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National Coordinator Message

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

Another quarter has passed and here we are again.

I just returned from the National Money Show in Dallas, Texas. We held a last-minute Club and District Representatives meeting, but due to the very late notice and not having it printed in the agenda, we only had a handful of people attend.

To make the meeting more useful, Sandy Pearl, Cary Hardy and I discussed some of the issues that the newly formed committee is working on. Good recommendations were made and specific tasks delegated to all of us. The committee will hold a conference call soon, to iron out additional issues.

Stay tuned for some changes coming soon, both on the website and to the program's structure and directives.

With the holiday season coming upon us, I wish you a very Happy Halloween, great Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you ANA — Philadelphia 2012

by John & Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers.

The American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money Convention held in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, on Aug. 7-11, 2012, was highly successful in activity, public attendance and the size of the bourse. We have to go back to the ANA conventions in Philadelphia 2000 and Chicago 1991 to find comparable attendance. From the opening ceremonies to the close of the show on Saturday, dealers appeared to be kept busy with customers.

Everything in regard to the show appeared to be outstanding and MS-70. The convention had a large and busy bourse, a mega Stack's Bowers auction, excellent exhibits (including the Museum Showcase) and educational programs, sponsors and patrons, top notch PPI security, exceptional tours and banquets, YN and Boy Scout activities, coin club tables and meetings, World Mints, eBay, souvenirs including an elongated rolling machine (TEC Booth), a great Official Program, terrific media

coverage and PR work, the Numismatic Press including *Numismatic News*, *Coin World* and *COINage*, and all the grading services. Thank you to the 43rd Treasurer of the U.S., Rosa "Rosie" Gumataotao Rios, for attending the convention and signing autographs. We consider her the best Treasurer of the U.S. since Mary Ellen Withrow. She is a true friend of all coin collectors. Thanks to all the aforementioned for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks also to General Chairman Kerry Wetterstrom, his committee and the host Red Rose Coin Club volunteers and members (wearing red ANA shirts). Kudos to ANA Executive Director Jeff Shevlin, Convention Director Rhonda Scurek and the entire ANA staff, President Tom Hallenbeck and the Board along with the National Volunteers. Thanks again to everyone for their many contributions who helped to make this a highly successful convention. We hope to see you at one of the ANA coin conventions next year.

New Money.org Features

For club representatives with news to share with other ANA-member clubs, there's a new medium with which to publish news: The Exchange at Money.org. You can find it www.money.org/blog.

The Exchange is a blog by and for ANA members who have something to share in the field of numismatics. Have some interesting research you'd like to share? Did your recent club event go really well and you want to share the idea with other clubs? Got an opinion you'd like to express about the latest offerings from the World Mints? These are just a few examples of the topics members like you can share with The Exchange.

ANA members will be able to leave comments on the blog by simply logging into the Members-Only section. You'll also be able to easily share stories to your networks on Twitter, Facebook and Google Plus.

If you're interested in blogging for The Exchange, please email ANA Communications Coordinator Jake Sherlock at jsherlock@money.org.

Another improvement is that Money.org once again features a search bar. Look for it in the top-right corner of the website. Now you can find anything you want on Money.org easily and quickly with a simple search.

Letter to the Editor

by Richard Jozefiak

The annual American Numismatic Association Club and District Representative meeting was held in Philadelphia at the 121st World's Fair of Money on Saturday morning, Aug. 11, 2012. I attended this meeting and was surprised to see a standing-room-only crowd with more than 30 people attending. The meeting was led by ANA Club and District Representatives Coordinator Oded Paz and ANA Membership Director Cary Hardy. This meeting was very different from some past meetings I attended where there only was a dozen or so people, and no ANA senior staff member or governor.

The annual Club and District Representative meeting has been the main gathering of these ANA volunteers across the country each year, with awards being presented, the latest ANA information for volunteers given, and for volunteers to share their concerns and ask questions about the program. The volunteers frequently support the ANA in the field by being the first contact with new ANA members, coin clubs, and the general public. ANA volunteers can be found at many coin shows across the country on weekends throughout the year.

The ANA Club and District Representative program has gone through many changes and challenges over the years. As I moved from an ANA club representative, a District Delegate, a Regional Coordinator to currently a District Representative, I have seen the program go from being active and vibrant, to almost eliminated for lack of support. I was pleased to learn at the Aug. 11 meeting that the current ANA Board of Governors and ANA Senior Staff not only support the Club and District Representative program, but want to expand it. They see a lot of value in the program and the people who are the volunteers in the program.

