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**ANA Representative  
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**Manley Donates Clain-Stefanelli Items to ANA Library**

An array of items from the recent auction of the collections of former Smithsonian Institution National Numismatic Collection Curators Vladimir and Elvira Clain-Stefanelli have been acquired by California real estate developer and long-time coin collector, Dwight N. Manley, and donated to the ANA.

One collection provides insights into the 1950 controversy regarding the Franklin Hoard of U.S. Assay Office gold coins and ingots allegedly found in Arizona. The donation included related reports by nationally recognized numismatists John J. Ford Jr., Walter Breen, Don Taxay and Eric P. Newman. It also includes correspondence between Ford, Breen, Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli and Mint Director Eva Adams.

Manley also donated a working draft of Elvira Clain-Stefanelli's *Beauty and Lore of Coins* and her original typewritten manuscript of *Numismatics: An Ancient Science*.

These items were purchased by Manley at the Kolbe & Fanning Numismatic Booksellers auction on Jan. 12.

Once the items have been cataloged, they will be available for study in the ANA's Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Call for NCW News and Photos**

National Coin Week was April 21-27. The ANA would like to capture the highlights of the week; send any news or photos pertaining to National Coin Week events to [ncw@money.org](mailto:ncw@money.org). News and photos received will possibly be added to the official ANA website and/or the ANA's social media outlets.

**YN Literacy Awards**

The ANA presents annual awards to encourage young writers and ensure a corps of future numismatic authors and researchers. Whitman Publishing, LLC, of Atlanta has joined forces with the ANA to offer significant prizes, including cash rewards and vouchers for clas-

sic numismatic books. Writers can submit articles in three categories, which are based on age.

Participants must be YN members of the ANA. Deadline for receipt of submissions for the 2013 Young Numismatist Literary Awards is May 27. Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges, including numismatic authors Bill Fivaz, Q. David Bowers and Ken Bressett. Awards will be presented at the ANA's 2013 Summer Seminar, June 22-July 5.

Learn more about the contest at [Money.org](http://Money.org), and send entries to the Publications Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or via e-mail to [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org).

**National Coordinator Message**

*by Oded Paz, ANA Club and District Representatives Program National Coordinator.*

Summer is just around the corner, and I can't be more excited and anxious to see some sunny days and pleasant outdoor weather.

The winter season is both good and bad to numismatists — good, because we have to spend more time indoors, where we could sort out our collections, see what we have, what we're missing and what we plan on getting in the coming year. Bad, because there are not as many coin shows during the winter.

As the elections for the ANA's Board of Governors is getting close, I hope that many of you opted to cast your ballots online. This will save the ANA quite a lot of money that could be used for better causes, such as increased educational activities.

This year, there is no opposition for the positions of President and Vice President, but there are 14 worthy candidates who are running for one of only seven seats available on the board.

Have you made any plans on attending the World's Fair of Money in Chicago (Rosemont), August 13-17? This is the greatest annual numismatic convention in the country, and if you've never attended one, you should! There are great finds from a plethora of dealers, as well as excellent educational seminars, classes, presentations and exhibits. These are five days of numismatic enjoyment!

## Veteran ANA employee Kim Kiick named Executive Director



Kim Kiick, a long-time senior manager and Director of Operations at the American Numismatic Association, has been named the Association's new executive director, replacing Jeff Shevlin, whose contract was not renewed by the ANA Board of Governors.

Kiick, who began her ANA career in 1982, supervised day-to-day operations as interim executive director from August 2011 through

June 2012. She previously served as executive assistant to Executive Director Edward C. Rochette, Associate Executive Director of Operations, Membership and IT Operations Manager and Senior Administrative Manager.

"Kim has been an exemplary employee of the ANA for more than 30 years, and has been very effective in a leadership capacity for the past several years," said ANA President Tom Hallenbeck. "I strongly believe that the leader the ANA has searched for during the past few years has been on staff all along. Kim is well respected by ANA staff, the Board of Governors and by virtually every member of the Association who has met her."

"She brings a valued perspective that only a seasoned employee can have, and has repeatedly demonstrated her leadership skills over the past several years," said Hallenbeck. "Her experience includes working closely with eight different Boards over the past 15 years. She knows the organization inside and out and understands the Association's educational mission."

Kiick will assume her new responsibilities immediately. "My goal is to work with the Board of Governors and our membership to build excitement for our hobby and ensure the growth and health of our Association," she said. "In 31 years, I've seen the best and worst of times and I hope the next few years will allow us to celebrate our collective successes. We need to embrace our member and dealer communities to assist us in preserving and growing the hobby and our Association."

