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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Wednesday, April 15
Board Meeting
Online or by email
- Friday, May 8 (tentative)
7:00 pm
General Meeting
Hot Dog Night!
Officer Installation & Medal
Design Contest
- Wednesday, May 20
7:30 pm
Board Meeting
- Friday, June 12
7:30 pm
General Meeting

Cupertino Coin Club meets at St Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church in the Community Center. The church is located at 10110 North DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino. Meetings feature an auction, show & tell, speaker or presentation, and a drawing. Refreshments are served.

**Guests & youth are
welcome!!**

April Meeting Cancelled

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. With everyone sheltering in place, our April general meeting has been cancelled. The activities we had planned for our April meeting may take place at our May meeting (provided we have our May meeting- pending extension of sheltering in place, the church re-opening, and/or a final decision by the board). We will be meeting early at 7 pm for Hot Dog & Polish Potluck Dinner, having our officer installation for the new Board of Directors, and voting on our medal design contest.

Our April board meeting will either meet virtually over a web meeting site or we will have another email meeting like we did for March.

Meet Your New Board of Directors

At the March meeting, we elected the new board for 2020-2021. There are a few new faces on the board which is always nice. The new board is:

President: Suzy Tr.	Board: Brian D.
Junior Pres: Aidan L.	Martha D.
Vice President: Gran G.	Fred D.
Treasurer: Emile M.	Rita M.
Rec. Secretary: Lyle Okamoto	Matthew M.
Corr. Secretary: Al Lo	Granville G.
Historian: Harold W.	

Congratulations to our new board members who will be sworn in at the May meeting.

BSA Coin Collecting Workshop

from: Suzy Tr.

Cupertino Coin Club Officers, Emile and Suzy, ran a successful BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop Saturday, March 14, 2020 to a small group of Scouts in Los Gatos, despite Emile's computer crashing, the rainy weather, and COVID-19. The four Scouts and their parents all learned something about numismatics and began a lifelong interest in the hobby. We look forward to seeing them again at future club meetings. One Scout and his mom already

attended the March meeting the night before the workshop. We thank BSA Troop2, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council for the use of their meeting Hut, and Don Pa. for the use of his projector.

Still Time to Design Your Medal!

At our May meeting, we will be having our annual medal design contest. If you are interested in submitting a design, please see the rules below:

- The medal design contest will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in submitting a design, please see the contest rules below.
- The design must be on unlined paper in a circle of six to eight inches in diameter.
- The subject matter of your reverse design may be in the form of a single photo, postcard, or group of drawings in one design. Not all members of our club are artists, so the subject matter may consist of cutout pictures and the like.
- You may submit an explanation of your design.
- You may submit a maximum of two designs.
- The designer's name or initials may not appear on the design or design explanation. These will be added after the winning design is selected.
- If your entry is of a private, commercial, trademarked, or copyrighted subject matter, then you must obtain written permission from the rights holder. If permission is not granted, then the runner-up design will be used.
- The following information must be placed on the design: "49th Coin Show" and "St. Joseph's Church". Because we don't yet know the date of our 2021 show please insert a date in your design of Feb xx, 2021.
- All entries may be submitted at a regular club meeting or mailed to the club at: CCC Medal Design, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448.
- All entries must be delivered to the President by 8:15 PM at our May 8, 2020 meeting or arrive at our club's P.O. Box by May 8, 2020. The entries will be voted upon by our membership at our May 8, 2020 regular meeting.
- In the event of IDENTICAL design submissions, the first design submitted will be entered in the design contest.
- The winning design becomes the property of Cupertino Coin Club and will not be returned. All other entries will be returned.
- The Cupertino Coin Club Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the winning design to meet the requirements of the minting process. Any modifications will be cleared with the designer.
- The winning designer shall receive one copper medal as the winner's prize.

2020 Dues are Due!

Dues are due for 2020 for members. Dues are only \$5 for adults and \$1 for youth 17 and under. To pay your dues, see Membership Chair Al Lo. Don't end up on Al's list!!

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our April birthday members. Happy Birthday, Duane B., Mr. Michel S. Turrini, Brian D., Greg J., Linda R., and Art C.!!!

