

W. Danforth (Dan) Walker – Philatelic CV and brief personal bio –July 2008

Chief Financial Officer – Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition

Service to the FIP Postal History Commission. Appointed as the USA American Philatelic Society Delegate in 1989 and continue to hold that position. Served as Secretary to the Special Committee to Revise the FIP Postal History GREV's, SREV's and Guidelines circa 1990 working closely with Commission President, Paul Jensen. At Granada 92 elected to the Bureau and then appointed Secretary. At Istanbul 1996 elected President of the Commission and served until 2000. In 2006 and again in 2008 appointed to the Bureau by Chairmen Leo DeClerq and Kurt Kimmel. Conducted FIP Commission for Postal History seminars at Finlandia 95, Singapore 95, CAPEX 96, Norwex 97, Pacific 97, TSS2000 and EFIRO 2008.

Philatelic Collections

Started in 1971 collecting Grenada and received three Large Gold's and showed the exhibit for the last time in Korea Championship class and sold most of the collection in 2003. Now collect the postal history of India Covers Sent Abroad 1854 to 1879, North Borneo and Sarawak to January 1942 and traditional and cover collections of the Indian Feudatory States, Romania and the first US Revenue issues 1862 to the early 1870's, stamps and documents. Also have collections of picture postcards of China (visited twice), White Plains, New York (high school), Valhalla New York (grew up) and Westminster, Maryland (office location 1984 to 2006). Also collect paper collectibles from US fire insurance companies, mainly pre-1900, that issued stock.

Philatelic Exhibiting and Judging

My first experience in exhibiting was at a US National show in New Jersey in 1979 showing Grenada traditional. A frequent national exhibitor after this first exhibit and in 1996 won the Champion-of-Champions award with a Grenada traditional exhibit, the highest exhibiting award you can win in the USA. First exhibited internationally at Belgica 1982 showing Grenada postal history. Ultimately the Grenada exhibit won three Large Gold medals internationally and was shown in the Championship class in the early 2000 Korea show. Now exhibit Barwani which has won international gold awards and planning other exhibits now that I am working only part time.

As an FIP judge, apprenticed at India 1989 and served initially at LONDON '90, and later as Postal History Team Leader at Finlandia '95, Pacific 97, INDEPEX 97, China 99, and Espana 2000 and as Secretary of the jury at Norwex 97 and JUVALUX 98. At Washington 2006 was on the expert team.

Service to the American Philatelic Society (APS) and American Philatelic Research Library

(APRL). Currently APS Treasurer 2007 to 2009, APS Secretary from 1995 to 1997, APS Treasurer from 1993 to 1995, APS Secretary from 1991 to 1993, APS Treasurer from 1985 through 1989, APS Director-at-Large from 1983 to 1985, APRL Treasurer from the early 1980's to 1995 and from 2005 to 2007, APRL Trustee from the early 1980's to the present, APS Finance Committee from 1981 to the late 1990's and from 2005 to present (current Chairman), APS Delegate to Federation International de Philatélie (FIP) 1993 to 1997, APS Sales Book Examiner for British Empire from the 1980's to present, APS Expert Committee from the 1980's to present. Won prestigious Luff Award 2003, Service to the APS.

Personal background, Education and Business

Born in 1944 and raised in Westchester County, New York, USA. Public school education through high school with undergraduate and graduate degrees, both with honors, from New York University undergraduate School of Commerce (cum laude) and graduate School of Business

Administration (with distinction). Majors and minors in undergraduate school were finance and accounting, and in graduate school investments and economics.

Began my professional career with a firm of certified public accountants in New England. In 1969 moved to New York City and took a job as a security analyst with Bankers Trust Company and later the pension division of a major Wall Street investment firm. In 1975 moved to Washington DC area and began working as a financial analyst at the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 1983 acquired a business that insured the philatelic property of collectors and dealers. In 1997 broadened the business to insure collectors and dealers of most type collectibles. Sold the business in 2006 and now an employee of the firm and since early 2008 working part time.

Married in 1982 to Patricia Stilwell; we met while I was taking down my first stamp exhibit in 1979. Pat is an accomplished philatelist; she collects the postal history of Ireland, Baltimore and the county we live in, Howard County Maryland. Pat has won awards at various international stamp shows ranging from vermeils to the Grand Prix National at The Stamp Show 2000 (London) for her Irish postal history. She is an accredited APS and FIP judge and a Past President and Director of the Eire Philatelic Association (EPA) and the U.S. Philatelic Classic Society and the current Treasurer of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.