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Celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2024!



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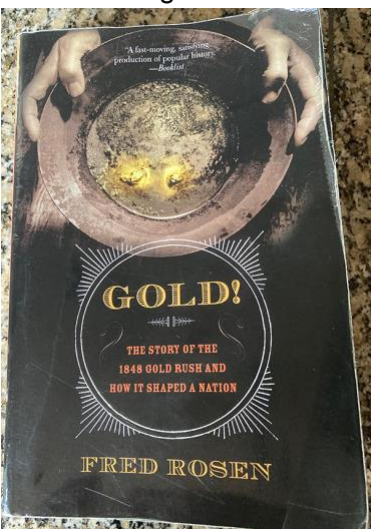
Next Meeting: November 8, 2023

REMEMBERING LEE GONG

When is the last time there was actually leftover food from a meeting? Has that ever occurred? It did for the October meeting. Thanks to Vice President Mike M for getting pizza for everybody for dinner- and there was plenty. Thanks to members who brought desserts. PLUS, there was a big birthday cake in honor of President Merle (his actual birthday had been the week before). The club sang a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to him.



Rich W talked about this book "Gold! The Story of the 1849 Gold Rush and How It Shaped the Nation". He said it was a fantastic book and explained how gold changed California and eventually the nation. He lent it to Erik, and when Erik is finished with it hopefully more of you will have a chance to read it.



Our **COIN SHOW** is coming up **February 16-17, 2024**. Several token dealers have been invited, in addition to the regular coin dealers we will invite. And several have already committed to coming to the show, including one who will be driving out from Pennsylvania! Bob K will start coordinating volunteers at the November meeting. Set-up for the show will be at our Wednesday meeting that month, February 14; clean-up will occur after the Saturday February 17 show ends.

One important source of show income for the club is the **Gold Coin Drawing**. Don Rinkor has once again agreed to donate all the gold pieces for the drawing (as well as the slabbed dollars for the hourly Silver

Dollar Drawing). Please remember to thank Don the next time you see him. And now it is time to start selling those tickets. They are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Each book contains 120 tickets. Those sales proceeds help pay for our annual room rental and monthly costs- so let's get going with the sales. Thanks!



We are starting to make plans to celebrate our 75th anniversary as a club in 2024. In the past the club has issued club medals at various times, and this is a great opportunity for us to issue another one. Traditionally we have them minted in silver (in the past there were 100 consecutively numbered silver medals) as well as

brass/bronze, copper, and aluminum. We have also used Morgan and Peace dollars as planchets in the past and overstruck the medals on those as well. What we end up having minted will be determined by pricing and availability, but we needed a design first. You were all given three months to come up with a design, and at the October meeting the six designs above were the entries in the medal design contest. The initial vote was to whittle down the entries, and there were two clear top choices. The designs above are the order they were shown (numbered) on the screen at the meeting, and the third and fourth designs received almost the same number of initial votes. In the first runoff vote, it was a tie between those two designs. But on a second runoff vote, the design you see here, by Steve E, member # 1010, was the clear winner (22 vs 16 votes)- congratulations. There will likely be some minor modifications when it is transferred to a die (like adding "75" to the anniversary), so it will be exciting to see it when it is struck. The reverse will be our club logo, as always.



The rest of the meeting was spent holding our 5th Annual Lee Gong Memorial Club Benefit Auction. Members generously donated **a lot** of items, including a table full of reference book CDs and miscellaneous commercial coin sets laid across one of the tables. These photos are just a sampling of what was up for auction. When it was all over, the club netted **\$1387** in proceeds! That is easily a record. Thank you to everyone for the generous donations and for opening your pocketbooks to bid on the items!!



KIDS CORNER

At the October meeting we welcomed new member Nolan. Nolan and Brandon collect many types of coins. Brandon has expressed an interest in the ancients aided by expert Charlie C. In November, we will explore other collecting possibilities including album varieties. See you at 6:15- Rich

NOVEMBER MEETING

The theme for the November meeting will be: **Numismatic Items That I Am Thankful For**. Bring it in and talk about it and get four free raffle tickets!

If you can, send photos of your item(s) to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com ahead of time so we can show your item up on the big screen- thanks!

November Zoom Meeting Info: Join the meeting-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280916582?pwd=b09TK0cyRXkzOGFPaUJoZ2ZuMFFidz09>

Meeting ID: 882 8091 6582 Passcode: 112023

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: membership was taken, but there was no drawing

50:50 pot of \$56 was split with Chris H

Raffle: none- the entire meeting was a benefit auction

October Attendance: 46+

New Members: none

Guests: lots!

Auction: tons of exciting, donated items.

Adjournment was at 9:52 p.m. sharp!

Membership Renewal

It is that time of year to start renewing your membership. If you receive this newsletter on-line, a renewal application should also be available on-line, just print it out and send it in or bring it to a meeting. For those getting a paper copy of the newsletter, renewal forms are included- same instructions. And for those of you who are Life Members, you are already paid up forever. Thanks!



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

November 10-11, 2023. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

November 18, 2023. CSNA and NCNA Joint Forum “Ancients Plus Much More”. Opens 8:30, starts 9:30, four guest speakers. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin (at Capital), Vallejo

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, Larkspur

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”**

November 8, 2023— Charlie