

WHAT'S UP?



One of the first things we did when this magazine was founded back in the early spring of 2006 was to contact a dear old friend to ask if she would consider helping us launch a periodical that was to be the stamp dealer community's first venture to publish a magazine for the customers it serves. **Patricia A. Kaufmann** has been involved in the dealing community ever since before she ran John W. Kaufmann Auctions in Washington, D.C. in the years following her husband John's death.

We knew that Trish, as she is called by her legion of friends, was a world class expert on Confederate States of America philately—and a pre-eminently qualified researcher and writer on the serious side of that specialty. She had built—as editor and writer (17 years) for *The Confederate Philatelist*—an international reputation for being a masterful storyteller as well as scholar.

We were delighted, of course, when she said, “Yes!”—and came on board **The American Stamp Dealer & Collector** right from Day One. Our longtime readers have been following her now for over a decade.

Trish is a philatelist—and always has been—who wears many hats. Not only is she what we've described above, she is a full-time stamp dealer who runs one of the leading firms in her field. In addition—and this fact is not as well known outside Confederate philately as it should be—she has served the Confederate Stamp Alliance in practically every conceivable category of leadership. From editor of its journal and board of trustees member, to president of the CSA and chairman of its Authentication Service.

Thus, as one might imagine, an editor really could not want for an individual who is more knowledgeable about Confederates than is Trish Kaufmann. Not



ASD&C's longtime faithful author has assumed her new role as vice president of the APS.

only that, but in addition to her regular “Confederate Post” column in these pages, she has, from time to time, contributed major research articles for us.



“If it weren't for the government making all these new stamp issues we'd be out of a job!”

Now comes a brand new role for this member of our phenomenal staff of writers—and we compose this particular “What's Up” page with ample pride that Trish has joined two of our other good friends—**Jeff Shapiro** and **Bob Ziegler**—to assume elected positions as the three-member Board of Vice Presidents of the American Philatelic Society. These are positions of particular responsibility because they have to do with protecting the integrity of the APS and adjudicating disputes tied to alleged and/or actual member misconduct.

Our fine hobby can look back with great respect on the often amazing leaders from philately's history who have stepped forward to guide the organizational, activity and business sides of the pastime. People like Lichtenstein, Sellers, Pack, Dale, Mueller, Owens, Foxworth, Klug, Bauer...on and on. And throughout this history, philately can be justly proud that the women of the pastime have enviable records of achievement.

Many have watched this firm and quiet, yet at times necessarily and constructively assertive woman take the reins of leadership and move an issue forward. In addition, the larger amount of Trish Kaufmann's time has been spent nourishing her love for stamps, postal history and the friendships she's gained along the way. There's nothing that many philatelists like better than to sit down with her—and people who share her interests—and gab on into the night on a particular stampy sort of subject.

To sum up things in this little tribute to a member of the **ASD&C** family, what strikes this writer about such a lifelong friendship—is that when this magazine was just a fledgling with tiny wings still wet, Ms. Kaufmann gave us a lift. And it's a lift that yet thrives for the future at hand.