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Our next meeting is Monday July 6, 2015

Program: PEST-FREE INDOOR PICNIC --- **EARLY START!!!**

Meetings 1st Monday each month at the Hillside Community Center, 1 Lind Street, Hillside, IL 60162, one block West of Wolf Rd, one traffic light North of Roosevelt Rd, (just west of Proviso High School).

The Hillside Coin Club Membership list is kept confidential

IN THE LOUPE

as 'eye' see it

By Kevin M, President

Please bear with me as I put some comments down in my new column. I will be trying to do this every month. I wanted to let you all know of some important things for the next meeting.

First, a condolence card has been purchased and will be brought to the picnic to sign for Merrill Drake's passing. We will also be taking up a collection for his family.

Second, we need some volunteers to come at 5:00 to help set up tables and chairs for the dinner. The food will be delivered at 5:30 by the caterer. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, please contact Sharon Blocker who is coordinating this effort. Phone, 630-818-6609 or email retired57@sbcglobal.net.

Third, I am excited to announce that we will have a gold coin in the monthly raffle so plan to buy a few extra raffle tickets to increase your chances of winning.

Fourth, Bob F. will be bringing 2016 Red Books to purchase.

Finally, we could use some volunteers for an expanded show and tell presentation to entertain the picnic attendees. Non-numismatic items are okay since we will have visitors, spouses, etc. who are non-numismatists and might become easily bored.

Minutes of the meeting on June 1, 2015:

Our 397th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by our president Kevin M. who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 members and 1 guest in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

We confirmed the date, **TIME** and place for the "PEST FREE PICNIC" as July 6 at **6:00 pm** at our usual meeting place. Cost to members will be \$ 12 (\$5 for kids) if paid in advance (**PLEASE pay in advance so Bob F. can enjoy the picnic!**). Cost on July 6 will be \$5 extra per person!!!!!!! Bring your appetite, as it will be catered again by D'Leo Catering. Please bring a dessert to share if you are so inclined.

DID YOU NOTICE THE TIME IS AN HOUR EARLY????????????????????

******* DON'T COME LATE OR YOU'LL BE SORRY*******

Our treasurer, Bob F., gave the financial report (balance of \$ 1128.29), which was accepted, as were the minutes in the last newsletter.

It was also decided that we would take pictures during our 400th meeting in September and there was some lively discussion about different ways that we might commemorate that meeting. We are designing a 2" wooden round for the occasion.

A few of our members are going to volunteer their time at the August ANA Money Show, August 11-15. Contact Bob F. or Melissa G. for more information. The members also agreed that our officers will decide on the voting for ANA officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

As Labor Day is always the first Monday, we will meet on September 14. However, we will need to confirm the building availability.

SHOW AND TELL:

Kevin M. showed off a recent purchase of a Silver Dollar City token with a train on it. (Scour your collections for anything with trains and bring them for the silent auction – just saying!!)

Next, **David S.** showed a White Pass Wagon Road stock certificate from the Alaska gold rush days. Interesting!

Tyler R. brought in a couple of coins from Cyprus. A 1980 5 mils w/a ship and a 1981 50 mils w/grapes.

Alan M. had some "Hillary" currency. Coincidentally, the government announced recently a redesign of the \$10 bill that will feature a woman or women on the face, a player to be named later.

Finally, **Bob F.** brought in a plethora of obscure numismatic items from all over the world. It's amazing you find time to sleep, Bob!

We would encourage any of you who may have something of interest to your fellow club members to bring it with you to the next meeting and share it.

Please feel free to bring items for the silent auction. There will be many people willing to help get you started.

BREAK FOR GOODIES:

MAIN PRESENTATION:

This worked a little bit differently than normal. Since the theme of the meeting was other hobbies, it was more like the show and tell, where it was anything other than numismatic related.

Kevin M. brought many stories and examples of sports memorabilia, many of which pertained to my favorite team, the WHITE SOX! Thanks Kevin.

Keeping it in the family, father **Alan M.** showed off a great collection of match books dating back decades!

Yours truly, **Jim M.** has been doing genealogy for about 40 years and showed a unique 7-generation fan-style pedigree chart. He also provided some hand-outs for those interested.

Next, **Mike B.** talked about scrapbooking as an avenue to save things from your life. It looks like Mike saved everything since he could walk. Very impressive! I have trouble finding my tax return from 3 months ago.

Bob F. brought in a collection of historic documents from the last 500 years. Next time Antiques Roadshow comes to town, let's get Bob a VIP pass. I better keep working because retirement looks to be too busy.

USEFUL LINKS FOR COIN COLLECTORS

<http://ilnaclub.org>

This has a comprehensive list of coin shows and many other resources. It is worth a visit to the site.

<http://www.pcgs.com/Photograde/>

This site has a very comprehensive group of pictures in most grades of most of the major coins in the U.S. The pictures are quite detailed and it would be a help to anyone who buys or sells coins.

<http://www.coinflation.com/>

This site will tell you in real time, the metal content of most coins. It is very useful, especially for those who may be "stacking" silver.

Have a favorite site? Please share it with us. Please email it to themaurers8@gmail.com and I will put it in a future newsletter!

