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National Coordinator's Message

by Michael S. 'Stan' Turrini

Greetings! Just this past week, during a meeting of the Solano Silver Round Club, some discussion arose about 'coin couples,' husbands and wives or just friends who are active in our 'world of money.' The legendary John and Nancy Wilson came to the forefront, along with the now deceased Denis and Lillian Hooker, who coordinated the Northern California Numismatic Association Cathedral Hill Hotel shows in San Francisco decades ago. There was Peter and Margaret Sweeten in British Columbia and the Lockwoods of the Central States Numismatic Society.

There are many others, but my point is to remind our Club and District Representatives that one untapped asset in promoting our program could be 'couples.' I would be interested in learning about 'coin couples' and what excites them to be committed our hobby. *Let Me Know.*

The Rep Program and the ANA Membership Committee have been merged per directive of ANA President Clifford Mishler, who has entrusted me with the combined leadership as National Coordinator and chair. I have been learning how to merge these once separate functions. While each retains its own uniqueness, the fact is that District and Club Reps are at the **grass-roots of our hobby and the first line of attack in recruiting and retaining ANA Members.** We see them at any local coin club at a public library, at any coin show held at an Elks Lodge, or at any regional or state gathering. For thousands of current and potential ANA Members, we represent our Association. What a great responsibility to have!

Lastly, something to inspire, "*If You Can Laugh Together, You Can Work Together.*" *Spread The Joy!*

Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby!

Always Serve Others!

Enjoy Your Collecting!

And, Create Hope!

From the desk of Sandy Hill

Club Representative Coordinator

Is your club having a fall coin show? Don't forget that we can send information kits for use at your show. The standard show kit includes copies of *The Numismatist*, applications personalized for your club, information about next year's Summer Seminar, and much more. Every new ANA member the club signs up gives the club \$3 in Bonus Bucks that can be used toward dues, seminars or correspondence courses. Signing up a Life Member, when paid in full, gives the club 50-75 Bonus Bucks!

The request form is available on www.money.org – just click on the "ANA Clubs" link. Make sure I receive your request at least 30 days in advance of the show. While on our website, explore a little. You will find info on our conventions, how to borrow a library book, special programs for YNs and games that can be played online or printed and used at your meetings.

Don't forget to fill out the discount sheet you receive with your club's dues notice. List up to 15 club members who are also ANA members and receive a \$5 discount on your dues for each member. With 15 joint members, the club's dues are FREE! (Each club member can apply the discount to only one local club).

Oded Paz, Our New Assistant National Coordinator

Oded Paz, award-winning exhibitor and elongate enthusiast, was selected as the new Assistant National Coordinator, Western United States, replacing retiring Michael M. 'Steamer' Stanley. Oded brings energy and excitement to our program. Residing in southern California, he is involved with several groups, including The Elongated Collectors. Oded is also a member of the ANA Membership Recruitment Committee.

Since his appointment was just a few weeks before the report deadline of October 1, there will be a period of transition. Steamer has begun to assist Oded in his new responsibility. Western United States DRs are asked to forward their Third Quarter Reports to both Oded and Steamer, and they will coordinate.

Oded can be reached at **661-295-1642** or paz@sbcglobal.net. *Welcome Aboard, Oded!*

I thank Steamer for his contributions and devotion, and we wish him and his family the best and hope he shall return, soon, to our Program. *Thanks, Steamer!*

ANA Board Approves Balanced Operating Budget

The American Numismatic Association Board of Governors has approved a balanced operating budget for the 2010 fiscal year (November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010), signaling the continued financial turnaround in fiscal performance for the Association.

This marks the second consecutive balanced budget submitted to the Board and the third straight fiscal year in which the Association has achieved its projected operating costs, not including certain legal expenses. The previous budget was approved by the Board in March 2009 for the April 1 – March 31 fiscal year; the Board has since changed the fiscal year to begin November 1, to better reflect the Association's annual operational cycle.

The approved budget, announced during the Board's October 13 open session in Colorado Springs, proposes \$5,159,499 in revenues and expenses of \$5,128,453 with a net income of \$31,046. This figure includes a \$235,000 revenue transfer from investments that will be used to cover anticipated costs of legal services, expenses and settlements.

