

# The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



*Give me your tired, your poor,  
your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

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## From the President



By the time you receive this edition of the newsletter, Spring should have made its way into many of our homes; warm weather is on the way everywhere! My sincere thanks to club friends who sent a holiday card, e-mail greeting or a phone call wishing my family and me a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2007. I was able to enjoy holiday time again in 2006 with my children and grandson; I also enjoyed exchanging telephone conversation and/or e-mail with several club members. I hope your 2007 calendar is convenient and always near.

### ***Presidential \$1 Coins Program***



It is finally official, at left is the Statue of Liberty image for the reverse of the recently released George Washington Presidential dollar coin. The release date for the first 'gold color' coin was February 20. These are available from the U.S. Mint, local banks, and maybe in your pocket change real soon. This is the same design I included in the article I wrote one year ago for the March 2006 newsletter.

This new \$1 coins will honor all the past and deceased U.S. Presidents, and is officially known as the ***Presidential \$1 Coins Program***.

Requirements of the Federal legislation for the program include:

- Minting and circulation are to begin in 2007.
- Up to four (4) coins may be minted and released each year.
- The "Sacagawea-design" \$1 is to be produced and released at the same time as the Presidential \$1 coin.
- The Presidential \$1 coin is to be the same size, color and metallic composition as the Sacagawea \$1.
- Coins are to be released containing a facial image of each President on the obverse (front) of the coin and in the sequence they served in office, with name, sequence number, and information indicating the years they served as President.
- Coins are to be released by the Federal Reserve System at face value of \$1 each.
- Coins will continue to be released until all deceased Presidents are so honored.
- The reverse of the coin shall bear "a likeness of the Statue of Liberty extending to the rim of the coin and large enough to provide a dramatic representation of Liberty..."

Additionally, the year the coin is minted, the word "Liberty" and the phrase "E Pluribus Unum" ("One out of Many") are on the coin's edge. These 3 items have been mandatory on all U.S. coins for many decades, and rather than crowd the obverse and reverse (front and back) of each Presidential coin, these items are now found on the coin's "3<sup>rd</sup> side," its edge.

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The Statue of Liberty image will be the same throughout the life of the program. For more information on the program and a schedule for release of the coins, visit the U.S. Mint's Web site at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov) and follow the Presidential \$1 Coin Program links. The current schedule for minting and release of \$1 coins is into 2016.

## October, 2007 New York City Meeting

It is that biennial time again for our next New York City meeting: October 25-27, 2007. As always, we ask our NYC area members to keep an eye out for sites or events that the general membership would enjoy during our next visit. Let Brian Snyder know of your findings/suggestions. Brian will have more to say about the meeting in this newsletter and the July newsletter.

I'm making a list of items I need to bring to NYC'07. I am hoping to have a display of Liberty medals, my collecting emphasis. I've asked Paul Lajoie to exhibit a beautiful series of medals he has that were issued by NYC for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations, the "Safe And Sane" medals. Many of these medals contain images of the Statue of Liberty.

I encourage other members to consider exhibiting some of their collectables. Please think about all or part of a 6-foot table to exhibit material that you feel comfortable bringing to NYC and displaying for other members. In the July newsletter I'll ask for members who want to have an exhibit to inform me so we can make sure we have adequate provisions. As always, we will have a Sell-or-Swap opportunity for members at NYC'07!

## Nomination and Election of Club Officers

NYC'07 is the biennial meeting where we will elect club officers; there are 3 elected positions, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, each serving without pay. Though not a club officer, the Newsletter Editor is another very important volunteer position; this position is reimbursed for actual expenses associated with our newsletter. Almost all communication between these individuals is currently accomplished via e-mail or phone calls. Please consider volunteering to be a club officer—we need officers that can interact with agencies, organizations and clubs that share our love of Liberty and our values. We will work out the nominating/volunteering process by the time of the next newsletter. We also need volunteers to help organize NYC'07; Brian Snyder is already reserving The Travel Inn on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street for our October meeting.

Due to work commitments, I will not be standing for re-election as our club's President. I was very honored when Iris "twisted my arm" in 2002 to take over from her as the President. I was honored to head the contingent of club members and guests to Colmar in 2004. I am very pleased with the status of our newsletter and Web site. We have progressed as a club, but I have not been able to devote as much time as I wanted to expand our membership. I believe a club member, or several, are out there that have the organizational and communications skills to open new doors to the club and hopefully welcome in new members. Be assured I will remain as a club member and will consider another volunteer position within our club.

