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**ANA Representative  
Program Newsletter**

**MintMark**

**Second Quarter**

**2017**

**April-May-June**

**National Coordinator Message**

by *Richard Jozefiak, ANA National Club Coordinator, email [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com), ph. 256-337-5092, P.O. Box 2103, Madison, AL 35758.*

The District & Club Representatives meeting held on Friday, Mar. 10 at the ANA National Money Show in Orlando, Fla., was very successful. We had an attendance of 25 people, the largest attendance at an ANA National Money Show in many years. We had DRs representing the following states and areas: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Canada and the Caribbean area.

Attending the meeting were a number of the Board of Governors and ANA staff including:

- President Jeff Garrett
- Governor Col. Steve Ellsworth
- Governor Walter Ostromecki
- Executive Director Kim Kiick

They received a lot of comments and questions from the District and Club Representatives attending the meeting. I want to thank Executive Director Kim Kiick for arranging the box lunches for the meeting and taking care of the scheduling issue.

At the meeting, Sandra Gulde of Scottsdale, Ariz., volunteered to become a new District Representative. She and her husband are coin dealers that attend coin shows across the country. I want to welcome her to the ANA volunteer program.



*District & Club Reps group meeting photo, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla., Mar. 10, 2017.*



*ANA President **Jeff Garrett** (standing) handing out NGC Thank You slabs to **Dennis Schafluetzel** (in hat), DR Tennessee, and **Brett Irick** (holding NGC slab), DR Michigan and Canada.*



At the meeting, ANA President Jeff Garrett handed out NGC Thank You slabs to those attending. He donated the Florida silver proof state quarters that NGC slabbed. Only 40 of these NGC Thank You slabs were produced. I want to thank President Garrett for doing this.

ANA Governor Ellsworth gave an update of the new fund raising program that the ANA is doing, and how the volunteers can help. A new ANA position was created to do funding raising and development. More information will be sent out when the position is filled.

The new and updated list of “Current ANA Clubs and District Representatives Directory” was handed out at the meeting. This was produced by Tiffanie Bueschel, and is available from her. This is a very useful listing of your fellow DRs across the country. If a DR is contacted by someone out of their area, please give the contact information of the DR that is in the area. DRs do not need to contact Tiffanie or me before doing this.



ANA President **Jeff Garrett** (left), National Coordinator **Richard Jozefiak** (center) and Executive Director **Kim Kiick** (right).

Please submit your Jan.-Mar. 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) District Representatives report to Tiffanie Bueschel and me. The reports are very helpful in documenting all the work the ANA District Representatives are doing across the country.

Plans are underway for the DR annual meeting at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Denver, Saturday, Aug. 5. We will have breakfast at the meeting, beginning at 8 a.m. Additional information will be sent out by Tiffanie in the upcoming months.

Thank you again for all the volunteer work you perform on behalf of the ANA and the hobby. The ANA volunteer program has been making great progress, and is expanding to serve ANA coin clubs, ANA members, and the general public.

## Submissions Accepted for ANA's Club Publications Contest

The ANA is currently accepting entries for the 2017 Outstanding Club Publications competition. The contest is open to member clubs that are current with their ANA dues and do not have an elected or salaried ANA officer as editor or assistant editor. Club publications must have been issued on a regular basis. Completed submissions must be received by May 15.

Submissions must include a complete set of 2016 publications, or three different printed samples of online publications. Also required are the editor's name and the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the submitter.

All club contestants will be entered in a drawing to receive a full 2017 Summer Seminar adult scholarship, which covers tuition, lodging, meals and airfare. The winning club can award the scholarship as it wishes. In addition, an article or commentary from each first-place publication will be adapted or reprinted in *The Numismatist* or on the ANA website.

### Judging criteria

Entries are judged on general appearance, composition, aptness of illustrations, newswiness and relative interest. Whether a newsletter is handwritten, typed or computer-generated is not a factor in judging, nor is the size of the club or the amount of funds expended.

For complete rules, judging criteria and submission guidelines, please visit:

[www.money.org/outstanding-club-publications](http://www.money.org/outstanding-club-publications)

Completed entries can be emailed to [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org) or sent to:

Outstanding Club Publications Contest  
ANA Publications Department  
c/o Caleb Noel  
818 N. Cascade Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

For additional information, contact the Publications Department at [magazine@money.org](mailto:magazine@money.org).

## Free ANA Membership Vouchers

by Tiffanie Bueschel,  
Club Communication Coordinator

Many clubs enjoyed receiving the free membership vouchers we sent to all ANA clubs last year. Due to its popularity we are doing it again!

Soon we will be mailing each ANA club free membership vouchers to distribute to club members or others who are interested in joining the association. The only condition: the free memberships cannot be used by current members or anyone who has been a member within the past 12 months. I'm hopeful these free memberships can help your club introduce new collectors to the ANA.

Thank you for all you do to support our hobby!



## ANA Road Show to Exhibit Numismatic Rarities in Las Vegas

The ANA Road Show will make its next stop at the Las Vegas Numismatic Society Diamond Jubilee Coin Show, May 18-20, at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino, located at 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109.

The ANA Road Show gives members and collectors around the country an opportunity to see some of the most impressive items from the ANA's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum. Items to be displayed at the Diamond Jubilee Coin Show include:

- The 1804 dollar—Recognized by collectors as “The King of U.S. Coins,” the specimen is extremely rare, with only 15 known examples. No U.S. dollars dated 1804 were actually struck in that year; Class I specimens were struck in 1834-1835 as diplomatic gifts (eight known), while Class II and III specimens (six known) were struck during the 1850s for collectors. The Class III Idler/Bebee specimen was donated to the ANA by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee in 1991.
- The 1913 Liberty Head Nickel—One of the most valuable of all U.S. coins, it was one of five such nickels struck under mysterious circumstances at the Philadelphia Mint. The coins were unknown until 1920 when Samuel Brown, a former U.S. Mint employee, displayed all five at an ANA convention, causing a stir.
- The Famous Errors exhibit—A highlight reel of some of the most notable numismatic bloopers, the exhibit includes the 1955 doubled-die Lincoln cent, the classic 1937 D “three legged” buffalo nickel, the 2004 Wisconsin “extra leaf” quarter and the 2007-2009 “godless” dollars. All of these coins feature errors that are easily visible to the naked eye, making them popular collector items and curiosity pieces.