Prices from April 3, 2020

Gold: \$1601.40/troy ounce
Silver: \$14.38/troy ounce
Platinum: \$726.00/troy ounce
Palladium: \$2118.00/troy ounce
Copper: \$2.1862/pound
Australian dollar=US\$0.5997
Canadian dollar=US\$0.7042
British pound=US\$1.2269
Euro=US\$1.0813
Swiss franc=US\$1.0225
100 Japanese yen=US\$0.92
10 Mexican pesos=US\$0.401

Recent & Upcoming Mint Releases!

- **March 24-** America the Beautiful Quarters 2020 Uncirculated Coin Set
- **April 9-** American Buffalo 2020 One-Ounce Gold Proof Coin
- **April 17-** Silver Proof Set 2020

The Mint has listed the rest of its products with a date TBD until they can safely fulfill orders.

Dates are subject to change

Recap of the March 13, 2020 General Meeting by: Lyle Okamoto

- Club President Suzanne Tr. called our general meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. There were 31 people in attendance, including three youths. Suzanne thanked everyone for coming out and welcomed everyone to our March general meeting.
- Betty H. brought cookies, crackers, popcorn, brownies, pudding cake, Oreos, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, belVita protein bars, brownie cookies, goodness and joy. Suzy Tr. brought sodas, tea and apple juice. Fred D. brought our club supplies. Keith S. brought our two club display cases.
- Matthew M. conducted our club auction, Emile M. was our auction chair and Griffin G., Aidan L. and Alex Tr. were our auction runners.
- Boy Scout Anthony drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket. Buyer's Prize: Martha D. (0.10-oz. silver Mercury dime round)
- President Suzanne Tr. asked if we had any guests or returning long-time members. Boy Scout Anthony from Troop 331 and his mother Kristi introduced themselves.
- Announcements followed. Lyle Okamoto announced that everything's cancelled! The upcoming local coin shows include: Vallejo Numismatic Society 48th Annual Coin Show on Sunday, May 3, 2020; and Fremont Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show on Saturday and Sunday, July 25&26, 2020. Lyle also had FCC Show all-gold drawing tickets available.
- Scott Gr. thanked the administration and leadership of CCC for having our meeting tonight. Scott hosted a mini-bourse at the Biltmore Hotel Room 105, Friday from 1-6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scott also announced his Vacaville Coin Show on Saturday, April 18, 2020; and his CoinExpo San Jose Coin & Collectibles Show on Friday and Saturday, May 8&9, 2020.
- Our winning Attendance Prize ticket was drawn. Attendance Prize: Steve Tr. (1836 Matron Head 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)
- We wished Happy Birthday to our March birthday members. Alex Tr. was the only birthday member in attendance. Birthday Prize: Alex Tr. (Pieces 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)
- Alex Tr. introduced Show and Tell. There were ten presenters, including:
 - a) Lyle Okamoto- RSA Conference 2020 exonumia
 - b) Griffin G.- Australia 1943 half penny
 - c) Ron Ik.- palladium story
 - d) Matthew M.- coin roll hunting finds
 - e) Brian D.- \$2.5 gold
 - f) Suzy Tr.- 2020 quarter
 - g) Emile M.- Vermont copper 1788
 - h) Martha D.- Canada 2020-W burnished Maple Leaf
 - i) Howard Wh.- Australia kilo koala
 - j) Keith S.- Mott token
- For his participation in Show and Tell, youth presenter Griffin G. received a 1943 Mercury dime.
- Boy Scout Anthony drew our winning Show and Tell Prize ticket. Show and Tell Prize: Ron Ik. (Indian Head cent 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)
- Nominating Chair Emile M. introduced our slate of board officer candidates for 2020-2021. Ken B. moved to close nominations. John Mi. seconded. The motion passes. Ken B. moved to elect the unopposed slate of nominees. There were multiple seconds. The motion passed. Our CCC 2020-2021 board officers are:
President: Suzanne Tr.
Junior President: Aidan L.
Vice President: Gran G.
Treasurer: Emile M.
Recording Secretary: Lyle Okamoto
Corresponding Secretary: Al Lo
Historian: Harold W.
Directors (6): Brian D., Martha and Fred D., Granville G., Matthew M. and Rita M.
- A break was called. During the break, Martha D. sold drawing tickets on behalf of our club. Three youths participated in our Youth Drawing.
- Old Business: none
- New Business: Table & Chair Re-arrangement Chair Steve Tr. rested as we did not need to re-arrange tables and chairs for the next group to use.
- Drawing Time. Alex Tr. drew our first two winning tickets. The first ticket drawn was buried beneath the Grand Prize.
 1. Suzy Tr.
 2. Rita M.
 3. Martha D.
 4. Scott Gr.
 5. Rita M.
 6. Suzy Tr.
 7. Scott Gr.Grand Prize: Rita M. (1995-P Cycling \$1 NGC PF-69 Ultra Cameo)
President Suzanne Tr. adjourned our meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Recap of the Virtual Board Meeting