Keep those cards, letters, e-mails, and phone calls coming, and please do seriously consider a trip to NYC for our October meeting. I hope everyone has a safe and comfortable Spring and I'll "talk" to you next in the heat of July!

Sincerely,  
*Vince Swift*  
 SLC President

## A Funny "Small World" Story from Laurent Ghesquière:

My daughter, Ophélie, is learning English in one of her 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the Collège de la Croix Blanche (White Cross Junior High). Her teacher, Miss Mazuel, gave the class a handout prepared by Miss Sellier, another English Teacher from the school, which gives facts about the Statue of Liberty. The page was made with the SLC logo and the "Facts & Figures" taken from the SLC Web site: <http://www.statueoflibertyclub.com/facts.html>. Ophélie said to the teacher "My dad did the logo and the Web site is made by a friend!!!! Can you imagine that!!



**More fun @ Liberty Tax Svc!**

Photo by Charlie O'Shields

## Out & About with the Editor

Spring greetings all! Look now—this is probably the only tiara you'll ever see me in! I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you all well, having survived another winter. I'd hoped to have pics of my completed mermaid by now, but she is still a work in progress. Until recently, it's just been too cold outside to do the detailed work that is necessary (yes, even in SC it dips below freezing), but as soon as the newsletter is mailed I shall resume. I have until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to have her ready for the photographers to do the brochure. Luckily my tax return is done! Stay tuned...

Please check your listing on the member list and if there are corrections please let me or Dick Izsak know. If you want to be on the email list and your email is not listed, please email me and I'll add you. We can use this to alert each other about Liberty in the news, new Liberty items for sale, or if you have something to sell or swap, you can do that here. Also, because of the cost to produce and mail the newsletter and to host our internet site, we've decided to target the newsletter size at 12 pages (larger with club officers' approval). So if you have a request that doesn't make it in one newsletter, it may be tabled for the next issue. Thank you for understanding.

I recently signed on as a "National Champion" with the 7 New Wonders Project (see article on page 8). If you could do me a huge favor, please take a moment to cast your vote, then let me know so and I can add you to my list. I need 100 people on my roster who have voted in order to *then* become a "National Ambassador" for the USA on the N7W project. So far I have 38 votes. It doesn't take long, and I think you will find it fun, thought-provoking, and meaningful to be a part of making history. Thanks very much!

Please make note of my new email address below (that's a zero-zero-seven, as in 2007, or "double-0-seven" if you prefer). Also note Brian Snyder's new email on the back page and update your Address Book entries.

Yours, United in Liberty,

**Brenda Gale Beasley**

~~South Carolina~~ South Carolina

**Please send me any items or suggestions for the next newsletter by 6-15-2007 to:**



## Club Statistics Report *by Brenda Beasley*

It's time again for the annual membership analysis (my 3<sup>rd</sup> club stats report—I just love statistics and demographics). At time of printing (including new and lapsed members), we are 143 members strong, including honorary members, with 123 paying members. Since many of our honorary members are public officials, the following figures are reflective of our paid memberships. We are pretty much split down the middle with 54 males, 53 females, and 16 couples (or 62 males, 61 females), illustrating Miss Liberty's universal appeal. 74 members list having email, or 60%. 7 countries are represented: The USA (113 or 92%), France (5), and 1 member each from Japan, Ireland, Norway, and the UK. The following 30 states are represented: NY (24, or 19.5%); CA (11); FL (8); IL & OH (7 each); NJ (6); MA & CT (5 each); MI & TX (4); NC, SC, & PA (3); CO, KS, NV, OK, WA & WI (2 each) and AL, AZ, ID, IN, MN, MS, MO, NM, OR, VT, & VA (1 each).



For SoL replicas, miniatures, and souvenirs, see:

[www.libertyclub.com/new-york/new-york.htm](http://www.libertyclub.com/new-york/new-york.htm)





Iris November  
SLC Founder

## Iris Signs In

We're out here in AZ for a month. It came at the exact moment that Cleveland was hit by the national news story of snow and more snow!! Though the temps here are in the 60's, it still is lots warmer than the zero temps we left in February. There is a real spiritual quality to this area in Scottsdale, near the McDowell Mountain range, and the blue skies and sunshine really make us appreciate every day here.

