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**Thank You,
Michael Turrini and Anthony Tumonis**

Michael S. "Stan" Turrini has stepped down as National Coordinator for the Club Representative Program. ANA President Clifford Mishler is pleased that Michael has agreed to remain an active part of the program as a District Representative, and will continue to serve on the ANA membership committee. He was appointed National Coordinator in 2007, and has also served on the ANA Board of Governors. The ANA thanks Michael Turrini for his hard work as National Coordinator and for continued service to the Association.

Anthony Tumonis has accepted President Mishler's appointment as the Club Representative Program's new National Coordinator and ANA Membership Committee Chair. The Tucson resident is an ANA Life Member, distinguished exhibitor, has enjoyed a long-standing involvement in the Representative Program, and has offered his time and expertise to a number of ANA efforts. His first column will appear in the second quarter issue of *MintMark*. Thank you, Tony!

From the desk of Sandy Hill
Club Representative Coordinator

Attention member clubs: did you know that it is possible for your club to NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN? It's true! The dues for clubs is \$75 per year, but you probably don't need to pay that much. Along with your dues notice, you will find a form that will help. List each of your members who are also ANA members and we subtract \$5 from the club dues for each! Those who belong to two or more clubs can only apply their discount to one club, so compare notes with neighboring clubs.

Clubs can also save by signing up new ANA members at their meetings or shows. For each new member (or former member who has been away from the ANA for more than a year) the club receives \$3 for each year the member pays for. Just list your club's name and number as sponsor. The ANA can even supply preprinted applica-

tions with the club already shown as sponsor. Even more points are earned if someone becomes a Life Member.

Is your club's info up to date on the ANA web site? Fill out the info form and send it in ... it earns another \$5 in points. It won't take long to "earn" enough bonus bucks to pay for a year of membership for your club. These bucks can also be used toward seminars and correspondence courses. Spread the word!

**2010 National Coin Week – Beautiful
Places: Landmarks & Mintmarks**

National Coin Week is April 18-24. The theme for this year's event is "Beautiful Places: Landmarks and Mintmarks," and a "road trip" treasure hunt will be held taking participants on a cross-country adventure. The ANA will provide a clue on www.money.org and via e-mail for each of the items needed to complete the hunt. The first clue will be posted on February 15, with new clues posted each Monday until April 19. Participants will be entered in a prize drawing.

A fun activity testing numismatic knowledge will be available for clubs at their April meetings. Club resources will be available on www.money.org, including a sample press release and proclamation, interactive flier and lesson plans. To get involved in the celebration and receive a package with the club activity and promotional materials, call 719-482-9814 or e-mail ncw@money.org.



*Photo:
Grand Canyon*

Club Rep Meeting at National Money Show, March 26

There will be a meeting for all District Representatives and those interested in becoming one on Friday, March 26th from 1-3pm at the ANA's National Money Show in Fort Worth. All Reps are invited to attend and share their ideas and suggestions. Bring your lunch, beverages will be provided. We realize that other activities are going on at the same time, so come when you can and stay as long as your schedule allows.

Come to Summer Seminar This Year!

Help spread the word about the best education in numismatics! The dates for 2010 Summer Seminar are June 26-July 2 (Session I) and July 3-9 (Session II). A course listing is now available on www.money.org; the full 2010 catalog will be available at the end of January. Two overnight activities – a whitewater rafting trip and a hike to the top of Pikes Peak – have been added this year. It's a perfect summer vacation!

Walt's Corner by Walt Ostromecki, Governor Liaison to the Club Rep Program

It was the consensus of those attending the FUN gathering that one of the primary weaknesses of the program concerns communications. Efforts are underway that will hopefully defuse this most frustrating issue. Volunteers at all levels of the program, but particularly at the local CR level, often find it difficult to obtain the information and answers they require quickly.

