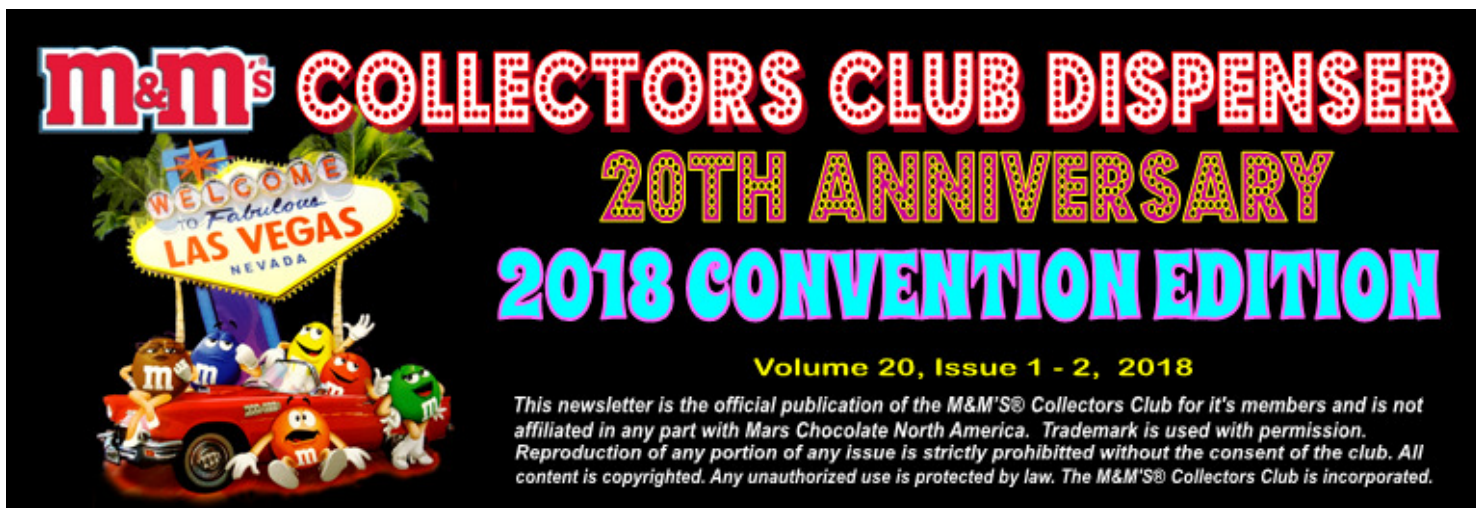




Celebrating 20 years with our friends!



We had so many awesome photos from several 2018 Convention Attendees, we decided to combine two newsletters into one so everyone would have a nice album of fun packed memories from the Club's 20th Anniversary!

The M&M'S® Collectors Club 20th Anniversary Convention was held in Las Vegas from April 29th to May 2nd. The convention was held at The Orleans Hotel, the same hotel we were at for our 10th Anniversary.

Sunday evening was registration. The registration packet included: M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies from Australia (Raspberry, Neapolitan and Lamington) and Romania; Christmas ornament from Belgium; Cooler bags from Australia; Pin & Magnet from Atlantic City, flag tin and various other items. There was also a Lanyard and some other items donated from the M&M'S WORLD® Store. The convention t-shirt idea was from a deck of cards currently for sale at the M&M'S WORLD® Store.





The Welcome Party was Monday which included Cake, Punch and Snacks. The centerpieces were edible - M&M'S® Brand Character Cookies. There was a memory book at each table. We introduced ourselves and looked through old pictures reminiscing about our friends and all of the conventions we've attended for the last 20 years. We had 13 Charter members in attendance! Barbara & Vic Glassner, Larry & Janice Foss, Bob & Karen Hawkes, Sheila Mansfield, Sara Landis, Greg & Vicky Brown, John & Shirley Olah and Marilyn Griggs. Marilyn is the only member who has been to all 20 conventions. We also had 5 members who were attending their first convention. We welcome them & hope we convinced them to keep coming!

Anne Davis joined us from Australia! During her trip she visited the M&M'S WORLD® Stores in Hong Kong, London, Vegas, NY,NY and Orlando. I know there were many members jealous of her travels!

To get to know each other, we played an ice breaker game. Each member had a puzzle piece. The goal was to put an 8-piece puzzle together. There was an M&M'S® Brand puzzle given as the prize for the team that completed their puzzle first.

On Monday we also learned how to count to 4 – We weren't able to figure out what a “4 of a kind” was..... But after the 4th false start, we were finally able to play Pokeno & win some great M&M'S® Brand prizes! Pokeno is just like bingo, but with playing cards instead of numbers.