To show support for the ANA volunteers, a number of ANA Officers and staff attended the meeting, including: ANA President Tom Hallenbeck, ANA Vice President Walter Ostomecki, Jr., and new ANA Executive Director Jeff Shevlin. This show of support for the ANA volunteers is greatly appreciated by those of us serving in the program.

With the renewed support of the ANA Board of Governors and new ANA Executive Director, the ANA Club and District Representative program can again become an important part of the ANA organization and continue to contribute and be the first line of contact with members, coin clubs and the public across the country.

Richard Jozefiak is ANA Life Member 6087 and District Representative for Alabama since 2006. He serves on the ANA Strategic Planning Committee (2011-current) and has served on the ANA Educational Com-

mittee (2009-2010). He has served as an ANA Club Representative, District Delegate and Regional Coordinator beginning in 1994. He has been an ANA volunteer in Alabama, Florida and Virginia. In 2011 he was awarded the ANA Medal of Merit. In 2004 he was the Outstanding Regional Coordinator of the Year, and in 2009 and 2010 was the Outstanding District Representative of the year. He was a Summer Seminar class instructor in 2012.

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More News ... Oregon and Idaho



The PNNA and Willamette Coin Club's 8th annual convention was held Sept. 28-30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, Ore. The show featured a 90-dealer bourse, educational exhibits, a youth activities table and treasure hunt, a Boy and Girl Scout merit badge clinic, plenty of numismatic fellowship — and an ANA Presidential Award presentation.

Following the Association's business meeting, ANA V.P. Walt Ostromecki was introduced. On behalf of ANA President Tom Hallenbeck, Walt presented an ANA Presidential Award to a surprised and stunned Danny Bisgaard, current PNNA president. Walt noted in his comments: "Danny is truly a devoted hobby volunteer, someone who can't just say no. What I am referring to here is that when the PNNA was hosting the ANA NSM Show in 2009 in Portland, opening day was Danny's birthday. Where was he found? Out partying? No, working the convention registration booth. He also mentioned that Danny was the leader of a numismatic group called the Four Amigos. The group travels up and down the Interstate-5 highway on a monthly basis visiting and passing out hobby information at all the clubs from Salem, Ore. to Tacoma-Seattle, Wash."

*Photo above: **Danny Bisgaard** (left) accepts the ANA Presidential Award from ANA V.P. **Walt Ostromecki**.*



*Photo: **Oded Paz** (right) of Idaho receives the prestigious Numismatic Ambassador Award from **David Harper** of Numismatic News at the Philadelphia convention. Congratulations, Oded!*

News from Around the Country

Alaska

Fairbanks Coin Club

by Patricia Walker, club secretary

“Don’t take any wooden nickels” may be an old maxim but David Phillips, from Port Alberni, BC, Canada, has accepted hundreds and is looking for more. Mr. Phillips is one of just a few numismatists collecting wooden nickels made for use in the state of Alaska. He is the only one cataloging them.

On June 5, he gave a very interesting overview on Alaskan wooden nickels to the Fairbanks Coin Club. His collection boasts nickels made for and distributed by private businesses (some now long forgotten), churches, community organizations, restaurants, and bars. Peak usage of these nickels was during pipeline construction days, the late 1960s to the early 1980s. David estimates that there are more than 1,600 different Alaskan wooden nickels. His personal collection contains about 1,100. Tokens are classified as “good for” tokens (good for a cup of coffee, a discount etc.) and as “advertising” tokens (vote for, buy at, etc.).

David’s catalog contains pictures of each of his nickels, obverse and reverse, and descriptive text, organized by city/town. Pawn shops, antique shops, websites, and private individuals have all been sources for his collection. Towns on the limited Alaskan road system have more tokens in circulation than the remote Alaskan villages that are accessible only by air or water. Many of the business “good for” tokens, Dave noted, are never redeemed by the holders, thus giving business owners an extra source of income.

The talk was enjoyed by the members and guests present. A number of questions were asked as members expressed interest in this area of numismatics.

The Fairbanks Coin Club meets most months on the first Tuesday evening of the month. Guests are always welcome to the meetings. Contacts: President Terry Haynes, (907) 474-0471, thaynes@gci.net, or Secretary Pat Walker, (907) 488-1442, erwalker@alaska.net.