We wish to welcome the following new DRs to the program as of January 10, 2010:

- VA — Blenda & Wendell Brush
- NC — Ray Flanigan
- IN — Matt Dinger
- PA — Roger Watrods
- FL — Mark Palermo
- SC — James Barry

We also welcome the following new CRs:

- NJ — Jason O'Grady
- FL (Brandon CC) — Bart Bartanowicz

Mr. Palermo noted as a CR that he never knew about the *MintMark*. For others in the same situation, back issues are archived on the ANA website.

The Rep program has scheduled several more informal idea-sharing gatherings for volunteers: ANA National Money Show™, Fort Worth, TX [Friday afternoon 1-3pm]; the April Central States show in Milwaukee, WI; perhaps the April PNNA in Tukwila, WA and the June Long Beach Expo [on Saturday afternoon].

These are great for building up the “personal interactive community aspect” of the program’s volunteers that President Mishler has set as a goal.

The program is in the process of being realigned into eight more manageable District Regions throughout the United States, each with a designated District Chair (the Assistant NC title will be dropped). Oversight and outreach will be for six or seven states per region ...

- I) New England: ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT
- II) Mid-Atlantic: NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, WV, VA
- III) Southeast: NC, SC, TN, MS, AL, GA, FL
- IV) Midwest: OH, MI, IN, IL, KY, WI
- V) North Central: MN, SD, ND, NE, MO, IA
- VI) South Central: KS, AR, OK, LA, TX, NM
- VII) Northwest: OR, WA, ID, MT, WY, AK
- VIII) West: CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, HI plus the U.S. Territories

Specialty Clubs

This section usually appears after “News from around the country,” but was moved due to space limitations.

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

Sheldon Smith recently wrote an article entitled “The Lively World of Collecting Casino Memorabilia,” in which he traced the CC>CC from its beginnings to today.

Sheldon notes that “Chip and token collectors have been around as long as casinos have, but it wasn't until the 1980s that collectors began talking with each other on a regular basis and dealers began to concentrate on casino material.”

“The first issue of what would eventually become *Casino Chip & Token News* (the quarterly magazine of the CC>CC) appeared in January 1988, and was entitled *Atlantic City Chip & Token Newsletter*. The five page newsletter was the creation of Archie Black, who began publishing his newsletter quarterly including news and history of the relatively new (10 years old) Atlantic City casino industry.”

“The response to the survey Black included in his first issue was overwhelmingly in favor of establishing a formal club, and the CC>CC was a reality.”

The hobby has grown enormously since then, and the club's 18th annual convention will take place in Las Vegas, June 23-26, 2010.

For more club information, see www.cc>cc.com. For a copy of the full article, contact Sheldon Smith by e-mail at sheldon655@hotmail.com.

News from Around the Country

Alabama

by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Rep.

The Madison County Coin Club held its election for 2010 officers during its end of year potluck and bourse night. The following MCCC members were elected by the membership: President— Bob Jaques, Vice President — John Lindberg, Secretary — Richard Jozefiak, Treasurer — Mike Campbell, Board Member — Mark Larson.

The Madison County Coin Club was founded in 2001. MCCC is the largest coin club in north Alabama. Its award winning newsletter and club information can be found at <http://mccc.anaclubs.org/>.



Photo (left to right): John Lindberg, Mike Campbell, Bob Jaques, and Richard Jozefiak. Not pictured: Mark Larson. Photo by Harold Fears.

In October, I had an ANA membership table at the Rocket City Coin Show in Huntsville, AL. Seven new ANA members were signed up at this local coin show.



Photo: Richard Jozefiak (ANA District Rep) at ANA membership table.

Arizona *from club newsletter by Jane Stubbs*

The Tucson Coin Club had a great time at Pinnacle Peak for its 2009 Holiday Party. 61 people attended.

The club's food drive brought in almost \$100 and one large box of food for the Tucson Food Bank. When we added in the club donation of cash, the club made out a check for \$194.00. Everyone who donated received one ticket for a cash donation and one ticket for a food donation. Two winners were picked from this group. One received a Silver Eagle and one a Silver Round.

There were goodie bags for everyone as well. Each bag had regular and sugarless candies, a prize worth \$5.00, a holiday tin with the latest P & D Lincoln cents — and an IOU for the last cent. Some had other little additions as well.