Hallenbeck emphasized that Kiick's selection provides for a smooth transition with no disruption of ANA services and programs to collectors and dealers. "The New Orleans National Money Show, Summer Seminar, work on the new website, major projects in the ANA Library and Museum plus all the other excellent services and programs provided to members and nonmembers for the betterment of the hobby are moving forward as planned," he said.

Hallenbeck also said the ANA is retaining Unlimited Potential, a Colorado Springs-based management consulting firm, to work with the Executive Director, Board of Governors and staff to increase the effectiveness of each and to improve communications and leadership skills.

Unlimited Potential President Beth Papiano outlined several deliverables including strategic planning. More details are available on the ANA website under Communications / Press Releases.

## Share your news at The Exchange

The Exchange is where ANA members go to share and exchange ideas, research and information. It's a great forum for sharing news from your club, including photos. Read it now at [www.Money.org/Blog](http://www.Money.org/Blog).

Send an email to The Exchange editor Jake Sherlock at [jsherlock@money.org](mailto:jsherlock@money.org) with your club news and photos, or if you'd like to blog for The Exchange. Club news can appear in both *MintMark* and The Exchange.

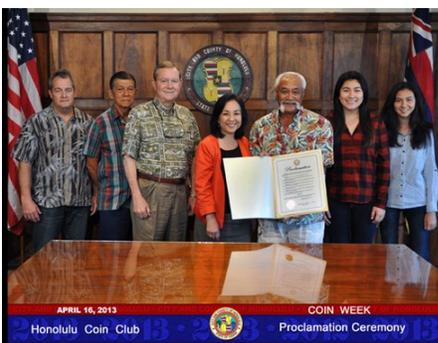
### Sample blog items for National Coin Week:

Ross Family Coins, an ANA member club from Sugar Land, Texas, celebrated National Coin Week (NCW) with a number of events, including a library display and wooden nickels, and concluding with a presentation May 2 at the First Colony Library on the celebration of 100 years of the Buffalo Nickel in the United States. For more information, call 281-980-0971 or email: [coinmanross@windstream.net](mailto:coinmanross@windstream.net).



*Photo: Ralph Ross and Buffalo Nickels display.*

The Honolulu Coin Club of Honolulu, Hawaii prepared for NCW by securing two different official proclamations, one with the city's Deputy Managing Director, and one with the city council.



*Photo: Deputy Managing Director for the city of Honolulu, Georgette Deemer, presents the official NCW proclamation to members of the Honolulu Coin Club.*

*Photo by Bob Rock, City and County of Honolulu.*

## News from Around the Country

### Alabama

#### Madison County Coin Club

by Richard Jozefiak, ANA District Representative for Alabama, email [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com)

At the March 25 meeting of the Madison County Coin Club, Richard Jozefiak presented Michael Campbell a Medal of Appreciation for his dedicated support over the past 10 years as Treasurer of MCCC. Campbell has collected the membership dues, kept membership records, tracked spending and paid the expenses of the club. His many contributions and years of service to the club have helped with the success of the MCCC.



Photo: **Michael Campbell** (left) and **Richard Jozefiak** (right). Photo by Harold Fears.

### California

#### Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS)

PCNS accepts entries each spring for its Annual Papers Contest. Submissions must be previously unpublished original writing on a numismatic topic. Participation is open to all. You do not need to be a PCNS member to participate.

For a complete list of contest rules, write to Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, PO Box 194271, San Francisco, CA 94119-4271, email Dan Hipple at [dan@hippleclan.com](mailto:dan@hippleclan.com), or go to [www.pcns.org/WritingRules.html](http://www.pcns.org/WritingRules.html). The deadline for submissions of papers for the 2013 contest was the April 30 PCNS regular meeting. Awards will be presented at the annual PCNS June banquet.

### Florida

#### Brandon Coin Club

The club's first 2013 coin and currency show was held March 30, and the remaining shows are set for June 22, Aug. 17 and Oct. 19. The show location is the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr.,

Brandon, Fla. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Show features include door prizes, excellent food available onsite, free coin grab bags for all children under 12, free appraisals and the ICG grading service at the show.

Contact Mark Palermo, Bourse Chairman, 813-361-0740, email [brandoncoinclub@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:brandoncoinclub@tampabay.rr.com), or write to Brandon Coin Club, PO Box 1987, Seffner, FL 33583-1987.

