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to 17) or family
membership is \$20

JOHNSON - A 3 TIMER!

15 year old attends ANA Summer Seminar
on third full scholarship

To visit the Rockies in Colorado Springs three successive years would be a dream for many youngsters, but club member Mike Johnson made that a reality. Michael will enjoy the "Diggers Workshop" from the TV show and do some metal detecting in the Rockies just outside of Colorado Springs. All this plus the educational course he is taking is part of the ANA Seminar program this year.

I'm sure when Michael returns, he'll have some interesting comments for us. He has also been part of a dealer intern program as he has shown an avid interest in becoming a coin dealer when he graduates school, but that is a few years away.

FRED MEGILL DIES

A club member since November 2007, our club lost another dedicated and devoted member. Fred, an Eagle and Philly fan became a fan of our club the day he joined. Fred had a personality second to none. He was born in Neptune, but most recently resided in Toms River. Fred, along with brother Robert, was always anxious to see the items up for auction at every meeting.

Dennis, Jim and Toms Weber attended the viewing in Howell. Fred was 59.

BUYING RARE COINS? Things you should know - -

1 - Insure you have the knowledge as to what you are purchasing 2 - Don't get fooled with "bargains" 3 - Know your dealer as to his or her knowledge and reputation and 4 - Learn more

GOLD HITS 3 YEAR HIGH!

This was one of our headlines in the March 1978 Sand Dollar as it attained its highest level on March 8th when it was quoted at \$190 a troy ounce. Silver also reached \$5.32 a troy ounce the same day.

HELP SUPPORT THE CLUB BY SELLING OUR RAFFLE BOOKS
12 chances for only \$10 - Additional books available - Need them sold and raffle stubs turned in no later than our annual show Sat, October 18

September meetings are the 4th and 18th - auctions at every meeting.
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
“Star Spangled Banner”



Would you believe the summer is over, the children and college kids return to school? Wow, that was fast! Our annual coin show is just a month away so we must continue to see raffle tickets and put flyers around advertising the event. “Go Team go!”

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Francis Scott Key’s composing of the “Star Spangled Banner” at Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the war of 1812.

If the opportunity arises, you won’t regret visiting the National Guard Militia Museum at the Armory in Sea Girt. These displays are dedicated to New Jersey’s involvement in all the military wars and conflicts. The museum is open 7 days a week from 10 to 3 and is “free.” Their phone number is (732) 974-5966. I took my grandson there and he loved it. There are tanks, planes, including helicopters and cannons to see. Don’t miss it!

May everyone have a fun and safe Labor Day and until we meet again -

Your faithful President, Dennis

NICKEL SEARCH FOR YN’s

Our YN Director, Gary Catlin, has put together another one of his coin searches for our YN’s. Gary printed out forms distributed to YN’s at the July 17 meeting. Instructions and criteria are listed on the sheets. Adult members may also request copies of the forms and become involved. Contact Jim M for copies and info.

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



New Member Bill Gleason gave an outstanding presentation at the June 5th Meeting. Congrats again to Ernie DiMeglio for all the volunteer work he does

Ernie volunteers at a number of VA Clinics and Hospitals in NJ, namely, the ones in Brick, East Orange, Lyons and Hamilton. He was selected as a third place winner in the ANA National Coin Week Volunteer Challenge winning a Community Service proof silver dollar and 2014 quarters proof set. Although we covered this in the August Sand Dollar, we thought it would be nice to mention his volunteer duties again. Ernie is also a member of the “Blinded Veterans Association,” headquartered in Washington, DC. He is their Secretary/Treasurer

We received a very nice thank you card from Brenda of the McGill Family as follows: “Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and kindness - it meant so much to the family.

Dennis, Jim and Tom Weber attended the viewing in Howell.

DONATIONS

Bob Holloway - Auctioneer & pf sets for YN’s
Norm Gertner - stamp and label Sand Dollar
Sandy Ross - Producing mail labels
Gary Catlin - YN program
Dennis Berube - folding Sand Dollar to mail
Bill Morris - October Club Show Monitor

CLUB MEETINGS FOR BALANCE OF 2014

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 20th

December 4th - Holiday Social and
Awards Night

**COMING SOON - - The club’s
Annual show and exhibit -
Saturday, October 18th**

EDITOR'S "2 Cents" WORTH

"GRANDPARENTS DAY"

September 7th



In May, we all celebrated Mother's Day. . . In June, Dad had his turn . . . and on Sunday, September 7th, it's a special day for all you grandparents out there. That's right, Sunday, September 7th

is "Grandparents' Day." Though the day may be mostly a recent creation of the greeting card industry, grand-parents certainly deserve their own day. . . a day when we can each focus on our ancestors.

