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Amanda Liberty
Tom Lofton
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Dave McCutcheon
Christian Meyer
Marian Michalski
Annemarie Micklo
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Glenna Sue Powell
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Lolly Sample
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From the President
Vince Swift

Since our November newsletter, the club's membership located in the U.S. survived two February 'winter storm of a lifetime'. It seems that February of 2010 and 2011 have been very snowy periods – I recall encountering 3 east coast storms in February 2010 while working in New Jersey. However, now I am experiencing the snow at my residence in Lansing, Michigan. I do hope everyone has been warm and safe wherever you experience the wintry weather. I thank the many club members who expressed holiday wishes to me through cards or emails. Many members have taken the time to thank me for keeping the club together, but the thanks extends to all the volunteers over the course of the club's 20 year history. So, thanks to all of the volunteers. And yes, this year the club marks its 20th anniversary. We'll work on a historical article for the July newsletter.

2011 Calendar

I'm pleased so many club members appreciated the latest calendar and took the time to let me know that. I've stated this before; it is fun putting together the calendar that I send as my gift to all club members. I also give them to my family and friends.

Annie Gaines Ashton

Annie Ashton and her family have returned to the U.S. from Ireland. Her contact information can be found on the back page of
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Renew Online!
\$20 Annual Dues

SLC members may renew annual dues or new members can join the club by using their credit card or PayPal account on line from the club's Web site.

The SLC Web site (below, left) has a link to allow dues payment with your Visa/Mastercard or PayPal account.

Payments can be made from a personal bank account or credit/debit card. PayPal will send the payment electronically to the SLC account.

Members will get an electronic confirmation of the transaction.





From Iris November

Many interesting things to tell you about:

First of all many of you may remember that I received a Statue of Liberty collection from SLCC member, Warren Tingley, many years ago, and I sold a lot of the items to our members. One piece, a glass cake stand with Miss Liberty as the stand, was loaned to the museum at the SOL and then it was returned to Margie Tingley after Warren died. It was shipped poorly and arrived broken, the cake plate part in many pieces. I had it repaired and gave it to Margie to

keep. After a few years, she was beginning to fail, health-wise, and she insisted that I have it to keep, which touched me greatly. Over the years the glass plate broke again at the repaired places, and I really didn't know how to fix it again. A friend of ours and antique dealer, Chris Olah, Century Antiques in Cleveland, took it and had the broken dish cut off at the top of Miss Liberty's head, and finished smoothly so I can put a candle on it or just enjoy it on my dining room, where it is now—it makes me feel happy and I remember my dear friends, Margie and Warren Tingley when I look at it.

Check out the new roll of 100 'Forever' stamps, which alternates the U.S. flag, and the Statue of Liberty on each stamp. I save the SoL stamps for special letters.

Well, Mort and I are finally published authors!! I have worked on an idea for a book about fund-raising and philanthropy for five years, and recently met a publisher and his editor wife, Ron and Joanne Humphrey of Windjammer Press. Eithin a few weeks the book was finished and ready to go!! It is called "The Fine Art of Schnorring". The Yiddish word for begging is schnorring, and we have dignified the begging part, because we beg for the good and welfare of others!! A good thing! We are beginning the marketing process, and any suggestions to do this would be appreciated. It is a small book full of ideas and humor, of course. It sells for \$7.95 plus \$1.00 for shipping. We already are scheduled for 3 booktalks and signings after we return from AZ where we are now.

Have a healthy winter!! XXX
Iris and Mort

In Brief:

Proposed Changes to Security Screening at Liberty Island

In a move to better the visitor experience at Liberty Island, the National Park Service has proposed moving tourist screening to Ellis Island to eliminate long ferry lines.

Currently, white tents at Battery Park house a visitor screening facility run by the Park Police.

The proposed plan would eliminate screening facilities at Battery Park and Liberty Park in New Jersey and allow tourists to board ferries that would take them to Ellis Island where security checks would then take place in a more permanent structure. Visitors would still continue to be screened again at Liberty Island before going into the Statue of Liberty.

The plan has the support of the private cruise company that operates the tourist ferries, but not all local security entities are on board with the proposal noting that, "Any assessment of the security plans should be thorough and should be conducted by qualified parties."

An alternative suggestion calls for moving the screening facility into Pier A, a city-owned tract just north of the current screening location. This proposal has met with various legal issues.

The Department of Interior, the Park Service and the NYPD continue to work on a suitable solution.

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The Statue of Liberty Stands Tall in the USA

By Club Member Asher A. Hetrick Jr.

