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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Friday, January 10  
7:30 pm  
Speaker: Ed S. on Carson City Mint
- Wednesday, January 15  
7:30 pm  
Board Meeting  
Rm. 7
- Friday, February 14  
7:30 pm  
Speaker: Mr. Michael S Turrini on What's in the Box Part 2
- **Sunday, February 16**  
**10-5**  
**Cupertino Coin Club's Annual Coin Show!!!!**  
St. Joseph's Church & School Gym

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!!**

## In Loving Memory- Gary

With great sadness, I must report the passing of our friend and fellow numismatist Gary A. He died shortly before our December meeting. Gary was a life member and held many positions in Cupertino Coin Club including Youth Chair, Banquet Chair, Medals Chair, and curator. He was also the treasurer until this past year. He will be greatly missed.

Fred D. shared his thoughts- "The first thing I would do at Cupertino Club general meetings was to check Gary's t shirt to see where he had gone on his last trip. My favorite t shirt was his beautiful multi color Alaska shirt with a totem pole. If he did not have a t shirt for the occasion he would wear the Alaska shirt for me. This is my favorite memory of Gary."

Al Lo wrote about Gary's history in numismatics which is on page six. Mr. Michael S. Turrini wrote a piece for *Numismatic News* which is on page seven.



Above: Gary in one of his travel t-shirts at Other Hobbies Night.

## Holiday Party

We had a fun time at the Holiday Party and King Lyle's Birthday Celebration in December. We dined on Togo's sandwiches with lots of sides and desserts. A big thank you goes to Al Lo for picking up and bringing the Togo's sandwiches. Thanks also go to Tom K., Betty H., Dan Br., Mariaelena J., Greg J., Linda Gr., Linda R., Rita M., Allison Paker, Suzy Tr., Fred D., and Harold W. for bringing something to share with everyone to complete the meal.

## Get Your Medals Now!

Our 2020 medals are now on sale. Our 2020 medals feature the California Valley Quail design. Silver medals are \$25 each. A golden bronze or an antique bronze medal plus two drawing tickets is \$8. 5 bronze medals plus 10 drawing tickets is \$40 and includes a bonus copper medal. An order form is included with this newsletter.

Medal sales are a great fundraiser for our club and help support the youth program and our food nights. Help support your club and get your medals!

## Promote our Coin Show!

Show Chair Al Lo reports bourse apps for our 2020 coin show are coming in. Our show isn't until February but it's never too early to start getting the word out. Fliers are available to put in community centers, work breakrooms, libraries and anywhere else you can think of. You can share posts on Facebook.

It's also never too early to think about how you would like to help at the show. Many tasks will be available so if you are able to help, see show chair Al Lo.

## 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 January birthday members. Happy Birthday, Dan Br., Ray J., Suzy Tr., Linda Gr., Bill Hu., and Mike R.!!!

## Prices from January 6, 2020

Gold: \$1554.80/troy ounce  
Silver: \$18.03/troy ounce  
Platinum: \$964.00/troy ounce  
Palladium: \$2003.00/troy ounce  
Copper: \$2.7642/pound  
Australian dollar=US\$0.6938  
Canadian dollar=US\$0.7741  
British pound=US\$1.3167  
Euro=US\$1.1189  
Swiss franc=US\$1.0320  
100 Japanese yen=US\$0.92  
10 Mexican pesos=US\$0.531

## Recent & Upcoming Mint Releases!

- **January 3-** Birth Set 2020
- **January 3-** Happy Birthday Coin Set 2020
- **January 3-** Happy Birthday Currency Note 2020
- **January 7-** American Innovation 2019 \$1 Reverse Proof Coin- New Jersey
- **January 9-** American Eagle 2020 One Ounce Silver Proof Coin
- **January 9-** Congratulations Set 2020
- **January 14-** America the Beautiful Quarters 2020 Proof Set
- **January 30-** Preamble to the Declaration of Independence 2020 Platinum Proof Coin Pursuit of Happiness

