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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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HO HO HO



You better watch out,

You better not cry,

You better not pout,

I'm telling you why:

Santa Claus is comin' to town!

And for the December meeting of the RECC, we had our own Santa (Merle). Everybody present received a wrapped gift, and one was a gold coin, picked by Whooooo Hoooooo- Joel M!

But that came later in the meeting. Among the business items were an update of our upcoming **Coin Show February 16-17, 2024**. Besides all the coin dealers we will have (16 tables sold so far), we will also have token dealers (14 more tables sold). W.E.S.T.S. (Western States Token Society) and N.T.C.A. (National Token Collectors Association) will be represented by the token dealers, so there will be an even bigger variety of numismatic items available at the upcoming show.

Keep selling those Gold Coin Drawing tickets. They are a major source of income from the show and help defray all our costs. Once again, please remember to thank Don Rinkor for donating all the gold coins in the drawing as well as the slabbed dollars for the hourly drawing.

Bob K has been taking down names for volunteers to help set up the show and break it down after all is done.

This year we will have a **75th Anniversary medal** produced *and hopefully available by the show. There will be fifty in silver with a normal finish, and fifty in silver with a proof finish. There will also be fifty each of copper, bronze, and aluminum. Details about pricing and when they can be purchased will be forthcoming. There will also be special wooden nickels for everybody: 1000 will be



ordered so you can each get one and they can be handed out at the show. There may be a few other surprises- stay tuned.

Nomination of RECC Officers was held, and the current board was nominated for re-election with no other candidates. The club voted unanimously for them- thanks for the vote of confidence, we appreciate it. Officers for 2024 will be President Merle A, Vice President Mike M, Treasurer Erik S, and (yours truly) Secretary Charlie C.



Larry C attended the joint Vallejo Numismatic Society/Fairfield Coin Club Christmas Dinner on December 9. The president of the A.N.A. was there. Awards were given out then, and an A.N.A. Certificate of Appreciation was given to Merle. Larry brought it to the meeting and presented it to Merle- congratulations!



That was one of two events that Larry went to recently. One was the November California State Numismatic Association and Northern California Numismatic Association Educational Forum in Vallejo. The other was the joint Christmas dinner. Larry took a chance and asked John Albanese with the CAC Grading Service if they would make sample slabs for events. And John agreed and made the slabs for both events. Larry obtained an example of each to also give to Merle at the meeting tonight. While these are just samples or trial slabs, they are also quite collectible.

After Larry's talk, Santa Merle went around to everyone at the meeting and let them choose a wrapped present. Everybody waited patiently until all the presents were chosen, then we all opened them together. As mentioned, Joel M chose the one wrapped gold coin.

And while Merle was doing that, we had our annual Willie Award given out. Willie Quarante was the consummate volunteer club member. He was always volunteering, keeping busy doing things for the club- and someone we could count on. After he passed away from cancer, we decided to start the Willie Quarante Memorial Award for volunteer service to the club and have given it out every December since then. There are many members honored over those years, and this year we are proud to honor Glenn Mason for all his hard work for the club. Glenn is always present at the front during meetings, and he never complains- he just keeps on doing his job (and winning raffle drawings). Glenn- we all appreciate your volunteer work for the club. And we appreciate everybody else who pitches in. That surely will be true for the upcoming show.



Junior Meeting news for December: Ember and Rich set up two full tables of wrapped and unwrapped free items. The chairs on the junior side were full, with kids all selecting items made free by donations. A separate thanks to Witter Coin of Santa Rosa for frequent donations!

In January, we will discuss how to prepare to go to a coin show- especially our show in February. See you at 6:15PM!

JANUARY TOPIC

The topic for the January meeting will be **“What I bought numismatically in 2023 that would be awesome to share with this group”**. What was the favorite that you bought, traded for, or found last year? This is pretty much a Show & Tell. Bring your item in, give us a quick talk, and get four free raffle tickets!

We will also have a “lick ‘em and stick ‘em” before the meeting starts. We will send out ~2700 postcards prior to the show to help with our attendance, and putting stamps on them is a big task. Don’t worry, they are all self-stick stamps, with nothing to lick. It always goes quickly and smoothly with all the people coming into the meeting to chat, so we appreciate everybody’s help with that.

There will not be Zoom available for the January meeting- sorry about that.



We had a great turnout for the December meeting. I guess having food and free coins (with one guaranteed to be gold) helps. Prior to the meeting even getting started, we had this group photo taken. What an amazing club we have! As your secretary, I am thankful to so many of you for bringing in items over the year and talking about them- it makes it so fun to write this newsletter. I am also thankful for all the ways you help out with the club. I think that our club spirit will be seen in February during the Coin Show, letting everyone else know how awesome we really are.

Best wishes to each and every one of you for a great Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, New Year- whatever you celebrate!



Since I will not be at the meeting in January, at least I can start off the Show & Tell with this fun coin I bought in 2023. This fits with a type set of my ancient coins that have two or even three heads on a side. It is from Cilicia, now a part of Turkey, from ~300 BC. And it is 6mm in diameter- that is ¼". Pretty amazing amount of detail for something that small made 2300 years ago.

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Frank B, Deanna J, Nolan A, Celina M, and Paul C

50:50 pot of \$62 was split with Giuliano M

Raffle: David Y, Bill s (twice), Bill R, Chris H, Glenn M, Randy D (three times), and Guilliano M

December Attendance: 73+

New Members: Alan S #1020; Nolan A #1021-J —WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several- welcome!

Auction: 20 exciting items.

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

January 19-20, 2024. NorCal East Bay Concord Coin Show. Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glen Drive, Concord

February 16-17, 2024. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 54th Annual Coin Show.
E. L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

March 3, 2024. Livermore Valley Coin Club Show. Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore

April 7, 2024. Cupertino Coin Club Show. St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino Parish, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino

April 26-28, 2024. Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Spring Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

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.

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 "Dinner Room"**
January 10, 2024— Charlie