“The ANA Road Show adds an extra level of excitement to the LVNS Diamond Jubilee celebration,” said Fred Kuch, LVNS Trust Chairman. “It’s a fantastic opportunity for hobbyists to see some of the most legendary numismatic treasures from the Money Museum.”

The Las Vegas Numismatic Society Diamond Jubilee Coin Show is open to the public interested in buying and selling rare coins, vintage paper money and other numismatic rarities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Visit [www.lvns.club](http://www.lvns.club) for additional show details.

## Coin Grading Workshop Offered Prior to LVNS Show

The ANA's School of Numismatics is offering an educational seminar—“Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins”—on May 16-17, immediately prior to the Diamond Jubilee Coin Show.

This two-day seminar will help students learn and understand how United States coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. Attendees will gain confidence in evaluating surface marks, strike, luster, and eye appeal through interactive discussions, group activities, and individual study of hundreds of coins from the ANA grading set.

**Instructor:** Michael Faraone, professional numismatist and former grader, Professional Coin Grading Service.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mar. 16-17)

**Cost:** \$259 for ANA and LVNS members/\$359 for non-members

For additional information or to register, please contact [seminars@money.org](mailto:seminars@money.org) or call 719-482-9865.

## Denver World's Fair of Money Quick Reference:

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## EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE THROUGH ANA SEMINARS



David McCarthy

**PIONEER GOLD COINAGE  
(2-day Seminar)**

In the 19th century the discovery of gold across the United States led to a fascinating series of coinage produced by the U.S. Mint, the U.S. Assay Office and private minters like the Bechtlers and Moffatt & Company. Learn the history of the three major U.S. gold rushes through coins minted from Georgia and North Carolina to Colorado, Oregon, Utah and California. Examine high-resolution images and actual examples of rare Pioneer Gold!

**Instructor: David McCarthy,**  
gold coin specialist and senior  
numismatist at Kagin's

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday-  
Monday, July 30-31, 2017

**Tuition:** \$259 for ANA  
members; \$359 for non-members.  
Register by June 26, 2017 for a  
\$20 early enrollment discount. Take  
another \$40 off if you're an ANA Life Member!



Seminar Dates:

**Sunday & Monday, July 30 & 31**

*In conjunction with the*  
**ANA World's Fair of Money®**  
**Denver, Colorado**

**August 1-5, 2017**

**Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel,**  
1550 Court Pl., Denver, CO

**Hotel Information/Reservations: 888-627-8405**

**Convention Seminar Cancellation Policy:** The American Numismatic Association reserves the right to cancel a convention seminar. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, ANA will issue a full refund of the registration fee, but will not be responsible for any other charges incurred by the registrant due to the cancellation of the seminar. Registrants canceling outside of two weeks (15 calendar days or more) of the convention seminar may receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee, or keep a credit with us for a future seminar without penalty. Registrants canceling within two weeks (14 calendar days) of the convention seminar are not eligible to receive any refunds. Registrants have the option to keep a credit with us for a future seminar minus a \$50 cancellation fee. Registrants who do not show up for a convention seminar will forfeit all funds.

**SCHOOL OF NUMISMATICS** >> *Registration and Payment*

<b>Pioneer Gold Coinage</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
ANA Member Rate	\$ 259.00	\$
Early Enrollment Discount (register by June 26, 2017)	– \$ 20.00	\$
ANA Life Member Discount	– \$ 40.00	\$
Non-Member Rate	\$ 359.00	\$
ANA Basic Membership ( <a href="http://www.money.org">www.money.org</a> )	\$ 28.00	\$
<b>Grand Total (USD)</b>		<b>\$</b>

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Brian Silliman

**COIN CONSERVATION,  
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(3-day Seminar)**

Join us for an intensive three-day seminar emphasizing the most essential numismatic skills for collectors of any level. Instruction includes digital presentation, open discussion and hands-on coin examination.

**Instructor: Brian Silliman**, professional numismatist, Brian Silliman Rare Coins, and former NGC grader/ conservator and ANA authenticator/ conservator

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, July 29-31, 2017

**Tuition:** \$359 for ANA members; \$459 for non-members. Register by June 26, 2017 for a \$20 early enrollment discount. Take another \$40 off if you're an ANA Life Member!



Seminar Dates:

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**ANA World's Fair of Money  
CLUB MIDWAY APPLICATION**

Denver, CO – August 1-5, 2017  
Colorado Convention Center  
700 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Denver, CO 80202

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 16, 2017**

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB ANA MEMBER # (required): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is submitted for one club table at the ANA World's Fair of Money  
Denver, Colorado – August 1-5, 2017

**CASES:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to rent a case for the convention at a charge of \$20.  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not wish to rent a case for the convention.

**ELECTRICITY:** (Unless specifically requested and payment of \$60.00 is remitted with this application, electrical will not be provided to your booth)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I request an electrical outlet be provided to our booth at a charge of \$60.  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not wish to have electrical service to our booth.