As for News, two biggies!! We are great-grandparents!! On December 20th our granddaughter, Jamie and her husband, Eric, presented the family with Tyler Ryan, an adorable little boy, who is now beginning to smile, and hopefully, will wait to walk and talk till we get home! And our granddaughter, Holland, was accepted early admission to Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, with an almost total tuition financial aid package. It's the college of her choice and obviously they want her, too. The great news is that Tyler lives in Cleveland, 10 minutes from us, and Holland will be in college only an hour away—PERFECT!!

Around the holidays, we had a visit with Chris Bensch, Director of Collections at the Strong Museum, and his partner Dan, and dog, Amos—on their way to visit with Chris's family in Columbus, OH. They enjoyed Mort's famous waffles, and we always enjoy hearing about their accomplishments, and that the Museum just keeps getting bigger and better. Do look it up on the web at [www.strongmuseum.org](http://www.strongmuseum.org)

As you all know, our Statue of Liberty Collection is on permanent display there. It also has a new Butterfly World and National Toy Hall of Fame. It's the best place to visit when you are anywhere near Rochester, NY.

We are looking forward to the meeting in NYC in October and hope that many of our members and friends will be able to attend. It's always fun, interesting, and a chance to visit The Lady with a group of passionate and involved people. Till then...

## Iris xxx

### 2007 New York Convention-Save the Date! *by Brian Snyder*

Our next Statue of Liberty Club convention will be held on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 25-27, 2007**. There will be a special tour/event set-up for Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>; our day on Liberty Island will be on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>; and club business, including a show & sale, will be all day on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to stay in NY on Sunday for the 121st anniversary of Miss. Liberty and return on your own to Liberty Island for the festivities.

A special limited edition Statue of Liberty collectible commemorating the 2007 convention is in the works for those who attend. Some past limited edition items that were specially made for the conventions included the 1999 laser etched liberty torch wine bottle, the 2004 Bartholdi commemorative bronze medal, and the 2001 one-ounce silver medallion. Extra commemorative items are made available to non-attendees on a first-come, first-serve basis, quantity permitting.

Our rooms have been blocked at the Travel Inn Hotel New York on 515 West 42nd Street. Do not make your reservations on-line unless you want to pay \$250 & \$300 per night! You will need to call the hotel directly at

\*\*\*\*\*#113682 between 9-4 ET, Monday through Friday, ask for group reservations and specify our group \*\*\*\*\*#113682. The contract rate is \$150.00 per night plus taxes, single or double occupancy. If you are planning to attend, make your reservations now—rooms are limited.

Watch for details including registration fees and Thursday's activity in the July newsletter.



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## Christian Meyer's Winter Trip to America

by Christian Meyer & Brenda Beasley

Christian Meyer is from the village of Habsheim in the region of Alsace, the same region as Lady Liberty's artistic creator, Auguste Bartholdi. He has been a member of our club since July of 1995. The main focus of his collection includes stamps, postcards, coins and medals of Lady Liberty. Christian has been to MANY of our club meetings—four meetings in the U.S.—1996, 1999, 2001 & 2003 (three in NYC plus his surprise visit to Rochester) and two in France (Paris and Colmar). We always appreciate the extra effort our international members make to be with us. And while the SLC has its roots in America, we consider it an international organization. Christian and Laurent Ghesquière organized the SLC trip to Colmar in 2004.

“For much of my childhood I felt as if I was a lone fan of Miss Liberty,” says Christian. “By coincidence in 1993, it was brought to my attention that there was a club in Paris named CAMIL: Club des AMIS de Miss Liberty (which was in existence from 1986 to 1998). Immediately I joined their club (logo at right) whereby I learned of the Statue of Liberty Club, newly formed by Iris November. It would take too long here to describe how much this encounter has changed my life. The most incredible remembrance was when I met Iris and the group of club members in 1995 at the Bartholdi Museum in Colmar. It was like being an orphan and finally finding the family I never knew I had. Iris was so welcoming and made it so comfortable and easy to be a French member of this American club. From that moment on, I decided to become ‘The Most American Alsatian’.”



And now Christian tells us of his latest trip across the Great Pond...

