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February 2024 Events

February 4

Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show
24th & Taylor St., Hollywood, FL

February 11

Melbourne Coin - Stamp & Collectible Show
Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne

February 14

PBCC Meeting: Auction viewing at 4:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

★ **Estate Auction #48** ★

February 18

Ft. Lauderdale Coin and Stamp Show
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

February 25

PBCC Coin Show
American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

February 28

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM

★ **Steve Feiertag Peace Dollar Date Set** ★

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Presidents Message

January 10th was the first meeting of 2024. Gregg Wagner gave a program on "ANA Summer Seminar". 61 attended. We talked about the FUN Show, followed by door prizes, raffle, jackpot drawing, and the auction. The FUN Show report and 2023 Year in Review are inside. January 24th, Steve Feiertag displayed his Morgan Dollar Date Set PCGS Registry #18 of 1300.

DUES ARE DUE for 2024 - we do not send out notices. If your membership card says "Good thru 2023" your dues are due. See Tony or mail your \$15 to PBCC, P.O. Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466 Life membership is \$150.

February 14th is Estate Auction #48 (list attached). Viewing night of auction from 4 -7PM. February 28th, Steve Feiertag will display his Peace Dollar Date Set PCGS Registry #12.

March 13th, Gregg Wagner will have a program on "Most Famous Collectors of the 1900's". March 27th, Gregg will talk about the "Carson City Mint & the Comstock Load".

April 10th is Slab Auction #11. We are taking consignments of slab coins & currency for this auction. The minimum value per lot is \$25. See Tony. Deadline for submissions is March 13th. No exceptions. This is also **FREE FOOD NIGHT**. We eat at 6PM.

Tony

The Year in Review - 2023

2023 saw club membership down a little from 308 in 2022 to 297 in 2023. Our monthly coin show continues to do well. In fact, 2023 was my

best year at the show ever. Attendance at the meetings was 50 to 60. Pre-covid, we had 80 to 90 attend. As far as finances are concerned, we have a sound bank account but we lost \$1647 in 2023. Expenses went up 10%. We are a 501c3 corporation (Charity) so we don't have to make money all the time.

In January, 32 members went to the *FUN Show* on the bus. Members paid \$30 but we lost \$250 on the bus trip. At the first meeting we discussed the *FUN Show* and Gregg Wagner gave a program on "*Civil War Dog Tags & Sutler Tokens*".

February 8th, we had Estate Auction #45-1. The auction grossed \$4842 and the club made \$242. February 22nd was Estate Auction #45-2. The auction grossed \$5240. The club made \$262.

March 8th we had Estate Auction #46. The auction grossed \$7149 and the club made \$799. March 22nd, Gregg Wagner had a program on "*Colonial Coins*".

April 12th was Slab Auction #11. The auction grossed \$2974 and the club made \$298. The 2024 *Red Books* came in and we donated 17 to the PBC Library System. *Red Books* were sold at cost to the membership. April 26th, Gregg Wagner had a program on "*Shield Nickels, 1866-1883*". We had a Grading Contest won by Bruce Eleshewich.

May 10th was "*Free Food Night*". We had subs from Vince's Deli and Calzone, Stromboli, pizza, and desserts from Colombino's. 85 attended. Gregg gave a talk on "*The Old Philadelphia Mint*". On the 24th, Gregg Wagner spoke on "*Silver Commemorative Half Dollars*".

June 14th, Gregg spoke on "*The Discovery of Gold and the San Francisco Mint*". On the 28th, Gregg spoke on "*An Overview of Hard Times Tokens*".

July 14th was the bus trip to *Summer FUN*. 35 members went. We lost \$400 on the bus. Rechant Metals donated a huge number of numismatic supplies which we auctioned off and made several hundred dollars. We sent Club Essay Contest winner YN Max Brand to the *ANA Summer Seminar* in Colorado Springs, CO. (\$1800 value).

In August, Tony gave a report on the *ANA National Money Show* in Pittsburgh, PA.

September 13th Gregg gave a program on "*Capped Bust Half Dimes*". On the 27th he gave a program on "*Treasure & Treasure Hunting - The 1715 Lost Fleet*". 2024 Club Calendars came in selling at \$1 each.

October 11th was Estate Auction #47 (The Larry Deese Sale). The auction grossed \$6398 and the club made \$320. We had a Board meeting on October 20th. We donated \$100 to both the ANA and the Anti-Counterfeit Task Force. On October 27th, we had a "*Mini-Coin Show*" with 20 club members setting up tables at no charge.

