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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OFFERS INFORMATION ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

[COLORADO SPRINGS, CO] Hurricane Katrina has affected the lives of most Americans including many who are members of the American Numismatic Association. There are many reputable organizations currently dedicated to providing humanitarian aid to those who have been displaced by this devastating storm. Many members of the Association's Board and staff have already given of their personal resources and time to assist those people in need.

In response to the needs of ANA members who have been left homeless or displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina, the ANA is doing its part to assist. ANA members in the hurricane affected region will be given up to a 12 month grace period on their memberships without loss of benefits and longevity. This will allow current members to find new housing and become re-established while finding comfort in their chosen hobby as a way to stay connected.

The ANA will also be accepting donations to assist in re-establishing clubs in the affected regions. Several members have already contacted the ANA about providing assistance to the clubs that have been displaced; to make a donation, please contact Angel Newsom at the ANA (newsom@money.org or 719.482.9821) or mail your donation to the ANA marked "club disaster relief." These funds will allow the Association the ability to provide clubs with new supplies, money for renting new meeting space and other necessities to begin functioning and connecting members.

To fulfill its goal of helping connect people with a common interest in numismatics, the ANA has also established a location on its website to allow hobbyists to share information about those who have been impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The Association will be collecting e-mail messages from its members and posting those messages daily sharing information about members who have been displaced by the hurricane, gathering information about their needs, and connecting them with friends and colleagues around the world. To post a message in this members' only site, send an e-mail to assist@money.org. Messages will be posted daily. To access these messages, login at www.money.org and click on the Katrina Information link in the members menu. If you are an ANA member but do not have a user name and password, e-mail your request to membersonly@money.org.

The ANA encourages all of its members to make monetary and material donations to charities that are assisting in the disaster relief efforts. There are many worthwhile organizations that are assisting with the hurricane relief. The following is a list of reputable organizations accepting donations for Hurricane Katrina relief:

Organizations accepting donations:

American Red Cross
800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English
800-257-7575 Spanish

Operation Blessing
800-436-6348

America's Second Harvest
800-344-8070

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
Disaster Relief Fund
866-275-3923

United Jewish Communities
877-277-2477

Organizations accepting cash/material donations and with volunteer opportunities:

Adventist Community Services
800-381-7171

Catholic Charities, USA
703 549-1390

Christian Disaster Response
941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
800-848-5818

Church World Service
800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope
417-823-8998

The Humane Society of the United States' (HSUS) Disaster Relief Fund
888-259-5431

Lutheran Disaster Response
800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service
717-859-2210

Nazarene Disaster Response
888-256-5886

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

Salvation Army
800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Southern Baptist Convention-Disaster Relief
800-462-8657, ext. 6440

United Methodist Committee on Relief
800-554-8583

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 33,000 members, the Association serves the collecting community and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars.

For more information about the ANA, contact us at 719.632.2646 or visit us online at www.money.org.