I used my extra 2006 vacation days to come back to the USA from Feb. 5-15, 2007. That was the basic plan, but what happened was significantly different. Due to the addition of some unforeseen events, the most dramatic being my first, in a long travel career, missed flight at my point of departure in Basel, Switzerland. I had to reschedule my trip and unexpectedly had to add three additional days at the end of my itinerary in New York City. So far, so good. Anyhow, the financial impact of this revision has been of serious consequence. No insurance covers my unused Internet airline tickets.



Paul Lajoie and Christian Meyer  
New Haven, Massachusetts

**05 Feb.** The arrival at JFK has been postponed by 7 hours, and as usual the immigration officers were very lovely to me ;-) (Immigration officers are rather unfriendly to the French... but I excuse them.) Paul Lajoie picked me up at the airport. I would like to officially pay tribute to him here for all he has done for me, a poor lost passenger.

At “Chez Paul,” I discovered that New England in February can be an icy, chilly period. Furthermore, it is my first time in the U.S. in wintertime. We took some time to go through his incredible collection of coins, medallions, medals, and doubloons. I recommend everyone take advantage of Paul's vast knowledge and learn from his professional expertise. It has been a privilege.

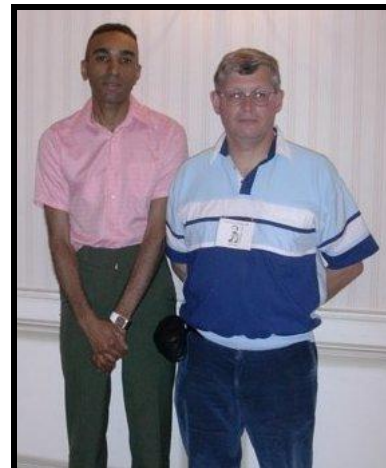
**07 Feb.** After two friendly & interesting days in Longmeadow, MA, I went by train down to New York City to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Many thanks to Brian Snyder for his kind assistance in arranging all the accommodations for me.

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**08 Feb.** At Battery Park, and again at the Statue, it was another tedious time for me undergoing all the security checks and controls—the locker, biometric fingerprinting, the puffer/sniffer devices that detect potential bomb-making materials, etc. And finally just a glimpse inside the Statue. I remember better times, especially with our club a couple of years ago. Anyhow, better safe than sorry, even for impatient people like me!

The windy, icy-cold, cloud-free day allowed me to stand alone in front of the Statue of Liberty. No one else dared endure it with me. It was a rare and unique feeling that I treasure very much, all the more because it will probably be a very long time before I see her again.

Later in the afternoon, after discussing with Auguste Bartholdi, a fellow Alsatian (portrayed by Glenn Stoops), and shopping at the gift shop (I was NOT as impressed with the new robot version of Bartholdi there...), I went to Ellis Island to visit with members Jeff and Barry at the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Library. They gave me some copies of pictures of Alsacians in their traditional dress as they were being processed at Ellis Island. So incredible! Barry signed his books I purchased at the gift shop. For sure, these guys are really good! Thanks for their nice welcome.



**Barry Moreno & Jeff Dosik,**  
Librarians Extraordinaire  
(Photo taken @ Colmar City Hall,  
Oct. 2004)



**Christian, Isabelle & Véronique in NYC**

In the evening, as planned by me a long time ago, I got together with two lovely Alsatian friends, Isabelle Sitterlé and Véronique Roth. Both are working and living in Manhattan, without knowing each other. I met Isabelle quite by accident on the Habsheim Web site ([www.habsheim.org](http://www.habsheim.org)) and Véronique is Emmanuelle's cousin. (More on Emmanuelle, my partner, in a moment). We had a lot of fun at Sushi Samba (23<sup>rd</sup> Street) and at Gramercy Tavern for dessert, where Isabelle worked for several years, serving many celebrities before becoming a nanny.

That's New York as well, a place where Alsacians are connecting other Alsacians. This has been the end of my first NYC stay.

