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February 2025 Events

February 2

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

February 9

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

February 12

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

★"Early Bust Halves" by Gregg Wagner★

February 16

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

February 23

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

February 26

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

★"Proof Buffalo Nickels" by Steve Feiertag★

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Presidents Message

Happy New Year!! This is the first newsletter of the new year. We had 85 attend our Potluck dinner and White Elephant sale in December. We had plenty of food and the White Elephant sale brought in \$529.

Zeneida Moreno won our essay contest and will be going to the ANA Summer Seminar in June. We ended the year with 310 members. Just a reminder that **dues are due** now for 2025, unless your membership card says, "Good Thru 2025". Dues are \$15 and can be mailed to PBCC, P.O. Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466 or see Tony at the meeting or coin show.

The bus trip on January 10th to the FUN show had 37 club members on board. We finally broke even on this bus trip. The next bus trip is Friday July 11th to Summer FUN. The FUN Show Report is enclosed.

February 12th, Gregg Wagner will have a program on "Early Bust Halves". February 26th, Steve Feiertag will show his "Proof Buffalo Nickels". The club auction is open at both meetings for club members to put up to **8** lots in the auction. March 12th is a "Grading Contest" with the winner receiving a slabbed modern silver dollar.

Tony

**The 70th Annual FUN Convention
January 9-12, 2025, Orlando, FL**

The convention had 650 dealer booths, plus the U.S. Mint, Wizard supply, exhibit area all filling the 187,000 square feet hall. We had 1800

dealers, 315 Early Bird dealers and over 8,000 public in attendance. There were 40 staff members. 2640 showcases were used on the floor. FUN membership is 4527, with 250 new members and four life members signed up at the show.

On Thursday's opening ceremonies, ANA President Tom Uram and Director of the U.S. Mint Ventriss Gibson spoke to about 400 public. This year's General Chairman was Bob Hurst and his theme was "Great Time for Collecting".

The exhibit area had 38 exhibitors from 11 states with 54 exhibits using 150 cases. "Best of Show" went to Mack Martin for "Georgia Reconstruction Bonds". The "People's Choice Award" went to YN Natlie Courtney for "How Much Was It?". The Polly Abbott Award went to Katie Williams. The Jim & Carrie Best Literary Award went to Bill Groom for "Counterstamped Coins: A Suffering New Yorker Opines".

There were 11 educational programs drawing about 400 people in total. The "Coins & Kids" booth had over 300 kids. The kids "Numismatic Trivia Contest" was a big success. The Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast had 59 attendees, and we had six new Ambassadors. The FUN Coin Club Get Together had 41 attendees. The Scout & YN programs had 24 & 25 attendees. Five club buses brought in 189 club members. We had an ANA District Rep meeting on Friday with 10 attending.

The U.S. Mint sold their newly released 2025 proof silver eagles. Mike Bean had his Spider Press, gold mining panners were there, and reenactors Abe Lincoln and George Washington. Cindy Calhoun had her "Elongated Cents" machine.

Many specialty clubs met. There was a Club Section, Foreign & Ancient Section, and Budget Section in the show. All the grading services were there and NGC had their Numismatic Triathlon. Heritage Auctions auctioned some lots on site and the remainder during the week in Dallas online.

Thanks goes out to all of the FUN Officers, Board Members, and Volunteers for a great job. Several dealers told me that they sold out of their inventory and had to restock. One dealer

that I know reported selling \$2 million the first day.

We look forward to the 19th Annual Summer FUN Show July 10-12, 2025, in the West building, Hall C.

Tony

The Year in Review 2024

2024 was a good year for the club. Membership increased from 297 in 2023 to 310 in 2024. Attendance at the meetings was around 55 to 65. The monthly coin show is doing well with an average of 44 dealers and attendance of 300 to 400 every show. The club ended the year with a balanced budget and a profit of \$56.

In January, 32 went on the club bus to FUN. The club lost \$800 on the trip. At the second meeting we discussed the FUN show. Steve Feiertag displayed his PCGS Morgan Dollar Date Set, Registry #18 of 1300 sets.

