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## HOW YOU

## CAN HELP - -

(Let Jim M know and we'll furnish you a few extra copies of Sand Dollars to drop off at any club house, stores or organizations publicizing our club - IT CAN HELP

Want to join? Call (732) 604-8221 with any questions or go to: [www.occoinclub.org](http://www.occoinclub.org) for info and an application or just attend one of our meetings to learn what we do.

Annual membership cost is \$15 (adults) or \$10 for juniors (ages 6 to 17) or family membership is \$20

## "ERNIE is A "NATIONAL "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

### DiMeglio takes 3<sup>rd</sup> place in ANA Contest

Ernie DiMeglio, an ANA and club member since September 2007, was selected as a 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in a recent ANA National Coin Week Volunteer Challenge contest. In place third, Ernie wins a 1996 National Community Service Proof silver dollar and a 2014 quarters proof set.

Ernie volunteers his time at the Veteran Affairs Clinic in Brick assisting in a support group for the "Visually Impaired" veterans. Ernie helps veterans complete forms for their health needs, taking phone calls and coordinates support group meetings amongst other duties that are veteran related.

Congratulations to Ernie for his volunteer time and efforts.

## WHAT MAKES A "KEY DATE?"

### Just ask new member Bill Gleason

*If you attended the meeting of June 5<sup>th</sup>, you now have some idea as to just what a "key date" is when someone asks you. Bill, who just recently became a club member, gave an outstanding presentation about key date coins and what makes them a "key date." Facts that are important in determining what is a key date were highlighted by Bill. They included Mintage/Mint, Condition, economic conditions, melting and marketing.*

*Bill covered the 1877 Indian Head Cent with a mintage of 852,500, 1844 Seated Dime (also called Orphan Annie coin), mintage of 72,500, 1844-S Morgan Silver Dollar (mintage of 3,200,000 and the 1822 Capped Bust Half Eagle with a mintage of 17,796 and only three known.*

*Members sincerely appreciated Bill taking the time and effort to prepare for this very interesting topic to that gave everyone additional numismatic knowledge.*

## DID YOU SELL YOU RAFFLE BOOK YET and send in your proceeds? Do you need another book or two? Let us know.

August meeting is August 21 - meeting and auction  
LOCATION: Ocean Fire House, Pt Pleasant Beach (400 Arnold Ave)  
Doors open 6 pm - YN program begins at 6:30 - regular meeting 7:30

## “PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”

Dennis Berube

### 2014 - Anniversary Year



This year is full of anniversaries. It's the 150<sup>th</sup> year since “In God We Trust” first appeared on a U.S. coin the two-cent piece. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse celebrates 250 years of guiding our ships to safety.

There are special tours and you can walk up to the top of the light house.

Closer to home at the Sea Girt facility is the year of World War One and New Jersey's role in the war. The exhibit is open 7 days a week 10 am to 3 pm - Don't miss it!

The anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 1944) is 70 years and a number of our members are veterans that remember that day.

Have a great summer and keep collecting your favorite things. Don't forget “Hot Dog” night July 17<sup>th</sup>. All you can eat! So long for now - your President.

Dennis

PS - Please keep selling those raffle tickets and we have more if you need more - Just contact Jim. Every dollar counts!

In 1937, United Airlines added a new aircraft that flying from New York to California would take only 15 ½ hours with one stop in Chicago. That same year, the average income was \$1,788, a new car averaged \$760, a new house \$4,100, a gallon of gas was 10 cents. Gold was \$20.67 an ounce and silver 38 cents.

## MISSION STATEMENT

of the

### OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB

To promote the collecting and study of numismatics and further assist beginners and/or youth in their pursuits of receiving education about the hobby.  
and

To cultivate camaraderie amongst the members with friendliness and numismatic knowledge.

## “CLUB NEWS”

by Bill Smith



Meeting of June 5<sup>th</sup> had 42 sign in along with six YN's. Paul Faust and Bill Smith won the lucky number drawings. It was noted that the club won the “State Club of the Year” award for the 6<sup>th</sup> time since the State Awards program began in 1997. YN's Kyle Petzold and Cedric Petzold were selected as the 2014 YN's of the Year and Ernie DiMiegli was selected by the ANA as a 3<sup>rd</sup> place National Coin Week National Volunteer winner of the year. Tonight is the last night for annual dues for our dues year (June 1 to May 31) before the \$5 late fee kicks in. The club had 87 lots in the auction of which 41 sold.

