

2020 Year in Review

2020 started out like most years with the FUN Show in Orlando January 9-12th. The club bus trip to FUN was on Friday the 10th. We had 37 members on board. The FUN show was discussed at the 1/22 meeting. Carole Marshall won the adult scholarship from FUN and will go to the ANA Summer Seminar in 2021. Sid Talavera won our club essay contest and will also go to the ANA Summer Seminar.

In February we had our two meetings. Attendance was 70 at the meetings and the monthly show had 47 dealer tables and about 400 attendance.

Then along came March. Wednesday the 11th we had Estate Auction 41.2. This was a 98-lot auction of mostly World coins. Around the 14th, covid-19 hit everywhere, and everything was shutdown nationwide.

From March 11th to October 14th, we did not have any physical meetings or coin shows due to the coronavirus. This was nationwide. We started "Virtual" meetings once a month June through September on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Viewing of the meeting started with 85 viewers in June and ended with about 40 in September. During this time, we had to cancel our Free Food Night, club picnic, and the Summer FUN bus trip. During this time, Carole Marshall helped me update the club mailing list. With all those of you that let us send your monthly newsletter via email, we saved 40% on postage.

October 14th, we had our first physical meeting in 7 months. We met in the big room and all chairs were spaced six feet apart. All tables were spaced accordingly. Everyone wore masks. 49 members were present, and we had the new 2021 Red Books and 2021 Club Calendars at cost. I delivered 19 new Red Books to the Palm Beach County Library System. Steve Feiertag spoke and displayed his 50-piece U.S. Commemorative Type Set, PCGS Registry Set #12 and graded MS-64+ to MS-68. 10/28 we had Slab Auction #8. Although we only sold 43 of 109 lots, the club made \$642. At our October 21st Board meeting, we approved the budget for 2021 and decided that because club members did not receive all the benefits of the club this year, we would carry over all 2020 dues paid members through 2021. **You do not have to pay 2021 dues.** October 22nd was our coin show. We had 47 dealer tables and attendance was good. We had social distancing in place with masks and temperature checks at the door.

November 11th was nomination of club Officers & Board for 2021. Everyone elected for 2020 was nominated for 2021. November 22nd was our coin show with 38 tables (several dealers had covid-19 concerns and would not come). November 25th was our election as follows, President- Tony Swicer, VP- Richard Spencer, Secretary- Alan Liemer, Treasurer- Robert Leneve. Board members are Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver (newsletter editor), Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Kelley McDougall, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, John Pellegrino. Director of YN's- Dan Pecoraro.

December 9th and 23rd we had regular meetings. At the 23rd meeting I gave a short talk on Military Payment Certificates. There was No Christmas Party due to the virus. The monthly coin show was down to 34 dealers, due to the virus, but it was a good show.

During the year, we had three club members take advantage of our offer of \$20 paid if you write an article that is published in our club newsletter. Membership was 301 at the end of the year. We were down 30 members from 2019. This was a common theme with all clubs. The club donated \$500 to the ANA & \$500 to ACEF (Anti-counterfeiting Educational Foundation). This is in keeping with our 501c3 Non-profit status.

Let's put 2020 behind us. We are not out of the woods yet, but 2021 should be a lot better than 2020.

Happy New Year!!

Tony