

SMC HAS A NEW “POSTAGE STAMP CHAMP!”



Sorry, Past President Joe Beberman! After being our “Postage Stamp Champ” for three years, you have been dethroned by club member Ralph Staples. His most recent stamp delivery (see photo) for the Foxborough Regional Charter School’s *Holocaust Stamp Project* contained 4,500 stamps and brought his stamp donation to over TEN THOUSAND STAMPS.



And now for the rest of the story – In the 1960s, Ralph started his own letterpress printing shop called “Top Notch Press” in the cellar of his home in Canton. In the 1980s, he started to save all the postage stamps on the envelopes he received, and being in the printing business, he received lots of stamped envelopes. Not really knowing what he wanted to do with them, he saved the stamped corner of each envelope in small boxes.

Fast forwarding to 2016, his family asked him if he was ever going to do anything with all the boxes of stamps he had piled up in his cellar. Miracle of miracles, Ralph joined the Sharon Men’s Club and discovered that our club was a proud sponsor of the Foxborough Regional Charter School’s *Holocaust Stamps Project*. The “light bulb” under his handsome hat lit up and he exclaimed “Ah! Hah! I have found a wonderful way to empty out my cellar!” He started to bring in one box at a time to our meetings and each box got a little bigger until he brought in the biggest one on November 28th containing 4,500 stamps. The last batch was post-marked 1985. Only 31 more years of stamps to go!

To those of you that are new members, or have not participated up to now, the goal of the *Holocaust Stamp Project* is to collect one postage stamp for each of the **ELEVEN MILLION VICTIMS** of the Holocaust. As of December 9th, the project has collected over **8,400,000** postage stamps.

Are you ready for this? With the help of all of our members who drop their stamps into the collection jar every week, except breakfast week, the Sharon Men’s Club has collected over

151,000 STAMPS!

We are 75% of the way to our goal. Thank you, Ralph, and each of you who are helping us get to the goal line.

And to my buddy, Joe Beberman, a special “thank you” for “kicking off” our campaign and continuing to help the club move the ball into the “end zone.”

Harris Cohen, Holocaust Stamp Project