**09 Feb.** On to San Antonio, Texas. Again, long waits at the airports. In the end, after a missed connection in Dallas/Fort Worth, I had spent the whole day in airports. Murphy's law seems to be my partner all over America. Anyhow, Justin Jungman, my cowboy contact in Texas, was patient and welcomed me at the airport. And after some nice country songs in Alsatian, huge steaks and fine Mexican food, I gradually began to feel fine again, in Castroville, Texas (15 miles from San Antonio). This was my second trip there, the first being in 1999. I first met the "Texalsacians," as they are as well named, in 1997 at an informal, unofficial meeting in Alsace, where friends of mine invited them for a local tour. I first met the "Texalsacians," as they are as well named, in 1997 at an informal, unofficial meeting in Alsace, where friends of mine invited them for a local tour. Castroville, also known as "The Little Alsace of Texas," was recently designated by Laura Bush a "Preserve America Community" in recognition of its continuing commitment to preserving and using its cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. Even today, the 60+ generation is still speaking the same Alsatian as me. I could write pages and pages about these lovely people who share the same roots and love of Alsace as me.



**Cowboy Chris, with Justin Jungman**

I would suggest just having a brief look at: [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) where more explanations are available. I feel a strong link to Castroville, because what is happening there will probably happen here in Alsace in 20 or 30 years with the disappearance of our dialect. I have developed very close friendships with Justin and with Helen and Francis Lutz, my hosts there. For a brief explanation of Alsatian history explaining why we are French but with German names, see: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alsace#History>

Six days of Texan Life, where I saw my first rodeo, at the famous San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo ([www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)). Really great! A concert at the Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock, with country legend Willie Nelson, was another highlight of my journey there.

**15 Feb.** I had to travel back to New York City to spend my extra 3 days. By surfing on the Internet, I found a bed and breakfast available on Staten Island just 2 blocks from the Ferry Terminal. To have a view of Miss Liberty from those shores, and in a clear, and ice cold sunny day, was a great experience for me. I did this 3 times by daylight and twice by night, and I recommend it highly to everyone!

By leaving Staten Island in a cab via the Verrazano Bridge on 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb., I finished my most exhausting trip to the USA. However, thanks to the kind assistance of Paul Lajoie, Brian Snyder, Véronique & Isabelle (my fellow compatriots), and Justin, Helen & Francis Lutz, I overcame all the climatological, logistical, and impractical issues I encountered.



Thanks to my partner Emmanuelle and my son Lucas for their enduring patience. Emmanuelle is a nurse at a hospital for the elderly in Rixheim, a five-minute bike ride from our home in Habsheim, a village of 4500 inhabitants where we have lived now for 14 years. Lucas, 11, is among the top four in his class. He's very polite, smart, lovely, and very interested in computers and ping-pong. Together, we love swimming and traveling very much. We especially love Greece, where we enjoy, history, sightseeing, swimming, and meeting the Greeks. At left is a picture from our holiday last year on the Ionian island of Corfu.

I continue my work as an accountant for the Swiss pharmaceutical company, Novartis ([www.novartis.com](http://www.novartis.com)), very recently ranked as the most admired company in the pharmaceutical industry by *Fortune Magazine*. I take a 20-minute train ride South each day to Basel, and then unfold my kick scooter, and 10 minutes later I am at work. Switzerland is not a member of the European Union, so luckily it is no longer required to show

a passport at the immigration office, but you need to be able to show your work permit at any time, if requested.

The best way to describe an Alsatian is with the following story:

### The Whale

The whale is an animal belonging to the mammal family. He feels so happy and confident when he can swim among all the fishes in the ocean. However, from time to time, he knows he has to come to the surface to breathe. He remembers that he is not a fish. Despite not been a fish, he can only imagine a happy life by swimming among all the other fishes.

The same story is true for Alsacians. They always know that they will only be happy inside the French nation, but due to their particular history, names and identity, they know well that they have a German origin. However, for Alsacians to be happy, they must be a part of France, even though they are different from other Frenchmen.

I love this story because it's so true.

Christian  
"The Most American Alsatian"



## Voting Deadline Extended for the 7 Wonders of the New World

By Brenda Beasley

On the front page of the Summer 2006 newsletter you will find the article I submitted alerting you to become a part of making history with your vote. When I accessed the site then, it said the winners would be announced via live world telecast on January 1, 2007. However, the deadline has been extended to 7-7-07. Please send this link to your friends and encourage them to vote for Miss Liberty. Can you imagine a world without her?

