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Our HOLIDAY BANQUET is Monday December 7, 2015

Program: A TAX AND A PROMISE BY MARK WIECLAW

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

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By Bob F, Treasurer

Meeting Manners: Please don't talk while members are giving presentations or exhibits. It's really rude and prevents others from hearing and learning about the subject being discussed. The club officers work hard to arrange for speakers and monthly programs and encourage members to bring in items to exhibit and share knowledge. If you want to talk and "catch up", plan to come to the meeting early, use the "break time" or stay after the meeting for an extended visit and "bull sessions". We all enjoy the numismatic hobby and each other's company, let's be respectful to our speakers.

Volunteers Needed: We are always looking for members who can come early to help arrange the chairs, tables, put out refreshments, sign in book, raffle prizes and get the coffee started. We also need a few members to stay after the meeting to help clean up and put everything away. Last month Vice Pres. Bob H. ended up doing it all, we sure could have used a little help.

Holiday Banquet: Don't forget our annual holiday banquet 6:00 p.m. at the Alpine Haus. Our featured speaker will present an excellent program and we have a number of great numismatic raffle prizes sure to be a big hit. These include a French 20 Franc Gold Coin as well as a small gold bar. Don't forget our featured "Guess the Cents Game".

There is still time to send in your money for additional guests. See the attached sheet for particulars. Call Bob with any questions 630-222-1718,

Finally, don't forget to pay for the Christmas party (\$25 in advance/ \$30 at door) and yearly dues (\$15)!

Minutes of the meeting on November 2, 2015:

Our 402nd consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by our Vice-president, Bob H., who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 31 members and 2 guests in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our treasurer, Bob F., gave the financial report (balance of \$ 698.19), which was accepted. The minutes in the last newsletter were also accepted.

We also discussed donations for the Christmas raffle and were encouraged to solicit donations from local coin dealers, businesses, tax professionals, etc. Contact Bob F. about your successes.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was reported by Bob F. that we received ten free annual ANA memberships for NON ANA MEMBERS only. If you would like a free gold membership for the ANA see Bob F. at the Holiday Banquet.

Bob F. Reminded everyone that it's time to pay for the annual holiday banquet and 2016 dues. Cost of the banquet is \$ 25 adult and \$ 10 child in advance, with a \$5 surcharge at the door. Our featured speaker at the banquet will be Mark Wieclaw giving a presentation about Irish Gun Money and Russian Beard Tokens. Please mail in your payment or bring cash or checks to the next meeting or Bob F. will hound you until you do!!!

Finally, Coin Week is fast approaching, the second week in April. We have reserved a showcase at the Hillside Library for the entire month. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I assume we will put together a committee to facilitate this project. *Any volunteers?*

SHOW AND TELL:

Jim D. presented two British proof sets, 1970 and 1971 (this was the year their coins changed to the decimal system).

Jim M. showed a couple of slabbed coins that never should have been slabbed, due to the low value. These make for an interesting collection.

Mike B. got us in the mood for Veterans Day, by telling us of an old neighbor that has since passed. Mike recently found out about his war exploits from WWII and lamented the fact that he hadn't got to know this gentleman better while he was alive. (That's a lesson for all of us!)

Bob F. found another coin knife for his growing collection. This one, an 1838 French Franc rare knife. What a fascinating thing to collect.

Nick W. discussed the "greysheet" and Numismedia price guides to keep on top of the value of our coins.

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

BREAK FOR SNACKS:

After everybody got their sugar fix, it was a lively (and noisy) meeting until we adjourned. (See the editorial at the beginning of this newsletter).

MAIN PRESENTATION:

Former (and now active) member, Bob Julian gave a very professional presentation on Matte Proof Lincoln Cents. In his opinion, the years of 1909 – 1916 yielded the best quality of the entire series. Although there were not many made, the 1910 seems to be the easiest to find, while the 1911 is quite a bit harder. One among many of his choice examples was a 1913 in PF67 RED. What a nice coin!!