*Dates are subject to change*

## Recap of the December 13, 2019 General Meeting

### by: Lyle Okamoto

- Club President Suzanne Tr. called our general meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Suzy welcomed everyone to our December Togo's meeting. There were 54 people in attendance. Food!
- Al Lo picked up our Togo's sandwiches and sweet peppers. Tom K. brought egg rolls. Betty H. and Dan Br. brought sodas, bottled water, pies, fudge, cookies, chips, pound cakes, mini-cupcakes, deviled eggs, berry strudel, goodness and joy. Mariaelena J. brought homemade cranberry pudding bars and fudge. Greg J. brought sodas, apple juice, homemade onion dip, celery, carrots and crackers. Linda Gr. brought Milano cookies. Linda R. brought a fresh tossed salad. Rita M. brought See's Candies suckers. Allison Paker brought homemade chocolate chip delight cookies. Suzy Tr. brought Cuties. Fred D. brought ice and our club supplies. Keith S. brought our two club display cases. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share, including potato salad, macaroni salad, cream puffs and angel food cake.
- President Suzanne Tr. called our meeting back to order at 8:11 p.m.
- Don Pa. conducted our club auction, Emile M. was our auction chair and Griffin G., Matthew W. and Christopher A. were our auction runners.
- Matthew M. generously donated three 2019-W National Parks Quarters and a 1940-S Lincoln Wheat cent to use as our prizes tonight.
- Our winning Buyer's Prize ticket was drawn. Buyer's Prize: Rita M. (2019-W American Memorial Park quarter)
- President Suzanne Tr. asked if we had any guests or returning long-time members. Marla D., Brian D.'s wife, was in attendance.
- President Suzanne Tr. thanked Al Lo for picking up our Togo's sandwiches.
- Announcements followed. Fred D. announced that April 2020 is our club 50th anniversary. Anyone with any ideas to commemorate the event should speak with a board officer.
- Lyle Okamoto announced the upcoming local coin shows, including: Bill Green East Bay/Concord Coin Show on Friday and Saturday, January 17-18, 2020. Lyle also had Cupertino Coin Club medals in both brilliant and oxidized bronze for only \$8 each. Each CCC medal came with two CCC drawing tickets for a \$5 gold grand prize.
- Keith S. brought some free stuff for the youths and noted that an authentic Enigma Machine was in an upcoming auction.
- Suzy Tr. announced that her first published article was in the October 15, 2019, issue of Numismatic News. Suzy wanted two more copies of that Numismatic News issue.
- President Suzanne Tr. presented President's Thank You Gifts to recipients, who were not at our club banquet, including: Bill Hu., Christopher A., Andrew A. and Michael A. Suzy then bestowed upon Matthew M. the coveted Donnell Award. Suzy presented Christopher A., Andrew A. and Michael A. with their rewards for participating in the "Ikes for A's, Kennedy's for B's" program. Andrew A. received his Speaker's Award for his talk, "Australian Currency and Coins" on October 11, 2019. Brian D. received his Speaker's Award for his talk, "US Gold Coins" on November 8, 2019.
- President Suzanne Tr. had official CCC membership cards to distribute, but none of the recipients were present.
- Marla D. drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket. Attendance Prize: Don Pa. (2019-W San Antonio Missions quarter)
- We wished Happy Birthday to our December birthday members. Ari J., Martha D., Steve Tr., Lyle Okamoto, Aidan L. and John M. were in attendance.
- Granville G. picked 3 (of 6).

- Birthday Prize: Steve Tr. (1940-S Lincoln Wheat cent) (birth year?)
- Harold W. introduced Show and Tell. There were seventeen presenters, including:
    - a) Don Pa.- both Pride of Two Nations Sets
    - b) Ron K.- four \$1 star notes
    - c) Ken B.- 1862 New Jersey collection
    - d) Keith S.- twenty cent piece
    - e) Ed S.- Caesar Augustus Roman copper circa 14 B.C.
    - f) Noah L.- 1921 Morgan dollar
    - g) Matthew M.- steel cent find
    - h) Ari J.- 10-oz. silver bar
  - i) Griffin G.- Canadian currency
  - j) Donovan Lo-N.- 1909-S V.D.B. Lincoln Wheat cent
  - k) Al Lo- twelve Heraldic Art Medals 1959-1963
  - l) Bill Hu.- Three Cent Silver die clashed
  - m) Lyle Okamoto- numismatic object of wonder and desire
  - n) Emile M.- Series 1929 First National Bank of San Jose
  - o) Harold W.- Series 1882 National Bank Note date back
  - p) Suzy Tr.- 2019-W San Antonio Missions quarters
  - q) Brian D.- Civil War uncut sheet
  - John M. drew our winning Show and Tell Prize ticket.
  - Show and Tell Prize: Ken B. (2019-W San Antonio Missions quarter)
  - Poinsettia Drawing: Duane B., Matthew M., Ari J., Bob B. and one other lucky winner
  - Old Business: none
  - New Business: Table & Chair Re-arrangement Chair Steve Tr. rested as we did not need to re-arrange the tables and chairs.
  - President Suzanne Tr. adjourned our meeting at 9:29 p.m.