*DUES must be current before this application will be considered.  
Please include payment in full along with this application.*

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**MAKE PAYMENT TO:** American Numismatic Association. **Payment must be payable in U.S. Dollars.**

Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid \$.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOOTH SIGN:** Please PRINT your club name as you wish it to appear on your sign (two-line limit, 30 spaces per line).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Club name, 30 spaces)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/State, 30 spaces)



## CLUB REGULATIONS

1. The space assigned to you may NOT be resold, rented loaned, or leased or shared by another dealer, club, individual or company without the written consent of the ANA Convention Office.
2. If any club operates in direct competition with the ANA bourse, this practice will be considered prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. This includes, but is not limited to transactions at the Club Midway booth that are not directly related to club materials.
3. Clubs are reminded to secure their own insurance. All materials should be secured in a locked case, or the ANA security room, please check website for security room availability.
4. No assistant will be permitted in the bourse area unless he/she is wearing an official badge. This badge must be worn and be visible at all times while in the bourse room.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Club Officer)

**Set-up: Tuesday, July 31, 2017; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Deadline for submitting application: June 16, 2017**

**Deadline for adding or changing assistants: June 20, 2017**

### MAIL OR FAX APPLICATION TO:

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**ANA World's Fair of Money®**  
**FORM FOR CLUB ASSISTANTS**

Denver, CO – August 1-5, 2017  
Colorado Convention Center  
700 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Denver, CO 80202

**DEADLINE: June 20, 2017**

Only approved regular, life or associate ANA members may act as assistants behind club tables at any ANA convention. A maximum of four persons (not including your children under the age of 18 or your spouse) will be issued a photo ID and be permitted to occupy a table.

**BE ADVISED, THE DEADLINE FOR ADDING OR DELETING ASSISTANTS FOR THE 2016 WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY IS June 20, 2017. AFTER **June 20, 2017** ALL ADDITIONS/CHANGES MUST BE MADE AT THE CONVENTION.**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ANA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Assistants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ANA No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ANA No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ ANA No. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ ANA No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Organization Officer

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☞ **MEETING ROOM REQUEST- WFM DENVER** ☞  
**CLUB MEETING REQUEST**

**August 1-5, 2017**

**Colorado Convention Center \* 700 14<sup>TH</sup> Street \* Denver, CO 80202**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM FOR YOUR MEETING BY JULY 1  
FOR INCLUSION IN THE SHOW GUIDE SCHEDULE**

**Club must be an active ANA member to receive complimentary meeting space.**

☞ **MEETING INFORMATION**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Choice**

**Second Choice**

Day \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☞ **PREFERENCES**

*All meetings will be held in the convention center unless otherwise noted*

Duration: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ (General, board mtg, seminar, etc.)

Seating Style: \_\_\_\_\_ (theatre or seminar) Head table/how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you require?** (The ANA will provide **ONE screen** in your Meeting Room at no charge. All food and beverage as well as any additional audio visual are at the organization's expense. If YES, you will be provided the catering and audio visual contact information)

Screen Requested: **yes**\_\_\_\_ **no**\_\_\_\_ A/V: **yes**\_\_\_\_ **no**\_\_\_\_ Food & Beverage: **yes**\_\_\_\_ **no**\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person making arrangements:** \_\_\_\_\_

☞ **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club ANA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ C/S/Z \_\_\_\_\_

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## News from Around the Country

### Alabama

Madison County Coin Club  
by Richard Jozefiak, [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com)

Mr. Charles Cataldo, President of Alabama Coin & Silver Company, was the guest speaker at the club's Feb. meeting. Charles has given a yearly presentation to the coin club since 2002. His program topic was "The current state of the coin market." Charles spoke on the market changes and values of gold and silver bullion coins, collector coins, paper money and higher-end graded coins. His insight into the numismatic market is always informative and interesting and greatly appreciated by club members.



*MCCC members listening to Charles Cataldo during his presentation.*

Congratulation to Stan Benedict for being awarded the ANA Coin Grading Seminar scholarship by the club's selection committee! Stan has been involved with the club for many years, and has given a number of presentations and contributed to the club. Stan will attend the ANA coin grading class Apr. 19-20 at the Dalton Convention Center, Dalton, Ga., prior to the start of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) coin show.



*MCCC President Kurt Springfield (left) presenting Stan Benedict his ANA Coin Grading Seminar Scholarship.*

Bob Jaques attended the ANA National Money Show in Orlando, Fla., Mar. 9-11. On Friday, Mar. 9, Bob gave a one-hour Money Talks presentation on "Foreign Coins Made in U.S. Mints During WWII." Bob's presentation was well received, and he has done a lot of research in this area.



*Bob Jaques (left) receiving an ANA Educational Award from ANA Numismatic Educator Sam Gelberd.*

### California

California State Numismatic Association  
by Dennis Hogan, PR Chair

The CSNA was organized Feb. 22, 1947. The group, the largest numismatic association in California, is proud to be celebrating its 70th anniversary. The Association also sponsored the 49th Annual Southern Educational Symposium on Saturday, Apr. 8, at the Orange Coast Unitarian Universal Church, 2845 Mesa Verde Drive East, Costa Mesa, Calif. For more information call Phil Iversen at 818-509-9774 or email him at [phil\\_iversen@yahoo.com](mailto:phil_iversen@yahoo.com).

Long Beach Coin Club (from the club newsletter)

The club holds monthly meetings on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the Millikan High School cafeteria.

In Mar., club secretary David Schwager spoke about "Sample Slabs." David wrote the book on this numismatic niche, in which collectors pursue coin grading service samples. A prize for the best question prompted a healthy response from the club.

Attendance was up again, with 27 at the last meeting, and 35 paid members. The club offers a discounted five-year membership for \$50 (with email newsletters). The club also offers a one-gram Royal Canadian Mint gold coin as the top drawing prize each month.

News and Notices From Northern California  
by ANA District Rep. Michael S. Turrini

Vallejo Numismatic Society

The Society's 45<sup>th</sup> Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show is on Sunday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at



the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, between Florida and Georgia streets, in Vallejo, Calif. The one-day show is open to all fellow hobbyists and the public. Admission and parking are free, with convenient access into and about the center.

District Representative Michael S. 'Stan' Turrini will staff a combination ANA / CSNA youth and hobby information table during this show, and he welcomes ANA members to drop by and share a hello and conversation. In addition, the combination table will offer information from the American Philatelic Society.

Information and updates for this show can be found at [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com).

