

2010 The Year in Review

2010 was our 50th year as a coin club. We had 3 Estate Auctions, 2 bus trips to the FUN Show, a club picnic, 3 free food nights, and numerous educational programs. In fact, if you participated in all of our programs, your \$10 membership got you \$68 worth of benefits. If you just received the newsletter, it cost us \$8.88 a year to send it to you. Club membership hit a new high with 293 paid members. Attendance at the meetings has averaged 80-85 again this year.

January saw 44 club members take the bus trip to FUN in Orlando. We discussed the show at the next club meeting.

February we had a program by Buddy Hirsh called, "Toned Coins". At Estate auction #15 we sold 296 lots.

In March our 50th anniversary club medals came in. We ordered 500 pieces with the Fugio colonial cent and 500 pieces with a double struck 1823 large cent. The reverse had, "Palm Beach Coin Club 50th Anniversary, 1960-2010 and our Palm Tree Logo. They sell for \$1. We also slabbed 100 pieces #1-100 at ICG. They are \$5 each.

In April we had our Free Food Night which drew 98 members. The 2011 Red Books arrived and were sold at cost, soft cover \$8 and hard cover \$9. We donated 20 hard covers to the Palm Beach County Library System and 8 more to LC Swain Middle School coin club. We celebrated National Coin Week with 8 club members displaying their numismatic specialties. Carole Marshall won with Sea Shells on coins & currency.

May 12th, we had a coin grading contest with 25 participants. Dick Toth won the contest. Tony told about his trip to the Central States Show in Milwaukee. Randy Campbell received 424 coins for grading at ICG at the May show.

June we had Estate Auction #16 with 66 lots. On Saturday the 19th, we had our first club picnic in 25 years. After George Kovacic arranged everything, 65 members had a catered cookout with plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken. Buddy Hirsh & Tony S. gave a program entitled, "Helpful Aids to Grading US Coins".

July 9th was the summer FUN bus trip with 43 members aboard. We discussed the show at the next meeting. At "Other Hobbies Night", 12 members displayed their collections.

In August, Jim Biancarosa gave a program entitled, "It Ain't Re...al, Counterfeits & Such". Sandy Pearl & Tony S. reported on the ANA in Boston. We had a program on, "My Most Memorable Numismatic Finds or Events" with 12 members contributing.

September 9th we celebrated our clubs 50th anniversary. We had a free dinner with a 50th anniversary cake. Bob Leneve told us what 1960 was like. He lip-synched to the Platters

song, "Remember When". Tony S. then presented "History of the Palm Beach Coin Club", a 21 page document covering the 50 year history of the club. This document can be seen at pbcc.anacclubs.org. click History on the first page. We had Estate Auction #17, a 151 lot auction.

October, the 2011 club calendars arrived. They are \$1 each. Richard Spencer gave a program on Franklin Halves and told about the life of Ben Franklin. He was in full costume as Franklin and will be doing Ben Franklin at the FUN show in Tampa. Tony S. told about his trip to the Whitman Expo Coin Show in Philadelphia. We had a coin grading contest won by Phil Seeger.

November was the club election. The results are as follows; President- Tony Swicer, VP- Antonio Acevedo, Secretary- Bruce Eleshewich, Treasurer- Robert Leneve, Editor- Rick Carver, Board members are, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, and Ed Polyanchek. Tony S. gave a program on; "Choosing a Grading Service and How to Fill Out the Forms".

December was our Holiday Party, Awards Night, and White Elephant Sale. We had approximately 100 members at the party, with 4 trays of chicken nuggets, 3 meat & cheese trays, and 3 shrimp trays, not to mention all the side dishes and desserts. The Club Member of the Year was Emily Diaz for all of her help at the coin club shows and helping at the meetings. Tim Morley was our coin club top recruiter this year. The White Elephant Sale brought in \$498, a record, and we adjourned by 9PM.

Silver and gold were down in January, up in April/May, down to \$1163 & \$17.60 July 28th, then a gradual rise to a peak December 6th at \$1430 & \$30.66. It followed the exact trend that it does most years. There is no magic to this. If you look at charts from past years you will see this pattern. Bullion should now go down to a low in early January, climb in April/May, down in July, and a new record high early next December. Buy and sell accordingly.

What a Year!!!!

Thanks to all who help make the club a success. Now, DUES ARE DUE for 2011, just \$10 a year. If your membership card says, "Thru 2010", your dues are due.

Tony S.