There were drawings throughout the night for \$5.00 prizes. Larry Hamm set an alarm clock to go off at random times. When it rang, he and Mark Stubbs would choose three or four tickets for a bonus prize.

Games were there as well. The first was a "guess how many are in this container" and you win it. I have never had anyone come as close to the correct amount as this year's winner did. Warren McKees wrote 156 on his paper. There were 157 candies in the jar. Blew me away!

The next game was a Lincoln contest. I found some interesting facts about Lincoln and put 10 — plus a bonus — on a sheet. There were four folks who got eight plus the bonus correct. By luck of the draw, Will Roads won a mint set of Lincoln cents.

The third game was a hidden meaning contest where critters in a box actually stand for a phrase. Again there were four who had eight correct. By luck of the draw, Stefanie Woodruff won a mint set of Lincoln cents.

And, of course, no party would be complete without Larry Hamm's "Left-Right" game!! Every time we think Larry can't possibly outdo himself — he does. This year was no exception. Just ask anyone who was there about Hortensia and Tootles. I think some folks come to the party just for the Left-Right story!!

We had a delicious meal, tasty chocolate or white cake, and we did not run out of ice cream — Yay!!

We also had major members-only prize drawings. First prize was a 1/10-oz. Platinum bullion coin. Second prize was a 1/10-oz. gold Eagle bullion coin. Third prize was an MS64 Morgan Silver Dollar. Fourth prize was autographed copies — Volumes 1 and 2 of Rick Snow's series on Flying Eagle and Indian Cents. The fifth prize was the third and literally hot-off-the-press fourth volumes of Rick's series — also autographed!

California

Diablo Numismatic Society 50th anniversary

This year marks the 50th year for the Diablo Numismatic Society of Concord, California. The coin club was founded on March 4, 1960. Members are planning a number of events to mark this important milestone. They include the launch of new youth and scout division, the issuance of commemorative medals, and a black tie optional banquet.

Because young coin collectors represent the future of the hobby the Diablo Numismatic Society will begin hosting monthly meetings for those under age 18. The meetings, designed specifically to educate and support young numismatists, will be held just prior to the club's regular membership meetings at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Concord on the third Thursday of every month.

A three-medal 50th anniversary commemorative set (silver, copper, golden bronze) has recently been issued. The cost is \$35 plus shipping and insurance. Quantities are limited.

On Saturday, March 20, the Diablo coin club will host a black tie optional banquet at the Concord Hilton. A number of dignitaries will attend and the club organizers also promise a few special surprises.

On October 9 and 10 the club will host its annual coin show at the Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord. Additional anniversary celebrations are planned during the show.

Information about the Diablo Numismatic Society and its 50th anniversary events can be found on the web at diablocoinclub.org. For more information contact Bill Green at (925) 351-7605, or write to PO Box 177, Concord, CA 94522-0177.

California Association of Token Collectors

Oded Paz is trying to expand the membership of the California Association of Token Collectors (CATC). He would hate to see it go the path of so many other clubs and disappear from the face of the earth.

The CATC publishes a nice bimonthly newsletter called *Token Topics*.

For more information, write to: Oded Paz / CATC, PO Box 0534, Castaic, CA 91310-0534, or e-mail paz@sbcglobal.net.

{Editor's note: Oded had cervical spine surgery in December. We wish him well in his lengthy recovery process.}

Colorado

by Andrew and Graham Ray

My son Andrew is president of the Westerly Creek Coin Club of Denver, CO. He started the club last winter at his elementary school and last spring we paid the dues to join as an ANA club. Here is the report he sent to the school newsletter.