#### WESTPEX Show

WESTPEX, recognized as one of the preeminent international stamp shows, attracting attendance of thousands annually and claiming over a thousand room nights at the host hotel, is scheduled for Apr. 27-30, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, Calif., which is convenient to public transit and Highway 101.

Of interest to numismatists, the show organizers have provided two opportunities to promote our "world of money" hobby:

*First*, the San Francisco Coin Club will hold its quarterly meeting at noon, Friday Apr. 28, in the Anaheim Room, lower level. This meeting is open to all, and will have a show-and-tell plus door prize drawings.

*Second*, the Northern California Coin Club table will be staffed and "stuffed" with hobby information, including copies of *The Numismatist*, local coin club fliers and brochures, etc.

WESTPEX, in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation, is graciously providing both for free. It is hoped that this collaboration and cooperation will evolve into an annual participation.

The following ANA Members are associated with WESTPEX, in various capacities: Herman E. 'Gene' Berry, 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan, Donald L. Hill, James H. Laird, and District Representative Michael S. Turrini, who has two programs scheduled on Friday, Apr. 28: "*Summer of Love*" and "*Stamps, Stories, and the Sixties*." Kyle Anderson, another coin club activist, will be doing the Boy Scout Stamp Merit Badge.

Updates are posted on [www.WESTPEX.org](http://www.WESTPEX.org).

#### Northern California Numismatic Association

The NCNA has scheduled its prestigious California Numismatic Seminar for Saturday, Sept. 16, in Vallejo, Calif. The seminar's theme is "Collecting In Today's World." These are the four confirmed presenters:

**Paul R. Johnson**, from Unionville, Ontario, Canada, current Executive Director for the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA);

**Robert E. Luna**, a rising presence in northern California organized numismatics, from Benicia, Calif.;

**Roger Lyles**, a longtime northern California-based coin dealer, from Fremont, Calif.; and

**David C. Harper**, from Iola, Wisc., *Numismatic News* editor.

The balance among the four presenters promises to offer insightful and proactive observations as to "what, how, when, and why to collect" in the contemporary world. With these presenters, the seminar is going to be a stellar all-day gathering. A panel discussion will close the seminar, and there will also be door prizes.

The seminar is primarily funded by the following kind benefactors: Alexander B. 'Xan' Chamberlain, James H. Laird, and Michael S. Turrini, along with generous patrons.

The seminar returns to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, second floor, Heritage Theatre, 734 Marin, at Capital, in downtown Vallejo, Calif. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and admission to both the museum and seminar are free. There will be a simple luncheon service available, with several eateries within walking distance.

Updates: [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com).

Inquiries: [EMPERORI@juno.com](mailto:EMPERORI@juno.com).

#### California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Library

Donald L. Hill, CSNA's corresponding secretary and librarian, supervises the 2,000-plus volume CSNA library, which has been in existence since the early 1950s. The library is housed in the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, in downtown Vallejo, Calif.

Don has posted library access hours, and over the past few years, the primary usage of the library has evolved into answering research inquiries and providing coin identification.

The library welcomes donations as well as visitors during posted hours.

Address: PO Box 4003, Vallejo, CA 94590-0400.

Email: [csnalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:csnalibrary@gmail.com).

#### Californians Active this July in Canada

Three California coin celebrants and established numismatic advocates will have a significant presence this July in Boucherville, Quebec, Canada, when the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) holds its annual convention. They are 'Doctor' Lloyd G. Chan, who is a scheduled educational forum presenter; Alexander B. 'Xan' Chamberlain, benefactor; and Michael S. Turrini, who serves on three Canadian numismatic organization governing boards.



## Florida

### Brandon Coin Club

*by Jack Iaci, Secretary*

The club held its most recent Coin & Currency Show Apr. 15 at the Brandon Elks Lodge #2383, 800 Centennial Lodge Dr., Brandon, Fla.

The show featured 30 dealers at 45 tables, free admission, parking and door prizes, excellent food, free coin grab bags for children under 12, free appraisals, and the ICG grading service in attendance with free verbal opinions.

Contact: Jack Iaci, club secretary, phone (352) 777-6073, email [brandoncoinclub@yahoo.com](mailto:brandoncoinclub@yahoo.com), or write to Brandon Coin Club, PO Box 3869, Brandon, FL 33509-3869.

### Florida United Numismatists (FUN)

*by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers*

- The 11th annual Summer FUN Convention will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla., Jul. 6-8.
- The 63rd annual FUN Convention will be held at the Tampa Convention Center, Jan. 4-7, 2018.

Hope to see you at some of these important events. The FUN website is [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com).

### Ocala Coin Club

*by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers*

The Ocala Coin club held its 34th annual coin show, Feb. 2-4, at the Motel 6 conference center in Ocala, Fla. We want to thank Ocala Coin Club show chairman Rich Selvar, president Lawrence McManus and the officers and members for providing a table for the ANA. Our location at the front entrance was super and we were able to sign up 20 new or renewing members, plus convert one to life membership. A special thanks to Professor Paul Chun from Gainesville, Fla., for donating \$25 for the shipment of the coin show kit.

The Motel 6 conference center, located right off I-75, is a great location for the annual coin show. The convention center is well-lit and has free parking. The 53 dealers occupying 70 tables were kept busy by the 924 guests who registered for the event. Security was outstanding. Much of the success is due to the 500 post cards mailed out, local paid and free newspaper advertising and the numismatic press, including the free "local coin shows" ad in *The Numismatist*. The show is already sold out for next year. The club is a 50-plus year member of the ANA.

The show featured free admission, wooden nickels, hourly silver coin prizes, an all-gold raffle and free coins for kids. The food vendor had outstanding selections and reasonable prices. The club had more than 30 members assisting at registration and raffle sales, with many of them helping with setup and breakdown. We

look forward to next year's Ocala Coin Club show which is set for this same location, Feb. 1-3, 2018.

Club information: <http://www.ocalacoinclub.com>.