To cast your vote, go to: [www.new7wonders.com](http://www.new7wonders.com)

### THE ORIGINAL 7 ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE WORLD (all man-made monuments)

The Temple of Artemis	The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
The Colossus of Rhodes	The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
The Lighthouse at Alexandria	The Pyramids at Giza ( <i>The only one that still remains today</i> )
The Statue of Zeus	

Now there is a call for a *new* list of extant man-made monuments:

### THE PROPOSED 7 NEW WONDERS OF THE WORLD

1. **The Acropolis** (Parthenon Temple, 450-330 B.C., Athens, Greece)
2. **Alhambra** (12<sup>th</sup> Century Moorish Castle, Granada, Spain)
3. **Angkor** (World's largest sacred temple, 12<sup>th</sup> Century, Cambodia)
4. **Chichen Itzá** (Mayan Pyramid, 800 A.D., Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico)
5. **Christ the Redeemer Statue** (completed 1931, 125 ft. / 38 m. high, overlooking Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
6. **The Colosseum** (Ampitheater, 70-82 A.D., Rome, Italy)
7. **Easter Island Statues** (25 stone sculptures, 3.3 ft./1 m. tall, erected between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries, Chile)
8. **Eiffel Tower** (steel tower, 1063 ft./324 m., the most visited monument in the world, 1887-89, Paris, France)
9. **Great Wall of China** (longest manmade structure, 3948 mi./6352 km.; built 5<sup>th</sup> Cent. B.C. - 17<sup>th</sup> Cent. A.D.)
10. **Hagia Sophia** (Mosque, now serving Christians & Muslims, 532-537 A.D., Istanbul, Turkey)
11. **Kiyomizu Temple** (Palatial palaces of emperors, built and rebuilt several times, 749-1855, Kyoto, Japan)
12. **The Kremlin & Red Square** (President's office & former residence, 1156-1850, Moscow)
13. **Machu Picchu** (Incan city built 1460-1470, lost for 3 centuries, rediscovered 1911, near Cusco, Peru)
14. **Neuschwanstein Castle** (built for sheer fantasy, romance and beauty, 1869-1884, Bavaria, Germany)
15. **Palace Tombs of Petra** (138 ft./42 m., Hellenistic Temple, El-Deir Monastery, Arabian Desert, Jordan)
16. **Pyramids of Giza** (Oldest/Only ancient wonder still standing, 2600-2500 B.C., Egypt)
17. **Statue of Liberty** (1875-1886, from ground to tip of torch: 305 ft./93 m., New York Harbor, USA)  
(This is the one candidate that most closely resembles one of the Ancient 7 Wonders—The Colossus of Rhodes; and the only, one besides Chichen Itzá in Mexico, from North America.)
18. **Stonehenge** (3000 BC - 1600 BC, near Salisbury, England)
19. **Sydney Opera House** (1959-1973; designed by Jørn Utzon of Denmark; Sydney, Australia)
20. **Taj Mahal** (an immense white marble mausoleum, built in 1630; Agra, India)
21. **Timbuktu** (a 12<sup>th</sup> Century Islamic university at a major Arab caravan crossroads, Mali)

There is an entire line of merchandise associated with each candidate.

For Liberty merch see:

<http://www.safepress.com/new7wonders/1606390>







On Jan. 19, M&M's "Launched" its *Planet M* Web site

## M&M's Promo uses 50 Lady Liberty Icon

In a fun publicity stunt, M&M's kicked off a new Web site with an ad campaign by cruising all over New York Harbor. At the site [www.BecomeAnM.com](http://www.BecomeAnM.com), you can create your own "Inner M" character, choosing different hair styles, colors, and accessories. The campaign's goal is to encourage everyone to lighten up and "liberate the fun inside."

Below is an example of an avatar you can create in your own likeness at the **Planet M** site.



Story adapted from [recordonline.com](http://recordonline.com), [NYPPost.com](http://NYPPost.com), & [gothamist.com](http://gothamist.com)

## Thank you to our 34 Renewing Members!

Mary & Dennis Ackley  
Ann Bartlett  
Brenda Gale Beasley  
Marelene Blackwell  
Joan Bouck  
Judy Edwards  
Michael J. Forster  
Adela French  
Nancy Frost  
Gordon & Dede Frost  
Judy & Maury Gambrel  
Mike & Annie Gay

Kitty Gustafson  
Ferrell Hinton  
Helen J. Hoffman  
Dick & Sandy Izsak  
Ed & Kathy Izsak  
Margaret Izsak  
Dr. Maria O. Kalafatic  
Joan Laskoff  
Joan Manahan  
Patrick Meyers  
Marian Michalski

Nancy Oyler  
Ginger Plys  
Lolly Sample  
Nancy Sherman  
Ted Smardz  
Lyle Turner  
Patricia Wagner  
James Wasas  
Stuart Warner  
Robert Weaver  
Leo Willems

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## Welcome to our 7 New Members!