The club also meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Elks Lodge.

#### Thank you Ocala Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers, Ocala, Florida

We would like to thank Ocala Coin Club president C.L. Wyatt, show chair Rich Selvar and the officers and members of the club for giving the American Numismatic Association a free table at the club's recently completed coin show held at the On Top of the World - Circle Square Cultural Center in Ocala, Fla.

Registration for the three-day show, held Feb. 1-3, was 1,100. Many of the dealers we talked to had excellent sales and were pleased with the site. Security for the event was outstanding, as was the food service vendor.

We were able to sign up eight members for the ANA and pass out information on the hobby. Club member Ted Babula donated \$25 to the ANA, which paid for the shipment of the ANA show kit. We look forward to next year's Ocala Coin Club show, which is tentatively set for early February 2014.



Photo: Past ANA President **Gary Lewis** at the recent Ocala Coin Show, signing up **R2D2** of Star Wars fame as a member of the ANA.

Tallahassee Numismatic Club*by Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah*

In February, the club decided to change its name from “Tallahassee Coin Club” to “Tallahassee Numismatic Club.” Also, the club moved its monthly meetings to the fourth Tuesday effective in March to facilitate attendance by members of the Panama City Coin Club and other surrounding clubs.

The club’s annual coin show is scheduled for Friday-Saturday April 26-27 at The Marzuk Shrine Temple, 1805 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla.

For more information about the club, go to: <http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/>, or look up TallahasseeCoinClub on Facebook.



*Photo: TNS club members at the club’s meeting on March 26.*

West Hernando Coin Club

The club’s next Coin and Currency Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at a new venue — the Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582, 14494 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Fla., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Show features include door prizes, ICG grading, food available and Rollie the Hobo Nickel Man in attendance. For more information, call Bruce at (352) 584-3163.

**Maryland***All Maryland reports by Simcha Kuritzky*Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA)

Every year, MSNA sponsors an exhibit competition at the Spring Whitman Expo in downtown Baltimore. This year we had record participation with seven exhibitors and nine exhibits, including exhibitors from Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Simcha Kuritzky won Best of Show and a 1/10 oz. platinum Eagle for his exhibit on “redemption of the firstborn son tokens.” Sandra Emme won second place and a 1/10 oz. gold Eagle for her exhibit on “ballooning in 1790s France,” and William Anderson won third

place and a 1/20 oz. gold Australian coin for his “history of the U.S. two cent piece.” All the other exhibitors were given a one-ounce silver Eagle or medal.



*Photo: Simcha Kuritzky (right) receives his MSNA exhibit award from Bryce Doxzon (left).*

MSNA will sponsor a talk by Karen Lee at the June Whitman Expo in Baltimore.

Montgomery County Coin Club (MCCC)

In January, MCCC showed a video describing Hard Times era scrip and private banknotes of Baltimore. In February, Aaron Cohen talked about the difficulties collecting coins in the Soviet Union. In March, Mike Markowitz of the Ancient Numismatic Society gave an introduction to collecting ancient coins.

Washington Numismatic Society (WNS)

In February, Paul Belschner discussed military tokens from Vietnam that were used in club gaming machines and also Military Payment Certificates. In March, WNS showed a video describing Baltimore fiscal paper.

**Mississippi**South Mississippi Numismatic Association.

Collectors founded a new club for world and U.S. coin collectors in South Mississippi in September 2012, the South Mississippi Numismatic Association. After just six monthly meetings the club has passed the 25 paid-members mark and continues to grow as collectors return to the area. Meetings include member presentations on grading, key dates, U.S. coin series, bullion, etc. Additionally, the club will be co-hosting a new coin show in Biloxi on June 29-30.

For information contact Norman Carnovale, club president, email [ncarnova@yahoo.com](mailto:ncarnova@yahoo.com), phone (228) 435-8880. Norman would like to thank the club organizers for bringing collector excitement back to the Gulf coast after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina.

## Nebraska

### Nebraska Numismatic Association

The 58th Annual Convention of the Nebraska Numismatic Association, co-hosted by the Fremont Coin Club as the club's annual Fremont Coin Show, was held May 4-5 at the Fremont City Auditorium, 9th & Hwy. 77, Fremont, Neb.

On Saturday at 3 p.m., there was a special YN auction in the community room of the City Auditorium. Youth were encouraged to participate. Auction highlights included a 2012 U.S. Silver Eagle and a one-pound copper bar.