SPLIT THE POT (50-50) RAFFLE

Bob H. \$ 11.00

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

Albert M. Silver Libertad 1999, 1 oz
Wolfgang S. 1859 Indian cent
John B. 1 oz Buffalo Nickel Round
Wolfgang S. 1863 Alabama \$1 note CSA
Alan M. 1866 3 cent nickel
Albert M. Uncirculated set of 50 state quarters
Kevin M. 1841 British Silver Shilling (rare)
Tom H. 8 Roosevelt dimes 90% silver
Albert M. 1968 Kennedy half, colorized in gift box
Kevin M. Jefferson nickel partial set (including 10 wartime nickels)
Tom H. 1855 and 1875 Liberty Seated dimes (AG)
Olaf M. 1972 PROOF set
Tom H. 15 Uncirculated Wheaties cents
Ed K. 6 assorted Buffalo nickels
Elliot K. 20 assorted foreign coins w/descriptions
Bob H. 2 Unc. Bi-Centennial quarters, 3 Unc. Kennedy halves
Tyler R. March 23, 1863 CSA \$ 30 bond coupon

RING TOSS Winners were Henry K, Jim S and Tyler R

Member attendance prize was won by Albert M, 1964 Kennedy Half

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

July 5. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

July 12. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

June 19. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

August 11-15. ANA Money Show

WARNING – SEE BELOW

DO NOT wash your hair in the shower!

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful! **IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT.**

I don't know **WHY** I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and yet printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "**FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME.**" No wonder I have been gaining weight!

Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn Dishwashing Soap. Its label reads, "**DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE.**" Problem solved! If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower!



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The Making of History: The Silver Certificates of the Educational Series, Part 1



By Jay H. Recher – [Paper Money Guaranty Corporation](#)....

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The first part of a two part article discussing the three notes that make up the Educational Series

Three notes make up the Educational Series: the \$1 (Fr. 224-225), \$2 (Fr. 247-248) and the \$5 (Fr. 268-270). These three notes are known to be some of the most beautifully made notes in U.S. history. This article on the Educational notes will discuss who made these beautiful notes (while giving some history and context) and will be broken down into two articles. This current article will talk about the \$1, while the second article will discuss the \$2 and \$5.

In 1893, **Claude M. Johnson**, the Chief of the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)**, commissioned three artists (who were paid \$800 for each approved design). While \$800 doesn't seem like a lot, it equates to upwards of \$20,000 in 2015 money! The Chief Engraver was **Thomas F. Morris**. All three of the artists (**Will H. Low**, **E.H. Blashfield** and **Walter Shirlaw**) were muralists by trade – this is one reason why the notes of the Educational Series are so beautiful. However, because of how they were designed, all lathe work was eliminated when the engraving work was conducted. Morris did not agree with the lack of lathe work and cited a concern for counterfeiting. These denominations are the only notes in U.S. history to contain no lathe work on the front (there is lathe work on the back). According to Hessler, five of the original paintings hang in the BEP[1].



\$1 1896 Silver Certificate Obverse

Will H. Low was the designer of the \$1 and his painting was entitled "History Instructing Youth". **The Constitution** is seen at the right, while the **Washington Monument** and the **Capitol** are in the distance. Low's design was approved on May 10, 1894 and the completed design was accepted on July 10, 1894. Morris redesigned the borders and the lettering, but the print run didn't start until April 18, 1896. The *New York Times* ran an article discussing a possible error on the note[2]. On the note the spelling of the word 'tranquility' (which can be found on the left side of the Constitution lines 10 and 11) was wrong. It should have two "l"s instead of the one. As it turns out, a friend of **G.F.C. Smillie** (Chief Engraver) already notified him of this so-called mistake. Once this article hit the newsstands, the perceived error was already trading for a 10- to 25-cent premium.

However, all this was for naught. The spelling is indeed correct as it was acceptable to spell 'tranquility' with one "l" during the time of the writing of the Constitution. **Charles Schlecht** conducted the engraving on the front of the note.



\$1 1896 Silver Certificate Reverse

The back features winged liberty with a shield at the top left and right corners, **Martha Washington** on the left and **George Washington** on the right. A large numeral "1" sits firmly in the center between the first family. Morris was the lead designer of the back; however, **Charles Burt** engraved the Martha vignette (in 1878), and **Alfred Sealey** engraved the George vignette (in 1867)[3]. The remaining parts of the note were engraved by five other engravers: **L.F. Ellis**, **James Kennedy**, **D.S. Ronaldson**, **G.U. Rose, Jr.**, and **E.M. Hall**.

However, the general public didn't approve of how the back of the note was set-up. They complained saying "no one should come between George and Martha Washington." The first family was so revered that it was an insult to place a large "1" as the center piece of the note.

Notes

[1] Hessler, Gene. *U.S. Essay, Proof, and Specimen Notes* (Port Clinton, Ohio: BNR, 2004), 96.

[2] *Tranquility With One "L": The New Silver Certificates Follow the Spelling of the Constitution*. New York Times. August 2, 1896, 12.

[3] Friedberg, Arthur L., Friedberg, Ira S., and Friedberg, Robert. *Paper Money of the United States: A Complete Guide with Valuations: The Standard Reference Work on Paper Money*. N.p.:n.p., n.d., 75.