"The ANA's Board of Governors, executive team and staff have worked tirelessly to strengthen the Association's financial position in the past two years," said ANA Executive Director Larry Shepherd. "We have made remarkable progress while refocusing the ANA's mission on improving members' services and benefits, expanding educational opportunities and enhancing the quality and functionality of our annual conventions."

Shepherd noted that members are now offered two tiers of membership with new benefits for subscription discounts to print and digital numismatic publications. Beginning later this month, several new benefit options will be offered for major medical, dental, disability, longterm care, life, auto and homeowners insurance. Last year's Summer Seminar featured several new courses and instructors while giving students more scheduling choices. Conventions have been enhanced through the presentation of museum quality exhibits, additional educational programs along with some of the best courses in the hobby.

"I am happy to report that this Association is fiscally sound and being managed for the greatest benefit of our members and the hobby," said President Clifford

Mishler. "I've been involved with the budget committee since first being elected to the Board in 2007 and am truly pleased that we've made such rapid financial progress. Moving forward, we must always remember to be fiscally responsible, mindful of our responsibilities to our members, and focused on our mission."

The shortened 2009 budget (April 1 – October 31), projects revenues of \$3,197,411 and expenditures of \$2,806,853 resulting in projected net income of \$390,558. This figure does not include the legal fees budget of \$573,083. Revenues and expenses that would naturally occur from November 1 through March 31 were carried forward into the new fiscal year.

2010 National Coin Week, April 18-24

All member clubs are encouraged to participate in 2010 National Coin Week, April 18-24. The ANA will offer club activities and resources you can take to schools, libraries, malls, or other places you visit to promote the hobby. There will be a scavenger hunt, but it will be different than in previous years. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks online, and in the next issue of *MintMark*.

To register your club for e-mail updates about National Coin Week, send a message with your club's name and number to ncw@money.org.

Reserve a Traveling Exhibit for Your Club

Money Makes the World Go Round is one of 11 small traveling exhibits available to rent from the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum. The two-panel exhibit explores the changing face of currency across the globe, including coins, paper money, electronic exchange, and new forms of money.

To rent this or any other ANA traveling exhibit:

Call 719-482-9828

E-mail museum@money.org



News from Around the Country

California

Numismatic Association of Southern California

The Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC) was one of the host clubs at the ANA's World's Fair of Money, Los Angeles, CA, August 5-9, 2009. The Association marked this special event with a custom-designed elongated coin set. The coin was designed by prolific elongated coin designer Oded Paz.

A very limited quantity of this design was rolled, as follows: 500 cents were rolled on copper cents, only 50 cents were rolled on 2009 cents, showing the Rail Splitter design on the reverse. Only 50 cents were rolled on 2009 cents, showing Lincoln's Bust and the year 2009 on the reverse. A special edition of only 25 sets were made on four U.S. coins. The set includes a copper cent, nickel, dime and quarter. Another special edition of only 25 coins were rolled on Native American 2009 "Golden Dollars."

For more information, please contact Tony Micciche at tony_micciche@yahoo.com, or mail to Tony Micciche, 9936 Toyon Ave, Fontana, CA 92335-6546.



*Artwork for the
2009 NASC
ANA host club
elongated coin.*

The NASC's websites are www.nasc.net and www.calnumismatist.com.

Tour at Los Angeles Federal Reserve Bank

When Oded Paz took a look at the different tours that were offered during the ANA's L.A. Convention, and he saw that there was a tour to the L.A. Federal Reserve Bank, he really wanted to go. Nevertheless, his duties as the Page Chairman at the convention prevented him from doing so.

Talking to some friends that went on the tour, he heard how interesting it was, and he was bummed out.

While scouting the convention's bourse floor, he overheard a young lady talking to one of the dealers about this tour, and he introduced himself to her. It turned out that her name is Andrea Abrams, and she is the Education Coordinator for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Los Angeles Branch.

He told her how much he was bummed out to miss the tour, to which she replied – if you can gather some

people, you can take the tour. Oded took the challenge, e-mailing his many numismatic friends in Southern California, inviting them to go on this great tour.

After many emails and coordination, Oded and 14 of his numismatic friends took the tour on Thursday, September 24th at 1:00 pm.