### Orlando (ANA National Money Show)

*by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers*

The ANA National Money Show (NMS) was held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., Mar. 9-11, and was hosted by the Florida United Numismatists (FUN). This was the third NMS held in Florida (2000, 2002 and 2017), which has also hosted three World Fairs of Money (1967, 1974 and 1992). The show had close to 300 tables occupied by dealers, coin club tables (eight clubs), certification services and Wizard Coin Supply. We counted 170 dealers listed in the program and many had more than one table.

After visitors registered, they received a free cloth bag and advertising \$3 note along with a pin promoting the convention.

The collector exhibit area had many excellent displays, both competitive and invitational. The ANA Museum Showcase featured 100 rare Florida National Bank Notes from the 59 issuing towns. The notes are in the collection of William Youngerman, Inc. If you visit [www.hometowncurrency.org](http://www.hometowncurrency.org), the entire collection of Mr. Youngerman can be seen along with a history of Florida and its NBNs. He also prepared a 32-page booklet on "Collecting Florida National Bank Notes," Premier Issue, which sold for \$10. You can check [www.youngermans.com](http://www.youngermans.com) to find out if it is still available. Besides the Youngerman exhibit, many other items were on display in the museum showcase including parts of the Bebee collection.

A big thank you to the following for their dedication, work and support of this convention:

- ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick along with Convention Director Rhonda Scurek and the staff, President Jeff Garrett and the Board, the ANA appointed officers, and Convention Chair Cindy Wibker and her volunteers.
- FUN President Randy Campbell and his board, along with all their volunteers, which included members of the Central Florida Coin Club.
- The ANA National Volunteers, who are always assisting at ANA conventions.
- The exhibitors, judges, speakers, table holders and early bird attendees, PPI security staff, show sponsors and patrons, scout, kids zone and treasure trivia activities coordinators.
- ANA staff for preparation of an informative 48-page show guide.
- *The Numismatist* Editor Barbara Gregory for moderating the ANA Legacy Dinner featuring Mark Salzberg and Rick Montgomery. (And a big thank you for the wonderful slabbed coins autographed by the speakers that went to all dinner attendees.)



- Coin club table holders for the information they shared, and Original Hobo Nickel Society booth members for displaying their engraving expertise.
- Numismatic publications that sent samples, and the Coin Week representatives.
- Federal Express and the U.S. Postal Service.
- The Rosen Plaza Hotel along with the Hyatt Regency for providing the lodging, the Orange County Convention Center staff, and GES show decorator staff.
- Certification and grading services including NGC, the ANA's official service.
- ANA 2017 Candidates Forum candidates.
- Lastly, thanks to Kagin's Auctions of Tiburon, Calif., for running an excellent three-session sale at the convention. The catalog is beautiful and features several major collections including the Dr. Christopher Allan Bechtler Gold Collection — the #1 Registry Set consisting of 35 of the 37 varieties. This catalog will be the main source of information and prices for this important series.



*FUN table and volunteers at the Orlando National Money Show.*

From our vantage point at the future conventions table, attendance appeared to be steady for the three days of the show, especially in the morning hours. The aisles were huge, but every time we looked down them it appeared someone was at most of the tables. Admission was free on Saturday. Dealers we spoke to said they had a decent show. Thanks again to everyone who assisted and helped at this convention. Make sure you visit [www.money.org](http://www.money.org), Facebook and YouTube to see the videos and many pictures taken at the convention by ANA volunteer Kurt Bellman and ANA staff. We look forward to the ANA World's Fair of Money to be held in Denver at the Colorado Convention Center, Aug. 1-5. On Aug. 6, the ANA will host a special day at headquarters in Colorado Springs.

#### Tallahassee Numismatic Club

The club hosted its annual coin show along with the Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club (TALPEX Stamp Show) on Apr. 1-2, at the Tallahassee Senior Center, located at 1400 N Monroe St., Tallahassee, Fla.

For information, email Hemanth Vasanthaiah, [hemanth.vasanthaiah@gmail.com](mailto:hemanth.vasanthaiah@gmail.com), or visit the club's blog at <http://tallahasseeclub.blogspot.com/>.

#### West Hernando Coin Club

*by Bruce Schneider, President*

The club has been very busy of late. Seems at every meeting we have guests and new members joining. In Jan., we had a successful coin show. In Feb., guest speaker Ray Herz gave a talk on Standing Liberty Quarters, and it was excellent. Then in Mar., we took a bus trip to the ANA show in Orlando, sponsored by FUN. We had 42 members on the bus of which five were YNs. The trip was totally funded by FUN. Thanks FUN; once again they helped our club out. The kids had a great time at the ANA show as did the rest of us.

We donated over \$200 worth of coins to the St. Joan of Arc Church for their Chinese auction. We use their hall for our meetings and shows. On Apr. 29 we will be at the local library to talk about coins, with the kids and adults. This will hopefully be a regular event for us and the libraries. We also had some 10th anniversary 2017 silver American Eagles slabbed by NGC, done with the help of Alex and John Zieman, members of our club. John donated \$500 to our scholarship fund from the proceeds of the sales. Finally, we have another coin show coming up on June 17.

Contact: West Hernando Coin Club, PO Box 6592, Spring Hill, FL 34611-6592, or call 352-584-3163.

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## Illinois

#### Lake County Coin Club

The club's 2017 coin show was held Sunday, Apr. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at a new venue: the Bonnie Brook Golf Course, 2800 North Lewis Ave., Waukegan, Ill. Admission was free.

Email: [Lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com](mailto:Lakecountycoinclub@gmail.com).

Website: <http://www.lakecountycoinclub-il.com>.

#### Metro East Coin & Currency Club

*by Charlie Hayes, Club Communications*

The club's 35th annual spring coin show was held Sunday, Apr. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia Ave. (Route 159), Collinsville, Ill.

Email: [metroeastcoin@mail.com](mailto:metroeastcoin@mail.com).

Website: [www.MetroEastCoinCurrencyClub.com](http://www.MetroEastCoinCurrencyClub.com).