### DONATIONS

*Bill Morris - Red Books*

*Doug Ball - Supplies*

*Dan Danik - Fed Reserve Note*

*Bob Holloway - Auctioneer & two proof sets*

*Bill Wright - 2 bags of coins*

*Norm Gertner - mail Sand Dollar*

*Sandy Ross - Produced mail labels*

*Gary Catlin - YN Program*

*Jeff Thompson - Civil War tokens*

*Mike Solimene - Auction Assistance*

*Val Weiss - Cash*

*Peter Mosiondz Jr - Gifts for YN's*

\*\*Note from Val Weiss in North Carolina: “Looks like everything is going fine in NJ. Miss the monthly auctions. Clubs I belong to do not have that. Our big 3-day show is a month away with over 100 dealers. Hope to be in NJ when a meeting is scheduled and will see you all then.”

### CLUB MEETINGS FOR

#### BALANCE OF 2014

August 21

September 4 and 18

October 2 and 16

October 18 (Saturday) - Annual Show

Hours: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

November 6 and 20 - - Turkey drawings

on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup> - - Holiday Social and

Awards Night

## EDITOR'S "2 Cents" WORTH

*Do you know this about  
New Jersey?*

Of course you know our State capitol is Trenton, directly west of us situated on the Delaware River. Years back, many years back, I did some tubing on the Delaware, about 25 miles north of the capitol city. I also worked in Trenton for about 3 years at the Department of Defense, after which it was relocated to Lambertville.

Our "Statehood date" was officially December 18, 1787, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> state ratified by the U.S. Constitution. Our motto was and still is: "Liberty and Prosperity" with our nickname of "Garden State."

New Jersey was founded by the Dutch - Henry Hudson (Hudson River) in 1623 as a Province. Our flower is the Purple Violet and bird is the Eastern Gold Finch.

Our New Jersey quarter coin was the 3<sup>rd</sup> struck of the states series with a date of 1999 when it was distributed. The coin's reverse design reflects Washington and accompanying soldiers in a rowboat crossing the Delaware River from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. This was adapted from a painting created by Emmanuel Leutze.

Our State quarter is one of just a handful of coins to feature the same person on each side of the coin, others included the 1900 Lafayette dollar (General Lafayette), the 1921 Missouri half dollar (Daniel Boone) and the 1936 Elgin half dollar (a pioneer). Further, the 1990 Eisenhower dollar is the only legal tender coin depicting the same person twice on the same side.

## CLUB NEWSLETTER

dated January 1981

President & Editor Jerry Zara gave thanks to all members for a very successful 1980 Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and Harold Eldridge won the Christmas turkey. A bus trip to Atlantic City was in the works for the club's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At that time, the casinos were giving out special offers everywhere. The club had one for \$1.00 that included round trip bus fare, a free buffet upon arrival plus \$5 in quarters for gambling. That was one super bargain. Try and get that today. Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show was getting publicity for Sep 16, 1981.

## **ANA OFFERS NEW COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP!**

**YN's have chance at \$1,000**

If you were a high school senior and a member of the ANA, you would have a shot at a \$1,000 scholarship that the ANA has just announced the establishment of the program. The money can be used at a university, community college or trade school of the student's choice and the winner will be chosen based on numismatic merit and financial need. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 2015 school year.

Funds for the scholarship will be raised from special lots being auctioned off at the annual Summer Seminar YN Auctions.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The temples of gods and goddesses were the first Greek Mints. Coins were stamped with images or symbols of the divine beings in whose temples they were made. One coin, bearing the engraving of an owl, which was the symbol of Athens, took about two months to make.

**GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
HOBBY - JOIN THE ANA AND  
GSNA - See Kari or Jim M**

## OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Inc.

(New Jersey's most active coin club)

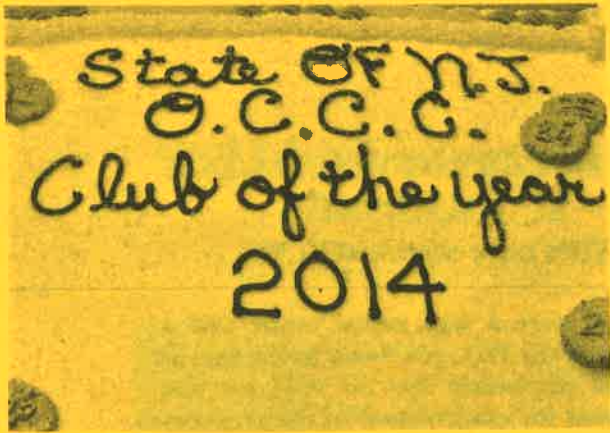
Meets once or twice a month at Ocean Fire House in Point Pleasant Beach, 400 Arnold Ave (corner of Saint Louis Avenue) Upcoming meetings listed on bottom of page 1

