over many decades housed countless immigrant families. The CBS piece followed the personal reactions and memories of former residents of many nationalities, as they visit their former apartments.

An American woman of parents who both survived Nazi death camps then immigrated to the US, spoke of her mixed feelings about America's national immigration debate.

"The chances now of terror attacks have become greater in the world.

Am I afraid? Yes.

I'm also afraid not to let the immigrants in.

I'm afraid from both sides.

I'm afraid to deny somebody the opportunity of Life."

[See URL # 2 for links to the Museum and the CBS 8-minute video]

Cherish Our Liberty.

Vince Swift



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From the Vice President

October Club Meeting 2019

We have begun the search for a new hotel and meeting location in 2019 as our previous location, The Travel Inn, is scheduled for demolition in 2018.

ACTION REQUESTED:

I'm in need of some volunteers to help source a hotel we can afford, (\$250-\$350 including all taxes). If you are traveling to NYC soon or have a connection with a NYC hotel, help out the club! There's thousands of hotels in Manhattan, many I wouldn't sleep in, so some direction for the smaller le\$\$ known location is appreciated. I've Googled dozens and dozens of locations to find the usual happy and mad guests leaving feedback. Email leads to Brian Snyder, VicePresident@StatueOfLibertyClub.com in July or August of this year. I'd like to have a contract in place as soon as possible.

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The Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, who is doing the fundraising for the new museum on Liberty Island, shared some very important news. As of June 2018, the museum is scheduled to open before our visit in October 2019. Looking at photos of the new building it won't be long before it's secured from the outside elements allowing work to be done inside during the winter. This will be a major draw for members who have been on Liberty Island several times and want something new. It's been almost 4 years since the club was at the statue and I'm looking forward to our return. If it's your first visit with the club, you are in for a treat.

Marketplace Closing

The Marketplace on the club website at StatueOfLibertyClub.com has not met the officers' traffic expectations or provide a valuable experience to buyers or sellers. This service was for anyone wanting to buy or sell a Statue of Liberty related item with zero fees.

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Effective immediately, this portion of the club's website will be removed. I appreciate the efforts of those who listed items for sale.

Comment from the President; The club can no longer offer a Buy/Sell option for club members because the work effort for a volunteer Newsletter Editor is too unpredictable and the possibility of copy mistakes is too great.



Suspects: Liberty George, Carol Oakes, Vince Swift, Lebo Newman



Who is innocent ?



From the 'Mob Museum' In Las Vegas, October 2017

Who looks Guilty !



Construction progress of the new Liberty Island museum, June 2018. Ferry pier left side, top. Source: <https://libertyellisfoundation.org/statueoflibertymuseum/earthcam.html>



“Adam Snyder challenges the NY-Liberty Pachislo Machine from Japan. Note the Liberty George masks on the wall.”



“Liquid Liberties!”

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“Note More Liberty George Masks in the Mirror”

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“Liberty Clocks, Weathervanes, and such”



“How Many People Do You Know Who Get to Hold Their Burial Urn? A Limoges, No Less!”



17 Renewing Members ... Thank You!

Dale Dwyer	Merrill & Lebo Newman
Judy Edwards	Annette Schabowski
Robin Grace	Eugene Stilp
Francine Grillo	Mary Lou Sulecki
Stephanie Holman	Paul Wendt
Tom Lofton	Leo Willems
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Harry Misuriello	Lindsay MacDonald
Brenda & Stuart Beasley-Forrest	

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 Iris November

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No New Members

Change of Address:

Sarah Sharpe
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Ronald Cutadean (this is a late reporting, sorry)
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Join the Club or Renew Your Membership Online!

\$23 Annual Membership Dues (U.S.)

\$25 Annual Membership Dues (International)

SLC members can renew their annual memberships, or new members can join, using a credit card or PayPal account from the club's web site at

www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join/

Using online renewal will send your payment electronically to the SLC credit union account.

Members, new and renewing, will receive an electronic confirmation of their payment transaction. A paper application can be found on the above webpage. The application contains a mailing address.

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Answers to the page 1 stamp challenge:

Left-hand torch design error:

Maldives (b) and Grenada (c).

8 crown spikes design error: Bulgaria (d).

Where on the stamp is Liberty:

Poland (e) on the suit case sticker

Indonesia (f) on the left side of the center panel

Chad (g) on the left side, second down as a cancellation mark

Poland (h) bottom of the Times Square image showing a street person dressed as Liberty – does this remind you of a current club member?

How many Statues do you count:

On São Tomé and Príncipe (i) there are 4 full Liberties and 1 incomplete statue (during Bedloe Island construction without the head).

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1	Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Mac_(M*A*S*H) Picture: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0638256/	
2	CBS Video: https://www.cbsnews.com/video/the-immigrant-experience-at-nycs-tenement-museum/ NYC Tenement Museum: http://www.tenement.org/	
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	The Statue Of Liberty Online Gift Shop is under redesign and currently not available. Call 212-363-3180	
	Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Gift Shop Item # 3335	
	Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Gift Shop Item # 3753	
	Mitchell ~ Liberty's Torch: The Great Adventure to Build The Statue of Liberty ~ Gift Shop Item # 4999	

Pictures provided by Amy Dougan:

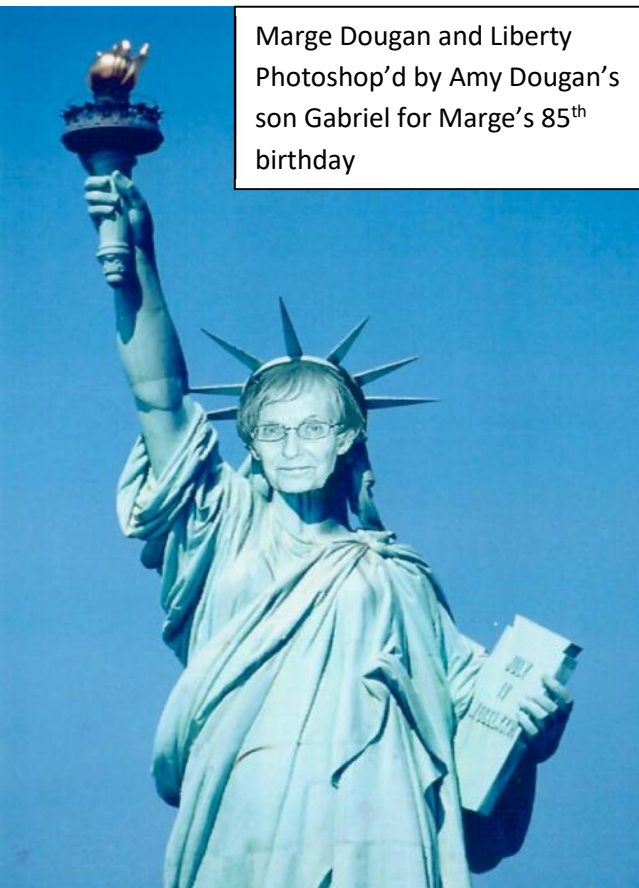
Pictures from Brendagael for her article on page 2



Elizabeth and Marge Dougan, 2010 in D.C.



Marge and friend Adela French in Connecticut



Marge Dougan and Liberty Photoshop'd by Amy Dougan's son Gabriel for Marge's 85th birthday



"A Lladro Liberty. Who knew?" [ED: Lladro is Spanish for a type of fine porcelain; French: Limoges]



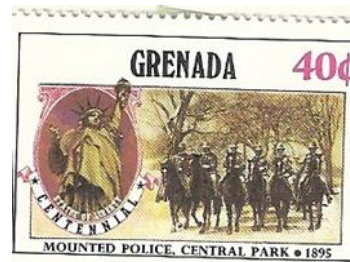
Brian: "The green 6-foot Statue of Liberty in my back yard is lighted and controlled by photo eye. This is my 3rd backyard it's adorned."



Peru (a)



Maldives (b)



Grenada (c)



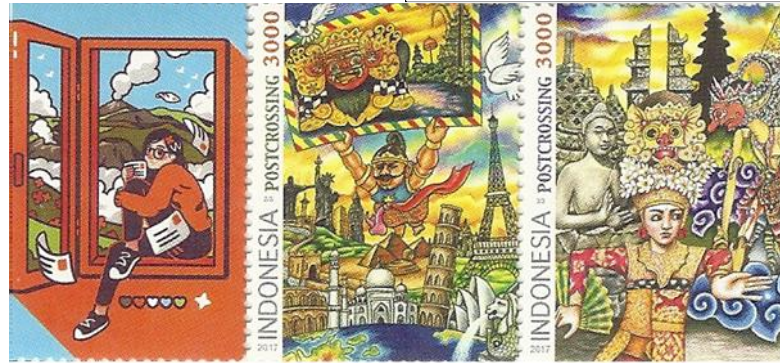
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Polska

Poland (e)



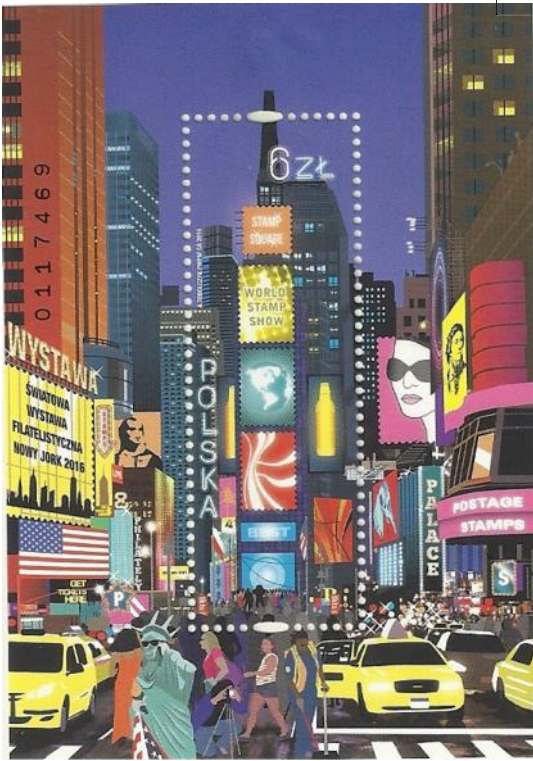
Indonesia (f)



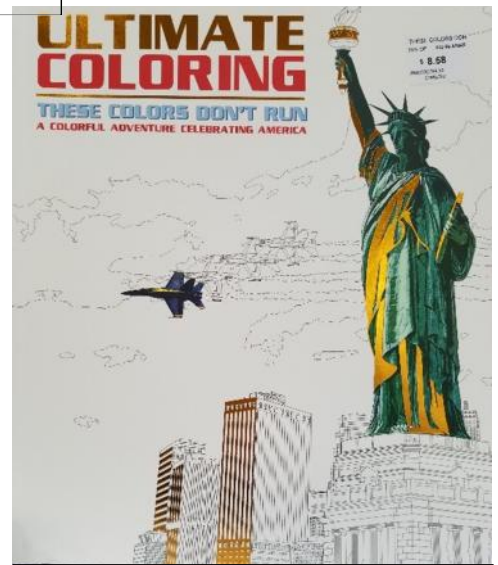
Chad (g)

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Poland (h)



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São Tomé and Príncipe (i) [ED: Stamp image is increased by 5%]



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