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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

BIGGER, BETTER, BRIGHTER, BADDER

Well, that just about describes it. If you thought the club was pretty good as it was, stay tuned for 2011. Yes, we have the same board members— courtesy of y'all reelecting Merle President, Lee Vice President, Kurt Treasurer, and Charlie Secretary. But there will be some exciting new changes as well.

Rich W. has kindly agreed to taking over the Junior meeting. It will start *promptly* at **6:15PM** and end at 6:45PM, allowing kids to shop or snack before the regular meeting begins at 7. He will write a column called **Kids Korner**(see page 3 each month) announcing the topic and allowing kids to prepare for the subject.

This frees Lee up for starting to present advanced discussions to the club. He had been handling the Junior meetings since about 1992. Many of the Junior members have learned so much that they are expert at errors and other coin topics. Now is the time to move even past that, while Rich helps the newer members get started with collecting.

For new and newer members: Merle is planning on having a meeting at 6:15PM in January particular for the newest members # 789 and up. This will be up on the stage, and is somewhat of a new member orientation—but all are welcome. Bring your name badge, there will be a prize given out.

Many thanks to Sean Murphy for his superb soft drink service over the years. We appreciate all he did. Bob K and Jerry St. G will start bringing

beverages in January— thanks for volunteering.

SHOW AND TELL

The topic for January is **Show and Tell**. Bring a numismatic item, give a 3 minute talk, and receive 4 free raffle tickets. This is usually the best attended and most interesting meeting, be sure to come!

COIN SHOW UPDATE

Merle has been working hard securing dealers for our show February 18-19. So far 62 of 66 tables are sold! We will also have a new dealer with coin supplies in the back of the building.

Please remember to sell those gold coin drawing tickets. The coins are purchased and will be held in a safe place until the show. There is a slight change, with the usual \$20 St Gaudens, and \$10 and \$5 Liberty gold still in the drawing. There will be 4th-9th place 2 peso gold pieces. This was printed on the gold drawing tickets, so we will keep it at this number of peso pieces.

Bob C is still taking down names of people to help at the show. Last year there were only a few of us at the end to clean up. Please keep the show dates on your calendar for set-up (Wednesday Feb 16), clean up (after the show, of course), and help during the show. I'll be asking for volunteers to work during the show to help with admissions and gold and silver ticket sales. We know most of you will be there— it is always nice when you rotate in working up front so everybody gets a chance to shop!



What would a December meeting be without the goodies? Thanks to all who brought dessert to the meeting, it was a tough choice for many as what to try (or when to stop....)! And it was about all the smiles from happy members full of holiday cheer. Best wishes to all this Holiday Season and for a healthy and **Happy New Year!**



Rich W attended the Sacramento coin show recently and had some interesting observations. Gold and silver bullion is trading at a very high rate now. This did not really affect the price of high end coins. But for lower end coins, it has brought the common date silver (and gold) up in value quite a bit.

Remember the Hunt Brothers trying to corner the silver market in 1979, with prices crashing in 1980? Silver went to nearly \$50 an ounce. It was flying out of the public's hands to the bullion market and being melted rapidly. Merle was there at the time, and had a chance to sort through some of it (finding several 1916-d dimes and buying them for their silver value since the dealers did not have time to search).

Now dealers are buying silver flying out of the public's hands, though it is coming in at a slower rate. And they have time to go through all the silver looking for key dates. We do not know if common silver coins will become more scarce with melting of silver as they did in the past. But at least the rarities won't be melted sight-unseen as probably happened in 1979 with the rush to buy and sell bullion. Time will tell where things will go.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

FOR SALE - 1877 Trade Dollar in VF30, no Chop Marks, nice color and even wear. Gray Sheet is \$130 in VF. Asking \$120. Contact Kurt @ 415-302-4694 or kg@ginterinv.com



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: no drawing, as Santa handed everyone a present. Membership attendance was taken for the upcoming 6 month gold drawing though.

50:50 pot of \$112 was split

Raffle: no raffle this time

December Members: 78+

New Members: Grace W (#811J), granddaughter of Michael and sister of Colton; Michael C (#812), and Charles J (#813)- **WELCOME!**

Guests: Susan C, from San Rafael

Auction: 26 exciting items

Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

KIDS KORNER

By Rich W.

Merle asked me to lead the Junior Member meetings beginning with the January 2011 meeting. This is being done to free Lee to do something new before the meeting for adult members. I am very honored to



be asked to assume the youth group and am looking forward to working with the Junior members. **Meetings will start promptly at 6:15PM** and I will allow some time for shopping at dealers before the general meeting starts at 7PM.

Junior Members: for the **January** meeting, bring an album or other collection that you are working on. I will be asking for input on what Juniors are interested in doing or discussing at future meetings. See you in January at 6:15! Rich LM29

Volunteers for **refreshments** for January are Charlie C, Martha V, Willie Q, and Emma B

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The Club's meeting location is the **Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa** (opposite the County Fairgrounds across from highway 12), in the **"Dinner Room"** on the east side of the building, at 7:00 PM sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

January 28-30, 2011. San Jose Coin Club 42nd Annual Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Pavilion Hall, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose.

February 18-19, 2011. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 43rd Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

February 20, 2011. Cupertino Coin Club's 39th Annual Coin and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

March 17-19, 2011. ANA National Money Show. Sacramento Convention Center

April 15-17, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Collectible Expo. Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

May 1, 2011. 39th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo

May 6-7, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Coin Show. Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

July 9-10, 2010. Modesto Coin and Collectible show. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, (10th and K), Modesto

July 23-24, 2010. Fremont Coin Club's 39th Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

July 30-31, 2011. Nor-Cal Coin Show X. Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

September 30-Oct1, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Fall Show. Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento

October 8-9, 2011. 15th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Diablo Numismatic Society, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

November 18-20, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Collectible Expo. Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

December 5, 2011. Sacramento Coin Show. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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See you January 12— Charlie

