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Next Meeting: February 9, 2022

THE COIN SHOW IS CANCELLED!

Well, Happy New Year- I guess. What started as a promising year for the club was halted shortly before this meeting date when the county health officer put a 30-day moratorium on indoor meetings of over 50 people. It potentially would end the day of our show, but there was no guarantee it could not be extended. We have no choice but to CANCEL the coin show this year. We had planned to peel and stick stamps and labels to 2700 postcards at the meeting. Fortunately, we were able to stop, and save those stamps for next year (hopefully!).

PLEASE: stop selling gold coin drawing tickets (no need to return unsold tickets). Those that have been sold need to be refunded- sorry for the inconvenience. Several people who had sold books of tickets simply donated the proceeds to the club, but that is not necessary. The club had spent about \$2000 to get the show started, including printing tickets, purchasing stamps, printing mailers, etc.

Speaking of donations, the following people have generously donated to the club this month: Mike C- \$20; Mike M, Bill Van V, Bill G, and Rich W- \$100 each; and Charlie C- \$250. Thanks!

We have a new Life Member: John B has become Life Member #111- congratulations!

DUES REMINDER: for those of you who are not Life Members and still need to pay your dues, please remember to do so. You can find renewal forms on the web page and mail it, or see Erik S at the next meeting (we have forms with us at the meetings). Thanks!

FEBRUARY TOPIC: The topic for February's meeting will be: **WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR AT THE COIN SHOW?** Maybe someone in the club will have what you want and will sell it to you! Always feel free to bring in a coin or two and talk about that too- four free raffle tickets to each person giving a talk! We WILL have a ZOOM set-up as well for those of you who cannot be at the meeting in person- see info at the end of the newsletter.

THE BEST NUMISMATIC ITEM YOU ADDED TO YOUR COLLECTION IN 2021

Rich W started off the Show & Tell by announcing that poet and civil-rights activist Maya Angelou became the first Black woman to be featured on a quarter, as the U.S. Mint began shipping quarters with her image to banks. Ms. Angelou, who passed away in 2014, was known for works including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" which details her earlier life and struggles with sexism, racial identity, and rape. She published thirty-six books and was awarded by President Obama the 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom. Booker T. Washington was the first Black man featured on a



U.S. commemorative coin in 1946. And the first Black man to be featured on a circulating U.S. coin was York, the slave of Clark (of Lewis and Clark)- he is depicted in a canoe on the 2003 Missouri state quarter (though the three men in the canoe are tiny)

Guy S got a few nice coins last year. Last month at the Christmas meeting was someone selling all sorts of stuff. Guy bought a bag full of coins for \$2. In it was an 1837 Hard Times Token in XF! It was a nice surprise purchase. The obverse motto (pictured): Substitute for Shin Plasters/NOVr 1837; The reverse motto: Millions for Defence, Not One Cent for Tribute.

LARGE CENT SIZE



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- Matt A brought in and talked about his “First Spouse” 2007 Jefferson Lady Liberty \$10 gold piece in MS-70. Since Jefferson was not married, it was decided to put Lady Liberty on the coin. Since Matt cannot afford one of the early U.S. \$10 gold coins with the draped bust, this is a nice way to have an example of a coin with that image

- Bill H talked about a coin that was not the highest grade or most expensive of 2021, but it had a story. When he joined the club, he talked about his 2-cent coin collection, and only needed the 1872 coin to complete the set. Erik S had an example and the two of them struck a deal. So, Bill completed his 2-cent set with his best coin of the year at his first meeting with the club!



- Joe Mc C was very happy to get two \$1 Silver Certificate star notes last year. They are a bit worn, but it is hard to find these. And the notes have the first and second pair of signatures of the series. Joe is still looking for an example with the third pair of signatures. Another item he was excited to get last year was a 1920’s Notgeld note from Germany. These were emergency issue notes, and several materials were used. This particular one was from the leather sole of a woman’s shoe! He showed restrikes at a meeting last year, but this was an original, a 1923 50-Mark piece. Finally, he talked about sales tax tokens from Ohio. In 1935 they started issuing punch cards for taxes. If you went into an establishment for a purchase, the value of the tax you paid was punched onto a card; when that card was full you needed to get another



one. There are only 8 or 9 of these Thompson’s Restaurants cards known, and Joe now has one of them.

- Merle is working on his tokens from the 1892-3 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago. He recommended reading the book *The Devil in the White City*, which is about the fair. 27 million people went to the expo. In the Mechanics Building there was a mint set up, and they minted medals. 96 medals were produced there- he has about 1/3 of them so far. It is a fun set to collect, but hard- about 250-500 of each of the medals were usually made, but some had a mintage of 25.



- Mike M bought a coin at the December meeting- this 1893 Liberty \$5 gold in MS-61. It is in an older green PCGS holder, for which some pay a premium (the color in the photo is off a bit). Mike is working on a twelve-piece type set of gold coins, and only needs four more to complete the set.



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Glenn M, Wendell B, Joe Mc C, Helmut J, and Bill H


50:50 pot of \$82 was split with Glenn M

Raffle: Bob K, Frank B (twice), Erik S, Guy S, Harold R (thrice), Jeff Conners, Glenn M (twice), Bill H, and Helmut J. Normally we have 12 raffle items, but Erik S donated a 1903 Morgan Dollar to the raffle- thanks!!!

January Attendance: 44+

Auction: 47 exciting items.

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



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FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING INFO:

Time: Feb 9, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada). Join Zoom Meeting:

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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

February 4-5, 2022. Coin Expo San Jose. Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd, San Jose

March 6, 2022. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 58th Annual Coin Show. Livermore Elks Lodge,
940 Larkspur Drive, Larkspur

March 10-12, 2022. National Money Show, Colorado Springs, CO

April 8-10, 2022. Albuquerque Coin Club Spring Show. Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque NM

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building** February 9, 2022—
Charlie

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.