February 14th was Estate Auction #48. The auction realized \$13,077. The club made \$654. 65 attended. On the 28th, Steve Feiertag displayed his PCGS Peace Dollar Set Registry #12.

March 13th, Gregg Wagner spoke on "Carson City Mint & the Comstock Lode". Board member George Kovacic administered a "Grading Contest", won by Larry Siehl. I spoke and had a table at the Crystal River Coin Club meeting and show.

Wednesday April 10th was Slab Auction #12. The auction realized \$5038. The club made \$504. This was also "Free Food Night". We had pizza, calzone, stromboli's and dessert. We had 82 in attendance.

Wednesday May 8th was Estate Auction #49. The auction realized \$9919. The club made \$496. 75 attended. The 2025 Red Books came in. Club members paid cost, \$8.50 for soft cover and \$9.50 for hard cover. We donated 21 copies to the Palm Beach County Library system.

June 12th, Robert LeNeve spoke on "The 1921 Morgan Dollar". June 26th, Gregg Wagner spoke on "Famous Collectors of the 1900's". Piero

Bergman won our club essay contest and went to the ANA Summer Seminar.

July 12th was the club bus trip to summer FUN. 27 were on the bus. The club lost \$530 on the bus trip. July 24th was our FUN Show report. Gary Posner donated 5 showcases that the club sold.

August 28th, Gregg spoke on U.S. Coastal Shipwrecks and their Treasure". I attended the ANA in Chicago and gave a report.

September 11th, Steve Feiertag displayed his PCGS Mercury Dime Registry Set #10. September 25th, Gregg Wagner spoke on "Cuban Coins Struck at the U.S. Mint".

On October 9th, the meeting was canceled due to a hurricane. On October 23rd, we had Estate Auction #50. The auction realizes \$2694. The club made \$134. The 2025 Club Calendars came in. They were \$1 to club members. On October 16th, we had our annual Board meeting where we approved the 2025 budget and planned for 2025. Rechant Metals donated over 100 Bookshelf coin albums that were auctioned off and we split the proceeds 50-50.

November 13th was the nomination of club officers and board for 2025. November 27th was the election. The results are as follows, President- Tony Swicer, VP- John Pellegrino, Secretary- Alan Liemer, Treasurer- Robert LeNeve, Board was Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Kelley McDougall, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, Larry Siehl, Richard Spencer, Gregg Wagner. Twery's donated a lot of small wood cases that the club auctioned off.

December 11th was our Potluck dinner and White Elephant Sale. About 85 attended the party. The club bought meat and drinks. Club members brought in a covered dish. We had plenty of everything. The White Elephant sale brought in \$529, paying for the food bought by the club. Dora Semaska was named "Club Member of the Year" by the Board. Thanks goes out to both Dora and Jane Franzen for donating baked goods at multiple meetings during the year.

Tony

"Thank You!"

Hello Club Members and Board of Directors,

I would like to thank you for the honor of being voted Palm Beach Coin Club *Member of the Year*. I was totally caught by surprise, and was speechless for the first time in my life. My husband thought it was a Christmas miracle!

It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you in the Club. I look forward to meeting more members and providing more goodies in the coming year. So come by and say hello and grab a snack.

Dora Semaska

PBCC Scholarship & Essay Rules

1. You must be a member of the club for one year.
2. You must be a member of the ANA to go.
3. Some sort of contribution to the club is preferred to win this scholarship. It can be volunteering at the coin show, writing an article for the newsletter, speaking at a library, school, or civic organization about numismatics, sponsoring new members, helping where needed at the meetings, like bringing refreshments, donation to the club auction, being a runner, etc.
4. Your essay should be under 500 words telling us why you want to go to the ANA Summer Seminar and how it will benefit you and the club. What you have done in numismatics and how the summer seminar would help pursue your numismatic goals. Write an article for our newsletter about your experience after your trip to Colorado.
5. The scholarship is not to exceed \$1850.
6. The deadline for your essay is December 31st every year for the trip the following June. All essays should be emailed to swicer@comcast.net
7. If there is only one essay, it is at the discretion of the PBCC Board if you go or not.

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