The Statue of Liberty stands tall
Upon her pedestal greeting one and all
As they come forth from distant lands across the sea
In their hopeful quest for freedom and opportunity

Oh, Liberty standing by the sea
So gracefully towering majestically
Was sent as a gift of friendship and alliance to our country
By the people of France in their generosity

Created in sculpture by Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi
This magnificent symbol for America's freedom and equality
Came to stand and represents
America's greatest historic event

When thirteen united colonies fought hand in hand
In the revolution that swept throughout this land
Against the British reign of tyranny
And won "the Independence" for this country

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With Liberty's right arm upraised and her hand
upholding so high
A flaming torch for freedom upright in the sky
She guides the airplanes and the ships at sea
Unto the shores of America and the land of the free

From Paris, France she came as sent
Aboard the Isère to celebrate and represent
The Independence of this land
And the freedom gained for the common man

Oh, Liberty standing for all to see
On her island in peaceful tranquility
Presents our nation's policy
Of governmental democracy

In New York Harbor there she proudly stands
Welcoming the people who visit from foreign lands
To our great nation the U.S.A.
And the heritage and lifestyle of the American way

Oh, Liberty greets the aircraft in flight
And the ships coming forth each day and night
From distant lands across the sea
To the gateway of America and the homeland of the free

Standing so grand on her pedestal high above the ground
In her flowing robe of copper sheet and a seven spiked sun-ray crown
She commemorates the birth of America's freedom and honors the U.S.A.
While cradling a tablet in her left arm inscribed with our Independence Day "JULY IV, MDCCLXXVI"

Oh, Liberty stands tall in this country
Presenting America's freedom and this nation's democracy
For the end of unjust rule with British retreat
A shackle lies broken at her feet

And with her flaming torch shining so bright
Among the stars throughout each night
Liberty lights the way to this promised land
Here in America where she came to stand

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Left to right: Susan Food and Marilyn Ebersole

In Memory

Susan Pinet Flood • 1943-2010

Susan Pinet Flood, a longtime friend of the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, NY, joined the Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club in 2003, the year the club held its biennial meeting in Rochester. When Susan, a Kansas native, entertained friends from the Heartland, she steered them to the Strong, a hands-on history center for children and families, and made sure they viewed the Statue of Liberty memorabilia collection donated by Iris and Mort November.

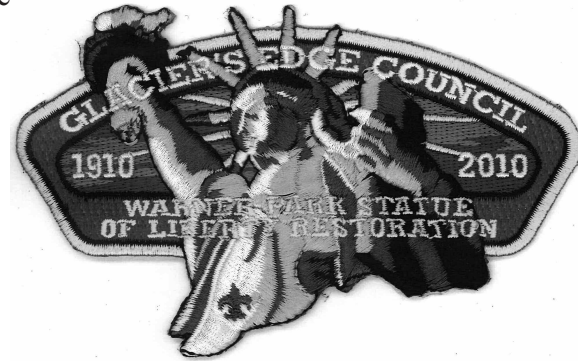
For 31 years, Susan was employed by Career Systems Development Corporation, the successor of the Singer Company Education Division, based in Rochester. In 2001, she retired as senior executive and co-owner of the company. She also served various National Job Corps advisory committees and the Vice Presidential Task Force for Youth Unemployment. Before moving to Rochester, the 1964 graduate of the University Of Kansas William Allen White School Of Journalism worked in Washington, D.C. for the League of Women Voters and the National Grange.

Shopping with Susan was an education. Her keen eye for exquisite accessories and her flair for interior design, was evident in her thoughtful gifts to friends and her apartment décor.

Susan passed away October 10, 2010, after suffering from COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). She is survived by three nieces and their families. At her request, suggested memorials were donations to charities of choice, or, preferably, acts of kindness. *Submitted by Marilyn Ebersole*

Boy Scouts Help Lady Liberty

You can help the Glacier's Edge Council, Boy Scouts of America celebrate their scouting centennial year and help restore the Statue of Liberty Replica for the City of Madison's Warner Park by buying a beautiful commemorative patch. The scouts have a collectible, limited edition shoulder patch designed for scouts and anyone else interested in contributing to this great project.



The patches are vibrant red, blue, white, silver, and gold in color. They are rich in texture and dimension. Liberty's torch and points from her crown are raised above the top border and part of her robe with a fleur de lis stands out from the bottom. The text reads: Glacier's Edge Council; 1910-2010 (the Boy Scout centennial year); and Warner Park Statue of Liberty Restoration.

A real bargain at \$5 each. To order, send a check to:
(Put Statue of Liberty in the memo line)

Glacier's Edge Council
P.O. Box 14135
Madison, WI 53708-0135
608-310-7301 • 800-213-1418
www.glaciersedge.org

Or contact Cindy Leatherman, office manager at cleather@bsamail.org.