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### Dr. Alan Levine

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### Ron Lichtman

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My dad arrived to Ellis Island in 1949 from a Concentration Camp; this is very sentimental.

### Lyle Turner

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The *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine*, Jan 2007, is devoted to Miss Liberty's 120<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is an informative article that features the only known photo of the inauguration of the SOL (28 Oct 1886) & the cover is replete with 14 SoL lapel pins, commissioned annually by the Auxiliary. See: [www.LadiesAuxiliaryVFW.org](http://www.LadiesAuxiliaryVFW.org) to contact the organization.



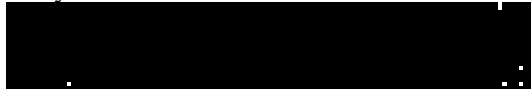
**Mailbag**

Dear Statue of Liberty Collector,

26 February 2007

The collection of Ed Kalasa is still available. He has asked me to help him sell it. He has an extensive collection of stamps, envelopes, postcards and coins. Also he has eight volumes of stamped envelopes. Each volume has 25 pages with 100 stamped envelopes dating from the 1930s to the present. Some are from the 50<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Statue. Many stamps are very rare and range in price from \$1 to \$40 each. I have a 2-page partial list of items that he has for sale with prices and possible mailing charges. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Sincerely,  
Kitty Gustafson

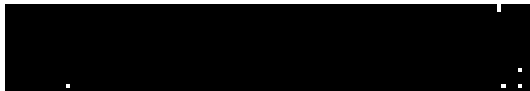


Hi Dick,

15 February 2007

Thanks for your welcome to SLC. My dear friend, Ethel Fishman, provided a surprise membership for me in the SLC as a retirement gift. In 1986 my wife and I had the fantastic opportunity to photograph The Lady from the top of the scaffolding that was used during her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday restoration. Some months later we were up there again to photograph the new torch. I presented a slide show to the officers club on Governor's Island, at a Leica photo forum, and for friends and family. A representative from PBS Television was given a private showing at our home to consider whether PBS could use it. As it turns out, they already had a show in the works, but he expressed very favorable comments about the presentation. We have many beautiful slides of Lady Liberty, many of which have gained historical importance because of the World Trade Center in the background. If you think some of the SLC members would have any interest in purchasing any of these photos, please let me know. Many of them are truly unique.

Best regards,  
Alan Levine



**Classified Ads**

**Limited edition 1,000 oz. pure silver Statue of Liberty statue.  
23 inches tall; appraised at \$50,000.  
Ronald E. Lichtman**



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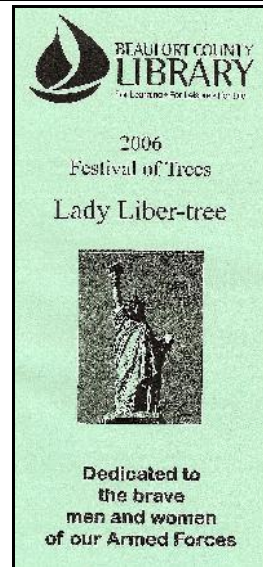
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**OTHER NEWS:**

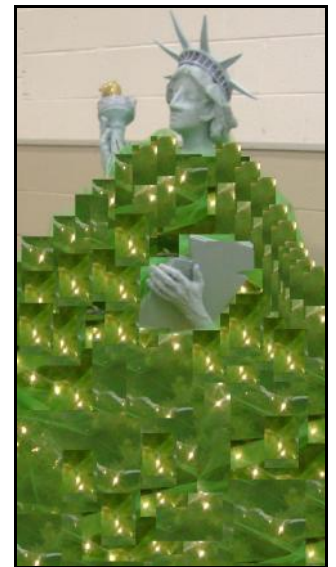
New member Dave Harb is interested in taking the LibertyWagon on a "Liberty Tour de France." He plans to ship the vehicle by boat from Savannah with the purpose of showing his gratitude for the liberty our two nations share. Are there any of our French members who could assist Dave with his French itinerary, places to stay, etc.? Any publicity ideas, parades or events he could hook up with are welcomed.

