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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

'Twas the Night before the Christmas Party...

And Santa Gaudens (Santa Claus' younger, coin-geekier brother) was surprisingly immobile, hunched over his work bench. Piles of proof coin planchets lay waiting to be polished. Paper coin rolls sat empty next to a mountain of wheat cents. George, head of the team of trained eagles that kept the workshop running, flew in to check on his boss. Was the boss coming down with the buffalo flu again? Santa Gaudens didn't move when George landed on his shoulder. The eagle was about to give the "big-boned" elf a cautious peck, but then Santa Gaudens lurched upright.

"Oh! Hi, George. How long have you been there?" he said a little distantly. George looked from Santa Gaudens, to the piles of coins, and then back with as quizzical an expression as his beaked face could muster. "Why am I not working? I don't know. I'm not feeling it this year. I've seen billions of coins in my time. What makes these so special? Are they really anything worth celebrating?"

George was still recovering from the shock of this blasphemy, when the workshop was suddenly filled by a blinding light. It gradually dimmed, and revealed a handsome young man clad in a toga; a pine wreath resting on his head. "I am the Ghost of Christmas Parties Past! Which of you is Santa Gaudens?" A finger, and a feather, both pointed at the surprised, and bespectacled, face. "You've been scheduled for a haunting. I've got a few more to do tonight, so let's get going." The spirit reached over to Santa Gaudens, and lifted him up from his bench with surprising strength.

"Are we going to fly?" Asked Santa Gaudens, unsure of the prospect without his usual stage coach, and team of mighty buffalos.

"Do you see wings?" quipped the spirit rhetorically, "No, look into my magic loupe. It will take you where you need to go." Gazing into the unassuming lens, he discovered that where he needed to go, was what appeared to be the parking lot of a Chinese restaurant? There was something familiar about it, but he couldn't quite place it. George clung tightly to his shoulder, not at all pleased with being teleported about. Then, out of the restaurant ran two portly kids, their parents close behind. One kid, clad in red, was fiddling with a portable game system that resembled a grey brick. The other wore a bright, new, and unstained, Hawaiian shirt, despite the cold weather. This child stopped in his tracks as the other ran on. He bent to the ground to pick up what appeared to be a penny. "Do you remember this day?" asked the ghost.

"Of course! That was my first coin. A 1953 S wheat penny. I've seen bargain bin large cents in better condition than it was."

"Yet despite its humble appearance, it started you on a great journey through history, art, and economic science." **(cont'd next page)**



Mark Your Calendars!

December

Show & Tell Theme: Holidays

December 7, 2016 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

December 14, 2016 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Christmas Party

December 28, 2016 – NO MEETING

January

Show & Tell Theme: Altered Coins

January 4, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

January 11, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Program - TBD (2) Mini-Bourse Night

January 25, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



(President's Column cont'd)

"You're right!" exclaimed the elf, his face lighting up enough to outshine his current, somewhat threadbare Hawaiian shirt, "Every coin has a chance to spark a lifetime of fun, and learning, in a potential young numismatist."

"Glad I could help you with your epiphany," said the shimmering ghost without much enthusiasm, "I've got to get to my next gig, but don't worry. You got the three-for-one haunting special, so the others will be along presently."

"Others?" Santa Gaudens started to ask, but in flash of blinding light, he was back in his workshop. George, still gripping his shoulder, was inspecting his feathers to make sure none had been lost in transit. "Help me with these coin rolls, George! We've got future collectors to inspire!" and off to work they went!

May you all find something to inspire you this Christmas.

-Aaron Brown



December Birthdays

Dylan Vitale	12/02
Jorge Fernandez	12/06
Martha Lopez	12/09
Tito Rodriguez	12/10
Chris Brown	12/12
William Jones	12/14
Gary A. Kailes	12/21
Reno Rodriguez	12/21
Carol Kailes	12/25
Jim Holden	12/30
Cliff Rice	12/30
Stephen Album	12/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Enjoy & Celebrate !!

Welcome New Members

Alex Meeker

Christmas Party

The club's Christmas Party is on December 14th. There will not be an auction that night. Instead we will be distributing the Junior Gift Bags and any remaining bags will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the club. The juniors will get an opportunity to win gold with a junior raffle for a gold prize donated by **Karla Von Hungen**. We will also be playing 5 games of bingo with gold and silver coin prizes, pictured below, for the first four games and a cash prize for the fifth.



Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: In the first year of the 50 State Quarter series (1999), which state used a tree for its design?

November Junior Challenge Question: Why are there no quarters dated 1975?

Answer: Bicentennial quarters with dual date 1776-1976 were struck in both 1975 and 1976.



Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: : What is the easiest way to spot one of the famous "Henning" counterfeit 1944 nickels?

November General Membership Question: What kind of error occurs when a coin sticks to a die, and is then stamped into another planchet?

Answer: Brockage



MEETING DATE 11/09/16

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by **President Aaron Brown**

Attendance:

Present: **33** Board Members: 11 Jr. Members: 5 plus guests
Absent (guest name): -
New members: 1

Draw winner: Eric Goossens

Open Challenge: Why aren't there any quarters dated 1975? A: They were minted as 1776-1976 Bicentennial quarters.

General Challenge: What is it called when a coin sticks to a die and gets stamped onto another planchette? A: Brockage

Announcements: New junior member question procedure & Christmas Party meeting in December

Roll Call & Tell:

Enter, item

Newell Stitzell – Australian \$1 Coin

John Boswell – 1978 Great Britain 5 Pence (reduced size) & 1oz Silver Panda (fake)

Cecilia Lopez – 1978 20 Zlotych – First Polish Cosmonaut

Joan Alvarez – Rudolph the Reindeer Commemorative

Dylan Vitale – 1969 Savings and Loan Bank Token

Cliff Rice – 2016 Delta Coin Club Medal Set

L. Randall Solomon – 2016 Silver Palau Beer Bottle Cap Coin 500th Anniversary of Bavarian Purity

Eric Goossens – 1973 Lemat de Mardi Gras Social and Marching Club Token & 1975 St Patrick's Day 25th Anniversary
Algiers Irish Association

Karla von Hungen – 1921 Silver 2 Peso 100th Anniversary of Independence

Roll Call & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Cliff Rice

Meal Winner: John Silveria

Raffle Prize Winner: Nicholas Lopez

Roll Call:

Roll Call List

1 Adams

1k Ramczyk

1 Boswell

1/ Kailes

1a Von Hungen

1 hael Stitzell

1 Stout

1 Meyer

Draw Winner: Frank Ramczyk

Meeting closed at 8:38pm

THERE WAS NO MEETING ON NOVEMBER 23



Also, there is no meeting on December 23.

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NorCal - East Bay / Concord Coin Show

The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave. Concord, California

January 20 – January 22, 2017

San Jose Coin Club's 49th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show

Double Tree Hotel

2050 Gateway Place

San Jose, California

February 3 – February 4, 2017

San Francisco Area Coin & Collectibles Show

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Blvd

South San Francisco, California

Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
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