During the tour, the group witnessed the Bank's cash operations and saw the coin and cash supply for Las Vegas, Southern California, and Arizona. They also got to try their hand at identifying counterfeit bills, see historic banknotes, and watched the bank sorting and shredding the nation's unfit currency (up to \$29 million per day).

They experienced the second largest cash vault in the United States, and witnessed millions in deposits being dropped off by armored couriers on behalf of Southern California and Las Vegas banks and credit unions, counted by the bank's vault workers and processed by high speed machines, shredded by highly sensitive lasers, and stored in their vault.

The L.A. Branch's interactive lobby exhibit, "Fed Gallery: Your Central Bank in Focus," is a permanent installation that uses interactive technology, vivid graphics, and thought-provoking displays to highlight the Fed's role in the United States economy.

Some of the unusual "crowd favorites" seen on the tour included a Vegas-style money wheel that asks visitors to identify counterfeit currency, a t-shirt dyed with shredded U.S. currency, an uncut sheet of \$20 notes, and a map of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District featuring magnified State Quarters.

Also very popular is the Branch's historic currency collection featuring notables including an 1899 \$5 note featuring Sioux Chief Running Antelope; \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 notes; and fractional currency (paper coins) used during the Civil War.

For more information you could email Andrea at Andrea.Abrams@sf.frb.org or visit the website <http://www.frbsf.org/federalreserve/visit/toursla/toursla.html>.



Tour group in front of the L.A. Federal Reserve Bank.

California Coin Chatter by Michael S. Turrini

I read sad news from the San Bernardino County Coin Club that one of the grand ladies of our southern California local coin clubs, and part of a 'coin couple,' **Marie Menegatti** passed away Sept. 24 at age 89. She was the founder of the Covina Coin Club in 1957 with her husband, Walter. **R.I.P.**

This September, Michael M. Stanley and I visited **O.L. Wallis** of San Rafael. Now caring for his wife, O.L. once was a mover and shaker in coin collecting circles. 'Wally' is a Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador and has served as President of the San Francisco Coin Club, Northern California Wooden Money Collectors, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), California Exonumist Society, and California State Numismatic Association. *Continued Good Health, Wally!*

Four northern California coin clubs have banded together and have a common website. The Fairfield Coin Club, NCNA, Solano Silver Round Club, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society now share expenses and effort in maintaining a site, www.solanocoinclub.org. *An idea For Other Groups?*

Vallejo is celebrating its 'Double Nickel,' 55th Anniversary, and Glendale Coin Club commemorates its Golden Jubilee (50th). Congratulations!

California is also home to specialty groups that are overlooked in general numismatic reporting but have members around the nation: the Solano Silver Round Club and the California Exonumist Society. Either may be contacted at PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590-0410.

Successful Search In Sacramento

On Oct. 3, the Sacramento Valley Coin Club held its fall show with a youth program, 'Lincoln Cent Workshop,' which allowed participating youngsters to search for and assemble Lincoln Cent albums, dated 1941 through the 1970s.

The cents were donated by members, and the Club's Youth Coordinator **Terry Midby** facilitated the Workshop with a PowerPoint review of Lincoln and the cent before allowing the youngsters to dig through the Lincolns. Some 25+ plus youngsters completed albums.

Terry shared some insights with *MintMark* readers. First, "keep the talking limited and let the kids enjoy the hobby." Second, "make your programs hands-on." Third, "listen to the younger members in your group and bounce ideas off them." He added that youth activities should be kept new and fresh.

During the recent World's Fair of Money, a panel of young advocates presented a program, and their common denominator was "let the kids be involved" and "let the kids have fun." Their recommendation is that effective youth programs are those best coordinated and facilitated by youngsters.

Information about the SVCC youth programs may be found at www.sacvalcc.org.

FloridaCentral Florida Coin Club

by Daniel R. Aidif, YN Director

This summer we had an essay contest for our youth. Each had to conduct research on a random coin and report their findings to club members. We announced our winners at our October club meeting. First prize went to Bradley Frizzell who was awarded a 1/10 oz. gold eagle; second prize went to Zach Lauer who was awarded a Peace Silver Dollar; and third prize went to Justin Wurst who won a Franklin half dollar. The three winning essays will be published in our newsletter, *Numis-Notes*. Congratulations to our winners! We will be seeing and hearing more about these YNs in the numismatic community for years to come.

