

2018 The Year in Review

2018 was the year of the “Estate Auction”. We had 12 auctions in 11 months in 2018. The club made approximately \$5000 on these auctions. This enabled us to send Kelley McDougall and Matthew Tavory to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs in June, all expenses paid (\$3636). We also donated \$500 to both the ANA and ICTA- Anti-Counterfeit Task Force in October. In addition, we once again gave 24 Red Books to the Palm Beach County Library System and we support LC Swain Middle School Coin Club Program.

I wanted to thank Bruce Ollis who is our webmaster for the great job on keeping up the club website, <http://pbcc.anaclubs.org/>, all year long. If you have not seen the site, take a look. Thanks Bruce.

We ended the year with 332 paid club members. That was down 14 members from 2017. In January the FUN Show was in Tampa, so we did not have a bus trip, but several club members gave us a report on the show. Wednesday the 10th we had a huge numismatic book sale. On the 24th we had Estate Auction #33, U.S. Tokens & Medals.

In February Estate Auction #32-1 & 32-2 were US coins realizing over \$15,000.

In March the club became a 501c3 non-profit corporation, designated a charity. Club member and CPA Chuck Heck did the paperwork for the club. Wednesday the 14th, Tony gave a program on “20 Things to Avoid to Make Your Collecting Experience More Enjoyable”. March 28th was Estate Auction #33-2. This was bulk lots of World coins.

In April was Special Auction #4, a slab coin auction. The 2019 Red Books came in. They were available at cost to club members. The 9th was a report on the Central States Show in Schaumburg, IL. We worked a deal with Coin World for club members to subscribe for one year at a discount. We also received 50 Coin Worlds at every monthly show beginning in May 2018 through all of 2019.

In May was our club picnic at John Prince Park, Saturday the 12th. 64 attended. May 9th was estate auction #34. Tony talked about his trip to the Central States Show in Schaumburg, IL On the 23rd, guest speaker Abby Zechman spoke on “How to Get & Keep Kids interested in the Hobby”. We worked a deal with the Grey Sheet to subscribe for a year at a 25% discount for any club member.

In June Estate Auction #33-3 grossed over \$25,000. It was 87 binders of World coins.

In July, was Summer FUN. The club bus trip to Summer FUN was Friday the 12th. 45 went on the bus. Estate Auction #33-4 was Wednesday July 25th grossing over \$20,000. It was 54 binders of World coins.

In August, Sandy Pearl and I reported on the ANA in Philadelphia. Estate Auction #35 was Wednesday August 22nd. This was hundreds of Proof & Mint Sets starting at \$2 each.

In September the 2019 club calendars came in. Wednesday the 12th was Free Food Night with pizza, calzone, Stromboli, subs, and desserts. 75 attended. Wednesday the 26th was Estate Auction #33-5, realizing \$6410. This was hundreds of Proof & Mint Sets starting at \$2 each.

In October Slab Auction #5 was on the 10th. It was the most successful slab auction to date grossing \$22,504. Carole Marshall is starting a social column in the club newsletter. Her email is marshallg@aol.com We had a Board meeting on the 17th to discuss the state of the club, 2019 budget, and any other club topics. On Wednesday the 24th, Richard Spencer gave a program on “A Complete Set of Proof Franklin Halves in PCGS “Rattler” Holders”.

In November was our nomination of Officers & Board, and the Election. Estate Auction #36 was November 14th. The election was as follows; President- Tony Swicer, VP- Richard Spencer, Secretary- Alan Liemer, Treasurer- Robert Spence. Board members elected were; Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Kelley McDougall, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, John Pellegrino, and Ed Polyanchek. Director of YN’s- Dan Pecoraro, Newsletter Editor- Rick Carver. Richard Spencer gave a short talk on “How to Tell the Difference between a Type 1 & Type 2 1956 Proof Franklin Half Dollar”.

In December was our Awards Night, Pot Luck Dinner, and the White Elephant Sale. Eric Ovaska was voted “Club Member of the Year” and his brother John received a plaque for him. 105 attended. The white elephant sale brought in \$628 and the raffle did \$190.

I want to thank Rechant Precious Metals for their donations of supplies all year long. Also, thanks to Twery’s for donating 20 1955-S Lincoln Cents NGC MS-66. And thanks to the club members who have donated materials throughout the year.

Our monthly coin show continues to do very well, with other shows having problems. We attribute our success to consistent advertising in the largest paper in the county, the Palm Beach Post. We run 5 ads every show. All advertising is booked with Numismatic News, Coin World, the Numismatist, FUN Topics, Condo News, and online, in the November before the next year and paid for in advance.

Tony