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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

What a great turnout for our December holiday celebration! Over sixty members were present, plus guests. And there were plenty of desserts for everyone, thanks to each of you who brought something to share.

Merle gave us an update on our February 15-16, 2018 Coin Show. This will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show! It is open 10-6 on Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. So far there are 30 of the 66 tables sold, and he is working hard getting the rest of them sold. Please remember to sell the Gold Coin drawing tickets- it is one of our main sources of income for the show. Once again, this year Don Rinkor has donated slabbed silver dollars for the hourly silver dollar drawings. Please thank him when you next see him.

The topic of the **January Meeting** will be: **What Is the Best Coin or Numismatic Item You Acquired In 2017?** Bring in your item, or just talk about it, and get 4 free raffle tickets.

Please remember to pay your dues. See Mike C at the next meeting. Many thanks!

Bill G talked about the November Coin Show in Sunnyvale. As usual, there was a Members' Only Coin Drawing, and as usual it was won by a member of our club: Wendell B! He won a Proof Franklin Half Dollar.

We had nominations for officers for the club, to serve in 2018. The same four officers accepted being re-nominated, and there were no others. So your new officers for 2018 are the same ones in 2017: Merle A, President; Lee G, Vice President; Mike C, Treasurer; Charlie C, Secretary. Thanks for your faith in us to run the club. And thanks to each and every member for making this such a great club!

At the end of the year we also like to honor the person who goes above and beyond to help the club. The Willie Quarante award for this year goes to David Avila! He is present at every meeting, always running around like crazy to keep up with the auction. He also works very hard at our coin shows, not only for set up and tear down, but he is also helping during the show with fixing broken coin cases and any other fix-it job. Unfortunately, the plaques for the award had been engraved prior to the Santa Rosa fire, and could not be found where they were placed. So we will just have to engrave a new one for David.

Lee G presented Merle with two medals he recently was awarded, the NCNA Presidential Medal, and the Gordon Donnell Medal. Even if he did receive them before, he is very deserving for all the work he does for our club and our hobby. Congratulations!

Santa Merle once again gave out holiday presents to each and every club member. Thank you, Santa! And thanks to Mrs. Santa for the fabulous wrapping. Lee followed up handing out holiday Hershey's Kisses too.



Guy S brought in three art medals he recovered from the ashes of the Santa Rosa fire. They had been in BU condition. You can still see some of the high relief detail of these once beautiful medals.



Speaking of fire damage, here is a follow-up on what some of my coins looked like after the fire (with more to come in the future). An old Sentry Safe had my Dansco albums with Indian/Lincoln cents, Buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes, and some Morgans. The door to the safe pulled off- not even remaining locked- and all the burned albums and coins were initially put into a shoe box for later sorting. The coins were separated into the metal bowls pictured here, and now it is a matter of seeing if the coins can be saved. The four cents at the bottom of the second photo are an MS 63 1857 Flying Eagle, an XF 1858 Flying Eagle, an XF 1877 Indian, and an XF 1955 doubled die cent. The Mylar from the folders burned a shiny residue onto the coins, and several efforts have failed to remove it safely----but I will keep trying. I will also fill you in later if specific coin insurance covers the loss ☺



## DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: There was no membership drawing at this meeting (the coins were AWOL)

50:50 pot of \$134 was split with Mike C

Raffle: Art, Bill R, Joe (twice), Glen M, Andy O, Frank B, Curtis S, Jack H, Georgia M

Gold Coin raffle: Derek W

November Attendance: 60+

New Members: William K (#946) and Steve M (#947) are the two newest members- WELCOME!

New LIFE Members! Erika G, LM #88; Lucky Larry M LM #89; and Joel M LM #90. Whoo Hoooooo!

Auction: 64 exciting items

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

## KIDS CORNER

At the December meeting, Carson was our only junior attendee. He got first pick of many free items. I was able to help some of our fire victims with albums and supplies to get them started again. They were very appreciative of the help.

In January, I will bring items again for those who couldn't attend in December. I am especially interested in helping any juniors who suffered fire losses. Please make me aware of any juniors who need help as a result of the fire. We will also prepare for our upcoming coin show in February. See you at 6PM- Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for January are Rick S, Dale C, Helmut J, and Cal G— 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 26-28, 2018. San Jose Coin Club's 50th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

**February 10-11, 2018. San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show.** Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd, South San Francisco

**February 16-17, 2018. Redwood Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

**February 18, 2018. Cupertino Coin Club's 46th Annual Coin Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**March 16-17, 2018. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show.** Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale. ***EXCLUSIVE Member's Only Coin Drawing*** for 1889 Morgan Dollar, PCGS MS 63!

**April 20-22, 2018. Coin Expo: Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp, and Sports Collectibles Show.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara

**May 6, 2018. Vallejo Numismatic Society 46th Annual Show.** Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

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

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