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Thank's to all
Peter

Peter Harradine Receives IPPS Lifetime Achievement Award at WESTPEX Meeting

Don Peterson, IPPS-Overseas Coordinator, presented **Peter W. A. Harradine**, with the International Philippine Philatelic Society's highest award, the *Lifetime Achievement Award*, at the IPPS Annual Meeting at WESTPEX, Burlingame, California, April 27, 2013. The engraved 11"-high acrylic award was mailed to Peter, who resides in London. A biography of Peter, summarizing his career and significant Philippine philatelic accomplishments, is on the next page. Our congratulations to Peter.

The program at the Annual Meeting of IPPS-Overseas Operations was presented by **Jan Markels** on "Officially Sealed Covers of the Republic Period", a topic new to most Philippine collectors. The Annual Meeting included a summary of the Society's expanded advertizing campaign to attract new members, especially in the Philippines; and the announcement of upcoming Election of Officers (Overseas Coordinator and Secretary/Treasurer), with the ballot in the Third Quarter *Philippine Philatelic Journal*. The meeting closed with show-and-tell presentations. A total of 17 IPPS members and friends attended.



Back row from Left to Right: John Hunt, Doug Lehmann, Charles Jose, Jan Markels, Art Schiefer, Gary Weiss, James Larot. At the table from left to right: Don Peterson, Stanley Estabrook, Bill Oliver, Craig Chartrand. Not in photo: Craig Egglestone (photographer), Anatalia and Lance Larot, Eder Mutuc, Ernesto Cuesta, David Chiong and Nestor Nuñez.



John Hunt studying a Philippine document at WESTPEX 2013

BIOGRAPHY – PETER W. A. HARRADINE

Peter W. A. Harradine was born 1942 in England during WWII, a tumultuous time. London was under attack by German rockets and no guarantee could be assured for the safety of its residents. Peter's mother was living in South-East London. She was soon evacuated out of London to the little town of Shepton Mallett, in Somerset, in South-West England, a relatively safe place to birth her son, Peter. Shortly after his birth, Peter and his mother returned to Catford in South-East London, where he spent his childhood.

Peter was 8 years old when he had his first experience with stamps. His mother gave him some old Chinese stamps and his first stamp album. Like most of us in our primal years of collecting, Peter collected world-wide issues. He then began concentrating on Great Britain stamps. His first acquisition was in the late 1960th, when he obtained a nearly complete mint and used collection of Ireland, including the early overprinted issues, many in multiples. He had to save a lot of pocket money to come up with the £40.

After a three-year stay at St. Mark and St. John teacher training college in Chelsea, he married Elizabeth on January 2, 1965. Peter started his career with the Department of Education and Science in the State Studentship section, and then in the Press Office. He progressed from there to insurance, then with wine merchants, and joined John Haig, part of Distiller's company, until 1973. In 1973, Peter made a major career change and applied at the Post Office, where he worked as a counter clerk, and then in the Post Shop and the Philatelic Section at Charing Cross in London. One of his memorable Post Office highlights was attending the *London 1980* stamp exhibition, where Peter and other hand-picked Post Office staff were quartered near Alexandra Palace, the venue for the event. Early one morning, he had the chance to view the Queen's collection, before the public was allowed in. Peter recalls how marvelous the classical material was, and especially to have had a private viewing of the material close up.

Peter's interest in the Philippines began in 1971, after he sold his Ireland stamps and looked around for another country to collect. He often went to work early at John Haig to help sort the mail. One day, he saw some beautiful stamps on an envelope from the Philippines depicting the Christianization of the country. Peter was hooked and wasted no time in getting started on the Philippines. At the same time, he also had the pleasure of meeting Gene Garrett and his wife Mary Ann in London. His first stamp article was published in 1974, when he wrote an account of the recently-introduced British Royal Mail Special Delivery section.

In 1991, Peter's wife, Elizabeth, died. Peter retired from the Post Office and took a philatelic leave of absence for

3-4 years, after which, he took on a new job working in the ticket office of the railway. He retired again in 2008, and was able to visit the Philippines and had the pleasure of meeting many of the collectors he had corresponded with over the years.



Peter's accomplishments in Philippine philatelics are quite remarkable. Two important achievements stand out in Peter's philatelic career. In 1975, Peter founded the *Philippine Philatelic Society (PPS)*, and was Secretary-Treasurer of *PPS* and the Editor of the *PPS Journal (PPSJ)*, first issued in September/October 1975. He remained the Editor until 1991, when Alan Walder took the helm. During Peter's 17 years as Editor, many authors got their start as philatelic writers. Peter broke new ground in writing about new Philippine topics in the *PPSJ*, such as official stamps on cover of the Spanish period, WWI censorship markings in the Philippines, and Japanese Occupation prisoner of war mail. The *PPSJ* merged with IPPS's *PPJ* in 2008.

Peter's other significant accomplishment was the publication of the 387-page, hardbound book, *Philippine Postage Stamp Handbook, 1854-1982*, in 1987, published in Great Britain and the United States. In the Acknowledgements, the names of persons who assisted in providing information for the book is a "Who's Who" of Philippine philately, such as Pablo Esperidion, Don Peterson, Ray Coughlin, Gene Garrett, R.H. Ashmore, Capt. F.L. Freeman, Robert C. Williams, Severino N. Luna, and Linda and Frank Stanfield, to name a few.

Today, Philippine philatelists rely on the book for detailed information, such as listings of proofs, stamp shipment arrival dates, and other specialized information.

Today, Peter resides in London, looking after his three surviving daughters, 7 grand-children, and 3 great grand-children. He continues to search philatelic fairs in England

and on the Continent for additions to his Philippine collection, and provides articles for IPPS's *PPJ*. The International Philippine Philatelic Society is proud to award Peter Harradine its highest honor, the *IPPS Lifetime Achievement Award*, for exceptional service and many years of dedication in support and promotion of Philippine philately.

