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We start every meeting with a socializing period from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., we start our membership meeting that consists of: Door Prize Drawings (Junior and Adult), General Business and a Short Program. We have a Live Auction (must be a member to enter items in the auction & limit of 5 items per meeting) that begins at 7 p.m. YNs have their own meeting during the auction. We like to dismiss before 8:45 pm if at all possible.

Editor's Corner

As I put this together, Christmas is just days away. And while it doesn't feel like Christmas temperature wise, it definitely looks like Christmas at my house. There is a "mountain" of gifts under our tree that include some numismatic related items for the collectors in my life. We've got our favorite Christmas movies out to watch and the games queued up to play after our dinner. I hope your family has as great a time as I know we're going to have.

January brings a new year for us and opportunities for new things to try. Opportunities abound in our club for you to try. You can hold an office; you can attend a new show; you can start a new collection. The possibilities are endless! Dillon & I both have new collections we want to start.

May your New Year be shiny and bright. May your New Year's resolution(s) come to fruition. And I hope this weather holds and everyone can come to the January meeting and watch the YN auction.

Dyan

Upcoming Show

Collinsville, Illinois: Jan 5th,
9:00-4:00 at the American Legion
1022 Vandalia Avenue

Happy Holidays!

Ozarks' Coin Club Minutes

December 3, 2019

Our monthly meeting was held at the Discovery Center. The December meeting is our time to invite our families and enjoy a holiday banquet. The club provides ham, turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing and dinner rolls. Our members brought a dish to share. Jonathon U started our meal with a prayer. All of the dishes looked and tasted wonderful.

There were 48 adults and 26 youth present, for a **total of seventy-four (74)**.

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by our President, Nancy R.

Volunteers for January: Dessert: Linda L; Ice: Russ S.

Nancy thanked everyone for all of the wonderful dishes.

Next Golden Eagles, everyone needs to bring a giveaway gift for our dirty Santa exchange.

Next month we will have the YN auction.

Brian and Sarah S presented the OCC slide show during the meal.

Watch the weather. If Springfield Public Schools are closed due to weather, we will not have a club meeting.

Nancy thanked Brian & Sarah S for helping throughout the year. Ed P for presentations. Juan A for bringing all of the treats. Jim and Sara M for their help and giving presentations.

If you have a numismatic related topic to share with the club, please sign up to give a presentation.

Nancy introduced new members who were once members when the club first started.

Nancy presented small tokens during the drawing for the adults attending the meeting.

YN Birthday

Stephanie S - \$5 Canadian Olympic coin from 1976 Olympics, the sport was sailing

YN awards

Perfect attendance – Ethan B, Jacob B, Stephanie S and Nathaniel S – 2019 Proof set including the “W” penny

Active YN: Ethan B, Jacob B, Carson B, Gavin B, Eli C, Kayla H, Logan H, Holly P, Pige P, Stephanie S, Christopher U, Jonathan U and Nathan U - 2019 US mint uncirculated set plus “W” cent

All YN participants –Ethan B, Jacob B, Jonah B, Jude B, Carson B, Eli C, Logan H, Kaddie J, Grant P, Holly P, Paige P, Stephanie S, Thomas S, Nathaniel S, Christopher U, Jonathan U and Nathan U - 2019 American the beautiful circulated coin set.

All YNs - P&D half dollar set

Drawing for the certificate this month is worth \$5.00. Sheila S's name was drawn; she was not present. Next month's drawing will be worth \$10.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Charles A. Coffin Medal

Harry W. showed a Charles A. Coffin Medal with strong Missouri ties. Charles Coffin (1844-1926) was the founder and leader of General Electric Co. from 1892 to 1922. He retired in 1922 at the age of 78 and established a \$400,000 trust to award accomplishments in the electric industry. One of his desires was to recognize outstanding public electric utility companies. In 1948 the trust awarded the Coffin Gold Medal to the Union Electric Co. of MO. Today it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameren Corporation of St. Louis.