Silver Sands Coin Club

The Silver Sands Coin Club Coin & Currency Show will be held at the American Legion Hall at the Bay County Fair Grounds in Panama City, Florida, the weekend of December 5-6. Admission is free, and there will be prize drawings on Sunday. Contact: Anthony Bedell, e-mail abedell3@comcast.net.

GeorgiaBlue Ridge Numismatic Association Celebrates Golden 50th Anniversary by Walt Ostromecki

Down home southern hospitality, a public meet and greet with President Abraham Lincoln and an ANA governor, a red-hot paper money and southern mint gold coin market, and more than 100 eager, outgoing and hobby-motivated youth and families added the spice that helped make the 50th anniversary birthday celebration and annual coin convention of the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) held in Dalton, GA Aug. 21-23, 2009 a rousing and grand success!

By late Sunday, registration figures had already topped the 2,600 mark according to the registration chair, Blenda Brush, with more than 105 signing in and eagerly waiting to get in just after the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday morning at 10:00 am. "To the best of my knowledge [this] has never occurred before during the past twelve years the BRNA has held the show at the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center

location.” BRNA president Gary Overton remarked, “The 160-plus dealers seem to be very upbeat, with most reporting brisk sales, particularly those offering paper money, bullion and U.S. southern mint struck gold coins raw and certified in all grades. If the country is indeed experiencing a serious recession, there was certainly no evidence of it at this year’s show. Wheeling, dealing and buying were the dealer catch words I heard on the floor during this our 50th anniversary birthday show! My hat’s off to our bourse coordinator, Bob Hurst!”

A crowd of approximately 100 gathered outside the BRNA bourse floor on Friday morning waiting to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony. President Abraham Lincoln (a.k.a. Dennis Boggs) acted as the official BRNA greeter; welcoming, mingling, shaking hands and politicking with all those gathered as the club officers cut and doled out blue-iced birthday cake. This was followed by the presentation of two official awards: an ANA 50th anniversary certificate of recognition, read by Governor Walt Ostromecki on behalf of President Cliff Mishler, and a Dalton City proclamation given by Mayor David Pennington.

Saturday morning activities kicked off at 9:00 am with a Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC) breakfast, made to order by that multitalented North Carolina Southern Belle, society hostess, and numismatist, Judith Murphy. The educational program featured a PowerPoint presentation on “North Carolina Colonial Money” by Bob Anderson via teleconference, a unique twist and first for the SPMC. This was followed by a number of other outstanding educational forums covering everything from “Civil War Studies” and “Bust Halves” to “Confederate Currency” and “Bank Notes of the Afterlife.”

In addition to the ANA/Youth Activities Table in the foyer staffed all three days by ANA Governor Ostromecki, the 1:00 pm Young Numismatists program, facilitated under the guidance of that energetic and talented Tennessee First Lady of youth activities, Gayle Pike, was the educational highlight of the show. She was assisted by Ostromecki and the ever-so-talented living historian, President Abraham Lincoln. In all 55 youngsters and an equal number of family members were numismatically enriched during the two hour hands on youth event.

Why a kid educational program? Well, Pike summed it up best this way: “Kids are the hobby’s future. From them will come the dealers and leaders of the future. If we invest time and energy now by introducing them to the fun of numismatics today, then the future growth of coin collecting is assured.”

The 2010 BRNA Convention will be held in Dalton, GA at the same venue from August 20-22, 2010. Information can be obtained on the BRNA website <http://www.brna.org>, from chairman Bob Hurst, e-mail forvm@cfl.rr.com, or by writing the BRNA Secretary, PO Box 56156, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

The BRNA also strikes a yearly 39mm southern theme medal and a smaller U.S. quarter size copper piece that are given out at each convention. The 2009 50th anniversary copper piece featured the obverse Indian motif design on the Saint-Gaudens U.S. \$10 gold coin. These medals and other past issues are available at a minimal cost. Please visit the association’s website or write the secretary at the above address.

The club has also prepared a “Condensed Fifty-year History of the BRNA” that is available on request.

Michigan

Michigan State Numismatic Society

The Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Convention & Coin Show will be held November 27-29, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, MI.

In addition to over 150 dealers, there will be educational exhibits and a Saturday YN program.

Admission is free. For more information, see www.michigancoinclub.org, or contact Joe LeBlanc, phone 734-453-0504, e-mail jhl@michsoft.com.