The Westerly Creek Coin Club had a wonderful year, including many guest speakers. At the first meeting we planned our year. Everyone wanted to learn about gold and silver. They got lucky. Neal Hatgi from the Denver Coin Club volunteered to talk about gold and silver coins. He brought tons of gold, silver and platinum coins. He also talked about grading coins and he graded the kids' coins. At the end of the meeting he gave us Mexican and Canadian coins. The Canadian coins were really old. On Veterans Day, many members went to The Money Museum in Colorado Springs. Everyone enjoyed the civil war exhibit. It also had a vault with very rare coins. The kids learned a lot. In the third meeting we had a guest speaker named Linda Gilmore. She talked about ancient coins and coins from Israel. She gave us each a coin from Israel. To make things even better, Harper's mom gave us coins from England and Abby and Ella Gage's dad gave us coins from Japan. This year with the coin club has been very successful.

Connecticut

by Richard Bacca

Richard's 4th Quarter 2009 report indicates that he visited the Litchfield County Coin Club, the Bristol Club (a former ANA member) and the West Springfield, MA Coin Club.

Richard contacted Club Rep Ray Harrigan of the Litchfield County Coin Club, regarding their upcoming year. There are no co-sponsors of a show in Naugatuck, CT which has proven quite valuable for finding new club members and promoting the hobby. Rick Murawski and Ray Harrigan have been newly elected President and Vice President for the club.

Richard also reports that he is now a regular attendee at the Naugatuck, Hartford and New Haven shows. He also attended the Christmas parties at both the Litchfield County and Bristol Coin Clubs.

Good news from Bristol, CT. This club has pulled itself out of financial difficulty, and also increased its membership and has now asked to be reinstated as an ANA member club. Richard will be working this out with headquarters to see whether they can get their old number back and get set up again with ANA membership.

Florida

Palm Beach by Tony Swicer

The Palm Beach Coin Club's annual Christmas Party saw 98 members attend a potluck dinner, awards night, and white elephant sale. The dinner had 16 feet of food! 15 club members received awards for volunteering during 2009, and the white elephant sale brought in \$325 to the club. Paid club membership was at a record 289 members in 2009!

Central Florida Coin Club by Daniel R. Aidif

The CFCC had a well-attended picnic in November. It was a bit windy, but all had a great time and good food, prepared by member Keith Gandy.

In December the CFCC held a potluck holiday party. Each club member in attendance received a gift of all four presidential dollars issued during 2009 in a plastic presentation case. We had close to 100 members in attendance.

In November the club's YNs participated in an auction. We had about 10 YNs at the meeting, and we had about 20 auction lots. Each YN was given \$20 in play money to use for bidding. We wanted them to learn budgeting in order to get the lots that they most wanted in the auction. We all had fun and nobody left the meeting empty-handed.

In January, the YN group had "show and tell" for purchases/finds from the Florida United Numismatists Show. Two of our YNs are applying for ANA Summer Seminar scholarships!

The CFCC supplies about 20 or so volunteers to man the public registration at FUN. This is always a good time to meet people, and invite them to our club meetings if they are local.

Members B.J. Neff, Larry Stein and YN Andrew Stein all won awards for exhibiting at FUN. In addition, B.J. Neff, our club Vice President, won the FUN Literary Award for an article that he prepared for the *FUN Topics* last year. Congratulations to all!

Indiana

Welcome to Matt Dinger, new Indiana District Rep, who was nominated by California DR Oded Paz for the position. Matt was planning to attend the FUN Convention in Orlando and attend the DR meeting being conducted by ANA Governor Walter Ostromecki. Matt has also notified all ANA clubs in Indiana of his appointment.

Kentucky

The Louisville Coin Club hosted its 49th Annual Coin Show October 22-24, 2009. Club members recognized that the economy was slow so they doubled their efforts to publicize the event through increased advertising in local publications, on the internet and through flyers mailed and handed out to local businesses. Their efforts paid off generating crowds that were shoulder to shoulder at times. The biggest movers were bullion related gold and silver coins, but there was also interest in medium priced US and ancient coins. Dealers appreciated the new, bright location at the Hilton Garden Inn and were already reserving space for the 50th anniversary show in 2010. The Louisville Coin Club signed up several new members at the show. Club information is available from Rollo Fox at 502-599-0598.