For information on this project or to volunteer to get this done: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/MAC/public/conservationLiberty.cfm>. The committee has gotten enough money to repair Liberty's torch arm, but still needs \$7,000 to repair the rest of the replica. The goal is to have her back in Warner Park in time to celebrate the Statue of Liberty's 125th anniversary in New York harbor October 27-29, 2011.

Order your patches today!

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this newsletter. I met Annie during the club's 2004 visit to France to honor the 100th anniversary of Auguste Bartholdi's death. Welcome back Annie.

Club Status

In order to increase the projects our club can undertake by expanding the club's income, Brian Snyder and I are looking at preparing the necessary legal steps to make the SLC an official 'not for profit' organization. We believe more members, and potential new members, would be willing to contribute tax deductible funds for specific projects of the club. Be assured that each of the club's officers will remain as non-paid volunteer positions and we continue to encourage members to volunteer to help in guiding our club and its mission. If we do establish the SLC as a not for profit, a portion of your membership dues would be tax deductible ... if you file itemized U.S. taxes.

Currently we are an informal not for profit because we do not have the proper tax status and do not provide tax deduction statements for members. The process takes several months to accomplish and upwards of \$3,000 to have the legal papers properly prepared.

If you have previous experience in establishing a not for profit and want to offer advice, please contact either Brian or myself – we want to do this in the most efficient manner and at the least expense to the club.

Newsletter Editor

Brian and I have received many favorable comments on the 'new look' of the newsletter.

The club is still looking for a new Editor to take over the 3 times a year duties of composing, publishing and mailing the newsletter – no small feat but certainly doable. The newsletter editor is not expected to research and write all the articles for a newsletter – that is the privilege of club members, your club officers included. The club supplies a laptop PC with Windows Vista, including Microsoft WORD® 2007, for composing the newsletter and reimburses the Editor for expenses directly related to printing and mailing the newsletters. I supply the mailing labels and many of the newsletter inserts such as notices for members when annual dues are due. If you are interested in volunteering as the Editor and want to discuss it duties and expectations, please contact me directly – my contact information is in the Membership Directory and on the back page of each newsletter.

We have established e-mail addresses for the club's officers and the newsletter team. These are also listed on the newsletter's back page.

Club Cards

Included with this newsletter is a small packet of cards for you to handout when someone asks you about your Liberty interest or our special club. I took the picture of Lady Liberty used on the cards during my first Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club meeting in 1999; I also used the picture on the 2007 calendar. Brian Snyder has been providing club cards to the Bob Hope Memorial Library at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum and has recently redesigned that card. If you need more club cards, please contact Brian.

Classified Ads for the Newsletter

A reminder that each member is provided free space in the newsletter to notify the other members that they have Liberty collectibles to sell or are looking for specific collectibles. We provide 'reasonable space' in a newsletter and encourage you to submit the ads to the Newsletter Editor. Here is a reprint of the information first published in the November 2009 newsletter.

Size	Members	Non-members
3-lines	Free	\$10
¼ page (4" w x 5" h)	\$15	\$25
½ page	\$25	\$50
Full page or 1 page insert	\$50	\$100

(you provide the printed insert)

Free ads are submitted directly to the newsletter Editor. Display ads and inserts are submitted with payment to the Treasurer. When received and approved, the ad will be sent to the Editor for inclusion in the next newsletter. Submissions must be received two-weeks before the beginning of March/July/November (our newsletter mailing months). Ads are printed in black & white, insert colors are your choice. Any other possibility must be negotiated with the club's officers. A 25% discount, of the above rates, is given for each time the exact same ad is run.

Club Contributions to Restoration Projects

Our club sent \$100 donations to the separate 'Little Sisters of Liberty' restorations project underway in Madison, WI and Benton, IL. In the July 2010 newsletter, articles identified these restoration projects underway

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Member Article:

Brit Proclaims Love of Liberty

By Amanda Liberty

Hello Fellow Club Members!

Well! That Lady Liberty sure has me firmly in her clutches! I was able to save up enough money to afford another visit to New York City in 2010 for another rendezvous with her. Oh boy what fun I had!! Of course I got multiple tickets to Liberty Island, and a couple of them were to the crown - as expected, I enjoyed every minute!