New Jersey

by Jim Majoros

I really enjoyed meeting DRs from around the country at the convention in L.A. There were over 25 at the Saturday morning breakfast and we thank Sandy Hill for putting it all together, and incoming President Cliff Mishler for attending and passing along his encouragement of the hobby. I only wish there was more time to get together with other DRs, however, with Saturday meetings, etc., it was too difficult. I recommended we schedule the DR meeting on other than a Saturday since most, if not all, DRs are there most all days of the convention.

A copy of an updated ANA membership application was e-mailed to all DRs, with the update being that membership of a junior member is now up to and including the age of 22. It was previously 17 and younger. The rate is only \$14 annually for a YN with online version of *The Numismatist*, and only \$26 for mail delivery. ANA YNs are also eligible to receive online “YourNewsletter,” wherein they answer a few numismatic questions, send them in and receive a few numismatic items. They can sign up for the free news-

letter by e-mailing: membership@money.org and ask to be placed on the list. (Please include your name and ANA number.) They are issued monthly and each one contains a quiz for the YNs.

Speaking of YNs, Chris Donato and Will Young (both 17) are new DRs this year and perform YN programs in the Westchester, NY area (just outside of NY City). Chris and Will were at the ANA convention in L.A. and did two presentations, “Why you should join the ANA” and “YN Programs in Clubs.” Both were outstanding and hopefully they will do them again at the next convention, but with more DRs and CRs attending. Chris and Will were mentored by well-known Farran Zerbe Award winner, Larry Gentile, who passed away early this year. They are continuing his legacy of teaching youngsters.

National Night Out was another recruiting project of the Ocean County Club in NJ. It is an annual event every August that draws approximately 1,000 adults and children to the beach in Brick, NJ. The club set up a table and handed out ANA and club material.

“Penny Search” was the one of the themes the Ocean County Coin Club used in their presentation at the Point Pleasant Library. After short talks by a few club members, the juniors in the group were taken to the rear of the room and given penny folders and rolls of coins. The YN Director briefed them on mintmarks and then they searched for 15 minutes and prizes were awarded for those with the most found. It’s a hands-on method of teaching coin collecting that the club plans to continue to use at all their local programs. This has been a steady program for Central States and other clubs, but was the first time for a New Jersey club. It doesn’t take much — only a few donated folders and some rolls of pennies.

Texas

Fort Worth Coin Club Celebrates 55th Anniversary

B. Max Mehl’s grandson, Dr. Louis Levy, along with 75 members and guests, celebrated the Fort Worth Coin Club’s 55th anniversary on Oct. 1. A legendary numismatist, Mehl came to the United States as a boy and grew to be known as “The Little Giant of the Coin World.” Mr. Mehl helped organize the Fort Worth Coin Club (FWCC) on October 7, 1954. The Mehl Building, constructed in the early 1920s, still stands today.

Texas Numismatic Association president Mike Grant and secretary Hal Cherry presented the FWCC with a special Certificate of Membership commemorating the club’s rank as TNA Charter Life Member No. 2 and thanked the membership for tremendous support of the TNA and numismatics through the years.



Photo:

Debbie Williams, FWCC president, cuts the cake for the club’s 55th anniversary celebration.

The FWCC meets monthly at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The club actively promotes the hobby through educational programs, scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar, other educational grants, and YN programs. The FWCC hosts special events throughout the year as well as two annual coin shows.

The FWCC is a host club for the 2010 ANA National Money Show. The club’s website is www.fortworthcoinclub.org.

Washington and Oregon

by Eric Holcomb

Your editor was rushing to get this *MintMark* done before travelling to Portland, OR to attend the annual fall convention co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) and the Willamette Coin Club (WCC), October 24-25. Although we regret that ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki became ill with the flu and was unable to run the popular YN program at the show this year, the show did go on, with the Reinders family filling in, not only to run the YN treasure hunt, but also placing eight cases of non-competitive exhibits. Father James Reinders and daughter Katie had attended “The Art of Money” course at ANA Summer Seminar, and displayed their plaster “coin” models!



Eric has also assumed the role of ANA Club Rep for the Bend Coin Club of Central Oregon (yes, that’s the club’s new official name), which will celebrate its first anniversary in November.

