

## 2014 The Year in Review

What a great year for PBCC. Membership was up thirteen, to 358, tying our largest membership year ever. We are the largest local coin club in the country and we spent more money on club members than ever before. We had two free bus trips to the FUN show, three free food nights, and gave two \$1500 scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar to club members. We also gave 24 Red Books to the PBC Library system and supported LC Swain Middle Schools coin club with coins, books, and supplies. January 11<sup>th</sup>, 49 club members went to the FUN show on the club bus. At the club meeting, VP Richard Spencer gave a program on "Franklin Halves". The next meeting, we discussed the FUN show.

In February we started a run of Estate auctions with Estate auction #23 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Estate auction #24 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Carole Marshall was the winner of the club essay contest and went to the ANA Summer Seminar in June. We also sent YN Samuel Yambo to the ANA Summer Seminar.

March 12<sup>th</sup> was Estate auctions #25 & #26. March 26<sup>th</sup> was Estate auction #27.

April 9<sup>th</sup> was "Free Food Night" from Columbinos Restaurant. Guest speaker Cindy Wibker, FUN Board member & coin show coordinator, had a power point presentation on "Exonumia-One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure". The 2015 Red Books came in selling at cost, hard cover \$9, soft cover \$8.

May 14<sup>th</sup> was a report on the Central States show in Illinois. May 17<sup>th</sup> was the club catered picnic at John Prince Park attended by 61 club members.

In June, 5 of our club members attended the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. June 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a program on "US Coins & Currency Time Lines"

July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Richard Spencer led a quiz on US paper money. July 11<sup>th</sup> was the club bus trip to summer FUN. 35 members went on the bus. We discussed the FUN show on the 23<sup>rd</sup> along with having Estate auction #27 part 2.

August 13<sup>th</sup> we had reports on the ANA in Chicago. Sandy Pearl was appointed Secretary of the ANA. Tony Swicer received the "Outstanding District Representative, 2014" from the ANA. Members told about their trip to the ANA Summer Seminar. The club donated 60 pounds of world coins (4500 pieces) to LC Swain Middle Schools coin club.

September 10<sup>th</sup> was "Free Food Night" and FUN VP Bob Hurst gave a power point presentation on "Spanish Treasure Coins & Artifacts" from the 1715 Fleet ship wrecks off the east coast of Florida. 90 members were in attendance.

In October the 2015 club calendars came in. They are \$1 each. October 22<sup>nd</sup>, guest speaker Alexandra Ziemann spoke and displayed items from "Robert Patterson, R.M. Patterson, Our 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> US Mint Directors". Her father John helped. October 15<sup>th</sup> was a

club Board meeting where we approved the club budget for 2015 and went over what the club is doing and recommended any changes.

November 12<sup>th</sup> was nomination of club officers & board. November 26<sup>th</sup> was the club election as follows; President- Tony Swicer, VP- Richard Spencer, Secretary- Bruce Eleshewich, Treasurer- Robert Leneve, Director of Young Numismatists- Dan Pecoraro. Newsletter Editor- Rick Carver. Board members are Anthony Acevedo. Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, Ed Polyanchek, Alan Liemer, and James Wagner. The approval of the new Board is pending the approval of changing the bylaws to 12 board members in February, 2015. November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, PBCC had a table at the Gem & Mineral Show at the Fairgrounds. Six club members volunteered to man the table and they signed up two new members. Three of our members joined the Gem & Mineral Club. New club shirts with the PBCC logo came in. They are \$21 each in M,L,XL,2X. We ordered 108 shirts. Also on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Carole Marshall gave a power point presentation on her trip to the ANA Summer Seminar.

December 10<sup>th</sup> was Awards Night, Free Food Night, and the White Elephant sale, attended by a record crowd of 122 club members. Emily Diaz was awarded Club Member of the Year for 2014. She received a \$50 gift certificate. She has volunteered all year long at the club and coin show. Every officer and board member of the club received a silver eagle for their service in 2014. Top club recruiter was Richard Spencer. He received a silver eagle. The sale brought in \$320.

Our monthly coin show, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month continues to do well. We are sound financially and we will continue to bring you new club programs at the meetings. I am entering my 31<sup>st</sup> year as your club president. Lets make 2015 better than the year before.

Gold peaked in March at \$1379. The low was \$1142 in November. Silver peaked in February at \$22, and the low was \$15.39 in November. I stopped predicting what it will do. The Numismatic News prediction is that both will drop this year.

Tony