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February 2026 Events

February 1

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

February 8

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

February 11

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
* Estate Auction #54 *

February 15

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

February 22

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

February 25

PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00PM
* "Morgan Dollar VAMS, Part 2"
By Gregg Wagner *

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Presidents Message

Dues are due for 2026. Dues are still only \$15 per year or life membership of \$150. We have 85 life members. Mail your dues to PBCC, P.O. Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466 or see Tony at the meeting or coin show. Look at your membership card, if it says, "Good thru 12/25", you owe your 2026 dues.

Our Christmas party went very well with 80 in attendance. The *White Elephant Sale* brought in a record \$620. The year ended with a balanced budget.

The club bus trip to the *FUN Show* on January 9th had 27 members on the bus. 2026 Club Calendars are available for \$1. The new cotton club shirts are available for \$22 in sizes S, M, L, 1X, and 2X, at the meetings. **Jason Ganova** is the essay contest winner. He will be going to the *ANA Summer Seminar* in Colorado Springs, CO, all expenses paid (\$1800).

Wednesday, February 11th will be Estate Auction #54. The list is enclosed. Please bring cash. On Wednesday, February 25th, Gregg Wagner's program will be "Morgan Dollar VAMS, Part 2".

Tony

The Year in Review 2025

Club membership ended the year at 291, including 85 life members. The monthly coin show did well with an average of 46 dealers and 300 to

400 attendance at every show. We had a balanced budget for 2025.

In January, 32 went on the club bus to the *FUN Show*. The *FUN Show* report is in this newsletter.

February 12th, Gregg Wagner gave a program on "Early Bust Halves". February 26th, Steve Feiertag displayed his "Proof Buffalo Nickels".

In March we had a "Grading Contest" administered by George Kovacic. Al Tressel won the contest and received a silver dollar. Wednesday, March 12th was Estate Auction #51, 79 lots. The auction realized \$10,777. The club made \$539. March 26th, Gregg Wagner gave a program on "Bust Half Dollars 1821-1836".

April 9th was Slab Auction #12 and "Free Food Night". 75 attended. The auction realized \$3474. The club made \$222. April 23rd was Estate Auction #52. 137 lots realized \$66,392. The club made \$3320.

May 14th Gregg Wagner spoke on "Liberty Seated Half Dimes, 1837-1853". May 28th Gregg spoke on "Early American Medals". The 2026 *Red Books* came in. Soft cover was \$9.50 and Hard cover was \$14. We also received a donation of over 400 PCGS hard plastic storage boxes which we are selling at \$2 each.

In June, Gregg Wagner spoke on "Liberty Seated Half Dimes, 1853-1873" and "Classic Silver Commemoratives 1892-1921".

By July, Gold and silver have been rising all year. In July, gold was \$3400+ and silver \$36/oz. The club bus trip to *Summer FUN* was July 11th. 27 went on the bus. **Zeneida Moreno** was the essay contest winner and went to the *ANA Summer Seminar*, all expenses paid by the club.

Wednesday, August 13th was "Bourse Night". In lieu of a regular meeting we had a free mini coin show with 26 club members manning 22 tables. August 27th, Gregg gave a program and I gave a report on the *ANA Show* in Oklahoma City. We had a numismatic book sale and raised over \$500.

September 10th Steve Feiertag displayed his "Capped Bust Dimes Set". Gregg had a program on September 24th.

October 8th Gregg had a program on "Barber Half Dollars, 1892-1915". October 22nd Gregg spoke on "Liberty Seated Halves, 1861-1891". The club calendars came in for 2026, still only \$1. Our club board meeting was on October 15th. The board approved the budget and plans for 2026.