The medal was designed by Chester Beach in 1923 and was awarded for years. The gold medal is very rare. This 2¾-inch bronze example from 1948, on the other hand, is often seen. The inscription on the reverse reads: FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION / TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC / LIGHT AND POWER FOR THE CONVEN- / IENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND THE / BENEFIT OF THE INDUS- / TRY / AWARDED TO with the name of the recipient in a raised cartouche. Here; UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY / OF MISSOURI / 1948. The medal was struck by the Medallic Art

In 1948, Union Electric must have been exceedingly pleased with Coffin Gold Medal and wanted to share this award with their senior employees. They had Medallic Art Co. strike 100s of replicas in bronze and had them soldered to a wire frame and then mounted on a brass tray. The bronze medals are usually seen separated from the wire mount but occasionally one is seen as originally issued. Harry found one that had been used as an ashtray. He decided to clean it up and put it in the Secret Santa gift drawing at the Dec. Golden Eagles luncheon. It created some interest and was stolen twice in the course of the gift distribution sequence. (Name final recipient?)

One thing Harry found when he cleaned it was a 3-line inscription on the bottom. A.F.L. / FED L.U. / #22684. This stands for American Federation of Labor, Federation Local Union #22684. Since Medallic Art Co. was non-union, this medallic tray was probably assembled by a local union shop in St. Louis. It would be nice to learn who #22684 was.



DID YOU KNOW?



During the last 500 years, there have been six different recipes for making pennies. The first ones were large coins made of pure copper. Today's pennies are mostly zinc, though they are plated with copper.

Ozarks' Coin Club Board Meeting December 12, 2019

Present: Kathy K, Nancy R, Mike R, Jim C, Judy C, Jerry S and Ed M

Meeting called to order by our president, Nancy R, at 6:12 p.m.

2020 year's presentations:

- January – YN Auction
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June – Jim Moores
- July – double auction
- Aug – summer seminar presentations
- Sept – picnic
- Oct
- Nov- Brian S
- Dec -Banquet

YN Auction – Jim G has everything under control

Nancy spoke with Sarah S. She is willing to work on our website. We discussed changing our website provider.

Nancy will write thank you notes to Harter House and Golden Corral

2020 Budget – Ed reviewed the budget for 2019 and proposed that we keep the same budget for 2020. He will present a line by line budget at the January meeting.

We will continue giving a half ounce round for the adult door prize at the club meetings. Jerry S made a motion to purchase 20 for the 2020-year, Jim C seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials: November: Truman Carter Account: Beginning balance \$12,532.28

- Expenditures \$1745.28
- Checks not cleared \$1309.19 (3)
- Annual Truman Carter Funds released \$.00
- Deposits \$1768.00
- Interest \$0.10
- Ending balance \$11,245.91

The bank statement was reviewed and approved by Jerry S and Mike R

The bank statements for July and August (published in November Board Meeting minutes) were reviewed and approved by Mike R and Jerry S

Ed M made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry S seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

GOLDEN EAGLES

On December 13, the Golden Eagles met at the Golden Corral on North Kansas Expressway. Attending were Nancy S and Russ S, Judy and Jim C, Judy and Jerry S, Betty and Bob G, Erma and Jim B, Bunny and Jim G, JL and Ed M, Bonnie and Don E, Terri and Ray O, Linda L, Daniel C, Kathy and Rusty K, Harry W, and Nancy R for a total of 24.

Harry shared a Charles Coffin medal and tray that will be discussed elsewhere in the newsletter. Not real sure who ended up with it, but it might have been Judy C. Many had their eyes on it.

Instead of a drawing this month, everyone brought an item related to numismatics. Each gift was chosen or stolen. Everyone had a fun time sharing.

We will get together again on January 10, 2020, at 1:00 at Golden Corral on North Kansas Expressway.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!!



Important Notice

REMEMBER:

If Springfield Public Schools are not in session due to WEATHER, we will not meet.

Coin of the Month

Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Quarter

In 1980, the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness became part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The area contains over 2.3 million acres of wilderness. It's made up of rugged mountains, deep canyons, and wild whitewater rivers, including the Main Salmon River and Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

"Frank Church" was included in the name of the site in honor of late U.S. Senator Frank Church, who played a leading role in its preservation.

The area is the largest single connected wilderness in the 48 contiguous states and contains four national forests.

Reverse

Shows a person in a drift boat on the rushing river with trees and rock formations around it

Obverse

Features the portrait of George Washington by John Flanagan, used on the quarter-dollar coin since 1932.



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Dues Due Jan 1st!!!!!!!!!!