



TWO CENTS WORTH

Our next meeting (#418) is Monday March 6, 2017

Program: IRISH WHISKEY POTTERY JUGS by Keith L.

Meetings are usually held on the first Monday each month (subject to change for holidays, elections, weather, etc.) 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 Bob H, President

It's hard to believe that March is almost here. It seems like it was just January! Once again, the weather has cooperated and we were able to have a great turnout for the February meeting. Thanks to all who made the effort to attend.

As I mentioned last month, I feel blessed to serve in a club that has so many members who pitch in to help without being asked. To this end, I would like to thank my vice-president, Kerry, who filled in for our treasurer (on vacation) and our secretary (sick) and still had time to help with the raffle and the post-festivities cleanup.

I would also like to thank Melissa G, who was pressed into service as a presenter in February. She did a great job, as usual, on a very entertaining subject of love tokens.

I also want to mention another new member, a young numismatist, Steven Sanduski. He was a guest of Colin G at our last meeting. Please introduce yourself to both of them if you haven't already.

Finally, watch for a NEW column geared toward numismatics from a YN's perspective! Coming soon!!

Bob

Minutes of our meeting on February 6, 2017:

Our 417th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by our president, Bob H, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 21 members and 1 guest in attendance. The updated treasurer's and secretary's reports were approved as listed in the newsletter, except for the incorrect dates on the coin shows. Guess I better watch it when I copy and paste next time.

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

NEW BUSINESS: We welcomed another new YN member of the club. His name is Steven Sanduski, and he is a friend of Colin Griffin. He also collects US coins. Please extend a warm welcome to Steven!

There was also a proposal put forth to allow members to place an ad in the newsletter, which is under further review. Please come prepared with your thoughts and recommendations.

The following is a calendar with our future programs listed:

MAR: IRISH WHISKEY POTTERY JUGS (Keith L)

APR: PAPER MONEY (Mike B)

MAY: EXONUMIA (Everybody)

JUN: OTHER HOBBIES NIGHT (Everybody)

JUL: PEST FREE PICNIC (Colin G) also, TRAINS AND CARS ON COINS

AUG: MEMBER AUCTION (Everybody)

SEP: MERCURY DIMES (Bob H)

OCT: WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION, GOOD OF THE CLUB (Everybody)

NOV: SLABBED COIN BLIND GRADING TEST (Bob F and David G)

DEC: CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Thank you to all!!

MAIN PRESENTATION: LOVE TOKENS by Melissa G.

Since Melissa personally collects love tokens (or has them given to her), she was well versed in her subject.

Here is a quick review of her presentation:

According to the Love Token Society, love tokens need to meet two requirements 1) an engraving on a legitimate coin and 2) engraved by hand. These engravings can be simple, almost crude or very intricate

and beautiful works of art. Love Tokens came to popularity in the United States about the same time as Valentine's Day, during the Civil War. Each token is a unique work of art that has a history tells a story that is unfortunately lost over time as it is likely only known by the giver and receiver of the token. Love tokens were created to express feeling and document special occasions such as births, deaths, and marriages. The popularity of producing Love tokens came to an end when the US government in 1909 passed federal legislation making the mutilation of coins illegal, suggesting that this art was causing too many coins to disappear from circulation. It is believed that the most popular coin used for making Love tokens was the seated Liberty dime, it was large enough to work on and had a value that showed the giver was making a sacrifice as in the late 1800's a dime had much greater value than it does today. The popularity of Love Tokens has grown during the last several decades and with that popularity so has the price of a nice Love token.

Thanks for opening the world of love tokens to us, Melissa. Job well done!

BREAK FOR WHATEVER:

SHOW AND TELL:

Harold E. brought in a 1/10 oz Gold Eagle for everybody to see.

David G. had a 1945 war ration book that belonged to his family.

Melissa G. showed off a Columbian Expo metal from 1892 made of some sort of white metal. She also had a 1957 Franklin Half made of lead. (Not worth as much as silver)

Richard H. displayed a nice assortment of bank notes, crowns, silver certificates and some silver animal coins. **Richard won a red ticket for his efforts.**

Elliott K. also brought in some silver rounds and bar, plus some \$1 and \$5 silver certs.

Mac W. kept us in the mood after Melissa's talk, by showing us a love token. Somebody loved "Richie". He also had an error coin and a couple of Middle Eastern coins.

Finally, **Mike B** found some images about Pearl Harbor, including a ship that was on its maiden voyage.

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.

After the Show and Tell, we had the member auction. **(You are welcome to bring numismatic items to auction off. You keep 100% of the proceeds)**

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

David G	Ancient Roman coin
Oly M	2005 Westward nickel set
Bob H	10 ass't Liberty and Buffalo nickels
Keith L	1986 Proof half dollar (Statue of Liberty)
Richard H	1909 VDB cent VF
Wolfgang S	1999 and 2000 UNC State Quarter sets
Keith L	President Wilson PDS dollar set
Dennis G	Yesteryear 5 coin set (Indian 1c, Vee 5c, Barber 10, 25 50)
Dennis G	14 ass't Kennedy halves
Mike B	10 ass't Barber dimes
Alan M	1991-S Proof Mt Rushmore half dollar
Elliott K	2 ass't 90% halves
Nick W	??? Mystery currency
Keith L	1964 Canadian half dollar (80 %)

RING TOSS WINNERS: Oly M, Tory S, Walter K and all the YN's in attendance

50/50 SPLIT THE POT Richard H \$ 8.00

MEMBER PRIZE Somebody Silver Eagle

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:35

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

March 5. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

March 12. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

March 18-20. Rosemont. Chicago Paper Money Expo

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

March 26. Downers Grove. D'Atri Auction.

April 2. Milan, IL. Quad City Coin Club Annual Spring Show.

April 2. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

April 9. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

April 16. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

April 23. Elgin. Elgin Coin Club Spring Coin Show.

April 27-30. Schaumburg. Central States Numismatic Society.

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