Wednesday, November 12th was Nomination of Officers & Board for 2026. November 26th was the election. President- Tony Swicer, VP- John Pellegrino, Secretary- Sid Talavera, Treasurer- Robert Leneve, Board, Tony Acevedo, Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Bruce Eleshewich, George Kovacic, Carole Marshall, Kelley McDougall, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, Larry Siehl, Gregg Wagner. Rick Carver is the Newsletter editor, Bruce Ollis is our webmaster, and Dan Pecoraro is the TN Director. The club had a table at the *Gem & Mineral Show* at the fairgrounds on November 22-23. Robert Leneve, Carole Marshall, John Pellegrino, Larry Siehl, and I manned the table.

December 10th was our Christmas Party, potluck dinner, and white elephant sale. We had about 80 attendees with lots of food. The white elephant sale brought in a record \$620. **Sid Talavera** was named Club Member of the Year. **Dora Semaska** continued to bring in baked goods for the club throughout the year. The club website is www.pbcc.anaclubs.org

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71st Annual FUN Convention Orlando, FL January 8-11, 2026

WOW!! What a show. We had a new record of 740 dealer booths. Public attendance was over 11,000. There were 477 Early Bird badges sold. There were 2082 dealers and FUN staff with 1017 Dealer badges issued at Photo I.D. Public registration was absolutely swamped on opening day with 4500 people coming in. This years' theme was "Paper Money, Portraits of

History". At the opening ribbon cutting, Bernie Ososky and Joe Zelinski received the *FUN Presidential Award*. Greg Rounds received the "Polly Abbott Award".

Several dealers sold over \$1 million on the first day. Everyone had a wonderful show. The U.S. Mint was there, eBay, all the grading services, Wizard Supply, Coin World, Numismatic News, Coin Dealer Newsletter, Mike Bean with his Spider Press, Piedmont Gold Panners, Cindy Calhoun with her Elongated machine, Heritage Auctions, Coins & Kids booth, YN Scavenger Hunt, Pat McBride as Ben Franklin & David Chaltas as Robert E Lee.

The Public Affairs group from the U.S. Mint made presentations to both the Scouts who were working on the Coin Collecting merit badge, and the youth who attended the Kids Program on Saturday afternoon. The Mint gave all the youth who attended each program a "Discovery Coin Kit" to help them start their coin collection.

There were ten educational programs that were all well attended. The Exhibit area had approximately 60 exhibits (six YN exhibits) using 215 show cases. A collection of over 100 New York National Bank Notes, all Serial #1 were on display, and the largest Kentucky National Bank Note Collection of 650 notes. This was maybe the only time these two collections will ever be displayed.

Exhibit awards were presented to the following individuals. *Best of Show* was "Our Founding Fathers" by Jamie Halupka; *People's Choice Award* went to John Miller for "My Error Coin Set".

There were multiple coin club tables & specialty club tables & seminars.

Running down the aisles of the show were 14 Pages who helped the dealers. The Scout program had 36 participants, and there were 16 in the YN program. The Coins & Kids booth had 402 kids for the first three days.

There were five Club Buses sponsored by FUN with 176 total club members on board (Citrus County-36, Greater Jacksonville-37, Ocala-43, Palm Beach-27, Venice/Sarasota/Manatee-33). The *FUN Coin Club Get Together* had 52 in attendance, representing 25 clubs and the Numismatic Ambassador Award Breakfast had 55

attending, including eight ANA past presidents. New Ambassadors are Len Augsburger, Carol Bastable, Mike Bean, Donna Nunez, and Gerald Tebben. Current FUN membership is 4692.

Our *Adult FUN Summer Scholarship* winner was Eric Gullledge, The *FUN YN Scholarship* went to Clark Davis, and the *Bill Calderazzo YN Scholarship* was awarded to Noah Zorne. The *FUN Literary Award* was won by Tom Scopp for "What was the First U.S. Coin?".

All in all, it was a tremendous show. Katie Williams did a great job, along with the FUN Board and volunteers.

We will see you at the 20th Annual Summer FUN, July 9-11, 2026, Orange County Convention Center, Hall WC.

Tony

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