The United States isn't the only country that's set aside a special day for grandparents. In Japan, "Respect for the Elderly Day" is a national holiday that's been celebrated each September 15th for as long as people can remember.

In much of Asia, there seems to be more respect for older generations and ancestors than there is in our fast-paced, Western culture. Respect for the family and state is the foundation of Confucianism, the religion of much of Asia. There are centuries-old rules of conduct for how members of a family relate to each other—just as there are elaborate customs for the worship of ancestors.

At Chinese funerals, for example, ceremonial paper money is burned at the grave site of the deceased. This ceremonial paper money is for the ancestors to use in the afterlife. Paper images of houses, cars, servants and even silverware and eating utensils are also burned for use in the world beyond.

The Chinese custom actually predates the invention of paper money. Until the widespread use of paper money, coins were drawn on strips of paper and then burned.

The money that's burned is called "hell money" . . . a funny name, considering that it's offered to ancestors to use in the afterlife. Actually, the name comes from Western missionaries. After observing the ancient practice, they scolded the Chinese and said their ancestors' afterlives were being spent in hell—because they hadn't been baptized.

(Note: *Some of our YN's have received copies of "Hell money" at the YN auctions as we've had copies of them to give to them.*)

DID YOU KNOW? Coins were once cut into pieces to make change. That's how Great Britain got her halfpenny and farthings . . . Originally known as "fourthings," or fourths of a penny. Similarly, Americans adopted the term "two bits" for a quarter of a dollar from the Spanish dollar, which was divided into eight parts or bits.

EARLY APPLICANTS!

Nov 19, 1974 was the day Jim Majoros joined the Ocean County Coin Club. The regular dues at that time was \$3 - yes, only \$3. It was also the year after Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby and the famed "Triple Crown." My sponsor was Jerry Zara,

Kari Brower joined the club in September 1977, but only paid \$2 dues as she was under 18. Bob Bassell was her sponsor. Dave Wilson joined in November of 1975. Richard and Diane Mesaris both joined in February 1978. Tom Toman sponsored Richard and Diane, who now reside in Bald Head Island, NC (*need a boat to get there*). During those days, you also had to have 2 readings for approval to be accepted into the club.

Gary Patterson joined in August 1978 Doug Tilghman in January 1979 of which Archie Black sponsored his application. Norm Gertner joined in May 1979 being sponsored by Dave Wilson. Bill Dewey joined in April 1979.

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 - 16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753)

President - Dennis Berube VP/CEO - Doug Ball
Rec Sec - Bill Smith Cor Sec - Norm Gertner
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Membership - Sandy Ross Historian - Kari Brower
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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
Board Directors - Fred Pennachio, Howard Hauck,
Editor & Past President - Jim Majoros

PHOTO PAGE



(L) Vince Maloney receiving his Life membership card and certificate from President Dennis - At right is YN Michael Johnson, who is attending is third consecutive ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs on a full scholarship.



(L) Our YN session and at right is Cedric Derecho giving one of his "show and tells."



(L) Mike Solimene does the club auction to fill in for Bob Holloway, who is on the right giving a presentation to the YN's at a meeting.

*TEN YEARS AGO - MEMORIES
of the year 2004 - they never
go away!*



PAST CLUB NUMISMATISTS OF THE YEAR

- | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1998 - Kari Brower | 1999 - Dave Wilson | 2000 - Gary Catlin |
| 2001 - Charlie Licata | 2002 - Norm Gertner | 2003 - Dan Danik |
| 2004 - Judy Robinson | 2005 - Mike Valosin | 2006 - Dennis Berube |
| 2007 - Vince Maloney | 2008 - Howard Hauck | 2009 - Bill Morris |
| 2010 - Bob Holloway | 2011 - Mike Mascitelli | 2012 - Bill Smith |
| 2013 - Fred Pennachio | | |



