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Adults: \$12.00 per year
Juniors: \$6.00 per year

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www.stancocoinclub.org

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Club Meetings

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00p.m.
Denny's Diner
1525 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA

President's Column

'Twas the night before the Christmas Party...

... and once again, Santa Gaudens (The younger, more numismatically focused brother of Santa Claus) is preparing to bring coin-related goodies to the good young numismatists who represent the future of our hobby. His famous, red stagecoach, drawn by four flying buffalo, creaked in protest as it landed on the roof of his mint in Philadelphia. His workforce of trained eagles looked up briefly as Santa Gaudens stepped into the workshop, before going back to work striking proofs and commemoratives to go out to the juniors.

"Hi, guys! Is the Mrs. home?" He boomed in a voice, almost as loud as his Hawaiian shirt. "Right here," replied his wife, as she approached bearing a recently baked batch of coin-themed cupcakes. She bore a close resemblance to her husband, but without the beard and with the sense not to wear socks with her sandals. "How was your trip, dear?"

"Successful, but the jet lag is killing me. People complain about the effect of traveling over a thousand miles, they should try traveling over a thousand years!" He removed his glasses briefly to rub his eyes. "How were the Romans this time?" she asked. "Oh, you know, they had that whole persecution thing going on for a while. Emperor Domitian didn't have much Christmas spirit, but the Constantine kids were quite generous."

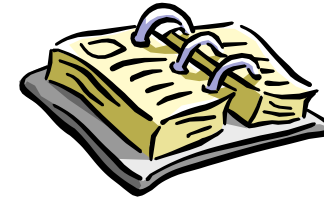
"That's good. They'll make good pieces for the YNs to show-and-tell about," Mrs. Gaudens said cheerfully, "Where are you off to next?" "The nineteenth century," he replied, "I just wanted to stop by, and make sure George and the rest of the eagles were keeping busy. I'm going to get a truck load of good stuff to reward our juniors."

As he leaped back into his stagecoach and took off into the winter sky, Mrs. Gaudens reminded him, "Just be careful not to follow that Custer guy around this year."

Have a merry Christmas everyone,

-Aaron Brown

Mark Your Calendars!



December

December 7, 2011 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

December 14, 2011 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
(1) Christmas Party with Bingo!

December 28, 2011 – No Meeting



January

January 4, 2012 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

January 11, 2012 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
(1) Program - TBD (2) Mini-Bourse Night

January 25, 2012 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
(1) Auction

Thanks for Donations to the Junior Christmas Bags

Thanks to all our members who donated items for the juniors' Christmas Bags. The juniors are an important part of our club and it is a pleasure to see our members supporting their activities. The number of juniors attending our meetings has grown this year, which bodes well for the future of the club. Thanks to your generosity they will have a Merry Christmas in deed.



December

Patty Parmley	12/1
Kylie Seals	12/12
William Jones	12/14
Gary A. Kailes	12/21
Reno Rodriguez	12/21
Eric Carr	12/23
James Stanford	12/23
Carol Kailes	12/25
Joshua Hall	12/27
Jim Holden	12/30
Stephen Album	12/31
Mick Gordon	12/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Enjoy & Celebrate !!

Bourse Night First Meeting Each Month

Starting January 2012 the club will have bourse night the first meeting of each month, replacing the auction for that night. You will have the opportunity to sell those extra numismatic items laying around the house during an extended break period, to be followed by the raffle. So check your closets for items you no longer want and turn them into cash to add new items to your collection.

Club T-Shirts

Members interested in purchasing a Club-T-Shirt need to see **Hal DeBoard**.

Front of T-Shirt



Back of T-Shirt



Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by **Marcia Soria**)

Question: What was the name given to the United States \$4 gold pattern piece? (A pattern piece is not made to circulate.)

- A. Bertha
- B. Stella
- C. Archibald

November Junior Challenge Question What was the last year of production of the United States large cent?

Answer: 1857

Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by **Aaron Brown**)

Question: Which country featured a Christmas tree on one of its circulating coins in 2009?

November General Membership Question Where was the first \$20 gold piece struck in the U.S. (Hint: it wasn't Philadelphia or San Francisco)?

Answer: Salt Lake City, UT (Mormon territorial issue, 1849)



Club's Library

Would you like to borrow a book from the club's library? Our website has the complete list! Contact **Juan Albara** at (209) 522-5513 or email him at xcaret53@sbcglobal.net so he can bring the book/s to the next meeting. If you have any books you would like to donate to the club library see **Juan Albara**.

MEETING DATE 11/9/11

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by **President Aaron Brown**

Attendance:

Total:46 Board Members: 7 Jr. Members: 9

Guests (guest name): 2 Lee Delano, Angela (David Ramczyk's daughter)

New members: 2 David Michael Ramczyk, Kevin Rodriguez

Club Medal number 8 Auction: winner: **Lloyd Solomon**

First Draw Winner (10 free tickets): Steven Ramczyk

Announcements:

Christmas Party 12/14. Bingo

Empty Coffee can donations for Junior auction for next year needed!

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Junior Challenge: What was the last year of production of the United States large cent?

General Membership Question: Where was the first \$20 gold piece struck in the US? (hint: it was not Philly or San Fran) Salt Lake City Utah 1849

Show & Tell: Steven Ramczyk: 1885 0 \$1 Morgan MS62

Lee Delano: brought us his dad's plaque, who was the first president of the club, back in 1961

Jim Stanford: 2000 \$5 gold eagle 1/10 oz ANACS MS69 slabbed

Drew Gilmartin: Irish coins

Bob Garcia: 100 Franc from French Polynesia & New Zealand 20 cent coin

Shay Gilmartin: 1974 &1975 Bicentennial First Daycover with stamps

Mick Gordon: fifty cent special ½ dollar

David Ramczyk III: 1869 Dime

Gary Kailes: Santa Claus dollar and card fundraiser money legal tender

Joan Alvarez: Lindberg memorial medallion collection

Mike Merilles: two 1986 Philippines commemorative coins

Show & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Bob Garcia

Free Meal Winner: Carol Kailes

Door Prize Winner: 1937 S Walking Liberty half dollar **Mike Olson**

Raffle: Mike Merilles x3

Bob Garcia

Frank Ramczyk

Steven Ramczyk

David Gordon

John Silveria

Mike Olson

Last Shot Drawing (silver pot): Michael Ramczyk

Auction: auctioneer: **Mike Tandy**

runners: **Shay Gilmartin, Drew Gilmartin, Reno Rodriguez, Cecelia Ramczyk, Steven Ramczyk, Michael Ramczyk**

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

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. We will also be playing 5 games of bingo. Prizes are Two Peso Gold, 2011 Silver eagle, 2011 Mint Set, 2011 Silver Quarter Proof and the last game will be for cash. Don't miss out on the festivities. Be there or be square.



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December 9-10, 2011

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 Holiday Inn Golden Gate, Gold Rush Ballroom
 1500 Van Ness Ave.
 San Francisco, CA

January 27-29, 2012

San Jose Coin Club
 42nd Coin, Stamp & Collectors Show
 Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom
 2050 Gateway Place
 San Jose, CA

February 17-18, 2011

Redwood Empire Coin Club
 44nd Annual Coin Show
 Sonoma County Fairgrounds
 E.L. Finley Building
 1350 Bennett Valley Road
 Santa Rosa, CA

February 19, 2010

Cupertino Coin Club
 41th Annual Coin Show
 Napredak Hall
 770 Montague Expressway
 San Jose, CA

Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 23
Gold	\$1,758.10	\$1,790.70	\$1,725.50	\$1,693.70
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(see Dan Brown)