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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

'Twas the Night before the Christmas Party...

And Santa Gaudens (the Santa brother who took up coin collecting, instead of toy making) had just returned from a magical trip down memory lane, brought to him by a Christmas ghost. "Did that really happen, or do I need to lay off the egnog?" he asked of George, leader of his trained eagles, who had involuntarily gone along for the ride. In reply, George helped himself to a drink from the mug on Santa Gaudens' work bench.

Before Santa Gaudens could take George's unspoken advice, the workshop door burst open, and in came a jolly fellow in a red suit, and a black beret. "Merry Christmas Party!" exclaimed the intruder, Euros and odd-shaped coins raining from his fur-lined sleeves. His audience of two stood frozen, clinging to each other. "Well what's wrong?" the newcomer asked with concern, "You two look like you've seen a ghost!"

"That's not unprecedented in my experience," replied the bewildered Santa Gaudens.

"Well I should say so, for I am the Ghost of Christmas Party Presents!"

"Don't you mean, Christmas Parties Present?"

"I don't think so," answered the spirit, and he seemed to ponder the question a moment. Taking advantage of the pause, Santa Gaudens tried to figure out who exactly this character was. "What's with the red fur, and obsession with presents? That's my brother's gig."

"Oh, I'm actually his cousin."

Santa Gaudens was skeptical, "If you're family, how come I've never met you before?"

"Well, unlike you, and your brother, I live on the right side of the equator."

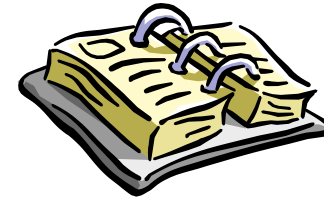
"And where exactly is that?"

"The South Pole!"

"I guess that makes about as much sense as anything else that's happened tonight. All right, let's get on with whatever time-traveling epiphany you have for me. George and I have a lot of work to do, to get ready for the Christmas Party. We have to get the junior bags ready, set up the bingo games. Those are important things to get done!"

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Mark Your Calendars!



December

Show & Tell Theme: Agriculture

December 6, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

December 13, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Christmas Party

December 27, 2017 – NO MEETING



January

Show & Tell Theme: Anniversaries

(coins with dates of personal significant)

January 3, 2018 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

January 10, 2018 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

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

January 24, 2018 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



December Birthdays

Steven Catlin	12/01
Dylan Vitale	12/02
Steve Solomon	12/03
Martha Lopez	12/09
Chris Brown	12/12
Gary A. Kailes	12/21
Carol Kailes	12/25
Jim Holden	12/30
Cliff Rice	12/30
Stephen Album	12/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Enjoy & Celebrate !!

Christmas Party

The club's Christmas Party is on December 13th. 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. Donations are being taken for this prize. Please see Aaron or another board member to contribute. We will also be playing 5 games of bingo with gold and silver coin prizes for the first four games and a cash prize for the fifth.



Juniors October pumpkin decorating

Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: What was the smallest non-gold coin struck by the United States Mint?

November Junior Challenge Question: Before the Constitution was ratified, each State could mint its own coins. Which State's copper coins feature a plow and horse's head on the obverse?

Answer: New Jersey



Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: What was the heaviest non-gold coin struck by the United States Mint and not originally sold for more than its face value?

November General Membership Question: Who is depicted on the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commemorative Half Dollars of 1920-1921?

Answer: William Bradford, who came to America on the Mayflower, and served as governor of Plymouth Colony on multiple occasions from 1621-1657.



MEETING DATE 11/08/17

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by **President Aaron Brown**

Attendance:

Total: **33** Board Members: 9 Jr. Members: 8 plus guests: 1

Guests (guest name): Christie Benner

New members:

First Draw winner: Mitch Rudoff

Junior Challenge: Which state's copper coin features a plow and horse head?

General Challenge: Who is the pilgrim depicted on the 1920-21 tercentenary half-dollar commemorative?

