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From Iris November

By the time you read this we will have a new President-elect--thankfully there will be no more political commercials, and we will now be reminded of how many shopping days till Christmas. And so it goes!

participated. You can bet I mentioned it on the Passenger Survey we were asked to complete!

From **zazzle.com** I ordered a pin that shows Miss Liberty waving a rainbow flag-- LGBT group flag. They have lots of interesting choices, mostly political. I have always collected the pins that have the candidates' names written in



Hebrew-- most languages are represented on candidates' pins. It's just another collection of mine.

My project for Mort, "**12 months of November**", is in full force now. We have about 20 events on the calendar and the organizations involved are all ones we have supported over the last 33 years. Everyone has been eager to be involved and most of the people in charge knew Mort well, so they are enjoying the plans. I'm just the facilitator, which is fine with me. Will send more reports as the months go by. Check it out on my website,

www.novemberphilanthropy.org

Just learned something new today-- if you go to **amazon.smile.com** and shop, Amazon will give 0.05% of the price of whatever you buy to your favorite charity. You have to sign up-- easy-- then choose your favorite charity--easy! Try it.

Hope your holidays are full of family, friends, and fun.

Love From, Iris



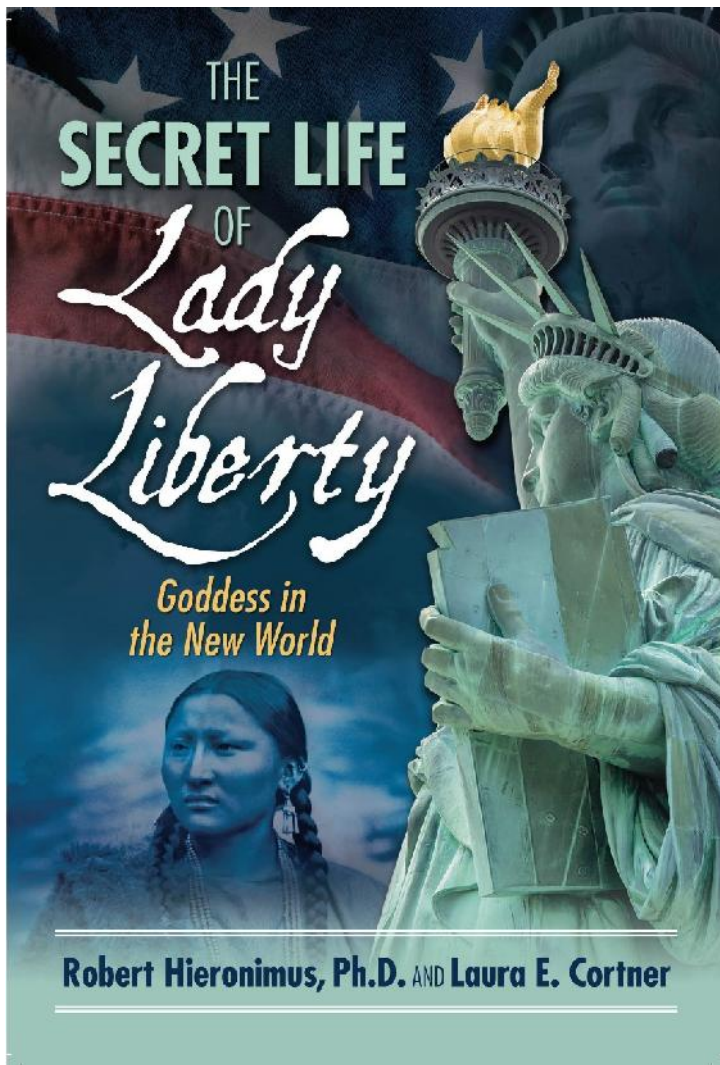
I went on a cruise with cousins, Sandy and Ray November, on the Holland American line, The Rotterdam. We started in Montreal, went up the St Lawrence seaway, stopped at Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor, Maine, ending in Boston. A full week of adventures. My favorite tour was in Halifax where we visited the Cemetery where 120 plus victims of the Titanic are buried. The graves are placed in a semi-circle to replicate the bow of a ship. It was very moving. On our ship we

had a chance to contribute and do a 5K walk on deck to raise money for breast cancer research. For a \$20.00 donation, we received a T-shirt, a rubber bracelet, and a chance to give back for an important cause. We were glad we joined in and were a bit surprised that on a ship with 1200 passengers, only about 30 of us

