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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy Holidays to all of you out there in Coin Land! We celebrated a little early with a holiday meeting in early December. Thanks to all of you who brought wonderful sweets to help us get our sugar fix. And thanks to the members who set up for the Flea Market- it was fun looking at those goodies too.

Merle offered a hearty thanks to everyone in the club for helping out over the last year. It is nice to see the club remain so active, and your help is important to keeping it that way. With the Coin Show coming up, it is important to work together to make it yet another awesome event.

Speaking of the Coin Show (February 15-16, 2019), Merle has 30 of the 67 tables sold already. There are some other dealers we are waiting to hear from, and Merle will be working hard to fill the show. PLEASE remember to keep selling the Gold Coin Drawing tickets! They are a major source of income for the show and help to cover our costs. And the top 3 sellers will get a gold piece for their sales- plus a 4th coin to be drawn from the other sellers.

Thanks again to Don Rinkor for donating fourteen Morgan Dollars in PCGS holders! They will be in the hourly silver dollar drawing both days of the show. Please make sure to personally thank Don and his son Michael when you see them- it really is a big benefit to the club which we appreciate.

Merle mentioned the passing of Curtis Smith's wife Ramona. She often joined him at our meetings and was at his side for over seventy years of marriage. The club was saddened with the news, and also misses Curtis- though we know he is surrounded by loving family in Oregon. A memorial service will be held for Ramona on Saturday January 12, 2019 at 1pm. It will be at Santa Rosa Bible Church, 4575 Badger Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

We have a new Life Member: Gary Coomber, LM-93! After being a regular club member for probably 20 years, he moved to New Mexico and *now* decided to be a Life Member! Congratulations Gary- and come back often! (Rumor has it he may make it to the February Coin Show, hoping to take home something from the Gold Coin Drawing).

JANUARY TOPIC

The topic of the January meeting is: Your Best Numismatic Item of 2018! And What Are You Missing? What Can We Help You Find? Bring in an item, or just talk about one, and get four free raffle tickets. The little gold coin to the right is one Merle is looking for.....



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As we always do at the December meeting, we held an election of officers of the Redwood Empire Coin Club. The current board members were all willing to continue in office: Merle A- President; Mike M- Vice President (he has been acting VP since Lee Gong passed away); Mike C- Treasurer; and Charlie C- Secretary. There were no other volunteers or nominations, and the current board was re-elected unanimously. Thanks to the club for the vote of confidence!

THE WILLIE AWARD

As we also do at the December meeting, we handed out a plaque for the volunteer of the year, also known as the Willie Award. It was named after our long time club member Willie Quarante, who did anything and everything for our club, even without being asked. Sadly, he passed away several years ago, but we remember his deeds and recognize others who selflessly give to the club.

A couple months ago the December 2018 award was *finally* given to David A. The original club plaque with all the names on it, as well as the individual plaque for David, had been lost in the Santa Rosa fire. It took a while to have those replaced. This year's winner plaque was present and given to our winner: Mike M- our newly elected Vice President! The decision to present it to Mike was decided several months ago (with Lee Gong agreeing with the decision). And the award was presented *after* the election to make sure it wouldn't influence anyone's vote-although we weren't really concerned about it. Mike has been a huge help to the club, particularly at the Coin Show. I think a lot of people would go into caffeine withdrawal had Mike not so adeptly managed the kitchen and all the goodies. He arranged the excellent turkey dinner at the November meeting, and does a lot of other things for us. This was good timing to present him the award, since Board Members are not eligible to receive it otherwise. Congratulations!



SANTA!

Santa was at the December meeting, and gave presents to each and every club member who was present. Thanks to Mrs. Clause (Dena) for the excellent wrapping, we so appreciate it. This year was a little different: we had everybody wait to open their present until each of us had one. This is because there was a gold coin in one of the presents! But because there were more presents than members, some wrapped presents remained unchosen. And coincidentally the gold coin was among the unchosen presents! So, we pulled a membership wooden nickel to see who would get it: it was David B! David did show up to begin the meeting but had to go home early to do homework (so he actually didn't get a present initially). He was not present for the drawing! The board members talked it over to see if he should still be given the coin, or if another name should be drawn among members who *were* present. All but Merle voted to give it to the kid, but Merle wanted to be sure the entire club was OK with it, so the entire club voted ... to give it to the kid! Ho Ho Ho, happy holidays to all!

WHAT IS IT?

Well, this doesn't qualify as my "Best Numismatic Item" of 2018, but it sure is the strangest. This tiny (1/4") coin from about 350 BC was made by the Philistines, on the western edge of what is now Israel. On one side was an owl, imitating the Greek coins of Athens. But the obverse here features the bearded head of a man facing to the right, and his cap is a dog facing to the left! It may have its jaws open, or they may be closed- depending on how you look at it. There were two other coins struck in that era that looked like a man from one angle, and a lion when rotated to another angle. The meaning of these symbols remains unclear.



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Roger N, Tyler H, Tiffany S, Art M, Georgia McK, and Cayson K

50:50 pot of \$94 split with Andy O

Raffle: Jack H (twice), Tiffany S (twice), Bob K (twice), Bill R (thrice), Roger N, and 2 others (sorry, I forgot who)

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10 ounce gold won by Guy S!

December Attendance: 60+

New Members: Robert H #966, and Ed M #967, Arthur P #968- WELCOME!

Guests: yes

Auction: 28 exciting items

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

KIDS CORNER

The December Junior Flea Market went well with the help of Ember B. Also many thanks to Roger Tobin of the San Rafael Rare Coin Company, for donating eight boxes of excellent numismatic material.

In January, additional coins and albums will be made available to the Junior Members. See you January 9 at 6:15 PM- Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for January are Dale C, Tiffany S, Harold R, and Wendy A— THANKS!!!!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each 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 p.m. sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

January 4-5, 2019. Concord Coin Show. The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

February 15-16, 2019. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 51st Annual Coin Show.
E. L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa

February 17, 2019. Cupertino Coin Club's 47th Annual Coin Show. St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10110
N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino

March 22-24, 2019. WESTS (Western States Token Society) Annual Token Jamboree. "Lodge
Room", Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa

April 5-7, 2019. Albuquerque Coin Club Spring Show. Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North, 5151
San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque. This is the new club Gary C also joined

April 28, 2019. Vallejo Numismatic Society 47th Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333
Amador, Vallejo

July 27-28, 2019. Fremont Coin Club 46th Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you January 9— Charlie