Compiled by : Allison Paker

Our March Board meeting was held over email with officers emailing their reports. This is a compilation of reports and discussions.

- Recording Secretary Lyle Okamoto had some corrections to the March General Meeting minutes.
- Corresponding Secretary Al Lo has the usual newsletters and magazines to report.
- Treasurer's Report from Emile M.: Emile attached his treasurer's report and show report. He needs receipts scanned and sent or details sent by March 31.
- (Acting) Program Chair Suzy Tr.: Attached the program schedule for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. April 10 meeting is scheduled for Officer Installation, 50th anniversary celebration with Hot dog/polish sausage night, and medal design contest. Suzy recommended cancelling the April meeting but reinstate if the shelter in place order is lifted. Harold recommended cancelling altogether. Allison said to cancel because the shelter in place order was not scheduled to be lifted until two days before our April meeting which wouldn't give enough time to get the word out that our meeting was back on. It was decided to cancel the April meeting and activities scheduled for the April meeting would be moved to May. The June program is currently scheduled as Other Hobbies Night. This could be pushed to July if we have to cancel both April & May. Harold's guest speaker topic could be pushed out from July if we need to cross that bridge. Rita has graciously agreed to take over from Greg & Lisa, the cooking of the hot dogs & Polish for the club when needed. Thank you, Rita! Martha & Fred, please make the

appropriate purchases for the hot dogs, Polish sausages and buns for the Anniversary meeting (slim chance on April 10, more likely for May 8). Then, please coordinate getting them to Rita.

- Historian Harold W.: Nothing new.
- Membership: Scott Griffin gave Suzy \$5 cash for his 2020-21 dues. It will be given to Membership Chair Al Lo next time they meet.
- Curator Report from Emile M: The club collection is in bad shape. We have not been able to find everything that was with Gary. We will continue to search for more of the items. Emile attached a curator's report.
- Youth Adviser Report from Emile M: We had three youth and three rounds on their drawing. All were happy.
- Medal Design Report from Emile M: As you know, we were missing several tubes of bronze medals from what we could find at Gary's. We were short with the bronze medals for some of our mail-in orders. If you purchased multiple books of tickets, meaning multiple bronze medals, it would be appreciated if you could exchange for some of these Quails for older medals to help those individuals get some of the Quail medals. The medal design will be voted on the next meeting held for the club, so get those designs turned in soon.
- Webmaster: Suzy Tr. updated the Website with the March Newsletter and will create a new post with the status of April meetings. InMotion automatically billed Suzy for 2 years of Back-up Manager. Apparently we were on a free trial of Back-up Manager and needed to contact them to opt-out of that. Suzy immediately contacted them and had the \$19.53 charge reversed, so no charge to the club.
- Facebook: Suzy T. reported 192 followers (2 new since last month); 61 post reaches this week. Received

summary of ad that was billed for 2/11-2/14 in the amount of \$13.64. Printed & signed. I will give it to Treasurer Emile at our next meeting.

- Banquet Chair: Fred D. has agreed to be our Banquet Chair for 2021. Steve Tr. will look into other restaurant options in Cupertino that could potentially charge less than the \$38/person Blue Pheasant is charging us. Remember that the Club is covering \$10/attendee and only charged attendees \$28/person in 2019. Steve will give his findings to Fred. Along with being Picnic Chair, this makes Fred our Activities Chair.
- Refreshments: Cupertino Coin Club has saved hundreds of dollars over the years as Dan Br. and Betty H. have been able to share donated desserts from Safeway and Greg J. has donated drinks that he purchased each month. A huge thank you to Dan, Betty & Greg! The club will no longer have access to either of those donated refreshments effective with our next meeting. Safeway will no longer be donating the goodies. Greg will not be attending meetings until his health improves. Suzy recommends increasing our refreshment budget from \$25 to \$50 per month. Suzy also suggests that we also make a habit to bring a few healthier (more costly) items like fresh fruit & veggies and more juices & unsweetened drinks in place of so many sodas and sweet baked goods. Some of those items would still be brought, just fewer, and also have other healthier options. On our potluck nights, the club would only provide drinks & hot dogs/Polish or Togo's sandwiches. Members are asked to bring something to share which includes dessert items. Suzy is good at shopping for value and would only buy as much as is needed, not necessarily up to the full \$50.