Maryland

District Representative Simcha Kuritzky was elected treasurer of the Maryland State Numismatic Association in addition to his appointed position as editor of their quarterly journal, *The Maryland Numismatist*. A CPA by profession, Simcha is loading the last several years of accounting data into a database of his own design and implementing accrual accounting.

The Montgomery County Coin Club (MCCC) of Maryland celebrated its 50th anniversary with special exhibits and talks by past presidents at its September 2009 meeting. A gilded medal and history booklet is available for purchase. MCCC also held its annual donated auction and raised \$650 for the Silver Spring Boys' and Girls' Club.

Massachusetts

The Boston Numismatic Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary and will be issuing a medal to commemorate this event. We are also the host club for this year's World's Fair of Money®. Our committee and club members have been working together with the ANA to bring you the best show possible and a memorable time for you and your families. Boston is a city rich in history and tradition and we would like you to experience the flavor and charm of the area. We will be providing information on historic sites, tours, museums, dining and a variety of other activities.

We are also seeking exhibits. Our theme is "The Birthplace of American Money," and we are especially interested in exhibits that will represent each of the six New England states, competitive or not.

For more information, please contact Boston convention Exhibits Chairman William Harkins by e-mail at williamharkins@comcast.net.

Michigan

Michigan State Numismatic Society

The MSNS will be holding its spring convention and coin show April 23-25 at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. There will be educational exhibits, a free YN program on Saturday and a pre-show ANA seminar on counterfeit detection on April 22. New members who sign up at the convention get a free numismatic book.

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

Missouri

Ozarks' Coin Club, Springfield, Missouri

Ozarks' Coin Club held its fall coin and stamp show, October 23-24, 2009, in Springfield, MO. They sold out their tables and had dealers on a waiting list for an opening. The crowd was steady both days, and many dealers had record sales. The ANA, Central States Numismatic Society and Missouri Numismatic Society were all represented. The youth had a treasure hunt and training sessions where they could learn and earn "show bucks" they could use to purchase items from dealers. The hourly drawings always kept the crowd's attention. This show sponsored a Hobo Nickel Engraver that won everyone's heart. He had samples available and even carved some there, to everyone's enjoyment. This show has become one of the best in southwest Missouri.

Ozarks' Coin Club meets the first Tuesday of the Month at the Discovery Center, 438 E. St. Louis St., Springfield, MO at 6:30 p.m.



Photo: ANA, Central States, Mo Numismatic Society and a hobo nickel!

New Jersey by Jim Majoros

Garden State Numismatic Association (GSNA) president Dave Bailey visited the Trenton Numismatic

Club and gave a presentation on Condor Tokens, one of his specialties. The GSNA is also getting ready for their 35th Anniversary Convention in May.

The President of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA), Dan Gosling, visited the members of the Ocean County Coin Club in October. President Gosling was in the New York City area and was interested in interviewing a former RCNA member, Steve Dishnick, who lived in Brick, NJ, about a book he wrote on Canadian dollars. He contacted Jim Majoros of the Ocean County Coin Club and made arrangements to do the interview in the afternoon and attend the club meeting in the evening in Point Pleasant Beach, giving a presentation at the YN program and also at the regular meeting. Gosling was presented with a certificate and an educational trophy.



Photo: Jim Majoros (left), Judi and Dan Gosling (center), club president Dennis Berube (right).

Two members of the Ocean County Coin Club attended a meeting of the Atlantic County Numismatic Society to assist them in putting together a YN program in their club.

A sad item to report is that NJ numismatist Steve Middleton passed away at the age of 57. He was fighting cancer the past five years, but still attended ANA and GSNA conventions with his wife, Carol and exhibited at every one, winning numerous awards. Steve, a retired chemistry teacher, was tremendously active in all phases of numismatics with his specialty of "Ferris wheel" material.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania District Rep Kerry Wetterstom spoke on behalf of the Ancient Coin Collectors Guild at the State Department offices in Washington, D.C. as part of the Cultural Property Adversary Committee's interim review of its Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Italy, which could potentially be revised to impose import restrictions on coins. Kerry is the publisher of the monthly magazine, *The Celator*.