## Maryland

### Montgomery County Coin Club *by Simcha Kuritzky*

The club held its annual charity auction in Dec., raising \$1,200 for the Potomac Chapter Boy Scouts of America. Volunteers from the club assisted a dozen Scouts with furthering or completing requirements for the BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge.



*Presentation of the MCCC \$1,200 donation to the local Boy Scouts of America chapter.*

## Massachusetts

### New England Numismatic Association

*Highlights from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Convention, by Bill Harkins, President*

On Friday, Nov. 11, the New England Numismatic Association (NENA) hosted a banquet and social hour as part of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, with 87 guests present. The evening started with a social hour, followed by dinner and then keynote speaker Q. David Bowers, who spoke on "New England: Focal Point of American Numismatics: Then, Now and the Future."

Bob Fritsch did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies, keeping the program running smoothly, with Mike Simpson giving the invocation, while John Ferreri, Joe Duval and Roger Durand manned the raffle table.



*Bob Fritsch as emcee at the NENA banquet.*

ANA National Coordinator Richard Josefiak presented to NENA presidential certificates of recognition for its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and for 65 years as an ANA club member. Both certificates were signed by ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick and ANA President Jeff Garrett. NENA presented a presidential award to Ernie Botte in reconnection of his generous support of our organization and programs. We thanked Q. David Bowers for his efforts and presented him with a speakers certificate, speaker's medal and a NENA 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal set. We also held raffle drawings with numerous books and vouchers as prizes thanks to the generosity of Stack's/Bowers Galleries, Whitman Publishing Company, Kenneth Bressett, Denly's of Boston and Heritage Coins and Collectibles.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, our activities included the John Kittredge Young Numismatist Program sponsored by NENA and the Kittredge Foundation. Also the club table where visitors could purchase this year's medals, get their program and show guide and receive a free special anniversary button; the exhibits gallery; the "What is it" table; and the NENA annual meeting that included the election of officers.

The Young Numismatist program was held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and was headed by Richard J. Hand, Jr. with the assistance of Diane Zuck, Richard Ziegler and Jack Haroian. This year's program was very well attended with 26 children plus an additional 16 adults. Richard Josefiak spoke to the group on the benefits and educational programs the ANA provides for the children including their "Coins for A's" program. NENA president William Harkins presented Richard Hand an educational award in recognition of his work with the kids during National Coin Week at the Brockton Public Library, Brockton, Mass., and the outstanding job he is doing with NENA's YN program.

The exhibits were outstanding! We had eight exhibits with a total of 26 cases including an eight-case special marque exhibit that highlighted NENA's history. The seven competitive exhibits included: The Unique Dollars; Austria's 5-Euro Commemorative Coins; Odd and Curious Money; The Massachusetts Bay Tercentenary; Medals and Tokens of the Gallery Mint; Massachusetts History through Town Medals and One Dollar Insect Coins of Australia.

We would like to thank all those who helped make this a successful event including our board, committees, volunteers and members. Also Ernie Botte and EBW Promotions for providing the exhibit space and meeting room for our event; The Kittredge Foundation for their generous support of our YN Program; the dealers for their support and generous donations of coins, medals, tokens and supplies for our YN program, and all those who supported us with their well wishes and advertisements in our program and show guide.



## North Carolina

### Lower Cape Fear Coin Club (Wilmington, NC)

The club's annual Azalea Festival Coin Show was held Apr. 8-9 at the Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, N.C. For club and show information:

Phone: 910-520-8405.

Email: [uffda28411@yahoo.com](mailto:uffda28411@yahoo.com).

Website: <http://www.lcfcc.org/>.

## South Dakota

### Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club (Mobridge, South Dakota)

*by Robert Maisch, Club NCW Chairman and ANA Club Representative*

The club instituted a new activity for its members in 2017. Since the Jan. monthly meeting, members have given a book review on one of the hobby books from the A.H. Brown Public Library. This activity encourages both more participation by members and also usage of books donated by the club.

The club has been donating numismatic books for a number of years and the library now has 51 different book titles on the shelves covering all age groups from youngsters to specialized volumes. It is believed to be the largest numismatic book selection in any South Dakota public library.

The book donations by the club have been made in conjunction with their National Coin Week activities. This year members chose eight more titles to donate. Seven are new titles and one is a replacement with a newer edition.

During National Coin Week the club will be exhibiting at six locations in Mobridge. Members will exhibit at the three banks, the library, the Chamber of Commerce Office and the Walworth County Veterans Service Office.

This year the library, with the club, will be conducting a contest for youngsters, pre-K to grade 5, to design Military Payment Certificates. Prizes are provided by club members, the ANA and the U.S. Mint.

There were 227 entries in the 2016 dollar bill design contest last year. Every entry receives at least a foreign coin. Top entries receive higher value prizes furnished by the club. Local teachers help spread the word at the schools. Some teachers use NCW as part of art classes or how to count money or locating on a map where their foreign coin was used.

The club also provides hobby related questions and answers along with some Lincoln cent and an unstruck cent planchet set as a small prize for the winners in a trivia contest on KOLY 1300 AM radio during NCW. As part of NCW a club member is a guest on the half-hour Eureka Show with Wanda Jundt again on KOLY

to help promote the hobby, NCW and the Bridge City Coin and Stamp Club.

## Texas

### International Coin Club of El Paso

The 54th annual coin show of the International Coin Club of El Paso (ICCEP), held Feb. 10-12 at the El Maida Shriner Hall, attracted more than 500 collectors and visitors from both the U.S. and Mexico.

Retiring bourse chairman and club past president John Grost commented, "Most of our 50 bourse dealers were happy with sales. Circulated U.S. Type and Mexican coins and paper money fared extremely well. Bullion sales were flat." Arizona dealer Peter Spooner said, "high end slabbed coin sales were slow, but I was able to purchase a number of XF-AU raw want list coins for clients back home."