Junior program (ages 6 - 17) begins at 6:30 pm and regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

ANNUAL DUES: Individual \$15, Juniors \$10, Family \$20, Life membership \$100

(O.C.C.C. 65 - 16<sup>th</sup> St, Toms River, NJ 08753)

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President - Dennis Berube      VP/CEO - Doug Ball  
Rec Sec - Bill Smith              Cor Sec - Norm Gertner  
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ANA Rep - Kari Brower      Auctioneer - Bob Holloway  
Exhibits - Kari Brower, Bill Smith, Howard Hauck  
Show Directors - Bill Morris - Tim Macaluso - Doug Ball  
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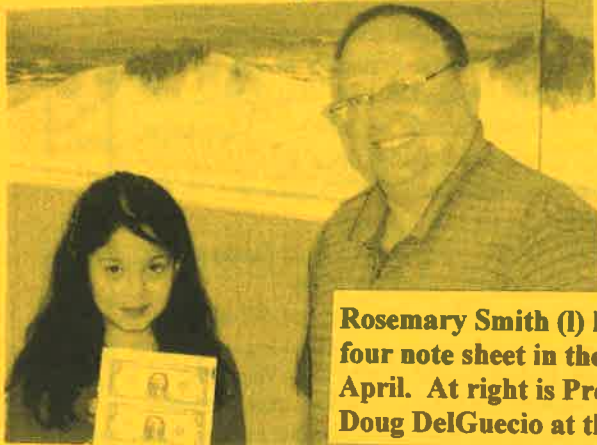
**"How about that?" - - - Our club was selected as the 2014 Club of the Year. Every member should be proud of their membership and any assistance they rendered throughout the year to make our club what it is today. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!**



**Former OCCC President Jim M happily presents GSNA Certificate for New Jersey's Co-YN of the Year for 2014 to Kyle Petzold. Cedric Derecho received his award at the State GSNA Convention.**



**Ernie DiMeglio (l) takes third prize in ANA's National Member Volunteer Challenge. Ernie spends countless hours helping visually impaired veterans at the VA Clinic in Brick. CONGRATULATIONS ERNIE! At right is new member Bill Gleason giving our members a presentation on "What Makes a Key Date?" THANKS BILL!**



**Rosemary Smith (l) happily accepts her prize of the BEP (Bureau of Engraving & Printing) four note sheet in the YN drawing for those who attended the National Coin Week Show in April. At right is President Dennis (GSNA Vice-President) working with GSNA member Doug DelGuecio at the GSNA convention in May.**



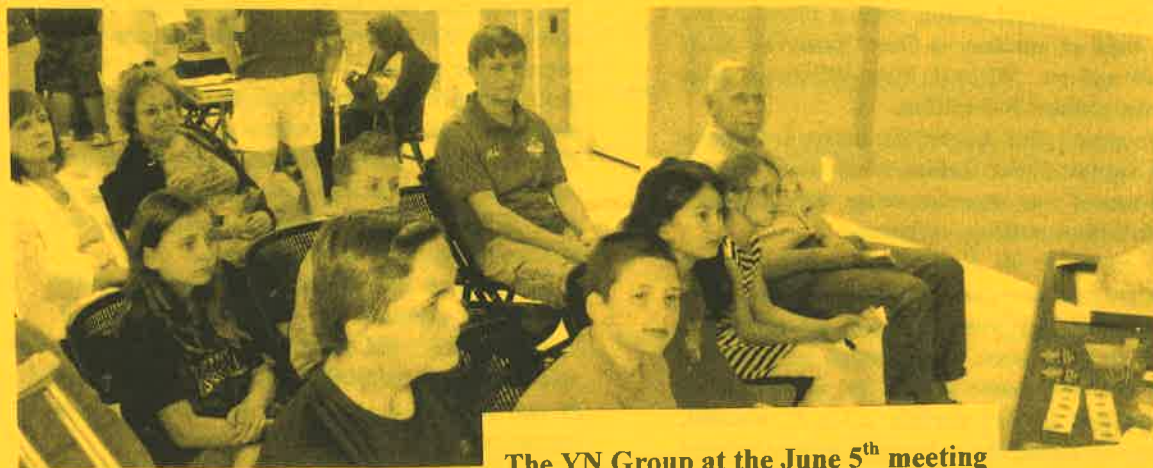
**Our professional auctioneer, Bob Holloway, does his thing at all of our meetings and club members really appreciate his humor along with is professionalism. Thanks Bob.**