For more information, contact Bob Missel, 517 N. Main St., Fremont NE 68025, phone 402-727-1531.

## Nevada

### Downtown Coin Club (Carson City)

Downtown Coin Club will host its fourth-annual coin show May 18-19. The show is held at the famous Carson City Nugget Casino in the Grand Ballroom.

The show features 22 dealers, coin supplies, children's education and free coins of the world as well as wheat cents. The money raised goes to the Nevada State Museum and the Carson Senior Center.

For information call Downtown Coin at 775-883-4653 or go to [www.downtowncoinclub.com/joomla](http://www.downtowncoinclub.com/joomla).

### Las Vegas Numismatic Society

by ANA V.P. Walt Ostromecki

The ANA recognized the Las Vegas Numismatic Society (LVNS) during its March 1-3 50th Anniversary Coin Convention with a special certificate of achievement to commemorate the historic milestone. On hand to present the honor on behalf of President Tom Hallenbeck were Vice President Walt Ostromecki and Executive Director Jeff Shevlin.

The LVNS 50th annual show also included three educational seminars: a silver dollar forum hosted by John Highfill, C. Logan McKechnie and Jeff Oxman; a Panda seminar by Peter Anthony; and "More ANA Education Bang for Your Buck," presented by Jeff Shevlin.

Ostromecki handled the youth education activities and treasure hunt program, while former ANA Vice President Patti Finner took care of the BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge and kid's corner inside the show. ANACS had a submission table all three days.

Another highlight was the club's annual Nevada Universities scholarship benefit drawing with the first prize being a U.S. \$1,000 note. Yes, you heard it correctly, a \$1,000 bill! Other prizes included U.S. plati-

num, gold and silver bullion pieces. More than 7,500 tickets were sold, which should provide a tidy sum to the LVNS university scholarship fund.

Bourse traffic all three days was brisk. Arizona dealer Jeff Wuller of Arrowhead Coins commented: "Business was booming. The public was buying at a frenzied pace. I barely had time to sit down and catch my breath." There was often a waiting line at the ANACS onsite submission table. Dawn, owner of CK Shows, remarked, "all 118 bourse tables were sold out weeks before the show. Overall, dealers seemed to be very upbeat and pleased with the large buying public attendance."

The LVNS show, produced by CK Shows, [www.ckshows.com](http://www.ckshows.com), is the largest coin and currency show in Nevada. The next show is scheduled for April 4-6, 2014. For more information about the LVNS, please contact Joe Cavallaro, [archangel3@cox.net](mailto:archangel3@cox.net).



Photo (left to right): ANA Executive Director **Jeff Shevlin**, ANA Vice President **Walt Ostromecki**, LVNS President **Joe Cavallaro**, LVNS Scholarship Trust Chair **Fred Kuch**.

## New Jersey

### Ocean County Coin Club

by Jim Majoros

After a break of four months without meetings, New Jersey's Ocean County Coin Club met for the first time since Hurricane Sandy partially destroyed the Point Pleasant Beach firehouse on Oct. 28, 2012. The club's new meeting location is located about seven miles away at the Brick Township Civic Center. The club met there in March and is scheduled to continue meetings at that location for at least several more months. Attendance at the March meeting was 42 adults and seven YNs. A number of club activities were postponed, including December holiday activities and the club's National Coin Week show. The club continually published its monthly newsletter to keep members abreast of activities that were cancelled or delayed.

The club also lost items stored in its locker at the firehouse due to flooding from the storm surge from the ocean six blocks away. Some club members' homes were also affected.

## Pennsylvania

### Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

The spring PAN Coin Show and Convention was held May 9-11 at the Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, Pa. For more information go to [www.pancoin.org](http://www.pancoin.org). (New website ... see page 8.)

## South Carolina

### Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)

by Jim Barry

Arno Safran, the club's newsletter editor, presented a program in January on the "U.S. Coins of 1800." February's program was given by David Amey on the "Anatomy of a Banknote."

The March meeting consisted of elections for the new board for the club's fiscal year of April 2013 to March 2014. There was no program, however, eight members presented various show-and-tells.



*Photo: The eight club members presenting show-and-tell items at the March meeting.*

The club's 2013-2014 board is: Steve Kuhl, President; Pat James, Vice President; Jim Mullaney, Secretary; Chuck Goergen, Treasurer; and Jim Sproull, Sgt. at Arms.

