

# JOIN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS



The American Political Items Collectors is a non-profit membership organization, dedicated to promoting the collection, preservation and study of materials relating to political campaigns and the U.S. presidency. Founded in 1945, the APIC serves a growing hobby.

Our membership includes collectors and enthusiasts from all walks of life and every occupation such as educators, students, archivists, historians, elected



officials including Members of Congress, political junkies, political animals, campaign staffers, journalists from print, broadcast and cable, museum curators and even a couple of past presidents!

The APIC cooperates with the Smithsonian, presidential libraries, homes, birthplaces and museums, national and local media as well as colleges and universities to facilitate the understanding of American politics using the artifacts of political campaigns.

## It's Not Just Buttons! Not Just Presidents!

Although the campaign button is the most recognized and widely collected of all campaign objects, our members actively hunt for vintage political ribbons, ferrotypes, glassware, china, autographs, books, textiles, ephemera, posters, medals, tokens, postcards, pennants, license plates, sheet music, and photography. Campaign artifacts range from matchbooks to street banners and everything in between!

The interests of our members extend not just to the U.S. presidents, but to the political campaigns themselves, the issues, the slogans, the hopeful candidates, the third parties, the first ladies, the primaries, conventions and inaugurations. Many members actively collect material from local, state and even non-U.S. elections. Our publications explore the fascinating stories and history behind the items used in the campaigns.

## Come to our Shows and be Amazed!

The APIC-sponsored shows held throughout the U.S. each year are alive with members buying, selling and trading all types of

political campaign memorabilia. Your first experience at one of these shows will feel like being "a kid in a candy store" as soon as you walk in. You will see more vintage, authentic political material in one room than you will find in a lifetime of searching antique shops and flea markets.

At these shows, our members and dealers welcome young people and new collectors. We are happy to answer any questions you have about the hobby, about specific items in your collection or provide you with assistance in focusing your collecting interests.



## Build Your Collection with Knowledge and Confidence!

Attend our shows. Visit our exhibits. Network with our experienced, dedicated collectors and dealers. See and handle vintage campaign items up close. Enjoy our world-class publications and learn the stories behind the objects we collect. Visit our website. Buy, sell and trade with others.

By actively participating in the club, you will build a better collection and increase your knowledge and enjoyment of your hobby. And, best of all, you can buy with confidence. APIC's strong Code of Ethics prohibits members from dealing in fakes and reproductions. We even work with eBay to identify and cancel on-line auctions that include such materials.



## Membership Application

Apply online at [WWW.APIC.US](http://WWW.APIC.US) or mail to  
APIC Member Services, PO Box 55, Avon NY 14414

### Membership Type (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full USA Membership<br><i>Publications via Second Class Mail</i>            | \$28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full USA Membership - Expedited<br><i>Publications via First Class Mail</i> | \$58 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Youth Membership (19 or under)   | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Canadian Membership  | \$58 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full International Membership   | \$90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Membership (No Publications)                                      | \$8  |

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Sponsor's APIC #: **16678**

Sponsor's Name: **Stan Olszewski**

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## Full APIC Membership Benefits

- Subscription to our quarterly full color journal, *The Keynoter*



- Subscription to the monthly *Political Bandwagon* newspaper



- 12 full months of membership
- Full access to the APIC website: [www.apic.us](http://www.apic.us)
- Listing in the APIC Membership Roster
- APIC Collector Insurance Program
- Member privileges at all APIC-sponsored shows, auctions and events
- Eligibility to join Specialty Chapters such as the Bush, Carter, Clinton, Dem/FDR, Flasher, Ford, GOP, Kennedy, Kerry, Lincoln, Locals, Theodore Roosevelt, Willkie and Woman Suffrage groups
- Full voting privileges and eligibility to run for APIC office
- Automatic membership in the National Association of Collectors including discount rates for supplies and services