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The Secret Life of Lady Liberty: Goddess in the New World, by Robert R. Hieronimus, Ph.D., and Laura E. Cortner, Inner Traditions International, ISBN 978-1-59477-493-5

We are proud to announce to the readers of the Statue of Liberty Club newsletter the publication of our new book *The Secret Life of Lady Liberty: Goddess in the New World*. This is not your typical Statue of Liberty book! In fact, it's not even the book we set out to write. We thought we would write a simple book analyzing the symbolism of America's favorite icon from the torch of illumination to the tablet of law, and then trace the traditions of allegorical females that preceded her. Our publisher liked the idea, but suggested we expand the theme to consider her from a new perspective as a "goddess in the New World." So we started looking for other cultures where "God" is depicted in the female form, especially those in the so-called "New World." The result was a re-visioning of our country's entire history through Lady Liberty's lens.

Sure, we all know the Statue of Liberty is based on a Roman goddess named Libertas, but beyond what we learned in

junior high school about Greek and Roman mythology, what is *goddess*, exactly? It is the female depiction of divine power. It is God as a woman. This led us to wonder what we can we learn about America's self-identify by emphasizing that our national symbol is one of divine female power?

We looked at both ancient cultures and the indigenous cultures of today whose creation stories tell of a creator god that is female. In these same cultures, women are seen as partners, and are equally powerful with the men – they are different, but equally powerful. By studying the history of the making of the Statue of Liberty, we kept uncovering one after another of the hidden spheres of women's power. We used the statue's history to reveal the lives of real women who were brave, intelligent, and strong, and who shaped history. Most of us have never heard about them because traditional history-telling in our culture has a strong male bias.

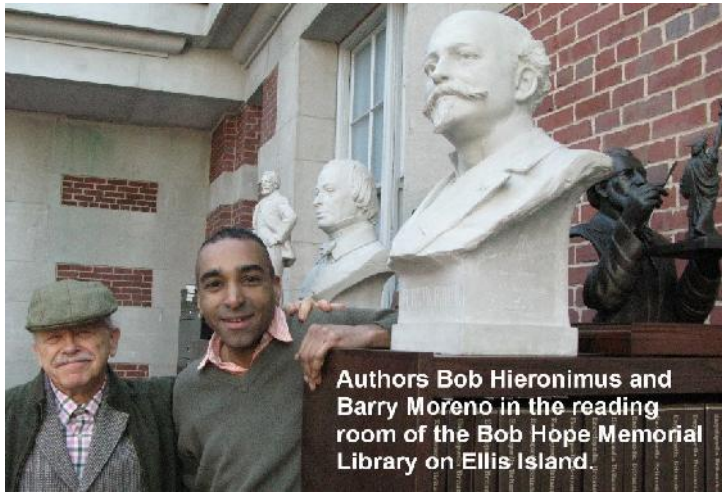
Interwoven with our telling of the history of the statue, we write about the courageous women who were contemporary with the birth of the Statue of Liberty in the mid-late 1800s. We were very interested in how the suffragists of the time reacted to the statue and how the symbolism of a giant woman standing for Liberty (in a country where women had no liberty) might have impacted the movement for women's rights. We also compare the symbolism of Lady Liberty to other symbols of female divinity such as the Black Madonnas, Mary Magdalene, Joan of Arc, the Indian Princess, the Earth Mother, Yemonja, and of course, France's Marianne.

Barry Moreno, Historian with the Statue of Liberty National Monument said: "*The Secret Life of Lady Liberty* is a rich, thoughtful and fascinating excursion into many of the concepts, ideas and ideologies that have influenced thoughts of freedom throughout humanity. It examines how we have struggled with various kinds of freedom and have been forced to weigh them against other values. This work of Hieronimus and Cortner is truly a cultural tour de force." (It was Barry Moreno and Jeff Dosik at the Statue of Liberty who first introduced us to the Statue of Liberty Club and urged us to join.) Professor Bruce E. Johansen at the University of Nebraska at Omaha said this about our book: "A feminist and multi-ethnic history of the Statue of Liberty is way overdue. This account, which sparkles with insights... is a unique history of rediscovery that I hope will re-confirm

our nation's responsibility to foster freedom for all peoples ... in the tradition of the Statue of Liberty as a symbol for empowerment."