California

Sacramento Valley Coin Club

by Terry Midby, club president

The Sacramento Valley Coin Club (SVCC) hosted its 55th Anniversary Fall Coin Show, Oct. 5-6. There were 29 dealers present and, while Friday was a little slow, attendance definitely picked up on Saturday.

There were several exhibits displayed by SVCC club members and prizes were awarded in the adult and

youth categories for the first, second, and third place exhibitors. During the show, there were several activities for young numismatists. A youth table was set up and kids received bookmarks, pencils and other items from the U.S. mint and the ANA. They also participated in a treasure hunt, received a foreign coin that they researched in a world coin catalog, and participated in some contests that promoted participation in coin collecting.

The club sponsored a Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop and a total of 17 scouts and 5 other kids participated in the session. Terry Midby, President and Youth Activities Coordinator for the SVCC, conducted the workshop and signed off on the scout’s merit badge applications after they completed the workshop.

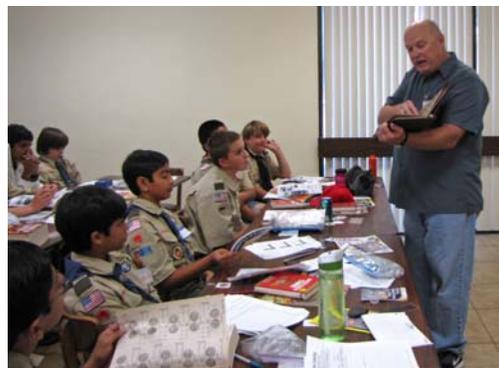


Photo: Terry Midby conducts the scout workshop at the Sacramento Valley Coin Club fall show.

Florida

Tallahassee Coin Club

by Hemanth KN. Vasanthaiah

The club sponsored a successful one-day show on July 28, the first coin show in Tallahassee since 1980, according to one longtime club member.

The about 75 show attendees included visitors from Tallahassee, Albany, Cairo, Panama City, Thomasville (GA), Boni Fay, Wakulla, Chipley, Ray City (GA), Camilla, St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

The club also picked up a few new members, some of whom attended the subsequent August club meeting. Most dealers were happy with the arrangements, cost and returns, and are ready to come back next year. The club is now considering a twice-yearly coin show, and the club is also joining the ANA and FUN.

See some Tallahassee coin show photos at:

<http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/p/gallery.html>.

South Brevard Coin Club*by Tony Swicer in "ANA Region 4 Newsletter"*

The club will celebrate its 30th anniversary in December. The club purchased 100 New Mexico state quarters and put a sticker on the back of each one with the club's website. Persons bringing one of the quarters to a club meeting will receive a one-year membership.

West Hernando Coin Club

The next WHCC Coin and Currency Show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Brooksville Elks Lodge No. 2582, 14494 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL. For more information, please contact Mark Palermo, PO Box 6768, Seffner, FL 33583, email msentllc@tampabay.rr.com, phone (813) 361-0740.

IllinoisLake County Coin Club

The club's spring show is scheduled for March 24, 2013, at the Warren Township High School in Gurnee, Ill. There will be a collector exhibit area at the show, with a club member available to answer numismatic questions. For information, email lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com, go to www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com, or mail to LCCC, PO Box 8519, Waukegan, IL 60079.

IndianaMarion Coin Club

The club's 5th annual fall coin show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Grant County 4H Fairgrounds, State Highway 18 East, Marion, Ind. Parking and admission are free, and there will be hourly raffles. For more information, contact show chairman Ray Lockwood, email sunrayof-marion@aol.com, or call (765) 664-6520.

The Marion Coin Club was founded in 1958 and is a member of the ANA.

MichiganMichigan State Numismatic Society

The Michigan State Numismatic Society (MSNS) announces the relocation of its 2012 Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 23-25) convention and coin show to the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Building P, Warren, Michigan. Easily accessed from all major highways (I-696, I-75, I-94 and M-59). Detailed maps are available at the MSNS website, www.michigancoinclub.org.

This new location will have all dealers in one spacious room. In addition, the exhibit area will also be located in the same room. Admission is free.

The MSNS Fall Convention has a reputation as one of the best retail coin shows in the country; this new location will generate a larger and better event. Please join us for what will be the largest and most successful MSNS show in our 50-year history.

Hotel rooms and dealer bourse tables are available; contact the MSNS for details.