• Old Business: Suzy Tr. purchased one roll of purple double raffle tickets for Show & Tell and two rolls of blue ones for Drawings for a total of \$31.00. She has printed & signed a copy of the Amazon order and will submit it to Treasurer Emile at our next meeting. The two rolls of blue tickets were given to Martha at the March meeting. Emile found several partial rolls of raffle tickets at Gary's. Suzy took a green partial roll from him for Show & Tell and gave him the new purple roll to Emile to store.

• New Business: Saturday, March 14, Emile & Suzy ran a successful BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop to a small group of Scouts

in Los Gatos, despite a substantially delayed publication of our workshop in Scouter Weekly newsletter, Emile's computer crashing two days before the workshop, rainy weather, and COVID-19. The four Scouts and their parents all learned something about numismatics and began a lifelong interest in the hobby. We look forward to seeing them again at future club meetings. One Scout, Anthony Kruckenberg, and his mom, Kristi, already attended the March meeting the night before the workshop. We thank BSA Troop 2 for the use of their meeting Hut and Don Pa. for loaning us his projector.

New officers, Gran, Aidan, Rita, &

Brian, your term begins April 1, 2020. You will be sworn in at our next general meeting, whenever that may be. We welcome you to the Board of Directors and appreciate you all volunteering on behalf of the Club.

• Show Business: Al Lo would like to find a replacement as General Chairman for the annual Cupertino Coin Shows. Al's replacement should be someone who knows the dealers. As such, there are very few people who could take over. Ken B. has graciously agreed to take over the responsibility of General Chairman effective for the 2021 Coin Show. The Club thanks Al for his hours and years of hard work as General Chairman.

COINS AND MANKIND ARE HERE TO STAY

by: Michael S. Turrini

Coin Meetings and Shows Canceled. Possible Closure National Assemblages. Gold and Silver Irrational. Mints Closing Gift Shops. Panic Buying. Stock Market Chaotic. Jobs Curtailed. Layoffs. Fear.

We are all witnessing conditions and circumstances completely unknown not just to our 'world of money hobby' but with modern civilization itself. Uncertainty and worry are now the agony of daily life.

This agony threatens our 'world of money', from its local coin clubs across these United States and around our northern neighbors, Canada, plus elsewhere, with meetings prevented, postponed, or worst, stopped, regional and other large events canceled, and then to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) with hours and services restricted or reduced plus staff changes.

Yet, into this gloom and darkness, with no end in sight, our 'world of money' offers confront and serenity, giving a foundation for stability in a troubling world.

Our 'world of money' can be enjoyed and shared by other means. There are emails, telephone calling, texting, video, Facetime, old-fashion letter correspondence, and conferencing. Also, our 'world of money' can be enjoyed among very small groups, with distance ordained and hygiene enforced. Equally, at times of these, there is reading from the voluminous literature that is the education of our 'world of money', and also there remains, and shall always remain, that personal touch of relaxing alone with one's albums, 2x2s, and collection with a handy magnifier.

Yes, meetings and shows are terminated, hopefully only for a short time, and yes, this pandemic continues and may worsen.

So what is our recourse? Fear?

Over six decades ago, the great numismatic scholar and philosopher Rear Admiral O. H. Dodson reminded that "Today we grope in the fog of uncertainty, searching for a glimmer of what lies ahead. In searching, our hearts and minds in an effort to resolve the problems today, we eventually are forced to turn back to the study of the past . . ."

To the Rear Admiral, that past meant numismatics. Numismatics, to him, can whisper hope.

He ended his admonishment with this provocative thought: "In these faces of majesty, carved in tiny metallic memorials, we pick up an ageless echo—have faith---have patience---we, too faced problems—we solved problems—mankind is here to stay."