"Numismatic educational enrichment and connecting non-collectors with the coin hobby to ANA growth programs and website learning activities is the main goal of the club's annual show," commented James Montanez, club treasurer.

Montanez added, "We were indeed fortunate and honored to again have with us at our 2017 event one of the hobby's finest educational resources, ANA Immediate Past President and talented numismatic hobby educator, Walt Ostromecki. Watching him interact and share the many fun and intriguing numismatic stories with youngsters, families, non-collectors — and even seasoned hobbyists — is just magical and a joy to behold. When Walt's engaged he's passionate, captivating and bubbling over with enriching numismatic knowledge!"

Ostromecki handled the ANA hobby information booth as well as the youth and family Kid's Zone activities and programs which included:

- The America the Beautiful (AMB) Quarter trivia activity which earned young participants free P or S mint AMB quarters for each correct answer.
- A World Currency Country-Match Challenge program whereby they could win foreign currency to begin a collection.
- The ANA's newest hands-on "error coinage" Treasure's In Your Pocket (TIYP) learning experience and collection building opportunity.
- A laptop computer linked to the ANA website's newest online fun learning activity, the Grading Game.

On Saturday afternoon, 22 young budding numismatists took part in the annual El Paso Coin Club's free youth auction. There were 68 lots of items donated by club members, show dealers, Ostromecki and the ANA. Youth were provided with approximately \$50 in script to purchase lots of their choosing.



Calling this year's annual kid's auction were two of the clubs' venerable and seasoned veteran auctioneers, Stephen Phillips and Willie Tarrazas, with the assistance of runner Robert Pick. All the youngsters went away numismatically blessed and with big bright smiles on their faces!

Five competitive displays and three mini-club member exhibits entitled, "I Collect..." graced the exhibit area in the rear of the bourse. First place went to "Amilcar Cabral" by John Grost; Second place, "22 Astronomers on Paper Money" by John Grost; Third for "Nicaragua's - Ruben Donato" went to Anonymous. Mini club member "I Collect..." displays were titled: "USSR World War I Coinage," "Non Politically Correct Coinage," and "1915 Pan-Pac Exposition."

For the past ten years, the ICCEP has produced limited edition bronze and copper medals commemorating an event or historical person related to the El Paso area. All are sold out. The design of the 2017 medal featured "The San Jacinto Plaza," fondly referred to by locals as "*La Plaza de los Lagantos* (Alligator Plaza)." When constructed in 1883 the plaza-park-pond was home to a two alligators. They were removed permanently over safety concerns to the El Paso Zoo in 1972. The alligator sculpture erected in the plaza and depicted on the 2017 medal was done by local sculpture-artist Luis Jimenez.

The 55th annual 2018 ICCEP show has been slated for the second week in Feb. For more information about the 2018 show, show bourse, club meetings and medal information, please write the ICCEP at PO Box 963517, El Paso, TX 79996 or contact John Grost via email at [johngrost@aol.com](mailto:johngrost@aol.com). The city of El Paso is isolated by about six hundred miles from the major coin collecting communities of Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston.



*Two University of Texas, El Paso students and their mother team up on the World Currency-Country Match Challenge activity in the Kid's Zone at the International Coin Club of El Paso show.*

### Spartans Coin Club

Stafford High School  
1625 Staffordshire Road  
Stafford, Texas 77477

*by Dr. Ralph Ross*

Let me introduce you to the Spartans Coin Club from the Stafford High School and Stafford College & Career Center in Stafford, Texas.

Dr. Ralph Ross, who teaches a dual-credit trigonometry course, tries to inculcate the love of learning mathematics intertwined with the world of numismatics. Twenty-three members from the Spartans Coin Club were excited to attend the 60th Annual Houston Money Show sponsored by the Greater Houston Coin Club at the GRB Convention Center, Dec. 1-3.

ANA Governor Dr. Donald Kagin was there to share his wealth of numismatic knowledge with the students. When Governor Kagin was asked about numismatics he said, "This is the study of the material form of money; its background, purpose, representation and even philosophy. Its field encompasses the materials of which coins and currency are made and where they come from. This includes the forms which coins take, from the point of view of weight, design, and technique of manufacture, the organization and control of their production and circulation by the state or some other authority." The students found his discourse to be very impressive. Many commented on the fact that Dr. Kagin had a Ph.D. in numismatics and that many dealers have specificity in numismatics and depth of serious knowledge. Dr. Kagin reminded the students to continue to study/learn and listen to their teacher, Dr. Ross. The students also had the opportunity to meet Dr. Mike Fuljenz, President of Universal Coin & Bullion of Beaumont, Tex. Dr. Fuljenz is a Texas Registered Precious Metal Dealer. He is an accomplished numismatist and also a former high school chemistry teacher and school administrator who knows very well the polemic cacophony in today's public education system.

The Spartan Coin Club members meet every Thursday in Dr. Ross's classroom at the Stafford College & Career Center. The 63 members of the coin club are led by President Gao Shengsong, a senior just accepted to Dartmouth (early decision) to study computer engineering. The Vice President, Taten Blue, also a senior, will attend Texas A&M University studying business. Taten Blue's accomplishments in academics, athletics and community service were recognized when he was awarded a \$5,000 Houston Texans/Reliant Energy Scholarship for Champions. Under the leadership of Dr. Ross, and the student leaders, the Spartans Coin Club is bound to have a great year. The members have worked hard on the following projects to increase interest and membership:

- Houston Money Week 2017, an essay contest 500 words or less for students in grades 6-12 to discuss the topic of "Connection between financial health



and physical health — what policies do you think schools could adopt to promote financial health and physical health in students.” Entries were due Mar. 15.