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Check out the gallery of several hundred images at www.SecretLifeofLadyLiberty.com where autographed copies of the book can be ordered. The book can also be obtained at any Barnes & Noble store and is available in both printed and e-Book formats from both amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



Authors Bob Hieronimus and Barry Moreno in the reading room of the Bob Hope Memorial Library on Ellis Island.



Author Laura Cortner doing research at the Bob Hope Memorial Library

[ED: Bob Hieronimus and Laura Cortner are club members.]



From the President

2017 ~ 2018 Calendar and Membership Directory



With this newsletter, I am pleased to provide members with my 12th annual gift calendar; this is a 2-year calendar and notes the dates of the 2017 Club meeting in Las Vegas. My original goal was to prepare a calendar highlighting French stamps that contained or featured The Statue of Liberty, similar to my 2015 calendar of U.S. stamps, but I ran out of time in my production cycle. I have already received help from **Gilbert Miclo** and promise that I will produce the French stamps calendar. This issue 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. Next is information about this calendar's image and a 131-year-old newspaper.

... [See page 375.]

The calendar image is from an original cover page of an 1885 Scientific American newspaper. The newspaper edition included information about the activity underway on Bedloe Island in New York Harbor ... construction of the pedestal for, and re-assembly of, **The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World**.

On **page 375**, the article contained several points about the Statue including:

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- ☼ A brief background of the French concept for a gift to the U.S.
"The statue, nearly completed, designed by the celebrated sculptor, Auguste Frederic Bartholdi [sic], was formally delivered to the United States Minister at Paris on the fourth of July, 1884."
- ☼ The process Bartholdi used to scale-up the models he developed until the final size and design of the Statue was achieved.
- ☼ Credit is given to Eiffel for the internal trusswork, Hunt for design of the pedestal and Stone, as chief engineer, *"... under whose direction the work is now being carried forward."* [ED: "the work" is pedestal construction and statue re-assembly]
- ☼ *"A particularly interesting event occurred in Paris on May 13 [1885]. It was the inauguration of an exact reproduction in bronze of the statue of Liberty, one-fifth the real size. It was presented by American citizens, and now stands in the Place des Etats Unis before the Hotel of the American Legation."*

I researched this statement as it contradicts my knowledge of the size of the Americans' gift to Paris ... recall, the Paris statue identified is the focus of the 2016 calendar. I claim the statue in question is one-fourth [1/4] the size of our

statue in New York Harbor but the article states it is “one-fifth the real size” [1/5]. The article is incorrect; the Paris statue is 1/4 the size of Liberty in New York Harbor.

Structural drawings of the Statue’s trusswork and anchoring are also found with this article; these pictures were used with **Joan Laskoff’s** newsletter article in the Spring 2014 (Volume 24, Issue 1); the NPS provided the structure pictures from their 1885 Scientific American newspaper for Joan’s article.

French Postal System



2004 Stamp image from **Gilbert Miclo**.

A final note on my June 2016 trip to France. Prior to leaving the U.S., I pre-addressed and applied a 2004 French Liberty stamp on 8 postcards ~ see the stamp image on the left. One of the postcards was addressed to **Iris November** and was intended to continue a ‘tradition’ started during the 2004 visit to Colmar; the tradition of club members at a Colmar event signing a postcard for our Founder.

When I arrived at the Paris airport, I mailed all but Iris’ postcard then went about my visit.

During the June 9th pre-wedding dinner, after the Museum reception, I asked all club members to sign the postcard for Iris, which they did. However, **Christian Meyer** told me the 12-year-old 2004 Liberty stamp was not enough postage for a postcard to the U.S. Christian’s announcement made me worry about the fate of the other postcards I had already mailed at the airport.

The next day I took Iris’ postcard to a Post Office in Colmar – a 5-minute walk from my hotel – to check on needed postage. Despite another slight language bump, I was able to confirm I did need to add 35 Euro cents to the 2004’s 90 Euro cents stamp. So I purchased the additional stamp and mailed Iris’ postcard on June 10.