New member Garry Naples gave an interesting program on "1880 Carson City Dollars" at the April meeting.

The club will hold its next one-day show on Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the H. Odell Weeks Activity Center, 1700 Whiskey Road, Aiken, SC. The bourse chair is Steve Kuhl, email [sjcsracoin-club@gmail.com](mailto:sjcsracoin-club@gmail.com), or go to the club's website at [www.sjcsracc.org](http://www.sjcsracc.org). Money has been donated from the 2012 show profits to the Aiken Community Library to be used toward numismatic books.

## Washington and Oregon

### Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The PNNA's 64th annual convention was held April 12-14 in Tukwila, Wash., south of Seattle. A report and photos are available on the PNNA website at [www.pnna.org](http://www.pnna.org).

Your editor was very pleased to receive an ANA Presidential Award, presented by ANA Vice President Walt Ostromecki on behalf of ANA President Tom Hallenbeck. Thank you, Tom, for this prestigious award.

Several PNNA awards were also presented at the convention, including the PNNA's own presidential award to Michael Labosier, who served as general chairman of the spring convention for four years, from 2010 to 2013.



*Photo: Mintmark editor Eric Holcomb (left) receives an ANA Presidential Award from ANA Vice President Walt Ostromecki (right).*

## Wisconsin

### Thank you South Shore Coin Club

by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers, Ocala, Florida

The South Shore Coin Club held its 49th Annual Show April 11-13 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, located on Howell Ave. in Milwaukee, Wis., across from the airport. The show had 63 dealer tables and a three-day attendance of 1,200. On Thursday and Saturday the show was very busy and just about every dealer table had customers. The show also had some very nice competitive exhibits. Thanks to show Chairmen Joe Bartoszewicz and Walter Weiss, along with all the members of the SSCC, for the free American Numismatic Association table. We were able to sign up or renew 21 members for the Association. All the SSCC volunteers worked very hard during the convention and deserve a huge thank you.

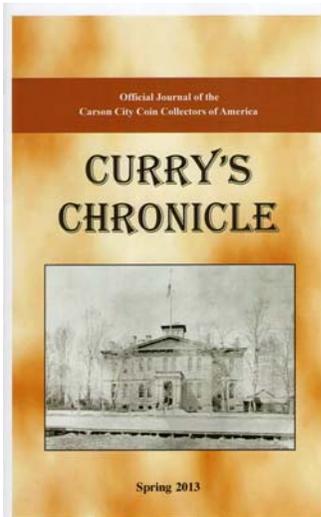
In conjunction with this show the Milwaukee Numismatic Society held its 33rd annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge clinic, with 55 scouts registered. We also want to thank Alan Zimmer from Gurnee, Ill., for the \$25 donation, which paid for the shipment of the ANA coin show kit. Thanks also to dealer Coleman Foster for the \$250 donation to become a patron for the 2013 ANA show in Chicago.

We look forward to attending next year's 50th annual show at this same location on April 3-5, 2014.

## Specialty Clubs

### Carson City Coin Collectors of America

Carson City Coin enthusiasts share stories about a complete set of "CC" Half Eagles and other passions in the latest *Curry's Chronicle*.



In the spring 2013 issue of *Curry's Chronicle*, the award-winning journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, members share about their favorite coins, their human-interest stories about their collecting pursuits, and their love of biographical and historical information that supplements their study of "CC" coins.

In an article titled, "What the Carson City Coin Collectors of America Means to Me," member Mark Archambault tells how the C4OA has helped transition him from an accumulator to a true collector.

First-time article contributor Bill "CCR" Dunn shares his tale of finding an unexpected stash of Carson City-minted coins in an antique shop along California's coastline.

Club president Rusty Goe exhorts readers to take a "deep participation" approach in their collecting experiences. He says that "The Carson City Mint and its coins offer more opportunities to 'spend refreshing hours' ... than any other subcategory of numismatics ..." He refers readers to some less-traveled paths that lead to biographies and historical resources that increase their appreciation for the life and times in which the Carson City Mint operated.

Life member Michael Parrott shares how he acquired his prized 19-piece set of Carson City half eagles, in his article, "The Drummer Collection of Carson City Gold Half Eagles – Reborn," and how he recently gave the set a complete makeover, with new PCGS holders, and his pedigree displayed on each label.

The club's veteran contributor Weimar White, whom Rusty Goe calls "Old Reliable," provides an informative article about 1873-CC Trade dollars in Mint State condition.