Announcements: Prizes for Junior Bags requested, Christmas meeting bingo prizes detailed, monetary donations for Junior's gold prize requested

Show & Tell:

presenter, item

1. **Karla Von Hungen – 1788 Barbados Pineapple Penny**
2. **Jim Holden – Three Agriculture-related Paper Bills: Albanian, Australian, & Bulgarian**
3. **Mitch Rudoff – Assorted State Quarters & Lincoln Pennies related to agriculture**
4. **Bob Droual – Ancient Greek Coin featuring Octobol from Kallatis**
5. **Sharyn Brown – 1863 Civil War Store Card Philip Bach Dry Goods from Ann Arbor Michigan**
6. **Nicholas Lopez – Limited Edition Catalina Island 50th Anniversary Air Service 1919-1969 Commemorative**
7. **Sofia Lopez – 2005 Elongated Penny California Academy of Science featuring a dinosaur**
8. **Cecilia Lopez – 1968 New Orleans Token Saturn V Rocket**
9. **Mark Garcia – 1881 CC/PCGS Morgan Dollar MS64 & 1812 Mexican City/PCGS MS61 8 Reales**
10. **David Ramczyk – Assorted Barber Halves from a farmer**
11. **Newell Stitzell – Golden Gate Exposition 1939**
12. **John Silveria – Assorted Agriculture Coins: Bangladesh 25 and 50 Poisha, Tonga 25 Seniti, & Rwandan Franc**

Show & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Newell Stitzell

Free Meal Winner: John Silveria

Door Prize Winner:

Raffle:

Winner List

Pat Kelleher

Bob Droual

Merle Harrison

Jerry King

Inez Munoz

Christian Brenner

Michael Stitzell

Dolly Sauls

Last Draw Winner: -

Meeting closed at 8:14pm

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN(Cont.)

“Okay. Through that window,” the workshop’s small window swung open as the ghost gestured towards it, “you will find tomorrow night’s Christmas Party in full swing.” Without another word he leaped through the window with surprising grace. Santa Gaudens struggled through with a little more effort, but cast a glance back at George to see if he was coming. He had settled on his nest, and indicated with a wave of his wing that he had done quite enough magical traveling for one night!

Turning back around, Santa Gaudens found himself at the coin club, with the Christmas Party under way. The club members didn’t seem to notice the elf, and the phantom, in their midst, and went on celebrating. Despite being up now well past his bed time, Santa Gaudens couldn’t help but get caught up in the fun. There was **Sophia Lopez**, showing off a shiny new penny from her junior bag. There was **Mike Tandy**, auctioning off the leftovers to the eager adults. **John Boswell** was getting ready to call bingo. And **Dolly Sauls** won the gold... again.

“All right,” Santa Gaudens admitted to the Ghost of the Present, “I see what you’re getting at.”

“Do tell!”

“We focus a lot on our Christmas Party traditions, but it’s simply having our coin club friends together that makes it such a joyful night.”

“Well I’ll be! You picked that up a lot faster than that Scrooge fellow.” The walls of the club meeting room began to fade back into those of the workshop. The Ghost of Christmas Party Presents began to disappear, too.

“Wait! Where are you going? The party’s just getting started,” Santa Gaudens called out to him.

“Oh, I’ll be there; even if you can’t see me. When you see a junior showing off their new coins, or a club member jumping up to shout bingo, any time you’re having fun with your fellow numismatists, I’ll be there, too.”

Hope to have some fun with all of you at the Christmas Party!

-Aaron Brown

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UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

December 17, 2017

Sacramento Coin Show
Lions Gate Hotel
3410 Westover Street
McClellan (Sacramento), CA

January 5-6, 2018

East Bay / Concord Coin Show Winter 2-Day Show
Clarion Hotel
1050 Burnett Avenue
Concord, CA

January 26-28, 2018

San Jose Coin Club's Annual Coin & Collectibles Show
Double Tree Hotel
2050 Gateway Place
San Jose, CA

February 3-4, 2018

S. F. Area Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show
The S. San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd.
S. San Francisco, CA

February 22-24, 2018

Long Beach Coin, Currency, Stamp & Sports Collectible Expo
Long Beach Convention Centre
100 S. Pine Avenue
Long Beach, CA

Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
Gold	\$1,269.30	\$1,278.40	\$1,296.50	\$1288.40
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