T-Shirt Making Contest Shirley & Gene Maclaughlin won our T-shirt design contest. Shirley really put a lot of work into their t-shirts! Congratulations Shirley and Gene! We called it an early-ish evening because the M&M'S WORLD® Store trip was at 7:00 AM!



On Tuesday morning, the M&M'S WORLD® Store personnel provided breakfast and our members got to shop for 2 hours before the store opened to the public. The employees rolled out the Red carpet for us! There were 4 new dispensers to buy along with new apparel and some new kitchen items. I'm told we kept the shipping department busy that day!! Many of our members joined forces and rented a bus to go to the store!





**Time to Rise
& Shop at the
M&M'S WORLD®
Store!**





Yahtzee In the afternoon, after being treated to breakfast at the M&M'S WORLD® Store and a fun filled morning of shopping, we met back at the hotel for early dinner. We played Yahtzee and won some M&M'S® Brand prizes. The grand prize was a blanket made out of the 20 convention t-shirts. But the highlight of the evening came when David brought in the donations of the displays from M&M'S WORLD® Store! You could hear gasps from every person in the room. The amount of merchandise they donated was amazing! We are so grateful to them!





Carolyn asked Kyle Busch to Autograph T-shirts and other cool items for club prizes!





Our club's 20th Anniversary Banquet was Wednesday evening. Everyone gathered for a group picture prior to starting the festivities. We won some more prizes & drew names for more of the M&M'S WORLD® Store displays. I think everyone went home with 4 or 5 displays!



The Mystery Chest was auctioned off and the contents were won by Margaret "Mugs" Gowdy!

The winner of the Club-wide raffle was drawn at the Banquet. Judy Talbott won!

The winner of the Candyrific Red Stand-up Display was Barbara Glassner! She is fixing him a prime spot in her collection. See separate article on next page!

Special recognition was honored to several members (pictured next page) and the banquet gifts (Candyrific Red, White and Blue Candy Dispensers) were handed out. And everyone said goodbye.

I know we all enjoyed the food, the trip to the M&M'S WORLD® Store & all the prizes. But most of all, the conventions are all about having fun with our M&M'S® Brand Collecting friends & family!!



I'd like to thank Sara Landis & Cindy Huff for arranging the transportation to & from the M&M'S WORLD® Store. I'd like to thank Marla for making your centerpieces, planning your games & dealing with me. I'd like to thank Bob & Karen Hawkes for providing great items for your registration packet & prizes. I can't thank enough, David from M&M'S WORLD® Store who was THE MOST AWESOME person to work with. He had to deal with me all year & believe me, I'm a little relentless when it comes to trying to help the club ☐



In case you didn't hear, Marty got pulled over for speeding 2 hours from home. Luckily the cop was a lot more interested in the M&M'S® Brand stuff in the van than he was in giving Marty a ticket.....

I hope to see everyone next year!!
Carolyn

Congratulations Barbara Glassner...Winner of the Candyrific M&M'S® Brand Store Display!

The winner of the CandyRific M&M'S® Brand Red 42" Stand-up Character was Barbara Glassner! This was generously donated from CandyRific! She is fixing him a prime spot in her Collection.

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2018 Convention General Business Meeting Minutes

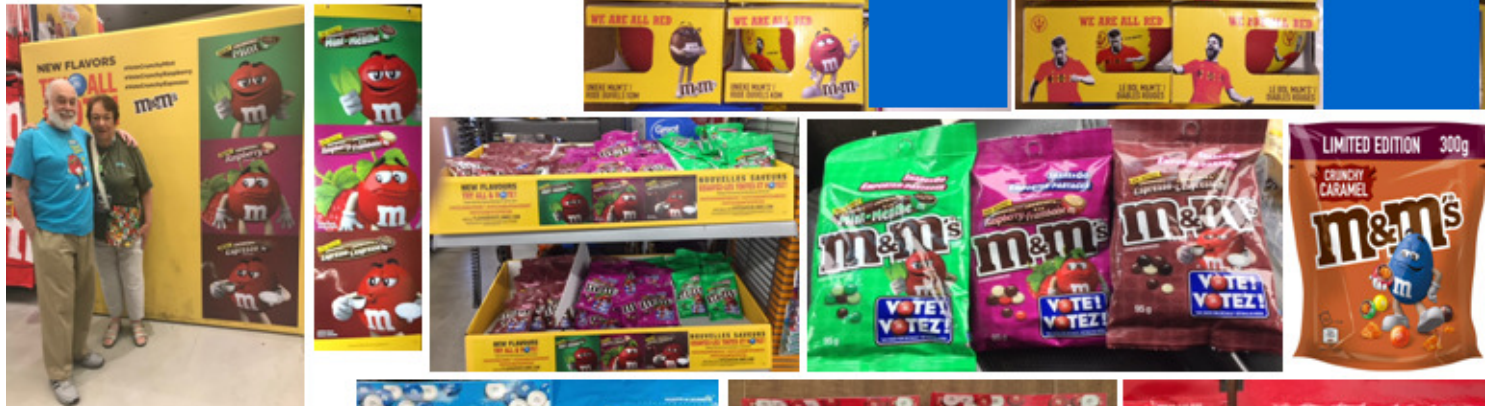
Carolyn McAlarney opened the General Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 12:44 PM. Board members also attending were: Vice President Richard Stern; Treasurer Carolyn McAlarney; Trustees Greg Brown, Jill Flynn, and Rose Hudson. President Jo Ann Bellamy and Secretary Ralph Corner; were absent.