In Mark Archambault's second article, "Memories of a Complete 'CC' Dime Set," he relates the elated feeling he had while viewing Gerry Fortin's near-complete set of certified Carson City-minted dimes.

Also in this issue, member Tom DeFina presents his C4OA Word Treasure Hunt and accompanying article, which features "names and terms that relate to the historic Battle Born sale of Carson City coins ... and to the history behind the unique 1873-CC Without Arrows dime."

Announcements and details about the club's two August meetings, one scheduled in Rosemont, Ill. (at the ANA convention), and one in Carson City, Nev., are also featured.

The Carson City Coin Collectors of America is a non-profit club incorporated in the state of Nevada. It is open to any member in good standing seeking to share and receive information about the Carson City Mint and the coins produced there. Dues are \$30 a year, which includes a three-issue subscription to *Curry's Chronicle*.

Following is the club's mission statement:

To increase knowledge on the subject of the Carson City Mint and the many fascinating coins produced there, and to promote camaraderie among fellow "CC" coin enthusiasts.

Rusty Goe founded the Carson City Coin Collectors of America in May 2005.

For additional information, contact Carson City Coin Collectors of America c/o Marie Goe, PO Box 18040, Reno, NV 89511, telephone (775) 322-4455, email [info@cccoca.com](mailto:info@cccoca.com) or go to the club's website at [www.carsoncitycoinclub.com](http://www.carsoncitycoinclub.com).

### Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club

As a reminder, the annual convention of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. will be held June 19-22 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. Go to the club's website at [www.ccgcc.com](http://www.ccgcc.com) for complete information.

**Mission statement:** *The ANA Representative Program “is to work directly with collectors and clubs to promote and expand the numismatic experience through the services and programs offered by the Association.”*

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**Editor’s Message** by Eric Holcomb

Thanks again for the submissions received; we once again have a full issue of *MintMark*. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news as well. Your editor even received an award ... see page 6.

The next (3rd Quarter 2013) edition of *MintMark* is not far off, so start planning and writing now. Make it a short summary of how your club is participating in the ANA Club Rep Program, and try to include one photo of reasonable size with a descriptive file name and photo caption.

If you have a coin show or event to list in the ANA’s printed calendar, please send an email at least two months in advance to [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org), or go to <http://www.money.org/numismatic-events/submit-a-calendar-item-to-the-numismatist.aspx>.

## Important Reminders from the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN)

**CLUB MEETINGS, avoiding a calamity:** Many of us belong to local coin clubs and part of the meeting is devoted to a talk or presentation of numismatic items that are displayed or passed around. On some very rare occasions something ends up missing or misplaced and often is not noticed until hours or days later.

We had such an occurrence recently at a local dinner meeting. PAN president Tom Uram suggested a designated person or the last club member to leave the room should take a walk through and check under tables, chairs, table napkins, display table etc., to notice if anything is left behind. It is very easy to forget to put away something you brought in to speak about and as the meeting is breaking up, for a brief moment of distraction, someone hands you something or has a last minute club matter to discuss and you momentarily set down the coins you were about to pack up only to have a quick look at something unrelated.

Tom has suggested that each club should have, in the spirit of baseball, a clean-up hitter. This person would be prepared to be able to say exactly the condition of the room before he or she left. We have consistently done this when we break down the PAN shows and check the empty bourse floor a couple of times to make sure no one has left something behind.

**PAN WEBSITE, a web of intrigue:** This is a story that many numismatic clubs and organizations may want to learn from through our own misfortune. PAN has had a web presence for the past 12 years. Our domain name has always been the same, [pancoins.org](http://pancoins.org), until March 27 when the bottom fell out. We started getting emails informing us that our site was a blank white page. The hope was that our webmaster was making some updates and soon we would be back up and running. This was not to be.

After contacting our host server we were informed that our domain name had expired after a ten-year run. None of us recall being notified of the expiration nor ever thought it was in danger. After some searching, phone calls and research on name ownership, we found that our domain name was in the hands of an anonymous domain name reseller. We unfortunately learned that we could not transfer it back to us without the original authorization code and no one could recall it. Our site was down for many days and the next solution was to acquire a new domain name, [www.pancoin.org](http://www.pancoin.org).

There are many numismatic organizations that are operating websites at no cost because of the generosity of a shared host server. Please ask your webmasters or member volunteers to check your domain expiration date and the details of domain name ownership. Don’t let your organizations’ operation be disrupted.