Specialty Clubs

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

Carson City Coin Collectors of America Club has Successful Show-and-Tell Session in August 2009

The Carson City Coin Collectors of America (C4OA) held its annual regional meeting Aug. 21 at the Nevada State Museum, the site of the old Carson City Mint. The meeting was held in conjunction with the annual coin show sponsored by the museum in Carson City.

Of the nearly 30 C4OA members in attendance, 15 provided show-and-tell type presentations of their "CC" coins and other historically significant items related to Comstock/Carson City lore. Among the items shared at the meeting was a circulated set of "CC" Morgan dollars housed in a Capital Plastics display in the shape of the state of Nevada, Comstock tokens and publicity buttons, Redfield silver dollars, an AU-55 1874-CC Seated dime, VAM Morgan dollars, toned coins, and a "semi-cancelled die" variety 1878-CC quarter.

C4OA President Rusty Goe displayed an 1870-CC silver dollar that was a gift from Carson City Mint Superintendent Henry F. Rice to Virginia City Postmaster C.C. Warner, and two 1870-CC silver dollar planchets inscribed as gifts to two prominent Carson City businessmen from Abe Curry.

Two special guests surprised those in attendance. Nevada native Bob Lindstrom spoke about and displayed his family's 1870-CC silver dollar with engraving that was a gift from Abe Curry to Carson City businessman Matt Rinckel.

The second special guest was Bob Crowell, mayor of Carson City, who gave a speech and lauded C4OA and its efforts.

Later that night, a large group of C4OA members met for dinner in a reserved banquet room at Carson City's historic Adele's restaurant.

For more information about the club, visit its web site at www.carsoncitycoinclub.com, call (775) 322-4455, or write CCCCOA, 5032 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502.

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

After an extraordinarily successful convention at the Southpoint Hotel, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas, NV, the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CC>CC) has announced that its next four annual conventions will also be held at Southpoint.

Convention dates for 2010 are June 23-26.

Further information is available on the web at www.ccgccc.com, or by e-mailing Sheldon Smith at sheldon655@hotmail.com.

Philippine Collector's Forum

The 7th Annual Philippine Collector's Forum (PCF) was held at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Los Angeles.

Ken Seymore opened this year's meeting stating: "our PCF club meets once a year at the ANA World's Fair of Money on Friday afternoon with the primary purpose of educating novice and experienced Philippine collectors alike. We are a self-supporting ANA club through member/attendee donations. We have a free raffle of Philippine coins; stamps, books, albums, and ephemera at the close of our meeting and most attendees always come away with two or three selections for their enjoyment."

Speakers at this year's forum included:

- Mr. John Riley, on the topic of "U.S./Philippines Sea Salvage: WWII Sunken Treasure or Damaged Goods?"
- Dr. Kenneth Berger, who presented a talk on the "One Peso Philippine National Bank Emergency Circulating Note of 1941"
- Mr. Ken Seymore, presenting on "Some Unlisted Varieties of U.S./P.I. Coinage"
- Mr. Neil Shafer, speaking on "1942 Fantasy Notes Set from the Canlubang Sugar Estate"
- Mr. Ray Navera, who shared his laptop slide show of his recent trip to the Philippines, showing some of the historic sites there.

These are all interesting topics, although this isn't the place to publish the detailed stories. For more information, contact Ray Czahor, Cookie Jar Collectibles, PO Box 597, Columbia, MD 21045, telephone: 301-604-9225, e-mail cookiejarpi@verizon.net.

Following the four-hour meeting, five PCF members met for dinner at the Pantry restaurant near the convention center.

The PCF will hold its 8th annual meeting next summer at the ANA World's Fair of Money anniversary convention in Boston, MA.

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Editor’s Message *by Eric Holcomb*

Thanks in large part to your submissions, it was the consensus of several people that the 3rd Quarter 2009 *MintMark* was very informative and well-received. This time the number of submissions was down a bit, but what we do have in this edition might still give your club some excellent ideas!

In an effort to publish the *MintMark* early in each quarter, the next deadline is early in 2010 (January 10th), so why not sit down and write something about your club’s activities over the holidays? Keep it short and to the point ... I would prefer stories from a large variety of ANA clubs rather than longer reports from only a handful of clubs.

Happy Holidays!