Carolyn read the minutes from last year's meeting. Libby Dixon made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Bob Hawkes seconded and the motion was passed by all. Carolyn gave the treasurer's report. Currently the account balance is \$10,204.06. Barbara Zaval asked questions about the Facebook page. This was followed by a group discussion about the page. We sadly announced the passing of Bill Merritt. Bob Zaval asked where the convention will be next year and was advised that the board was still working on that. Shirley Maclaughlin suggested that we consider Zanesville OH as a potential convention site. With no further questions a motion was made by Libby Dixon to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Mark Ahlers and passed by all.

Respectfully Submitted, Rose Hudson, Acting Secretary



2018 FIFA WORLD CUP SOCCER was recently held in Russia. Limited Edition M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies were available in many participating countries proudly displaying their colors. Shown above are a few beginning with Tahiti, Russia, Germany, and Belgium. Also a set of 7 ceramic bowls were available in Belgium featuring one of the team players on each bowl.



Canada's 150th Anniversary logo is shown on the 2017 Wrapper above left. The wrapper was such a hit, the "Oh Canada" graphics was reused for 2018 Canada Day except the 150th logo was removed from the back.

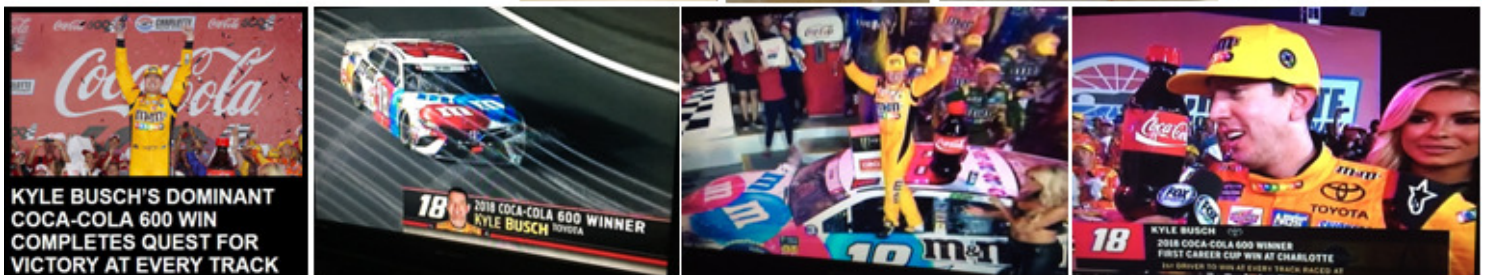


L-R Row 1: A new Vote For Your Favorite M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Flavor Campaign was held in the United States and Canada. Dennis and Rose Hudson are standing by a sign at the M&M'S WORLD® Store in Las Vegas followed by Canadian Candy Wrappers and Advertising. **Row 2:** "Bonne Saint-Jean" is a Quebec, Canada candy wrapper celebrating from what I understand as St. John the Baptist Day followed by "Oh Canada" wrappers. **Row 3:** Double deck of playing cards from Italy, a set of 3 bowls and candy wrapper from Luxemburg, a candy tin from France appearing like a Police Paddy Wagon. **Row 4:** Various Keebler® Brand Cookies packaging and My M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies found at CVS.

Thank You to the following members who provided photos and information to this newsletter: Carolyn McAlarney, Rose Hudson, Sandra Bantz, Jill Flynn, Michael Wegjan, Barbara Glassner, Sharon Cross and our friends from our Facebook page; The M&M'S® Collectors Club!



L-R Row 1: Display and New Dispensers at M&M'S WORLD® Store, M&M'S® Brand Hot Chocolate, advertising. Row 2: Special Edition Coconut flavored M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies, New Snack Mix packages. Row 3: My M&M'S® Brand Graceland Candies, Jurassic Park Movie Ad, a really cool 1950 Kresge's ad, and two new store displays.



Kyle Busch is doing really great this season, winning 5 races so far but probably the best race for him was at the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte in May. Busch dominated the race and scored his first career win at Charlotte, making him the first driver to win a race at every racetrack in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at which he has competed!!



Shown left and below are pictures of racing displays at Weis Markets and the Mars Chocolate North America facility in Hackettstown, NJ