New JerseyOcean County Coin Club*by Jim Majoros*

The OCCC kicked off a Hall of Fame program at its 42nd Anniversary Banquet in October, inducting the first four Hall of Fame members: Archie Black, Kari Brower, Bill Dewey and Jerry Zara. "All four have extensive and impressive resumes that deserved the honor," said President Dennis Berube. Forty-eight members witnessed the induction that also included the club's 15th Numismatist of the Year, YN of the Year and Literary Awards.

A club member came up with an idea to award one of the parents or grandparents that chauffeur one of the YNs to the meetings. The club has anywhere from six to 10 YNs at every meeting. A drawing was held and a mother went home with a \$25 gift certificate for the Shrimp Box Restaurant. It was a very nice surprise gift.

The club also set in motion another "Guess Game" for the price of gold and silver as of Dec. 14. Winners will receive one-ounce silver rounds.

New York*Reported by John Cali unless otherwise noted*Buffalo Numismatic Association

The association recently held its annual two-day show. It usually has a great attendance and is one of the larger groups in western New York.

Cayuga County Coin Club (Auburn)

The club is preparing for its show on Oct. 28. It has tried to spread word of the club's activities throughout the various clubs in the area.

Oswego County Numismatic Association

The association held its annual show on Sept. 23 with prizes every hour. The publicity certainly brought in some different faces, and the group is doing well.

Otsquago Coin Club (Ft. Plain)

This club has also been involved in the show scene. Their contact indicated all is well with them.

Rochester Numismatic Association by *John Lighthouse, RNA President*

Fall is upon us with the threat of winter and all that means to those of us living in the lake effect snow areas. However, with fall comes the 40th Rochester Numismatic Association coin show at the Eisenhart Auditorium on the Rochester Museum and Science Center campus. The dates are Nov. 3-4 and details can be found on the RNA website, <http://www.the-rna.com/>.

This show will see the striking of another medal for the important milestone of the association's 100th anniversary. The show will also have an educational component which is now in the planning phase. The importance of education in our hobby comes to light at each and every RNA meeting.

At the Oct. 4 meeting, we had the honor and privilege to have Barbara Gregory, Editor-In-Chief of *The Numismatist*, give a talk on her 31 years on the staff of that publication. She discussed the changes that she has seen over the years, the trials and tribulations and of course the successes as this magazine has had a direct impact on all who are members of the ANA. A good portion of her presentation detailed the very early years of the publication through the mentors she has had and the challenges she has faced.

The 40th RNA coin show and Barbara's visit to our club are two more activities in our 100th anniversary celebration that began with a January banquet.

Oklahoma

Robert Ranford reports that the Black Friday Coin Show will be held Nov. 23-24 at the Glenpool Conference Center, 12205 Yukon Ave., Glenpool, Oklahoma. For information contact Robert at (918) 521-1679.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

PAN is preparing for its annual coin show and convention, Oct. 25-27 in Monroeville, Penn. PAN is now on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PennsylvaniaAssociationOfNumismatists>, or you can request PAN eNews in PDF format by email from pan-coins@gmail.com, or go to PAN's website, <http://www.pancoins.org/>.

The convention is a full-featured event — there will be exhibits, educational programs, a "coins for kids" program and a banquet in addition to the bourse. Also, ANACS will be there.

South Carolina

Stephen James CSRA Coin Club (Aiken, SC)

On Aug. 11 at the ANA convention in Philadelphia, the Stephen James CSRA Coin Club was recognized as having won another third prize in the ANA's annual Outstanding Club Publications Contest. Members Jim and Helen Barry, Rick Owen, Glenn Sanders, and Vilma Safran were present to see newsletter editor Arno Safran accept the award on behalf of the club.



Photo: ANA V.P. Walt Ostromecki, Arno Safran, ANA President Tom Hallenbeck and ANA Executive Director Jeff Shevlin, as club newsletter editor Safran receives an ANA club publication award on behalf of the Stephen James CSRA Coin Club.

Six club members attended the convention, also visiting the U.S. Mint and the Liberty Bell, and renewing some old friendships.

Walt Kubilius presented a program on "The History of Latin American Bank Notes" at the August meeting. At the September club meeting Jim Barry presented a video program on the "Coins of the First Olympiad." Steve Damron was guest speaker at the October meeting, giving a presentation on "Coins of the Fifteen Caesars."

The club's 11th annual one-day coin show was held Saturday, Sept. 8.

