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In the Sept-Oct. 2019 AFDCS Journal there was a slogan reading “Do Your Bit – Vote & Volunteer.” As a retired high school U.S. history teacher, I believe in that concept. I now have over a hundred lessons for sale on a teachers' website, all based on images found on first day covers. For ten years I stepped out making presentations to school districts, setting up a vendor table at state and national social studies conventions where I sold my lessons, and giving away first day covers. Hundreds of teachers now know about first day covers and how they can be used in the classroom. As to my personal collection, I started with the 1936 Susan B. Anthony stamp/FDCs. In 2015, I stepped out and set up my first exhibit at TEXPEX. Conversations with judges, fellow exhibitors and at a Women Exhibitors convention, have been very helpful in providing ways to improve my exhibit. Last year I stepped out and began submitting a written column “Agitators on Stamps” for the WE quarterly newsletter. That connection led me to write an article on the 19th Amendment which appeared in the October American Philatelist. Now I’m stepping out again to run for a position on the AFDCS Board of Directors. A fellow exhibitor told me that “you get out of an organization as much as you put in.” What I would bring to the BOD is my willingness to volunteer, learn and work to continue to spread the news about first day covers and AFDCS to teachers and other organizations.