

## First Word

# Tireless.

**A hard working leader tills the fields of philately until a well deserved pinnacle is reached.**

You've seen her regular column on page 38 in each issue of this magazine—always a richly-painted story of the mails during America's greatest time of adversity: the Civil War. "The Confederate Post" is only one of countless pieces of writing (and pieces of work, I might add) on the philately of the Confederate States of America that have been written by Patricia A. Kaufmann.

This lady and I go pretty far back—to a time in the early 1970s when we were both in our 20s and new members of one of the hobby's oldest organizations, the Confederate Stamp Alliance. Trish was then known as Patty to her friends, married to another CSA member, Brian Green. As co-editor with her husband of *The Confederate Philatelist*, she had committed a kind of heresy in that venerable society: she was a female partially in charge of a major hobby journal. In a male-dominated pastime, her assumption of that task was not taken lightly by what many called "The Old Guard."

For a good while, it was an uphill battle for Trish, but she persisted. It wasn't too long before she was on her own. Divorced from her co-editor, Trish went on to over 17 successful years as editor of *The CP*. Over that time, she met and married respected philatelic auctioneer, John W. Kaufmann—and built her reputation as not only a very astute and well self-taught philarelist, but a widely respected businesswoman.



Trish Kaufmann—  
one of philately's charming leaders

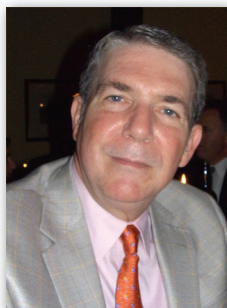
Of course, none of this came as any surprise to people who knew her!

Nearly two decades ago, she resigned as editor of the CSA's journal and took on other responsibilities—like vice president, and a longtime stint as head of the Alliance's renowned authentication service. Behind the scenes, she took on many other duties. Overall, she became, quite clearly, the

doyenne of Confederate philately and, in the opinion of many, one of the key experts in in this country in the fertile field of Civil War philately.

Throughout this long period, one particular role eluded her. Perhaps that was because she never avidly sought it. But it finally came to her in late 2007 when she was elected the first woman president of the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

I'm proud to know this amazing lady—one more example of the kind of women philately is becoming known for! ☒



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