Texas

Gateway Coin Club (San Antonio)

Gateway Coin Club, Inc. was established in Sept. 1962 at Lackland Air Force Base, known as "The Gateway to the Air Force," thus the club name. Although the club has not held meetings on the Base since 1974, it has continued to meet in the city of San Antonio where the base is located. A 50th anniversary banquet was held on Sept. 20 to celebrate this important milestone in the club's history, and a commemorative 50th anniversary medal was struck for the occasion that

were presented to the members in attendance. The medals were designed by GCC President Frank Galindo, who also serves as the medals officer for the Texas Numismatic Association.

There are a few extra medals available for sale to collectors for \$10 each. For information, contact Frank Galindo, email karfra1@netzero.net.



Wisconsin

Milwaukee Numismatic Society
by Leon Saryan, club president

The MNS took advantage of the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) program again in 2012 to donate a collection of numismatic books to the Franklin (WI) Public Library. Under this program, new and up-to-date numismatic reference works are donated to local public libraries, with the aim of enhancing public understanding and appreciation of coins and paper currency. This program, which is underwritten by CSNS, has been in effect for the past few years. The donation was made with the help of Bill Spencer of Racine, who procured the books on behalf of MNS. This is the third such donation undertaken by MNS to support libraries in the local Milwaukee metropolitan area; previously, the Wauwatosa and Greenfield libraries were recipients of similar donations.



Photo: Ms. Barbara Roark, Franklin Public Library Director, and Dr. Leon Saryan, MNS President, stand next to some of the numismatic reference books donated by the MNS on Aug. 7.

In all, 17 numismatic reference books with a retail value of \$798.60 were donated, including world coin and paper money catalogs, the “Red Book” and “Blue Book,” and the *Official ANA Coin Grading Standards*.

Wyoming

Cheyenne Coin Club
By Bill Arnold

The Cheyenne Coin Club had a coin show at the Holiday Inn in Cheyenne, Sept. 29-30.

Approximately 200 people attended the show. There was a banquet on Saturday night. Daniel Carr of Longmont, Colo., did a presentation about FDR’s 1933 gold recall, that was very informative and well received by the attendees.

There were 30 dealers and more than 60 tables. Brian Miller came all the way from Florida. Other dealers came from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska and Wyoming. There were hourly drawings for door prizes, and the grand prize was a 2012 proof Silver Eagle donated by Howard Hinsey of Parker, Colo.

Canadian News

Ottawa Numismatic Society
by Stephen P. Woodland, CD, P. Eng.

It was a busy and productive summer for the Ottawa Numismatic Society. In June, renown nickel dollars expert Roger Paulen gave a talk on how to grade coins with weak strikes. July featured an extra-special show-and-tell session, where members brought in key items from their collections and spoke about them. Junior member Nicholas Faucher presented on “Die Clashes in Canadian Decimal Coinage” in August. In September, club president Steve Woodland gave a talk titled “Natural Numismatics” with photos of actual animals, plants and geography set exactly as they are found on Canadian coins, bank notes, and tokens.

Many members of the club travelled to Calgary, Alberta in July to attend the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) annual convention. In addition to being part of a great convention, we took home several awards: the club took first place in the Local Club Newsletter competition, Club Vice President Serge Pelletier received the Jerome H. Remick III Literary Award, the RCNA President’s Award, and the Editor of the Best Local Club Newsletter Award, and Club President Steve Woodland won the Support Young Numismatists auction for a hand-made quilt with a numismatic theme. (For more photos go to <http://www.rcna.ca/2012/awards.php>).

In August, a few club members travelled to Philadelphia to attend the 2012 World’s Fair of Money, an-

other spectacular numismatic event. While there, club representative John Deyell accepted the club's second place award in the ANA's Outstanding Local Publication competition, following on from the club's first place award last year.

In September, club member Chris Faulkner launched his long-awaited book *The Holey Dollars and Dumps of Prince Edward Island*. Published by Spink & Son, Ltd. of London, this masterpiece of nearly 400 pages is quoted as being "the first book-length study to be devoted to Canada's most exotic and celebrated colonial-era coin." After 20 years of research and writing, Chris said simply "This book is not the end of research on the Holey Dollars and Dumps; it is the beginning."

Finally, in October, the club conducted its first-ever numismatic walking rally of Ottawa. Teams of 2-3 competitors were given a set of numismatic clues and challenging questions about the numismatic history of Canada's capital city and turned loose to find the answers. After a morning of walking and discovering in the sunshine and fresh air, the teams gathered at a local pub for lunch. All had a great time and demanded we do it again next year.

For more on the Ottawa Numismatic Society and to download our award-winning journal free, go to our website at www.ons-sno.ca.