By now I was 7-days into my 10-day visit, and had not received confirmation from family in the U.S. that they had received a postcard. My thought was the postcards were in an ‘insufficient postage’ box of the French Postal system in Paris and might never reach the U.S.

But, later that day I received the first “postcard received” message from the U.S. I must thank the French Postal System for overlooking the insufficient postage and sending my mail onward. And the other news ... Iris received her postcard on July 5.

Celebrations of Liberty’s 130th Dedication Anniversary

On October 28 of this year, Liberty observed her 130th dedication anniversary (many call it her ‘Birthday’). A week before that date, we received two (2) invitations for separate NYC events to mark the anniversary.

Christian Meyer sent an invitation for the celebration event sponsored by **L’Union Alsacienne** (an organization of French citizens in the US honoring their proud Alsace heritage ... recall the report in our Summer newsletter about planning and execution of the **Stierli+Meyer** Alsatian wedding). On the same day, we received an invitation from Philippe Stalins, a former club member, for a similar celebration event sponsored by The French-American Committee for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

The timing of the events overlaps, so one could not attend both. The club’s officers discussed calling a special NYC meeting this year to observe the 130th anniversary, but decided we would keep with our biennial schedule.

“... when I was 19 ...”

Marilyn Ebersole writes that she will not be joining us during the club’s Las Vegas meeting in October, 2017 because she will be visiting her grandson in Spain and touring that country again. Marilyn also stated “I was last there when I was 19 years old and Francisco Franco was running the country.” What fond, and possibly exciting, memories Marilyn must have.

When I was 19, I visited Mediterranean Europe, compliments of the U.S. Navy; I turned 20 during that visit and still have fun memories. I also have a few memories of a region that was only 20-years removed from World War II.

The Aftermath of Hurricane Matthew

Our U.S. membership is spread to all four corners of the country and someone is, literally, always in peril from natural forces. Recently Hurricane Matthew came up the eastern seaboard and dumped its winds and rains on several of our members. I inquired of their personal and property status.

Brenda and Stuart Beasley-Forest indicated they were on vacation in New England when the hurricane passed their South Carolina area. “We did, however, come back to 2 large trees down, which did no structural damage to us, but took out the fences of three neighbors. One heavy limb bashed in Stuart’s truck, but it is still operable.”

Jean and Bob Weaver live in northeastern Florida and report “We sustained NO damage to the home or landscape in the yard. We had lots of rain and the lake is full and overflowing. The only problem was the loss of power for 12 hours. John Knox Village (JKV) provided meals and support as usual during the storm. JKV planned ahead with emergency generators, pumps and food supplies. Also about six weeks ago JKV had Tree Contractors on site to thin all the trees to minimize tree damage.”

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I will wish all an enjoyable holiday and holiday season, and a safe winter season – member **Johann McLellan** lives south of the equator, he will be experiencing the summer season.

Cherish Our Liberty.

Vince Swift

From the Vice President

Club Meeting Las Vegas 2017



The Statue of Liberty Club will have its 2017 meeting in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada. It's been since 2002 when the club was last in Vegas and oh how it's changed since then. **The dates**

for the meeting are October 26-28, 2017. We have heard from several members who plan on attending and a few who will not be attending next year. There is still time to let us know if you are interested in attending. This will help us get the lowest possible hotel rate when we have an estimate of how many hotel rooms to block. We plan on using the New York, New York Hotel and Casino as the 'official' hotel but, as is our practice at New York meetings, members can book rooms in any hotel chain that is their preference. Please make your intentions for the October 2017 Las Vegas Nevada meeting by contacting me at

Brian Snyder 5901 W. El Paso Ave., Fresno, CA 93722.

If you prefer you can send this information in an email to **VicePresident@StatueofLibertyclub.com**

We need to hear from you by March 1st 2017, so please respond as soon as possible. More details on room rates, club activities, and concerts/shows in the next newsletter. Las Vegas member Lolly Sample is assisting in identifying a



location for our formal meeting and meal. Lolly is also identifying attractions that members can participate in during our 'down-time'.

