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HOW YOU CAN HELP US - - -

We have to continually get the word out about our club - Please request a few extra Sand Dollars to leave anywhere they will take them - - stores, community centers, senior developments, schools or churches, work centers, etc. See Jim for copies and Thank you very much.

Want to join? Call (732) 604-8221 with any questions or go on line to: www.occoinclub.org

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OUR 2014 "Numismatist of the Year"

*** **DOLLY HARRIS** ***

What a great and memorable year it has been for our Club Treasurer, Dolly Harris. 2014 was pretty good for her. First and foremost, she was inducted into the Jackson Memorial High School Hall of Fame in October and now finishing out the year as the Ocean County Coin Club's "Numismatist of the Year."

Dolly has had an exemplary career in her young age starting out as a Registered Dental Hygienist, then enlisting in the Guard and serving in Iraq for a year with further duties in Iraq.

Upon return to the States, she continued service in the Guard, VFW and the Wounded Warrior Project and as you has covered a lot of ground. Getting into numismatics, where this award is about, she came on board in May 2011 and immediately became involved. She took over the duties of Club Treasurer in 2013 and has transitioned into her new field in an outstanding manner.

The club's "Numismatists of the Year" program began in 1999 and previous Numismatists of the Year have been:

2013 - Fred Pennacchio
 2011 - Mike Mascitelli
 2009 - Bill Morris
 2007 - Vincent Maloney
 2005 - Mike Valosin
 2003 - Dan Danik
 2001 - Charlie Licata
 1999 - Dave Wilson

2012 - Bill Smith
 2010 - Bob Holloway
 2008 - Howard Hauck
 2006 - Dennis Berube
 2004 - Judy Robinson
 2002 - Norm Gertner
 2000 - Gary Catlin
 1998 - Kari Brower

There were no "YN's of the Year" selected for 2014. Last year, both Andrew Grygiel and Jason Komisar were selected. In previous years, Mike Johnson, Cedric Derecho, Kyle Petzold and Ryan Hrapsky were selected. Congratulations to all!

Dolly with nephew,
Ben at one of our
meetings - - -
Ben is a YN member



There is only one meeting in January - it is on Thursday, January 15.
There will be an auction. LOCATION: Ocean Fire House, Point Pleasant Beach, 400 Arnold Avenue - Doors open 6 pm - YN program begins at 6:30 - regular meeting at 7:30 pm

"PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE"

Dennis Berube

"Forward to 2015"



Happy New Year to all our members and their families. This year starts off running with the F.U.N. (Florida United Numismatists) Show, January 8 - 11th in Orlando, Florida. Those traveling north, New York City has a great show at the Waldorf-Astoria called the International Show. On those long winter days, let me suggest reading some new books on our hobby. The authoritative reference on Mercury dimes by John Wexler and Kevin Flynn or grading New Jersey coppers by Ray Williams are just a few. *(Our club has been visited by Kevin and Ray over the years and they are great guys for the hobby.)*

Don't forget the club has only one meeting in January and February and returns to twice monthly in March. In addition, 2015 is an election year for our club. Feel free to throw your hat into the ring for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Voting takes place in May in May.

Keep the home fires burning, so long for now -- your faithful president - Dennis

GOOD ADVICE

A recent Numismatic News Q&A column is quoted below:

QUESTION: "I've been collecting coins all my life. My children are not interested in them. Any suggestions regarding whether I should liquidate during my own lifetime or not?"

ANSWER: Businesses plan exit strategies, but few individuals think the same way. Many collectors can't detach themselves emotionally from their collections once the family collector is gone. It is always better to sell in your own lifetime if possible simply because you have a better understanding of your holdings than will your descendants. Due to the emotional attachment many collectors have to their coins, however, this outcome is unlikely. If you are determined to leave a legacy to your heirs you need to decide if physical objects or money will be better. If your heirs aren't collectors, it should be obvious they won't want to keep the collection. **MORE IMPORTANT:** You know the value of your coins and would be able to obtain more money than the heirs.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY -

to the families of Angelo Brugno and Frank Ortega, both of whom passed away in October. - Angelo (top photo) and Frank were both part time dealers, Angelo from the Trenton area and Frank from West Milford in north Jersey. Both religiously attended our meetings and they will be missed.



OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Inc.

(New Jersey's most active coin club)

Meets monthly at Ocean Fire House in Point Pleasant Beach, 400 Arnold Ave, Corner of Arnold and St Louis Avenues).

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 \$150.

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President - Dennis Berube VP/CEO - Doug Ball
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Editor & Past President - Jim Majoros

EDITOR'S "2 Cents" WORTH

Jim Majoros

"The ANA in 1888"

It was in 1888 the ANA issued their first "The Numismatist." The issue was dated September-October and was Volume 1, Number 1. It was called "The American Numismatist" and consisted of four pages.

