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ANA Recognizes Six Staff Members with a Combined 140 Years of Service to the Association



The American Numismatic Association held a luncheon Monday at the Money Museum to recognize six staff members, each observing more than 15 years of service and celebrating a combined 140 years of service to the association.

Pictured from left to right are Barbara Gregory, 26 years; Joyce Wohlfert, 15 years; Sandy Hill, 17 years; Kimberly Kiick, 25 years; Marilyn Reback, 22 years; and, Brenda Bishop, 27 years.

In 1980, Meeting Services Director and Certified Meeting Planner Brenda Bishop began work at the ANA as a receptionist and accounting assistant and has held a number of related positions, including personnel and business manager, before accepting the challenge of managing the Association's meetings and conventions in 1998.

"My years with ANA are worth their weight in \$20 gold pieces," said Bishop. "My goal for the future is to make our conventions as strong as they can be – with the help of our staff and scores of committed volunteers."

Numismatist Editor Barbara Gregory joined the Association in 1981 as a part-time editorial assistant, new to the hobby of coin collecting. Since then, she has become an advanced numismatist and credits a previous *Numismatist* Editor, Neil Harris, with instilling the importance of quality and attention to detail.

"I have enjoyed spending over half my life with the ANA – and can't imagine being anywhere else," Gregory said.

Gregory worked for 22 of her 25 years alongside Marilyn Reback, who began work at the ANA as a temporary employee in 1985. Reback cites her degree in math with preparing her for the exacting detail and concentration that is necessary as senior editor of publications.

Manager of Membership Operations Kimberly Kiick, along with membership representatives Sandy Hill and Joyce Wohlfert, have a total of 57 years of service to the ANA membership. Always looking for new, creative ways to enhance membership benefits and strengthen customer service, Kiick, Hill and Wohlfert are an important part of the backbone of the organization. Kiick began her tenure as a teenager in 1982. Her first job was answering the phones, a position she credits with helping her understand the membership's many needs.

"It's unbelievable that I have worked at the ANA for over a quarter of a century," said Kiick. "The ANA has been a huge part of my life and has allowed me to develop great friendships and a wonderful career."

Executive Director Christopher Cipoletti congratulated Bishop, Gregory, Kiick, Reback, Hill and Wohlfert as well as the entire ANA staff saying: "I'm proud to work with this dedicated group of professionals as we move forward with the mission and vision of the Association."

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 32,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

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