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More March Madness?

I think Irene and her gang were partying a little too much at the March meeting. Many thanks for her taking notes of what was going on, but there was no mention of how the corned beef, cabbage, and green beer went. What happens with the RECC stays with the RECC. As it should.

There must have been food though, since Merle collected money. So thanks to the Irish gang at G&G market for the corned beef and cabbage, and to all the members who brought green desserts. Oh, maybe that is why Irene didn't want to mention it. Hmmm.....

SHOW WRAP UP

There were a lot of odds and ends that Merle talked about.

- ◆ There were 19 people who helped set up on Wednesday. Thanks to all of them it went quickly and easily
- ◆ There were 1063 people through the doors the two days. Whew! That was a lot of welcoming, and thanks to all the members who volunteered working up front, it seemed to go very smoothly.
- ◆ Thanks also to those who stuck around at the end of the show to help clean up, particularly Glenn and Charlie.
- ◆ The food got a very good rating. It was a mystery how it would work out, since there were problems getting a vendor. It turns out it

was run by the Santa Rosa Family who own Old Mexico Restaurant on Mission street in town.

- ◆ The Show Dinner at Fou Zhou Restaurant had 49 members and guests and was fun. We had the 6 Month Membership Gold Drawing, and the winner happened to be there: Jerry. Boy did he have a big smile on his face!
- ◆ Frank stated that a dealer felt our show was better than 5 days at the Santa Clara Show, which is an impressive comparison.
- ◆ The Door Prize entry for the show went to: Willie! He won a 2-1/2 peso gold piece.
- ◆ There was some confusion on the Children's Treasure Hunt, which Lee discussed
- ◆ We did well with gold and silver drawing ticket sales, which helped provide a good income for the show. That also helps with having the funds to set up next year's show.
- ◆ There were interesting ways people heard about the show: The Press Democrat ads, a friend's recommendation, Coin World ads, dealer recommendations, Jack Beymer's shop, Numismatic News, and club member recommendations. Way to go!

GOING FOR THE GOLD

Merle announced the top three Gold Coin Drawing Ticket sellers. They were:

- #3— Andy, winning an 1893 MS Morgan!
- #2— Lee, winning a \$2-1/2 Indian gold piece!
- #1— Curtis and Ramona. He won a 1854 Type 2 gold \$1, and she got a silver Canadian Maple Leaf!

And a fourth ticket seller had her name drawn from among all the other sellers: Jon Maria won, receiving a 2-1/2 peso gold piece.

SPECIAL GUEST

There was no time for show and tell due to the limited meeting time. But during the dinner we had a very special guest. The granddaughter of our founder, Henry T. Wrede, was here. Tedra Wrede from Healdsburg spoke of her memories of the club's early days. The club will be 61 years old on March 26, 2010, after all. She brought some club medals and stayed until the meeting was over. She stated her grandfather would be proud to know how well the club he founded is doing.

Carman remembered Henry T. Wrede and the coins he would bring to the meetings. Like a full set of Indian \$2-1/2 gold pieces. He was remembered as a great guy. This photo we have of him is from his 50th wedding anniversary.



APRIL THEME

No foolin'. The theme for the April meeting is "The Current Coin Collection You Are Working On". Bring it in or talk about it. How can the club help you reach your goal? Give a 3 minute talk, win 4 free raffle tickets.

We do not have any volunteers noted for goodies for the April meeting. If you would like to bring some it would be greatly appreciated.



THE MATCH: MERLE VS MAC

A friendly conversation at the coin show turned into a friendly wager, which turned into a tennis match. Our very own Merle Avila and Coin Show dealer John McIntosh decided on a civil (?) way to see who was the better tennis player.

The show after ours was in Sacramento, John's home court advantage. After that show was over, the two got together for a best-of-three sets match.

Picture this. Two sweaty guys on the tennis court, grunting, balls flying everywhere, and it probably wasn't pretty. Unless you were Merle, who won the first two sets 6-2, 6-2. Whohoo, no third set was even needed! Do I hear 'grudge match from John? Wait til next year, perhaps.....'

IDES OF MARCH

This goes in the 'Coins I Would Love To Own But Never Will' category, which sounds like a great theme for a future meeting. Merle, are you reading this?

Since our last meeting was before March 15th, the Ides of March, it reminded me of this famous denarius issued by Marcus Junius Brutus in 43/42 BC. Brutus was a close friend of Julius Caesar. He and other conspirators felt they could liberate the Roman Republic from tyranny by getting rid of Caesar. On March 15, 44BC, known as the Ides of March by the Roman calendar, they assassinated Caesar. As he lay dying, he recognized his alleged friend among the attackers and said "e tu, Brute?" (you too, Brutus?). As Caesar lay dead on the steps of the portico, Brutus jubilantly shouted, "People of Rome, we are once again free!"

Unfortunately for Brutus, Caesar had been popular with the people. Mark Anthony took advantage, and Brutus was forced to flee. Brutus's forces fell to Anthony's after several battles, and Brutus committed suicide rather than being captured.

Ancient Roman military commanders often minted coins for paying their troops in mint workshops that traveled with the army. Brutus issued this denarius to show his soldiers they fought for the Roman Republic. The liberty cap between two daggers and the inscription EID MAR (for Ides of March) were meant to convey that on the Ides of March, Brutus set the Romans free.

2 gold and about 60 silver coins are know, with silver specimens valued at \$50,000 to \$100,000 each. Anyone have a spare?

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

BUYING COIN COLLECTIONS large or small. Will travel. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

WANTED: Chinese Coin Expert to help identify this coin. It is from the Kwangtung Province of China, located on the southeast coast. It is a 7.2 Candareen silver coin. And it is either from 1889 (worth perhaps \$1000 +) or from 1890-1900 (and worth \$5).

I don't speak or read Chinese, I only eat it (Fou Zhou Restaurant, anybody?). The coin is pictured below, greatly enlarged of course. Any help would be appreciated. See me at the meetings, I am always up at the front table taking minutes. Charlie



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: drawing will be held in April

50:50 pot of \$127 was split with Mike

Raffle: Gary (twice), Ed (twice), George, Mike, Jack, Sean, Larry, Paul (twice), and Curtis.

March Members: 71

New Members: none

Guests: Yes, several including Willie's son Joe visiting from Arizona.

Auction: 52 exciting items

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

There *will* be a **Junior Member** meeting in April.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for April: um, I did not get any. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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

April 9-11, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

April 23-24, 2010. Old San Francisco Mint Coin Show. Old San Francisco Mint, 88 5th Street, San Francisco

April 30-May 1, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show. The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

October 1-2, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

November 19-21, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?
Let me know—573-1252.

See you April 14— Charlie