EUROPEAN EMERGENCY MONEY - 100 Years ago

100 years ago in 1914, at least a dozen countries in Europe due to a shortage of their government's currency, printed local and private paper money in order to carry on essential business. Germany was by far the most prolific issuer of local currencies and they called it "notgeld," translated meaning "emergency money." German notgeld began their emergency money at the outbreak of World War I in 1914. They continued through the war and afterwards into late 1923 before coming to a temporary halt. Notgeld again appeared in 1945 and 1947. It is estimated that 175,000 different issues were made by German private issuers of which many were printed solely for sale to collectors. In addition to the emergency issues there were also notgeld issues from inflation issues, which appeared in late 1922 and by 1923, some German issues reached such enormous sums that a single note might represent more than the entire indebtedness of the German people in August 1914. Even more rampant inflation was known in Hungary in 1946. I've seen some notes valued in the millions.

For members with an interest in European currency and/or who may have a background either with ancestry or through visits to those countries, notgeld pieces are very colorful, educational and historical. Notgeld notes are not very valuable as there were enormous amounts printed during those years. Pieces of notgeld can sell for 50 cents upward and can be fun to collect.

CAR POOL ANYONE???

Interested in forming a car pool, let Secretary Bill Smith know and we'll keep doing what we can.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DATA

Individual - 89	Family - 13
Juniors - 8	Life - 43

Total: 153

NJ IS DESCRIBED AS THE "Crossroads of the Revolution" - It's on the reverse of our 1999 Washington Quarter

Much of the fighting in the first two years of the American Revolutionary War of 1776 was in the Middle Atlantic and often in New Jersey. The British identified New Jersey, along with New York and Pennsylvania, as Colonies with enough loyalist support that they could make inroads there. Had patriots in states like New Jersey not proven them wrong, the revolution could easily have failed as early as the first few months of 1777.

Historians generally agree the Battle of Saratoga (in New York State) was the most important turning point in the war because it was the first major battle the colonists had won and was influential in convincing France to join the colonial side. Some say, however, the Battle of Trenton was the key turning point. Either one could be the case. The war would not have been won without the French, particularly the French navy. However, the Battle of Trenton and Princeton was equally important a few days later and could be viewed as the most important battles in the history of the United States.

(Editor - If anyone has a medal with a 1777 date on it, let's see it as a "show and tell.")

(Comments taken from an article by Rutgers-Camden history professor Andrew Shankman)

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YOUNG NUMISMATIST (YN) Page

HOMWORK FOR Thursday, Sept 4th & Sept 18th

- 1 - As last month's gold and silver prices, what was it around the last week in August? List the gold price, silver price and the date.
- 2 - All of a sudden you own a house and have to pay the bills - list six key bills you would be paying -
- 3 - Let's say you have a job and own a house, would you have a "budget?" What is a budget and how does it work?
- 4 - Would you budget any money to buy coins and what would determine the amount?
- 5 - What cities would the following "Mint-Marks" relate to the U.S Mint striking their coins.
C - CC - D (of which there are two cities) - O - P - S - W
- 6 - What do you think are the best part of our meetings?
- 7 - What was the coin that was struck without the word "CENTS" on it and individuals gold plated it and used it as a gold coin?
- 8 - We've had a few unusual coin denominations since 1793 that lasted under 12 years - name three of them.

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.

VICKEN YEGPARIAN, FORMER CLUB YN EMPLOYED BY STACK'S BOWERS IN NEW YORK CITY

I remember very well when Vicken Yegparian's Mom brought him to our club meetings when we met at the Brick Township Town Hall building. This was in the late seventies, early eighties and Vicken was no more than 12 years old at the time, but learned swiftly about the hobby of numismatics. He learned to visit the dealers at the meetings and searched for the coins that may have been struck with an error or another variety of the series. Vicken learned fast and it was common for some of us, especially Dave Wilson, to donate a coin or two for him to take home. After attending high school in Toms River, Vicken moved on to Columbia University in New York City where he received his degree.

Vicken became a close friend of John Kraljevich, son of Gail Baker, who visited the club to give a presentation on the collecting part of the hobby. John is also employed by Stack's Bowers. Both Vicken and John are great guys and we're so pleased they remained in the field doing it full time.



Vicken Yegparian

At left is Vicken Yegparian - at right is John Kraljevich, Both long time friends from high school age and now both employed on the staff of Stack's & Bowers in New York City. Vicken attended a number of our meetings as a YN as his family resided in Toms River.



John Kraljevich

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Thursday, Sept 18th
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Regular meeting - 7:30