Repeat copies were printed and distributed to members as a "125th Anniversary Souvenir Reprint" The opening page covered "Collections" and a paragraph stated, "It is a hopeful sign when the youth of any land turn their attention to the making of collections; whether it be of coins, minerals, Indian relics, paper money, birds eggs, autographs, postage stamps, fossils or curios, it matters not, from any of these lines much may be learned and the taste cultivated will invariably lead to something higher and better. The germ is there, fruit will be borne some day. There is nothing you can collect that will represent so much, if properly selected or will cost so little, if properly bought, as a variety of fifty, one or two hundred coins.

The largest collection of coins in the world is that of the National Library of Paris, consisting of over 250,000 specimens. Over 700 coins issued between 964 - 1138 A.D. were later exhumed in France. They were found with other relics, in two vases showing evidence of fire.

Thal is German for valley. In 1517, silver taken from the mines in the valleys or thals of Bohemia was first coined into what was called thalers. From a corruption of this expressive German word we get our word dollar of today. Other names used for the dollar were *daler*, *tallero*, *peso*, *ecu*, *crown*, *scudo*, and *piastree*. For 400 years, the thaler was the standard type of European silver coins. The thaler is now spelled "taler" and it became the unit of the German Monetary Union until 1871 when it was replaced by the "mark," the minting of which began in 1873.

The initial "Numismatist" did reflect two of the four pages with foreign coinage for sale with prices listed. Examples: 50 varieties of foreign coins for \$1.00, Ten varieties of Ancient Greece coins for \$1.25, 100 mixed foreign coins and medals for \$1.40.

Closing the initial copy, it was written, "The Numismatist is published by and in the interest of Dr. George F. Heath. It will be issued bi-monthly and sent free to his coin patrons, to any others it will be sent on receipt of postage ten cents per annum. It is possible that at some future time, the Numismatist will blossom out as a representative of the science of numismatics, but for the present it will be content to following an humbler sphere.

A copy of this reprint will be available to review by seeing Jim M.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2015:

Jan 15	May 7	Sept 17
Feb 19	May 21	Oct 1
Mar 5	Jun 4	Oct 15
Mar 19	Jun 18	Oct 17 ***
Apr 2	Jul 16 **	Nov 5
Apr 16 *	Aug 20	Nov 19
	Sep 3	Dec 3 ****

* - National Coin Week Show - 4 PM

** - Hot Dog Night - 6 pm

*** - Annual Show - Saturday Oct 17
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**** - Holiday & Award Social - 6 pm

"CLUB NEWS"

by Bill Smith



38 members and five YN's attended the Nov 6th meeting with Bill Ball and Tony Petrovich winning the lucky number drawings. Gold and Silver price entrees are due by

Dec 4th. Our show report reflects 1,200 raffle tickets sold. The club had two new members sign up. Treasurer Dolly left this info with President Dennis as she vacationed in Hawaii for 11 days without using any of the club treasury money.

Annual turkey winners were John Cardillo and Dan Danik. President Dennis and a few other members attended the Baltimore show. Our holiday social and awards day on December 4th will begin at 6 pm and will be catered by Joe Leonie of Point Pleasant. We were sad to hear Frank Ortega passed away and a salute to veterans took place with eight in attendance.

Donations

Mike Lee - \$75.

Bob Holloway - Proof sets

Norm Gertner, Sandy Ross, Gary Catlin -
Sand Dollar Assistance for mailing

Gary Catlin - YN Program

Mike Solimene - Assistant Auctioneer

John Dietz - Security Director

Barbara Newman - Sunshine Club

Kari Brower - coins & tokens

Russ Martone - Books

Our Officer staff - taking their time and efforts to be part of assisting the club in their duties and responsibilities.

2014 TURKEYS GO TO DAN AND JOHN!



Congratulations to Dan Danik (l) and John Cardillo who won the Turkeys in November 2014. President Dennis took the pleasure of the presentation. Some of the previous turkey winners are shown in photos below. If a member can name every individual in the four photos will receive a prize. Submit the nine names to your editor.