Las Vegas has dozens of attractions and music venues. In the Spring 2017 newsletter (March 2017) we will identify room rates for, at least, the New York, New York hotel and a pick list of possible attractions/events attending members can consider. Acts and theater are subject to change and will be different during our meeting but by March of next

year, we should know what entertainment is scheduled to be in Vegas during October. A few classic attractions include Hoover Dam and Fremont Street. One thing you can count on; Vegas is always reinventing itself.

Marketplace on the Club's website

In the beginning of the Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club, Iris November would accept 'want to sell' and 'looking to buy' ads from club members; she would type the submissions, often well over 50 line items, and include the information in the club's newsletter. Iris did not manage the sell/buy process, only the reporting process for each newsletter. Over a few years the 'Classified Ads' diminished and ultimately stopped being a process of each newsletter.

During the past 14-years, a 'Classified Ads' section has been included in some newsletters. The issues with maintaining a viable buy/sell section for the membership is managing the information for accuracy – (1) is the item(s) still available, (2) is there a good description available of the item(s) and (3) is there a picture(s) available for a preview?

Marketplace is a free buyer/seller area, for club members, on the club's website for all things Statue of Liberty and is the seller/buyer area where the above 3 questions are member managed.

There are currently six (6) categories where an ad could be placed. They are:

- 🌿 Antiques (over 100 yrs old)
- 🌿 Coins & Medals
- 🌿 Collectables (under 100 yrs old)
- 🌿 Print & Digital (paper items, books or DVDs)
- 🌿 Other Items
- 🌿 Looking to Buy

Buyers can '**Add**' a page identifying Liberty items they are interested in looking at and possibly buying.

Sellers can '**Add**' a page(s) showing, describing and pricing their item(s) for sale. Ads should have pictures or links to picture(s) of the item(s).

Marketplace ads will stay on the **Marketplace** for 1-year after the entry is added and 'reviewed & released' by the club's webmaster – we do this to make sure all items are Liberty related and appropriate for this free feature.

A '**Manage**' function provides the buyer/seller an opportunity to keep the posting accurate and relevant based on member inquiries.

Going forward, the Newsletter Editor will list the title of those ads that are still active on the Marketplace when a newsletter is being produced.

Members are expected to use the contact information within the ads to contact the seller/buyer.

Marketplace Ad Titles on October 20, 2016	
4 Liberty Prints ~ Reverse Paint	
Bartholdi Signature "For Autograph"	
Book: Book of New York City sites in 1936	
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	
Handmade & Unique Greeting Cards	
Liberty Lawn Sprinkler	
ROCK6 ComicCon Poster	
DVD: We Put Her There (English & French included on DVD)	

Treasurer's Report

Current Club Assets	
Credit Union Checking Account Balance	\$3,270.00
Total Club Assets	\$3,270.00
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. 2017)	-
Total Club expenses (approximate)	\$1,000.00
Statue of Liberty Club Membership	
Honorary 20	International 8
U.S. 95	

A NEW PLACE TO HONOR THE LADY ON THE ISLAND.

Ever feel like it is too crowded in the museum inside the base of the Lady and maybe not worth the extra time and hassle to go through the security to see the limited amount of background and memorabilia that the Park Service has on display? Well the solution to allowing more people to easily view the history of the Lady has arrived.

The National Park Service has announced their latest project – a new Museum to display and explain the history of the Statue of Liberty! They have announced a fund raising program to raise the funds to build this new museum on the north-west side of the island at the edge of the Flag Plaza. (More on this soon, but the Club will be doing a fund raiser of our own to gather funds that we can donate to the National Park Service and have our Club be recognized on the permanent wall of Founding Donors)

The plans look contemporary in design and innovative in the galleries in order to fully explore and explain the history of the Lady. There will be an Immersive Theatre that will bring the Lady's global impact to life while giving visitors a feeling

of being inside the structure. The Engagement Gallery promises to provide "an in-depth look at the design, construction, and history" while displaying artifacts from the past to today (hopefully on a rotating basis as we understand the National Park Service has an immense collection yet to be displayed anywhere!). Lastly, anchored by the original torch, the Inspiration Gallery will invite visitors to share what liberty means to them and join a worldwide discussion and celebration of Liberty. Support levels vary from \$18.86 to \$1,000 and if you want to go beyond that upper level, I am sure you will find a welcome home for your donation! For more information on this wonderful project, visit:

LibertyEllisFoundation.org/StatueOfLibertyMuseum/

Liberty Copper Collection

Three club members and a daughter alerted this Editor to a just released collection of jewelry "Featuring original copper preserved from the centennial restoration of the Statue of Liberty." The jewelry is offered by the company Alex And Ani, LLC . at their 60 U.S. retail stores and on-line, see **URL #1**. On the website, there are 28 Liberty Collection items for sale from \$38 to \$2,000.