Please contact Dave at: ~~Statue of Liberty Club, P.O. Box 29907, Savannah, GA 31402~~  
~~848-912-8088~~ [dave@slcclub.com](mailto:dave@slcclub.com) ~~or call 912-900-0000~~



The Beaufort County Library of Beaufort, SC sponsored a "Statue of Liber-Tree" in support of the Troops during the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees. The event, held Dec. 10-14 in a municipal gym, boasts over 70 hand-decorated trees, and is a benefit for the Friends of Caroline Hospice organization.

Editor's disclaimer: While my collection may have subliminally influenced some of my coworkers (although I doubt it), it was solely their idea. I did, however, author the brochure at left, which includes a history of the Statue, notable facts, and the poem by Emma Lazarus, *The New Colossus*. Brochures were placed in a basket at the foot of the tree for visitors to keep.



## SoL K-5 Drawing Contest Winners Announced

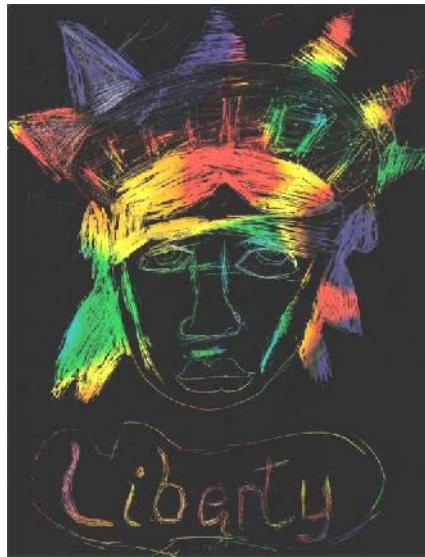
from the Foundation's Web site:

[http://www.statueofliberty.org/Statue\\_of\\_Liberty\\_K-5\\_Contest.html](http://www.statueofliberty.org/Statue_of_Liberty_K-5_Contest.html)

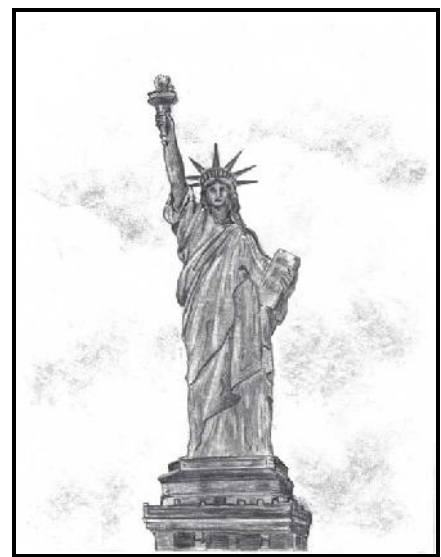
The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has announced the winners of the first-ever Statue of Liberty Picture Contest for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The contest was held in celebration of Lady Liberty's 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 28, 2006. There were 1,215 qualified entries submitted by children in 39 states and from around the world. The pictures were judged according to originality, artistic skill, entrant's age, and interpretation of Lady Liberty. Judges were Stephen A. Briganti, President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., and Cynthia Garrett, Superintendent of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island. The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to each and every student who submitted an entry to this contest and appreciates the support of educators, parents, guardians, and others who encouraged the children to participate.



Winner, Ages 5-7  
 Beatrix, age 7  
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 Statue of Liberty,  
 Witness of American History

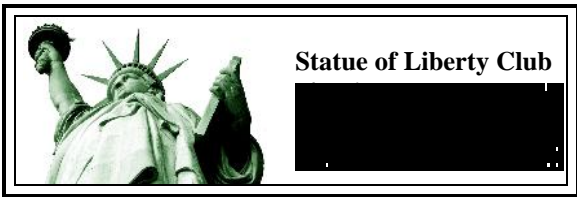


Winner, Ages 8-9  
 Malecia, age 9  
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Winner, Ages 10-12  
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Payments can be made from a personal bank account or credit/debit card. PayPal will send the payment electronically to the SLC account.

Members will get an electronic confirmation of the transaction. The renewal membership card will be sent by Dick Izsak, club treasurer.