South Carolina

Mike LeMay of the Myrtle Beach Coin Club presents a check to Kathy Edens, Executive Director of Horry County Meals on Wheels, at the club's November 17 meeting. The coin club raised and donated \$1,044 through two raffles at the October Myrtle Beach Coin Show and the sale of candy and steel cents. All items were donated by the club or club members. The club gave Meals on Wheels \$1,005 in May 2009 at the first Myrtle Beach Coin Show.

Texas

The Brownwood Coin Show will be held February 20, 2010 at Heartland Mall in Early, TX. For more information, contact Christina Cooper at 325-217-4822.

Washington and Oregon

by Eric Holcomb

Eric will attend the Fort Worth National Money Show™, and will also edit the convention special edition of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's quarterly newsletter, *The Nor'wester*. This annual special edition, which began in 2004, is a 16-page expanded edition printed on a web offset press. See past examples on the PNNA website, www.pnna.org. The PNNA convention is scheduled for April 16-18, 2010, and may feature an ANA rep program meeting.

Wisconsin



The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS), ANA Life Club #15, just completed their 75th Anniversary year. MNS President Pat Bethe, on behalf of the society, received a club recognition plaque from the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS), commemorating the anniversary event as a CSNS member club. Presenting the plaque was MNS Past President and current CSNS Governor, Bruce Benoit. A medal was also produced for the anniversary event with a simulated diamond embedded into each one along with a commemorative holder/box. Each member received one at the annual banquet last fall. Mr. Cliff Mishler, ANA President, was the guest speaker at the banquet and presented the society with a recognition award from the ANA.

A new annual program for all members entitled "Fantasy Numismatics" ended for the year. One of our young numismatists (YNs) won the top award and bragging rights for the rest of the year for having the best portfolio! Peter Caddell, age 14, profited close to \$5,000 from his original fantasy \$25,000 investment. He made the majority of his profit from one gold coin — over \$4,500! The society has just allotted more program funds to better promote this program. Our bylaws were also waived again this year to allow YN Andrew Keene to continue as the society's secretary, as he did a fantastic job last year.

The MNS will be hosting its 30th annual Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge clinic May 2, 2010 in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society's 71st annual convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The MNS annually has between 50 and 100 scouts attend this community service project. Paper Money Guaranty (PMG) of Florida donated the "slabbing" of 100 U.S. \$1 Federal Reserve Notes to commemorate the event. The notes will be used as door prizes to each of the participating scouts. Thank you, PMG!

Membership has remained strong and is growing steadily, including a few new YNs due to a very successful annual coin show, and an informational website. Either one is not enough alone, but between these two forms of membership promotion, the society will continue to grow.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Were you ever in an airport, mall or other public place, and saw a person in military uniform? Did you feel the urge to say "Thank you for your service" but did not know how? Well, a prolific elongated coin collector, designer and roller has the perfect solution — say it with an elongated coin! Oded Paz is sure the uniformed person would treasure the gesture and keep the coin as a keepsake for years to come!

Oded just finished rolling his latest elongated coin design on shiny BU copper cents. This design says it all — THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! It shows a service woman and service man saluting the U.S. flag. The border of the coin is made up from the 5 branches of the U.S. Military: ARMY * NAVY * AIR FORCE * MARINES * COAST GUARD.

Oded offers special reduced prices for quantities, to encourage giving out the coins to service members. For information or to order, contact Oded by e-mail at paz@sbcglobal.net, or mail to: Oded Paz, PO Box 0534, Castaic, CA 91310-0534.

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Editor’s Message *by Eric Holcomb*

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and I was pleased to see so many articles submitted for this edition of *MintMark*. I counted 19 different states represented!

Current plans are to continue publishing *MintMark* early in each quarter — the next deadline is about two weeks after the Fort Worth National Money Show. So why not sit down and write something about your club’s activities? Please keep it short and to the point, and include a photo if desired.

Be sure to read Walt Ostromecki’s piece on page 2 about important changes to the club rep program. I’m sure there will be some interesting discussion in Fort Worth — I’ll see some of you there!