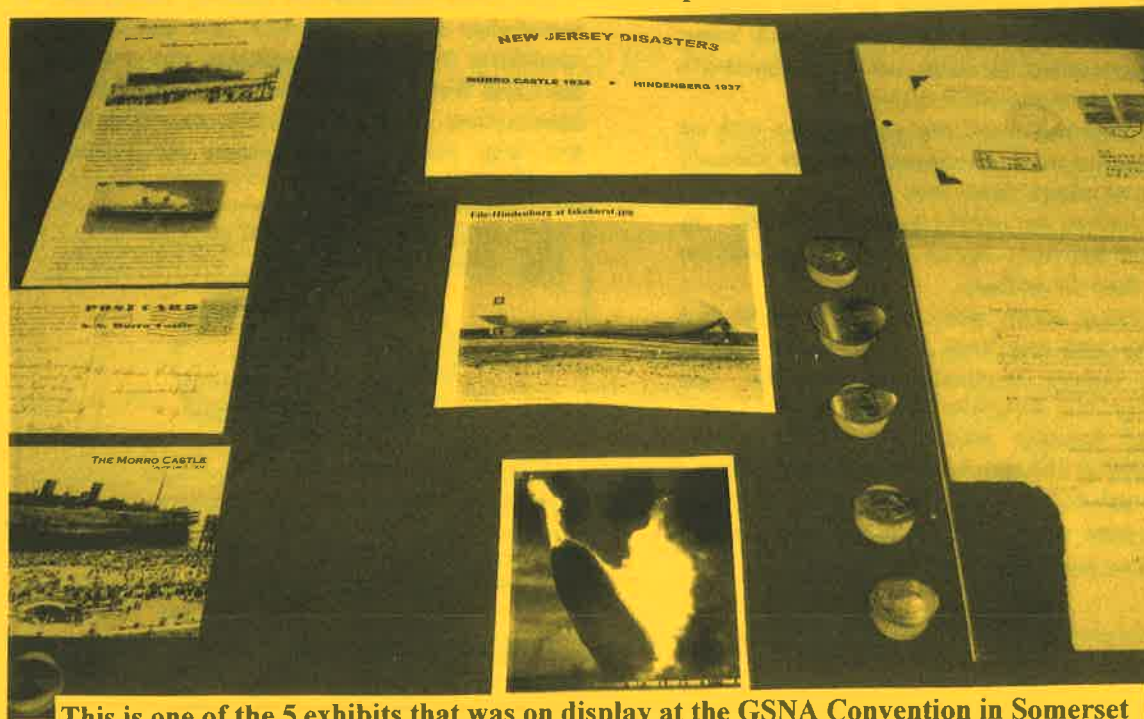
YN's who did their homework are (l to r) Kyle, Mike, Andrea, Andrew and Jason.



YN Director Mr C jokes with YN's.



The YN Group at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting



This is one of the 5 exhibits that was on display at the GSNA Convention in Somerset in May. President Dennis put this one together about major disasters that happened in New Jersey. He highlighted the exhibit with elongated coins relating to them.

## ERIC NEWMAN - - - ONE OF A KIND!

In 1918 (World War I), when Eric Newman was 7 years old, his grandfather gave him a strange old penny. In the nearly 10 decades since, the passion for coin collecting ignited by that gift turned Mr. Newman into one of the hobby's most respected figures and a leading authority on the art and history of American money. Mr. Newman is now 102 years of age and still researches and writes about the hobby he has fully enjoyed all those years. He is now selling prized items from his collection to benefit a foundation he established to promote scholarship on coins. Two coins from his collection, a rare 1776 silver dollar minted by the Continental Congress and a 1792 experimental penny with a silver center were sold at auction in New York for \$1.41 million apiece. All told, four difference sales of coins yielded \$44 million.

The penny that started his hobby love was a 1859 copper-nickel Indian Head cent that the government was experimenting with different metals before settling on bronze.

