



Hillside Coin Club



TWO CENTS WORTH

Our next meeting (#421) is June 5, 2017

Program: OTHER HOBBIES NIGHT by All Y'All

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

Congratulations, I believe we may have set an attendance record for a night that wasn't a picnic or a banquet! We had 39 members and 3 guests come out for the May meeting.

I would also like to thank Kevin M, who was our "moderator" in May! He did a great job keeping the ball rolling as well as directing traffic, both human and pass-around exonomia items. Who knew so many different items would fit into that category. Thanks, also, to everybody who brought something to share with the club. Finally, Mike B. doesn't always get recognized like he should for making it possible for everybody to see what is being presented. Thanks, Mike!

Our May meeting will be "Other Hobbies Night" **PLEASE, bring something about a hobby other than numismatics to share with each other!**

ONE FINAL NOTE, the date of the July picnic will be MONDAY JULY 3rd @ 6:00

Bob

WHY NOT

A young numismatist's perspective on our hobby.

Last time I wrote I discussed the adoption of the euro, currently used in 19 of Europe's nations. However, I at times ventured outside of the Eurozone, including a very brief stop in Bucharest, Romania, which uses a currency called the "Leu."

At the time of my visit, one dollar bought me about 4 Lei, making it not the weakest currency I have ever used, though still making me feel richer than at home. As it turns out though, the Leu has gone through a number of different inflationary phases since its introduction in 1867, which resulted in revaluations in 1947, 1952, and 2005. The first two were particularly painful, occurring with little warning and leaving many with worthless notes. During the latest change, interestingly enough, new notes were produced with the same general designs (but minor differences and smaller sizes) but with four zeroes removed (so the 10,000 lei note became a 1 lei note, for instance).

Personally, I thought it was interesting that the country utilized a banknote, instead of a coin, for the one Leu note, considering that it is only worth about a US Quarter and many other European countries have begun using coins for pieces values near 1-2 US dollars (let alone a quarter). Their 1 Leu note is a polymer note and is colored an attractive shade of green on the front, with the flowers of the Milkweed Gentian (*Gentiana asclepiadea*), a mountain woodland plant native to Central and Eastern Europe, featured prominently in the center. To the right is Nicolae Iorga (1871-1940), a renowned scholar and political figure who was for a short time Romania's prime minister and sought to study and preserve Romanian culture. On the reverse is the Curtea de Argeș Cathedral, built in the Byzantine style in 1517 and restored in 1885 and located in South-Central Romania, about 100 miles Northwest of Bucharest. On either side is an eagle holding a cross, a symbol that represented Wallachia, the medieval kingdom that covers most of modern-day Southern Romania. This note, like many other European and world notes, is a great reminder of the innovation, history, and beauty in foreign numismatics.



Best regards,

Tyler R

MINUTES of our meeting on May 1, 2017:

Our 420th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our president, Bob H, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 39 members and 3 guests in attendance. The updated treasurer's and secretary's reports were approved as listed in the last newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob F is finally back, and if you haven't paid your 2017 dues of \$15 (\$5 for a spouse and FREE for Y/N's.), he will hound you until you do! Also, the proposal that had been put forth to allow members to place an ad in the newsletter is still on the table. Most members seem to be in favor, but are desirous to keep the ads related to numismatics.

NEW BUSINESS:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The July Pest-free picnic will be on **JULY 3 at 6:00 PM**

The cost for adult members and guests is \$10 if paid in advance and \$15 if paid at the picnic.

The cost for kids age 12 and under is \$5 if paid in advance and \$10 if paid at the picnic.

The delicious food will be catered by DiLeo's Pizzeria from Elmhurst. Our meal will be the "Most Popular" mostaccioli, broasted chicken, Italian beef, Italian sausage, tossed salad, potatoes and Anna Marie Pizza bread.

Please mail your check to the Hillside Coin Club, P.O. Box 750, Hillside, IL 60162 as soon as possible.

We need volunteers to bring a dessert to be shared at the picnic and **a volunteer to coordinate** who is bringing what. We don't want to wind up with ten jello molds and no chocolate chip cookies or brownies.

If any of the club members or guests would like some free "gently used" plastic coin tubes, Bob F. will be bringing a quantity of different sizes to the meeting. If interested bring a baggie and help yourself to what you can use.

We sold more raffle tickets than normal at the May meeting, so we will have even more raffle prizes at the June meeting.

Our President Bob H normally opens the Community Center at 6:00-6:15 pm for our 7:00 pm meeting. Plan to come early if you would like to visit, chat with friends, trade coins and help move the tables and chairs. Ditto for staying a few minutes after the meeting to help with the clean-up.

It was decided to give a 90% half for the member prize and a Silver Eagle for a speaker.

TREASURER'S REPORT: New balance is \$ 1088 per Bob F

The following is a calendar with our future programs listed:

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!!

BREAK FOR TEN MINUTES:

SHOW AND TELL: Suspended for May

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 break, we had the member auction. (You are welcome to bring numismatic items to auction off. You keep 100% of the proceeds)

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

Kevin M	Silver Maple Leaf
Keith L	??? Mystery Currency
Melissa G	1928 \$ 1 Silver Cert, Funny Back
John B	James Polk 3-piece Presidential set
Hal B	5-gram silver bar
John G	2 Franklin halves
Jim Sch	1964 Kennedy half, 1926 & 1930 Liberty Standing quarters
Dennis G	1944 Walker half
David G	1864 CSA bill

Don W 4 asst Kennedy halves
Don W 1964 90% dime, quarter and half
Bob H 8 asst Indian Head cents
Henry K 2005-D and 2006-P state quarter sets
John G 8 asst Vee nickels
Bob G Ancient Roman coin
Kevin M WWII \$1 Silver cert, "Hawaii" overprint

RING TOSS WINNERS: Bob H, Henry K, Don W and all the YN's in attendance

50/50 SPLIT THE POT Jerry T \$ 10.00

MEMBER PRIZE Harold E Silver Eagle

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:08

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

June 4. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

June 11. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

June 15-17. Tinley Park. Greater Chicago Coin, Currency and Collectible Show

June 18. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

June 25. Downers Grove. D'Atri Auction.

July 2. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

July 9. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

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

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