- ANA’s Next-Generation Authors’ Contest (three categories):
  - Bill Fivaz Young Numismatist Literary Award, ages 8-12. Article should display basic knowledge of a numismatic topic, with 490 to 900 words.
  - ANA’s Q. David Bowers Young Numismatist Literary Award, ages 13-17. Article should display advanced knowledge of a numismatic topic, suggested length of 900 to 1,800 words.
  - ANA’s Kenneth E. Bressett Young Numismatist Literary Award for students ages 18-22. Article should display in-depth knowledge of a numismatic topic, with 1,800 to 3,600 words.
- Created a wooden token for the 94th National Coin Week (NCW), Apr. 16-22. With 2017 marking the 100th anniversary of United States involvement in World War I, the NCW theme “Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military” was chosen to honor the connection between numismatics and the military throughout history. The 94th NCW annual event focused on everything from ancient coins celebrating battles to siege money of the Renaissance, Military Payments Certificates and commemorative coins from around the world.
- Increase report card participation in the Coins for A’s Program:
  - At the local level — GHCC (Greater Houston Coin Club).
  - At the state level — TNA (Texas Numismatic Association).
  - At the national level — ANA (American Numismatic Association).

Spartans Coin Club Vice President Taten Blue wanted to share this letter with the Coins for A’s Program:

*To Whom This May Concern*

*Thank you for my Ike Dollars that I received during the last cycle of grades. As I have been collecting quarters from the year 1900 to the year 2000, this being said I’d like to ask for a 1950 quarter, 1934 quarter, & a 1933 quarter being that these are three of the 10 years I am missing. This would be a great favor if I received these coins allowing me to finish off my quarter collection.*

— Taten A. Blue

Editor’s note: Apparently Taten was unaware at the time that no U.S. quarters were struck dated 1933, but we wish him well in completing his quarter collection by year.



*Spartan Coin Club members:*

*Left to right, standing: Bryan Burman, Sheng-song Gao, Adan Alvarez, Gabriel Ortiz, Marcos Lopez, Taten Blue, Dr. Ralph Ross;*

*Kneeling in front, left to right: Jennifer Kim, Diana Ramirez and Alyssa Alvarez.*



*Governor Kagin (left) talks to students as Governor Ross looks on.*

## Washington

### Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association

The annual PNNA spring convention in the Seattle area was held Mar. 17-19 at the Tukwila Community Center, a short distance south of Seattle. Total three-day paid attendance was approximately 1,000 as usual.

See <http://pnna.org/convention/convention.html> for a report and photographs, including PNNA annual awards and collector exhibit awards.





*Milwaukee Numismatic Society Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic volunteers and scouts.*

## Wisconsin

### South Shore Coin Club

*by John and Nancy Wilson, ANA National Volunteers*

The South Shore Coin Club (SSCC - [www.sscmke.org](http://www.sscmke.org)) hosted its 53rd Annual Coin Show on Apr. 7-8, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located near 13th and College Ave., in Milwaukee, Wisc. The SSCC event, the largest coin show in Wisconsin, had 47 dealers and 95 tables, with many dealers having multiple tables. Attendance at the two-day show was 600. Though the club charges a small admission, the first 50 veterans, and seniors 62 or older, were admitted free on both days. We want to thank show chairman Joe Bartoszewicz, co-bourse chairmen Michael McAndrew and Howard Thorpe, president Jim Taylor and all the members of the SSCC for providing the ANA with a free table. We signed up or renewed 14 members for the ANA. We also received a donation of \$50 from Milwaukee area dealer Andrew Kimmel, of Paragon Numismatics, for the shipment of the coin show kit.

The hard-working members of the SSCC handled the registration, sold raffle tickets and gave out special wooden nickels that were made for the show. The show also had an hourly door prize drawing. The competitive exhibits were chaired by Darrell Luedtke. The best-in-show exhibit award will be announced later.

The Crown Plaza is an excellent location for a coin show with its free airport shuttle and parking, a well-lit and carpeted convention hall, a very nice restaurant and the Interstate within blocks of the hotel. Security was very good and nothing was reported lost or stolen. The dealers appeared to have good shows. This location also has many other hotels within walking distance.

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS - [www.milwaukeeenumismaticssociety.com](http://www.milwaukeeenumismaticssociety.com)) held its 37th annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic in conjunction with this show on Saturday. The clinic was coordinated by Leon Saryan, Ph.D., along with members of the MNS. Speakers for the clinic were Leon Saryan, Bruce Benoit and Lee Hartz. Justin Perrault handled the computer, and other assistants for the clinic were Gary Bieringer, Josh Whitehall, Howard Thorpe and David Herrewig. The MNS Boy Scout clinic was started in 1981 by Lee Hartz and Tom Casper. The clinic was revamped by Bruce Benoit in 1985. Several national organizations have adopted the MNS Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic. Before the clinic ended Bruce Benoit took the scouts and their family members on a tour of the bourse and exhibit area. Out of the 31 Scouts who took the clinic, 28 passed all requirements. The MNS also thanked Crowne Plaza Hotel Banquet Director Michelle for her timely support for the clinic.

We look forward to attending next year's 54th coin show, at this same location, Apr. 13-14, 2018.



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**Editor’s Message** *by Eric Holcomb*

Thanks again for the submissions received; we have another nice large issue of *MintMark*. Please read the interesting club news and the important ANA news and messages.

The next (3rd quarter 2017) 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.

Please note that the *MintMark* submission deadline has been moved up to the second or third day of the month at the beginning of each quarter.

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 <https://www.money.org/submit-an-event>.

**ANA Launches Online Job Service**

The ANA announces the launch of its interactive job board focused on providing its members—and the collecting community—with an easy-to-use and highly targeted resource for online numismatic employment connections. The ANA Job Board can be found at [www.money.org/job-board](http://www.money.org/job-board).

Both members and non-members from the collecting community can use the ANA Job Board to reach qualified candidates. Posting a job is easy. Employers simply complete the brief form, upload the job description and the job listing will be posted within two business days. Listings are free for all employers through June 30, after which regular rates will apply: \$50 for ANA members, and \$100 for non-members.

For job seekers, the ANA Job Board is a free service that provides access to employers and jobs in the numismatic industry. Job seekers can browse and view available jobs based on their criteria and level of interest.

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