Photo: **Serge Pelletier**, *monet* Editor-in-Chief (left) and ONS President **Steve Woodland** receive the RCNA's Best Local Club Newsletter and Newsletter Editor Awards from RCNA President **Bill Waychison**.

Norwegian News

Oddmund Fuglestad wrote two interesting articles, <http://www.robin.no/~iaustrat/bibliotek/faroeislands.htm>, about a personal trip to the Faroe Islands, looking behind the history of private issued coins, and http://www.robin.no/~iaustrat/turer/stuttgart_2012.htm, about the recent large coin show in Stuttgart, Germany, which Oddmund's club attended with 13 members including family.

The articles are written in Norwegian, however Google Translate does a fairly good job making them understandable to us English speakers.

Specialty Clubs (also see page 8)

Carson City Coin Collectors of America

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"Year of the Carson City Coin" Recalled by C4OA Club Members

In the fall-winter 2012 issue of *Curry's Chronicle*, the award-winning journal of the Carson City Coin Collectors of America, members recount events from a remarkable year for their numismatic niche. Club writers contributed articles that cover the before-, during-, and after-events of the historic sale of the Battle Born collection of Carson City coins.

Articles about the Battle Born sale include "Three Days in August – Battle Born Week in Philadelphia" by Bruce Thayer, "A Journey of Discovery and a Room with a View – My Up-Close Experience with the Battle Born Collection" by Michael "The Drummer" Parrott, and "One Night in Philadelphia with the Battle Born Collection of Carson City Coins" by Rusty Goe.

Other topics in the fall-winter issue include a report about the club's 2012 western regional meeting, a report on new "CC" Liberty Seated half dollar die marriages, an article about 1876-CC \$20 gold pieces, an article about "CC" counterstamped coins, and an article about two pieces of GSA Carson City silver dollar memorabilia recently acquired by a club member.

Souvenir Card Collectors Society

The SCCS hosted a table at the ANA World's Fair of Money, Aug. 7-11 in Philadelphia. They managed to sign up four former members and three new ones. Society officers Lee Quast and Bill Kriebel, along with member Steve Costner, manned the table for the duration of the show.



Photo: **Lee Quast** (left) and **Bill Kriebel** at the SCCS booth at the Philadelphia ANA.

Bill was also the winner of a BEP lottery ticket, for a BEP limited-edition intaglio print, drawn by the current (43rd) Treasurer of the United States, Rosa Gumataotao Rios, who signed the print. The Society held a meeting at the show and issued its annual souvenir card. For information on the SCCS, email kriebew@drexel.edu.

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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*. There are excellent ideas for club activities buried in some of the articles; please take the time to read them.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. The next (1st 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, or go to <http://www.money.org/numismatic-events/submit-a-calendar-item-to-the-numismatist.aspx>.

Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club (Also see club website at www.ccgcc.com.)

The ANA awarded Medals of Merit to two members of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. (CCGTCC), the world’s largest club of collectors of casino memorabilia. Two members who have dedicated years of service to the ANA and the promotion of the hobby, Mark and Myrna Lighterman, were recognized during an Aug. 9 awards ceremony at the World’s Fair of Money in Philadelphia.



Photo: Tom Hallenbeck poses with Mark and Myrna Lighterman.

Mark is currently serving as national exhibit coordinator and has extensive collecting and judging experience. Mark has written for *The Numismatist* and served on ANA committees. He is president of CONECA (Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America), treasurer of the Token and Medal Society, past president of Florida United Numismatists, and a founding member of the Floridian Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collector’s Club.

Myrna, Mark’s mother, has co-authored *The Complete Guide to Florida’s Gambling Establishments Both Past and Present* (2007), *The Guide to Florida’s Gambling Chips, Checks and Tokens Vol. 1* (1995) and *Vol. 2* (1998). Myrna has been a collector for 40 years and an ANA member since 1992. She has worked tirelessly in show setups and dealer registration for many organizations over a long period of time. Myrna is usually the first to arrive and the last to leave as an ANA National Volunteer. She has helped ANA immensely over several years as a National Volunteer. She has these same traits for the other coin clubs she works for, including FUN and the CC>CC.

In addition, veteran chip collector Gerald R. (Jerry) Birl captured first prize in the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens category at the ANA convention with his exhibit, “A Selection of Gaming Chips Featuring Roulette Wheel Designs,” comprised of 135 various chips from all over the United States as well as several foreign countries. The colorful exhibit also featured many other roulette related items.