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Bill Oliver Receives IPPS "Lifetime Achievement Award at WESTPEX Lower Annual Dues Approved for IPPS Members in the Philippines

On April 30, 2011, **Bill Oliver** received the International Philippine Philatelic Society's (IPPS) prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" for significant contributions to Philippine philately at the Annual Meeting of Overseas IPPS at WESTPEX, Burlingame, California. IPPS Overseas Coordinator, **Don Peterson**, chaired the meeting of 18 Philippine collectors

William J. (Bill) Oliver was born August 21, 1925 in Oakland, California, and grew up in Fresno, CA. In 1943, he worked at an aircraft factory in San Diego during WWII. Married Vivian in 1946 and moved to Sacramento, CA in 1949. Also, in 1946 he started working for the State of California Division of Highways (now CALTRANS) as a draftsman, and worked for them 17 years with the last 10 years at their Bridge Department. He then transferred to the Department of Water Resources as a draftsman for a few years before working as an associate cost estimator until retiring in 1982 with 35 years of total service.

Philatelically, Bill began collecting stamps at age 11 (1936), and in 1940 became interested in the stamps of the Philippine Islands. His stamp collecting was interrupted during his WWII work, getting married in 1946, and with a Son arriving in 1949. When Bill finally found time and space at home (1961) he again pursued his beloved Philippine stamps with enthusiasm. He started exhibiting his Philippine collection and developed into an award winning exhibitor Nationally and Internationally. Bill is a long-time member and supporter of the International Philippine Philatelic Society, and is IPPS member #7. He became an American Philatelic Society (APS) accredited judge and served in that capacity for over 25 years. He has also been very active in other philatelic organizations as he was president, and director of his local stamp club a number of times; active in the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, a group of about 50 stamp clubs, where he was president two separate times, and coordinated the judges accreditation committee of that organization for eight years. He has also been active with the National stamp exhibition, WESTPEX, for over 40 years, and was General Chairman of that organization for ten years (1983-1992). He was also assistant General Chairman for the first APS National Stamp Exhibition, which was held at San Francisco in 1977. In 1997, Bill was involved with the International Exhibition "Pacific 97" in San Francisco as chairman of the exhibits committee. He was responsible for the set-up, and take-down, of 6,000 exhibit frames. Bill has also been the co-chairman for the Philippine section of the American Air Mail Catalogue and has held that position since 1974, has written many articles for philatelic publications, and is an active contributor to the Philippine Philatelic Journal. Many Philippine collectors have benefited from Bill's research. In 2009, his catalog, Philip-

*and friends. A message from IPPS founder **Linda Stanfield**, who could not be present, was conveyed to Bill, as well as a new book on Japanese occupation postal history by IPPS Philippines President **Pio Rodrigo**, who was also not able to attend. Congratulations, Bill. Well deserved. The following biography of Bill Oliver was read at the meeting.*

pine Commercial Overprints, 1924-1935, was a significant contribution to Philippine philately.

Bill confides that stamp collecting has provided him with many wonderful friends, and has taken him and his wife Vivian to many interesting places throughout the United States, and the world. He tells us, "If I had it to do over again, I would not change a thing".

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Left to Right: Gary Weiss, John Hunt (behind Gary) Ernesto Cuesta, Craig Egglestone, David Chiong, Robert Littrell, Lorenzo Laurel, Bill Oliver, Craig Chartrand, Nestor Nunez and Stan Estabrook. Not in picture are Vivian Oliver, Don Peterson, Art Schiefer, Ron Maineri, Jan Markels, Les Langhear, Davio Foster.

A new, reduced dues rate for IPPS members living in the Philippines was unanimously approved by members at the Annual Meeting to encourage increased membership from the Philippines. The regular annual dues rate was changed from \$50 to \$40 for hardcopy of the *Philippine Philatelic Journal* (PPJ), and from \$10 to \$5 for the E-version of the PPJ. The rate changes will become effective CY 2012. Other business included a decision to change the budget fiscal year from the CY to July 1 through June 30. This change, proposed by Secretary/Treasurer **Rick Miggins** and **Don Peterson**, will provide a more realistic picture of IPPS's financial report; the first such report will be published in the Third Quarter PPJ.

Finally, Don Peterson summarized recent changes to the PPJ by **Editor Hans-Werner Becker** and **Don Peterson** and implementation of the online Philippine Library on the IPPS website by **Doug Lehmann**. **Craig Eggleston** presented an interesting program on U.S. Administration A through Z Destination Mail. A joint-society dinner was held at Max's Restaurant on April 29, 2011, attended by 30 members and friends of IPPS, the United States Possessions Philatelic Society, and International Cuban Philatelic Society.

John Hunt Wins Vermeil at WESTPEX

IPPS Member **John Hunt** won a Vermeil award at WESTPEX, April 29 - May 1, 2011, Burlingame, California, for his 5-frame exhibit "Revenue Stamped Paper of the Philippines". The exhibit covered the period 1778 through 1899. Congratulations John.