On the day of the first visit back to the Island, I decided to wear my 2009 SLC T shirt. I was at Castle Clinton at the ticket booth, when I got a tap on the back and somebody said 'Amanda'? I spun round and who should I see but Bob Snyder! The chance of that!! Neither of us knew the other was going to Liberty Island that day, or even that we would both be in NYC! or even in the same country! He was spending a couple of days in NYC with friends and I'd just come in from England the day before! We went on the boat together and spent a couple of hours, before he disappeared off to Ellis Island

My other day out with a Club member, Francine Grillo, was much more planned. We organized it via Facebook, and I got us pedestal tickets. We went in the museum - she had her own personal tour guide, yours truly! It was nice to admire Lady Liberty with her and we took lots of photos. She has a great frontal view of Lady Liberty from the roof of her Brooklyn apartment and she invited me to come and see it, and some of her collection, and she took me to a Mexican restaurant to finish off what was a lovely day.

Another visit to the Island brought quite brutal weather - VERY windy, and it was FREEZING! I even stayed below deck on the boat, which isn't at all like me! Hardly anybody else bothered to visit that day which I

was pleased about, especially when I went up to her crown! The Lady was shaking around much more than usual, and the wind whistled past as I stayed almost alone for the entire 3 hours I spent in there!

On another visit, the clocks had turned back an hour so by the time 5pm came around, I saw a WONDERFUL sight - Her torch lit up! Then her crown also lit, and I was just looking up, memorized by her! I wanted to stay longer and watch the sunset change her color. I would have given anything to stay on the island and see her in the dark close up, but alas, it was time for everybody to go.

One time I went on the Island in my full Statue of Liberty costume including face paint. At Battery Park, one of the security staff wasn't happy and thought I was going to wave a pot around at people. He got on his little radio to ask if I was allowed past him, but luckily a Park Ranger came to my rescue because I am 'well known' on Liberty Island. I had a good day with my 'lookalike' - or should that be the other way around!? It's no wonder all the park rangers know who I am! They can't get rid of me

Below: Amanda and Bob Snyder visit Lady Liberty.



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Amanda with her new Greenwich Village friends.

when I'm in New York City!

I fit in 2 special visits when I was in NYC - one was to Colbar Art. The SLC went there a few years ago, but before I joined - so I asked Ovidiu Colea for a look round the factory. He took me and showed me replicas they were making, and how they were made and finished, and he gave me one to keep at the end, which he signed on the back of her pedestal - thanks Ovidiu!

The other special visit was very special indeed. During my 2009 visit to Ellis Island, I wrote a letter to Charlie DeLeo, the now retired Keeper of the Flame, and he wrote back to me. His address was stamped on it, but for all the looking, I didn't find a phone number for him online. So I decided to just show up at his house and see if he was there - and he was! Once he knew I was from the SLC, he was very excited to tell me about his time working on Liberty Island, and answered questions I had about the Torch, and you know what he said? He said if he was still working on the Island he would have taken me up to the torch because I Love the Lady!! Just my luck that he is retired! What a dream come true that would have been! It was an absolute honor to meet him, and he gave me a DVD of a 45 minute film documentary about him, to take home. I really enjoyed watching that. What a lovely man.

I was delighted to meet a large group of Liberty Tax wavers waiting in line to start the Greenwich Village Halloween parade! I was there with my own Liberty Tax costume on, and they invited me to be a waver for the night and hand out foam crowns!

On my way to watch 'Jackass 3D' at the Imax theater on 42nd street, I passed a baseball shop and they had one of those 8ft tall 2008 All-Star Major League Baseball statues near their window. I couldn't resist going in to get a better view! She was taller than the 2 big statues I have here in my house

The other Lady Liberty related thing I did was go on

the Water Taxi that departs from Fulton Street. That was pretty cool as it got fairly close to Liberty Island at night- but not close enough for me to see her properly without my binoculars. I like to see the city at night, I really like the lights.

I am saving up to afford another vacation in October 2011 - the aim is to come for a month so that I can visit friends - starting in Illinois and Indiana and going round by New Jersey and Delaware ending in NYC.

When I was in NYC last year I made a decision about something that I had been thinking about for a while and I discussed it with Francine, and when I got back here to England, I did it. I applied to have my name changed to something more appropriate and fitting to me. I am now officially ... Amanda Liberty!



Amanda and Francine Grillo.

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on the 8½ foot Liberty replicas that had been placed in these locations and throughout the U.S. in the early 1950s by the Boy Scouts of America. These projects are within driving distance of my residence in Michigan, so I hope to be able to attend the rededication activities. I'll keep the membership informed of the planned time frames because we have club members close to these locations that might also be able to attend. The club previously supported the restoration efforts at Alki Beach Park in Seattle, WA by donating \$100 for the 'Buy-a-Brick' fundraising activities of that restoration.

I enjoy every opportunity to talk, visit or otherwise communicate with club members. I wish all good health, a very safe and comfortable Spring season. We will write you again in July with more details on the 2011 New York meeting.

Cherish Our Liberty,
Vince Swift, SLC President & Treasurer