Here is a sample of the design – as a necklace:



I will also note that the Evelyn Hill Gift Shop on Liberty Island currently offers 24 Liberty related jewelry items at the Liberty Island store and on-line, see **URL #2**.

There are also dozens of Liberty related books, videos, souvenirs at their website. Here is a sample from the Gift Shop on Liberty Island:



17 Renewing Members ... *Thank You!*

Annie Ashton	Morgan L. Jones
Jeff Dosik	Jan Kaneyuki
Paul Doucette	Yasmin Sabina Khan
Amy Dougan	Paul Lajoie
Marilyn Ebersole	Johannes McLellan
Jennifer Foshee	Lyle Turner
Denise & Andy Fulks	James Wasas
Judy Gambrel	Paul K Wendt
Susanne Jackson	

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2 New Members ... *Welcome!*

Jeanne Cardinal, ~~Rhymouth, MA~~

Global AFS, ~~Cypress, CA~~

Both new members joined November, 2016

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

Instant TV Liberty Sighting

I just saw a promotion – TV trailer – for the newly released movie **Hacksaw Ridge**. This is a movie about a World War II Army Medic who is a conscientious objector (CO) and who ultimately is

awarded the Medal of Honor.

In the TV trailer the Drill Sergeant, played by Vince Vaughn, is addressing other new recruits about the main character being a CO when I noticed that the Sergeant had a 77TH Infantry Division Patch on his sleeve. The patch is shown above.



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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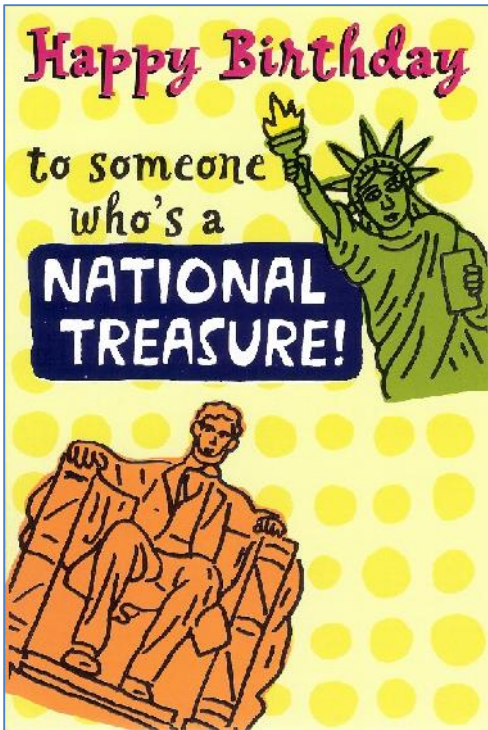
The stamp on your newsletter's envelope is a copy of the club's 25th Anniversary sticker.

The stamp is a one-time occurrence and that makes it an instant club collectible.



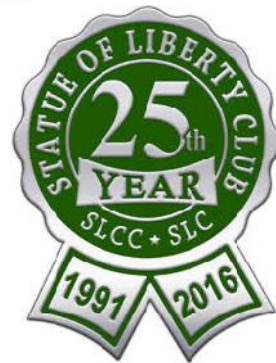
URL#	Internet Address	Our Club's Website Address is: www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com
1	http://www.alexandani.com/liberty-copper	SLC *** ARCHIVE *** COPY
2	www.TheStatueOfLibertyMuseumStoreOnline.com	Museum Store (Gift Shop) on Liberty Island
	Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Museum Store Item # 3335	
	Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Museum Store Item # 3753	

Liberty Sightings



Panels from a Birthday card received by Vince Swift.

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Liberty George and a grouping of his Liberty masks; picture taken on Liberty Island approximately 2005.

