

NATIONAL GOLD EXCHANGE TO SPONSOR DEALER DINNER AT ANA SALT LAKE CITY SHOW IN HONOR OF GERALD BAUMAN

National Gold Exchange Inc., of Tampa, Florida, is sponsoring a dinner for dealers with bourse tables at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) National Money Showâ,,¢ 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 8-10.

"We want to do this dinner in honor of Gerald Bauman, who has been involved for many, many years in numismatics and is seriously ill," says Mark Yaffe of National Gold Exchange. "Jerry has been a great friend to many of us in the business, and we wanted to demonstrate our appreciation for this wonderful numismatist."

The informal dinner will be held Wednesday evening, March 7, during dealer setup on the bourse floor. ANA staff members will assist in serving the meal.

"The dinner is a nice way to say thank you to the dealers attending our spring convention," says ANA Convention Services Manager Brenda Bishop. "This will mark our fourth year, and we are pleased that National Gold Exchange is sponsoring this year's event."

Bauman, 64, was the head of MTB's Numismatic Division in New York City for about 15 years. Trained as an engineer, Bauman worked in NASA's space program as a designer for Grumman Aircraft before entering numismatics. He worked for Stack's and Hans Schulman in New York before joining the staff at MTB. One of his specialties was the detection of counterfeit coins. He retired in the early 1990s.

Jerry Treglia, a coin dealer who has know Bauman since the early 1960s, says, "We met when I was 15, and we helped each other learn about numismatics, since there was not too much information available then. He always was helpful, even when I went into the business. He handled everything that you find in the 'Red Book' (A Guide Book of United States Coins)."

Mitchell Patina, who worked at MTB with Bauman, says, "Jerry is a great guy. He knew about all coins, United States and foreign. He worked with the most common to the extremely rare, and was always willing to teach what he knew."

David Akers, a coin dealer and friend of Bauman's for more than 25 years, says, "Jerry is funny, good man with a heart of gold. One of the best numismatists I know, and yet he is very underrated. He is not a self-promoter and has not gotten the recognition he deserves."

National Gold's Mark Yaffe adds that Bauman "would bend over backwards to help people. He was a tough businessman, but very friendly with everyone and always willing to lend a hand."

National Gold Exchange's \$5,000 sponsorship of the dealer dinner is part of the \$48,900 donated by dealers and members to support activities at the National Money Show 2001.

For more information about the ANA show, contact the American Numismatic Association Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; telephone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail anacvn@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

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