



# Hillside Coin Club



## TWO CENTS WORTH

### OUR NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, January 6th

**Program: It is our Annual planning meeting,**  
**please bring your speaker ideas, all ideas are welcome and appreciated**

#### **Club Happenings**

- Holiday Banquet and Meeting #451 was called to order at 6:55 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- Get well/encouragement cards were available for signing for several of our ill members.
- Everyone was encouraged to sign the attendance book members and guests.
- A Thank you was extended to Mike and Joan B. for their wonderful set-up and organization of all the fabulous raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who contributed items to our raffle prizes.
- The business portion of our meeting was then suspended for our annual Holiday banquet

#### **New Year's message from the treasurer**

**Please pay your 2020 dues (\$15) if you have not already done so.**

45 members and guests attended our December 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday banquet. A record number of raffle tickets were sold. Many thanks to those members who donated, helped solicit donations and assisted set up for the banquet. A special thank you to Mike and Joan B. who did an excellent job of setting out the many raffle prizes.

Winners of the guess the cents game were:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize a U.S. Silver Eagle    | -Jen D.     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize 2020 club dues         | -Bridget B. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize the container of cents | -Elliott K. |

We have booked our Holiday banquet reservation at the Alpine Haus for December 7, 2020 and are pleased to report the price will remain the same. \$30 for adults and \$16 for those age twelve and under.

#### **Program**

The Thrill and Joy of Collecting, Anything! by Mark Wieclaw

The initial question asked was "Why do some people collect just about anything and others collect nothing?". Mark pointed out that he collects just about anything and has done so his whole life. With baseball cards and beer cans acting as a steppingstone to collections of Snoopy items, posters and blown glass. These are just a sampling of collecting interests outside of numismatics. His wife collects nothing, although there was a brief period of collecting tea pots. However, Mark's over enthusiasm for her collecting ended that. A friend, who has a passion for nature, but can't understand the mentality of collectors, won't miss an opportunity to get up at 3 a.m. to observe prairie chickens, or trudge a half mile through chest high prairie grass to monitor wild flowers. We all have something that drives us. Mark believes that you can't convert someone into becoming a collector, they either have the passion or not.

Collecting can provide a connection or sense of comfort. Baseball cards which you collected as a child may create a sense of nostalgia that reconnects you to that childhood. It could be that you enjoy the thrill of the hunt finding that one piece that completes your collection or simply complements it. Collecting offers a social opportunity by attending shows and becoming a member of a club that embraces your passion. It creates a sense of family amongst members with shared interest. It may also trigger some competitiveness. Completing a registry set of the best, or worst, coins in a particular series. Having a collection offers an opportunity to share, as each item has a history and allows the collector to educate others. Many collectors have what they consider an intense passion for their hobbies, while others may consider it an illness.

What do people collect? Simply put, Everything! In Germany it might be erasers 19,571 to be exact. Maybe it is a confetti collection of 1,447 pieces in the works since 1983. It could be backscratchers 675, Joker cards 8,520, or sugar packets 14,502. In the UK it might be bars of soap 1,331. Napkins boxed by theme 125,866 or traffic cones 137 which includes 2/3 of all cone types. Numismatics has been referred to as the "Hobby of Kings and the King of hobbies". It's written that Augustus Caesar, 27BC – 14AD, had a wonderful collection of classic Greek coins.

Our collections aren't really even ours. We are merely the current curators with a responsibility of preserving them for the next generation. As coin and currency collectors we collect items of value and we must make sure that members of our family or friends understand this. In 28 years as a professional dealer, Mark has never been offered a coin collection by the collector, it has always been a spouse, sibling, or child "after" the collector has passed away.

While attending Joliet Junior College in the early 1980's, Mark was enrolled in an advertising class. As he was taking roll on the evening of the first class, the instructor made a profound statement that Mark still firmly believes in. He told the class "You are only given so many heartbeats in life, don't waste them on something you don't enjoy". If you are going to collect, have a passion for what you collect and share it willingly. Collecting is a great way to meet people, remain active and increase your knowledge.

### **UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:**

January 5th, Niles Coin Show 6231 W Howard St, Niles 60714 9 to 3 (1st Sunday each Month)

January 12th, West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Show, Countryside, (2nd Sunday each month)

January 19th, Itasca NOISE Coin Show, (3rd Sunday each month)

January 26th, D'Atri Auction Doubletree Guest Suites Downers Grove, lot viewing 9:30 & auction noon

HCC meetings are held the 1st Monday of 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. Occasionally meetings are the 2nd Monday when Holidays or Elections conflict.

(just west of Proviso West High School).

(The Hillside Coin Club Membership list is kept confidential)

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