SPLIT THE POT (50-50) RAFFLE

Ed K. S. \$ 12.00

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

??	.5 gram .999 Gold ingot
Oloff M.	Mystery envelope
Bob E.	6 assorted Barber dimes
Oloff M.	1964 Canada silver dollar
Dennis G.	2004-2006 boxed nickel set
Jim S.	1979 PDS Anthony dollar set
Jim S.	8 uncirculated silver dimes
John G.	1853 large cent
John F.	1964-D Unc. Kennedy half
Kevin M.	1965 Canada silver half dollar
Henry K.	1965 mint set with card
Jim Sc.	330 A.D. Roman coin
Bob H.	1844 Canada copper half penny
Hal B.	1865 3 cent nickel
Kevin M.	1862 50 cent fractional note
Bob H.	8 assorted Buffalo Nickels

MEMBER PRIZE:

Denise M. **90%** Franklin Half Dollar

RING TOSS WINNERS

John F, Jim S. and Jim Sc.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55

HILLSIDE COIN CLUB 32nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET MEETING

When? *Monday December 7, 2015.* Social Hour 6 PM (cash bar) Dinner at 7 PM.

Where? Alpine Banquet Haus, 11141 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154, (708) 409-8640

Cost? Adults, members or guests \$25 in advance or \$30 payable at the event. Children ages 12 and under \$10 in advance or \$15 payable at the event

Dinner (Family Style) MENU: Soup, Salad, Roast Beef, Roast Pork, Breaded Pork Tenderloin, mixed Vegetables, Mostacioli, Whipped Potatoes and Gravy, Apple Strudel, Hot Coffee, Tea or Milk.

Program: Mark Wieclaw Coin Dealer and Professional Numismatist.

Featured Speaker: *Mark Wieclaw* *"A Tax and a Promise"*

Mark Wieclaw started collecting coins in 1975 and ancient coins in 1981. Mark is an educational speaker, an award-winning exhibitor, and is a past president of the Illinois Numismatic Association, The Chicago Coin Club, and the Ancient Coin Club of Chicago. Following is a brief synopsis of his presentation this evening.

"Beard Tax" tokens of Russian's Peter the Great issued between 1698-1725. Irish Gun Money (1698-1690) was created by melting brass items such as candle stick holders and cannons to form a coin that would later be exchanged for good silver. A promise was made by England's James II to repay his followers after he regained the throne. The brass coins not only had a date, but also the month so that there would be an orderly repayment schedule. Of course he never did return to the throne.

Unknown to most numismatists, these two unusual areas of coinage have undergone much research recently. This presentation will explain the history and reason behind these items.

The Raffle will follow. THERE WILL BE A GOLD COIN!

Don't forget our time honored "Guess the Cents Game"

Partial List of Raffle Prizes

Grand Prize: French 20 Franc Gold Coin: (Retail value \$245)

.5 Gram Gold Bar:

1 ounce Silver Bar from 1715 Fleet (Retail value \$100)

2015 Uncirculated one ounce Silver Chinese Panda

Bundle of 71 assorted world bank notes, 2 silver plated U.S. coin replicas, 6 Los Angeles bicentennial \$ set, Arizona state quarter, Platinum plated copper round, bundle of \$10,000 hell bank notes, large bag of asst tokens, medals, rollouts and pins, WW II Anniv. 1/2\$ in Acrylic,

Two large 42.8 gram silver medals in gift boxes.

2009 & 2007 Proof Presidential \$1 coin sets

2015 Proof Set

2018 Unc. one ounce Silver Zombie Buffalo

Colorized "Peanuts & Snoopy" Charles Schulz Medal

Asst. Type Coins: 1852 Silver 3c pc, (2) 1865 nickel 3c pcs, 1841 1/2 dime, 1864 & 1865 2c pieces

Guess the Cents game:

- 1- Uncirculated 2014 Silver Eagle Coin
- 2- 2016 annual dues for coin club
- 3- Container full of coins.