MORRO CASTLE – Sep 8, 1934

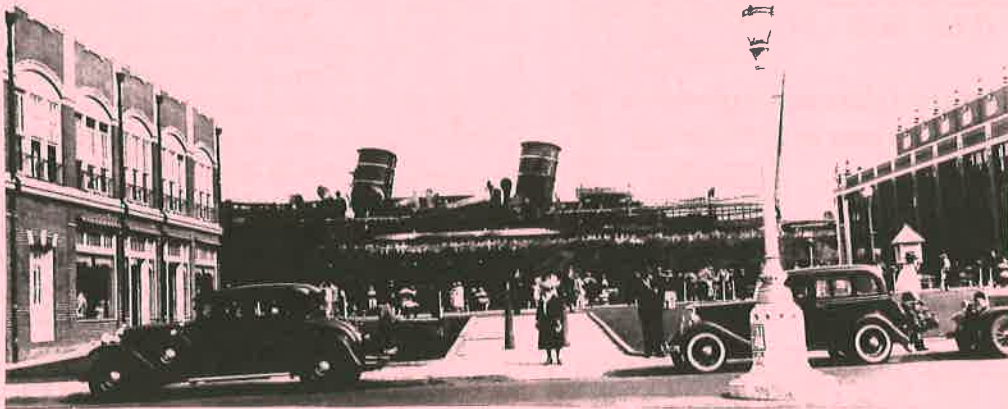
Asbury Park – Photos from Dave Wilson

A number of years ago, Dave Wilson, now deceased, gave me some photographs that were taken in Asbury Park at the site of the burned cruise ship, "Morro Castle" in 1934 by Dave's father. In the top photo, Dave's grand-parents are in the center and he noted that the gathering near the boardwalk in Dave's words, "could imagine would be the cranking out of the Morro Castle elongated coins for interested onlookers. I myself, had one of the elongated's that I acquired in the 1970's - I was only three years old at the time of the Morro Castle disaster and living in Bayonne at the time, my family didn't own a car.

For those unfamiliar with this shipwreck, 135 lives were lost in sight of Asbury Park. The ship left Cuba September 5th, 1934 and by the morning of the 7th, all signs indicated a developing storm. This was the final day of the cruise and was, as normal, was an evening of festivities. Adding to it was costs of liquor - Rum in Havana was only four dollars a gallon, but could not legally be brought into the United States. The last night before docking in New York, many people simply stayed up all night to finish the "last drop."

Just before 3 am on the 8th, the Morro Castle was only 20 miles from the entrance to New York Harbor. Smoke and fire were discovered in one of the rooms and when opened, a mass of flames flew out and at that time a general fire alarm sounded. The ship ran aground just 200 feet from shore, near the end of the Asbury Park Convention hall pier. Many onlookers came Sunday morning, September 9, and souvenir shops, movie theaters and amusement rides reopened and experienced the best day of business in the city's history. For a quarter, sightseers were allowed on the seaward side of the convention hall for a closer look; all money collected was to be given to the survivors.

Dave was not the only club member at the scene, a close friend in later years also went to the distressed ship. His name was Norm Gertner. Norm's 17 year old brother (Norm had 8 brothers) called him and told him to get ready to drive with him to Asbury Park. Norm was 6 years old at the time. Norm said when they arrive, the ship was still smoking and they were still taking passengers off the ship. Dave wasn't even born yet so Norm and Dave did not know each other in 1934.



(Photo taken by Dave Wilson's father with Dave's grand-parents in the center foreground - at right is the Asbury Park Convention Hall)

OFFICER ELECTIONS IN MAY

Voting to take place May 21st

Every two years, our club is required to nominate and vote on a slate of officers to govern the organization for the following two years.

The club's Constitution and By-Laws establishes the requirement for a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to be voted on and elected in May of the odd numbered years. In this upcoming year, nominations will be held on May 7, 2015 with elections being held on May 21. The term of office will begin on May 21 for two years, which will be the third Tuesday in 2017.

Candidates for office shall be regular members in good standing of the organization.

Below is a nomination form that may be used to place someone or yourself for an officer position.

Recommendation for officer position:

(May 2015 – May 2017)

I nominate following individual (s) for officer positions as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Recommended by: _____

SUSAN B ANTHONY DOLLAR FLOPPED –why?

By David Vagi, edited by Jim M to bring current

Few things carry as much instant credibility as our paper money. The \$1 bill is a classic worldwide for its value, familiarity and convenience. Bub in nations like England, France, Germany, Australia and Canada, the money roughly equal to our dollar is not a bill, but a coin. Coins last decades longer than paper money, so many governments have switched from bills to coins for their most-used currency. In the USA, we've tried to do the same five times in my memory – and failed all five times.

First there was the large Eisenhower dollar, which was too popular for its own good. Because Eisenhower dollars rekindled memories of the silver dollars of America's past, they were saved as keepsakes and failed to circulate.

Then came the small Susan B. Anthony coin from 1979 to 1981 and again in 1999, but its small size, similar to the Washington quarter and confused many consumers. Making things worse they weren't accepted by most vending machines, cash register draws had no space for them and bankers complained of high handling costs. After the SBA, came the Sacagawea, Native American and Presidential and although were all of a golden color, the quarter size was again the problem.