He lived in St. Louis and would take a streetcar to a coin store downtown. His round trip student fare was 3 cents & his allowance was 5 cents a week. Although he searched coins for new additions to his collection, he still wanted to buy certain coins he wanted. On one occasion, the coin store owner refused to sell him a coin because he knew nothing about it, but if he would take a book home and learn about the coin and recite the coin's history, he would sell it to him.

Mr. Newman went into partnership with an old mentor and purchased Colonel Green's estate of which there was the set of the five 1913 nickels for which they paid \$2,000. In April of last year, one of those nickels sold for more than \$3 million.

Newman wrote more than 100 books and articles and has been awarded the highest honor among academic numismatists. He married the daughter of one of St. Louis' leading families who was wearing a coin necklace at the time and he will never sell the coins on the necklace, he said, as they just celebrated their 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Mr. Newman was "one of a kind."

## "CIVIL WAR TOKENS" Also called "Copperheads"

Civil War Tokens were privately issued pieces usually made to the approximate size of the current U.S. cents which circulated during the Civil War because of a scarcity of small change.

The Civil War began in 1861 and the Civil War Tokens became a money of emergency since most US coinage were out of circulation. The merchants could not transact their daily business. Postage stamps were used along with a card board type money and encased postage stamps.

The tokens were made by the merchants so they could give out as change in their stores. They also served as an advertising token for the particular merchant. Many designs of the tokens were of the patriotic type and are very popular for collectors - the J.L. Agens & Co is from Newark in New Jersey. They were a newspaper distributor with a popular reverse die of General George Washington. There are ten New Jersey merchants and a token from each if fairly easy to acquire except for one, Bodine Brothers of Williamstown.

The tokens are divided into tree types for collectors - store cards - patriotic tokens and sutler tokens. On April 22, 1864, Congress passed a law prohibiting the issue of any one or two cent coins, tokens or devices for use as currency.

For those interested in gaining additional knowledge of the Civil War and the tokens associated with that time-frame, can contact the Civil War Token Society for membership information. On June 8, 1864, an additional law was passed that forbade all private coinage.

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## YOUNG NUMISMATIST (YN) Page

### YN "SHOW AND TELLS" VERY INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING



Don't slow up on the "show and tells" - we need them at every meeting - it's the only way Mr C and Jim M can learn anything about numismatics. At the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Kyle showed us a key coin in a 1932 Washington quarter; Gavin showed us a peso and have enough of them for all YN's that attended; Mike J went back in time and pulled out a 1771 George the 1<sup>st</sup> Shilling and Jason, who visited the Philadelphia zoo thought enough to obtain Philadelphia zoo token - thanks everyone.

I'm asking our YN's to begin checking out the price of gold and silver either via the internet or the local newspaper. We're going to track the prices and at the same time you will be informed about their prices. That will be the start of our homework for the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting -

#### HOMEWORK FOR Thursday, August 21st

- 1 - What was the price of gold and silver and the date you checked it out?
- 2 - What was the last year that regular circulation US dimes were made from 90% silver?
- 3 - There were two names that the US Dimes from 1916 - 1945 were called. What were they?
- 4 - Who designed the Roosevelt dime?
- 5 - Who designed the Barber dime?

Use the generic homework sheet and turn in your answers to Mr C or Jim at the meeting or via internet at [major9@comcast.net](mailto:major9@comcast.net).

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### ***RACKETEER NICKEL FOUND BY ELIZABETH CRONIN - -***

At the May GSN Convention in Somerset, NJ, club member Elizabeth Cronin found and purchased a really nice Racketeer nickel. The coin had reeding and the condition of the gilding and the wear of the coin seem to belong together which is one of the nicer ones I've ever seen. I went further by exploring in the Library of Congress newspaper archives and found the following talking about the scam of the 1883 nickel with the "cents"

In the March 12, 1883, Washington, DC Evening Star edition, the following appeared: "Five Cents taken for Five Dollars - - The Baltimore Sun says: On Saturday, a man went into Philbin's Restaurant, on Gay Street, while there was a rush of business, and called for a glass of beer. He threw down a bright yellow piece and received \$4.95 change. Afterwards, the coin was found to be a gold-plated five-cent piece of the new design." (Editor: Later in 1883, the word "CENTS" was added to discourage the fraudulent practice.)

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**Junior meeting - 6:30**  
**Regular meeting - 7:30**