November 8th was the nomination of club Officers & Board for 2024. November 18 -19th the club had a table at the Gem & Mineral Show at the WPB Fairgrounds Expo Building. November 22nd was the club election. Election results were as follows:

President - Tony Swicer
VP - Kelley McDougall
Secretary - Alan Liemer
Treasurer - Robert Leneve
Director of YN's - Dan Pecoraro
Newsletter Editor - Rick Carver

Board members are Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, John Pellegrino, Richard Spencer, and Gregg Wagner. The program was "*Early Bust Halves 1807-1820*" by Gregg Wagner.

December 13th was our *Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Sale*. 75 members were there and spent \$635 on tickets and the Sale. The monies raised paid for all the meat and drinks. Our "*Club Member of the Year*" was Denny Thostenson for writing numismatic articles in our newsletter every month but February. Denny received a Certificate and \$50. Gregg Wagner did programs at the club every month and he was asked and voted in as a Board member. We partnered with the Numismatic Association of Nicaragua thanks to club member Piero Bergman. We sent them 50 pounds of Numismatic supplies in December. We are always looking for more donations for them, especially Whitman folders and bookshelf albums. December 24th we had our final coin show of the

year. As it turns out, it was a mistake to have the show that close to Christmas. We only had 28 dealers instead of the usual 48. So, we lost money.

The 69th Annual FUN Convention January 4-7, 2024, Orlando, FL

This convention was our largest ever with 660 dealer booths. There were 2080 dealers registered, which included 298 "Early Birds." Photo I.D. pushed through 875 dealers that did not have last year's photo I.D. Public attendance was over 7,300. 2400 showcases were used on the bourse floor. 550 FUN members paid dues for a total of 3953 FUN members. We had four club buses subsidized by FUN that brought in 154 club members.

This year's theme was "Coins & Kids" and the co-chairs were Tony Bonaro and Abigail Zechman. Their Coins & Kids booth was manned by Sam Gelberd running the "Numismatic Trivia Contest" along with Harry Schwartz and the Zechman's and brought in over 350 kids.

Exhibit head Bob Russell had 47 exhibitors using about 150 cases. There were 30 exhibit judges, and "Best of Show" went to ANA President Tom Uram for "The Historical Significance of the Two Cent Piece 1864-1872." The "People's Choice Award" went to Ernie Segundo for "Detecting Counterfeits the Old Fashion Way." The "Polly Abbott Service Award" went to Bob Russell for his work with the FUN archives in 2023.

There were 12 educational seminars Thursday to Saturday headed by Randy Campbell. Two of the seminars drew over 100 people. All of the grading services were there and NGC had a free grading contest that drew 157 participants.

The Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast had 60 ambassadors and guests attend. It was the 50th anniversary of the award founded by Clifford Mishler in 1974. Since those first awards, we have had almost 500 ambassadors selected by their peers. Clifford Mishler received a large plaque for his contributions to the program. 20 ICG-slabbed Silver Eagles were given out marking the occasion,

along with 60 elongated quarters and halves made by ambassador Cindy Calhoun.

The FUN Club Get Together had 45 club members attend representing 26 coin clubs. 10 ICG-slabbed Silver Eagles were given away. The Scout merit badge program on Saturday had 48 scouts attend and the Young Numismatist program had 37. Both were run by Tony Bonaro and Abigail Zechman.

The U.S. Mint was there selling new releases. Gold Mining Panners, Mike Bean with his spider press, Cindy Calhoun with elongated cents, re-enactors Ben Franklin, Abe Lincoln, and George Washington were all there. Many specialty clubs met. There was a Club section, an Ancient & World Coin Section, and a Budget section. Wizard Supply was there. And finally, Heritage Auctions had our auction.

Thanks goes out to Coin Show Coordinator Katie Williams for a job well done. Thanks to all the Officers and Board of FUN for their work. FUN VP Bob Hurst ran around taking pictures, Steve Martin was busy replacing show cases and Nancy Casey, Jay Chamberlain, Bernie Ososky, Sandy Pearl, and Joe Zelinski were busy at registration. Chris Arbutine was at the message center and Cindy Wibker helped out as necessary. There were a few glitches in the beginning, but after the dealers started selling thousands of dollars, all was forgotten.

At the FUN General Meeting, board members Steve Martin, Donna Moon, Sandy Pearl, Bob Russell, Katie Williams, and Abigail Zechman were re-elected for two years.

We look forward to the 18th Annual Summer FUN, July 11-13, 2024, Orange County Convention Center, in the West Building, Hall WA1 next to the Rosen Center.

Tony Swicer
FUN-President

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