Our neighbors to the north in Canada learned a valuable lesson from our failure. Canada's dollar coin is gold-colored and multi-sided, so it's easy to distinguish from other coins. Canada also stopped printing its competitor, the dollar bill. There was some opposition and many doubters as they made the change to the coin, but it worked out as a total success, while hundreds of millions of Anthony dollars sit in Federal bank vaults
(Thanks to ANA's Money Talks for the article)

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YOUNG NUMISMATIST (YN) Page

Attending our November 6th meeting were Jason, Kyle, Gavin, Cedric and new member TJ Sullivan. We thank you all for attending and participating. Jason and Kyle did "show and tells." We did very well going over the homework assignments that involved the questions you submitted and we tried to answer them. We'll be doing more of those.

The article by Mike Johnson in the November Sand Dollar about his "Week in Colorado" was excellent reading – thank you Michael.

We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed their holidays this past year and everyone doing good in school, whatever grade you are in.

HOMEWORK FOR JANUARY 15

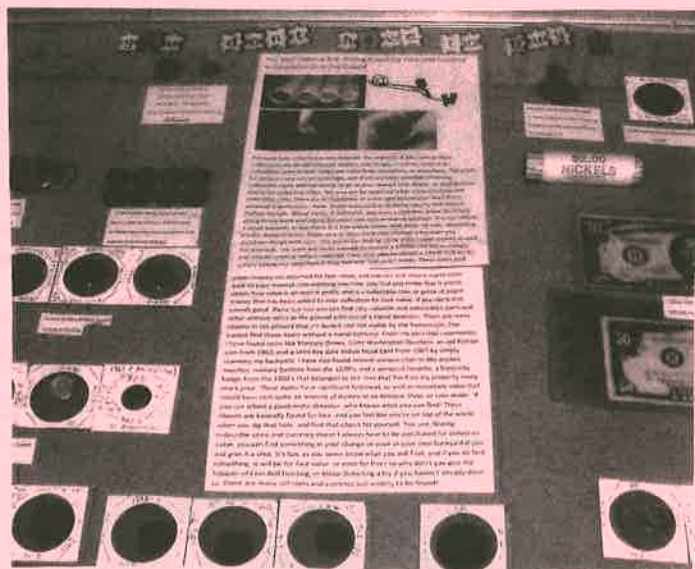
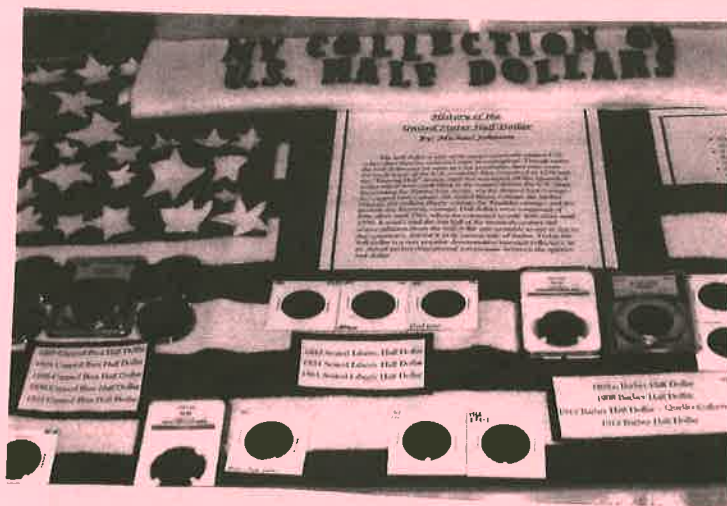
Homework for our January 15 is as follows and remember there is only one meeting in January and one in February (the 19th):

1 - Do you have any relatives from countries other than the United States? If yes, please list the country or countries. If so, do you have any coins or paper money from those countries? If yes, please bring them in for a "show and tell."

2 – Write four questions about a country other than the U.S. Suggest you chose a country that there may be some connection with a member of your family or you can use a country you would enjoy to visit some day. Include the answers with the questions.

Use the generic homework sheet and turn in your answers to Mr C or Jim at the meeting or via the internet at: major9@comcast.net. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

BELOW ARE PHOTOS OF THE THREE YN EXHIBITS:



Exhibits above are (1) Michael Johnson (My collection of U.S. Half-Dollars and Cedric Derecho (You don't Have to Buy It.) At Bottom is exhibit by Jason Komisar titled Disney Dollars.

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- Doors open 6 pm - Jr
meeting at 6:30 Regular
meeting - 7:30