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Our next meeting (#416) is Monday January 2, 2017

Program: OUR ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

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.

I hope everyone had a great time at the Christmas party. I thought that Dale Lukanich's talk on counterfeit money during WWII was excellent. Thanks to all who were involved in putting on such a great event.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving as vice president followed by president over the past three years. I have tried to maintain everything that most members seemed to have enjoyed while trying a few new things. My goal was to try to get as many members involved and participating as possible during our meetings.

One of my fondest memories was a winter meeting a couple of years ago, when the speaker couldn't make it because of the snow. I brought in a collection of various exonomia that I had and asked that everyone talk about some exonomia that they had in their collection. I think that everyone in attendance participated by talking about something in their collection.

I also received positive feedback from our picnic meeting. I think that anything we can do to get the youth more involved is a positive thing.

I would ask that everyone continue helping with the preparation and clean-up before and after the meetings, giving Bob Hansen as much help as you have given me.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I'll see you in January.

Minutes of our 33rd Holiday Banquet December 5, 2016:

Our 415th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our President, Kevin M, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick Weiss gave an invocation prior to the dinner. There were 62 members and guests in attendance!

A special thank you to the many members and local businesses who came early to help set up the raffle bags for the prizes and/or made generous donations for the event.

OLD BUSINESS: The business portion of the meeting was skipped so we could get on to the dinner and raffle.

NEW BUSINESS: Introductions of the new and returning officers for 2017/2018 were made. They are Bob H, president, Kerry L, vice-president and Jim M and Bob F returning as secretary and treasurer.

Bob F reminded everyone that it's time to pay their 2017 dues of \$ 15 (\$ 5 for a spouse and FREE for Y/N's.)

SHOW AND TELL:

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 DINNER: And what a good dinner it was, with Roast Beast, Chicken, veggies and finished off with their signature apple strudel. The Alpine staff provided wonderful service and fine cuisine, and we have booked next year's banquet for December 4, 2017. In addition, every attendee received a beautiful 1/10 ounce silver round - a replica of the Indian Head gold coins.

GUESS THE CENTS GAME: The correct number of cents was 1,005.

First prize of a Silver Eagle was won by Joan B who guessed 1,001.

Second prize of 2017 annual club dues was won by Jim Sch was who guessed 996.

Third prize winner was Mike B, who guessed 976 and won all the cents in the container.

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER DALE LUKANICH gave an excellent presentation on clandestine counterfeiting operations by the German government during World War II. Dale was presented with an ANA speaker's certificate and 90% Silver \$½ as an honorarium.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:30

Financial results of our meeting: New balance on Friday Dec 17 is \$1,162

Many of you have inquired about our former member, Winston Zack. Here is a recent article:

ZACK STUDIES CONTEMPORARY COUNTERFEIT COINS

This note from Jim Matthews published in the November 6, 2016 issue of the *JR Newsletter* (an electronic publication of the John Reich Collectors

Society edited by Richard Meaney) discusses the book on contemporary counterfeit coins being written by Winston Zack. -Editor

The Baltimore Show was frankly more active than I had anticipated. After months of wearisome election battles and relentless revelations, it was nice to set that part of our lives aside and focus on buying and selling coins! The usual suspects were in attendance at the show, and everyone seemed to have a good time--collectors were generally able to secure desired pieces for their collections from the numerous dealers at the show.

One unexpected surprise was **Winston Zack** appearing at the show from far away San Diego, California! **He shared numerous examples of contemporary counterfeit coins that are being used for his huge research project of documenting and writing a two (or more) volume book on these historic and often overlooked pieces of our numismatic history.**

Some of the Seated coins--struck from hand cut dies created by now forgotten counterfeiters, were so comical in their crudity that I burst out laughing. Examining these folk art pieces captures so much of the American ingenuity spirit--that prior generations of people actually took the time to stamp out their own money with small common tools and whatever know-how and ability they had. These mom and pop enterprises continue all through our history, from the earliest colonial coins through our current coinage--one need look no further than the 1944 "Henning" Jefferson nickels, created and stamped out in a certain Mr. Henning's basement to be used to pay the hated toll on the New Jersey Turnpike!

Some of these counterfeiting operations were huge factories which churned out countless examples of these counterfeit coins. This is an area of research that simply has been overlooked for far too long, with the exception being the superlative work by Keith Davignon on *Contemporary Counterfeit Capped Bust Half Dollars*. **Needless to say many numismatists have long awaited such a book documenting these fascinating coins.**

We bibliophiles are waiting, too! I'm sure this effort will be worth the wait. Davignon's book was a delightful eye-opener to this little-known or studied area of U.S. numismatics. -Editor

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

January 8. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

January 15. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

February 7. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

February 14. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

February 21. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

February 23-25. Tinley Park C.C.

February 26. Will County Coin Show, Joliet