## Recap of the December 18, 2019 Board Meeting by: Lyle Okamoto

President: Suzanne Tr.  
Vice President: Greg J.  
Corresponding Secretary: Al Lo  
Treasurer: Emile M.  
Historian: Harold W.  
Board Members (5): Betty H., Martha and Fred D., Alex Tr., Granville G.

- The following refreshments were brought for the meeting:

Greg J. – bottled water

Harold W. – See's candy

Suzy Tr. – home-baked mint-chip brownies, home-baked gluten-free pumpkin spice muffins, shortbread cookies, coconut chocolate-dipped cookies

Betty H. – paper plates, napkins, forks

- Club President Suzanne Tr. called the board meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. There were 10 board members present.

- Suzy Tr. brought a sympathy card

for Gary's family. It was circulated and signed by all members present.

- Board Member Granville G. took meeting notes and the notes were typed by Suzanne Tr.

- Corresponding Secretary Al Lo received newsletters, bourse applications, medals requests, and an insurance invoice.

- Treasurer Emile M. handed out the Treasurer's Report Emile reported 2020 show expenses for printing and medals.

- Program Chair Greg J. reported on our upcoming programs.  
January 10, 2020 Ed S. "Carson City Mint"  
February 14, 2020 Michael S. Turrini "What's in the Box? #2."

- Webmaster Suzy Tr. reported that she created a new post on Gary's passing. No last name was listed. A

photo and some information about how long Gary had been a member of Cupertino Coin Club and his current and most recent board positions held were mentioned.

- Facebook Administrator Suzy Tr. reported that the same post that she made to the club website was also made to the club Facebook page. Suzy reported that our FB page has 147 likes and 163 follows.

- Nominating Chair Emile M. reported that we are looking for club members to run for our March 2020-2021 election.

- Old Business: Fred D. reported that he had not received any suggestions at the December general meeting for ideas for our club's 50th Anniversary.

- Corresponding Secretary Al Lo reported that he will mail Ashley K.'s silver life medal to her father,



Kevin K. to give to her. Suzy said that she would get it to him before the next meeting.

- Martha D. suggested that since the May 2020 CoinExpo will be a two-day show instead of three-day, we make the top drawing prize a \$2.50 gold piece instead of a \$5.00 gold piece, and keep the two two-peso gold coins as second and third place prizes. She suggested we consider lowering the number of American Silver Eagles from 12 to 10. We still have time to make decision.

- New Business: Al Lo reported how he learned of Gary's death. Al met Gary's sister last week and was able to retrieve some of the club's assets: the December meeting prizes and supplies, 2020 show postcards, flyers and drawing tickets. Emile mentioned that the club still needs Gary's two briefcases and 2020 medals. Emile agreed to take over as medals sales, prize purchases for youth and regular drawings, and as Curator. Al is working with the family and will include Emile in the process. Al Lo will find out from the family where they would like sympathy cards mailed. Sympathy cards could be mailed to Cupertino Coin Club's PO Box for Al to forward to the

family.

- Al Lo reported that Togo's sandwich prices have gone up. The price of the 10 family-sized sandwiches went up \$3 from \$28 to \$31 each. Togo's management may not give Al his customary 20% discount. The board discussed our two Togo's nights attendance and felt that we could lower our count to nine family-sized sandwiches. Members would only receive one sandwich each.

- Show Business: Show Chair Al Lo went through 2020 Cupertino Coin Club Show task Chairs and Set-up Duties. Many changes were made from the 2019 show due to Gary's vacancy. Various board members stepped up to fill the holes. Emile will take over Medals and Drawing Tickets. Martha will possibly take over purchasing show drawing prizes. Al will handle insurance. Suzy will handle heading up social media advertising including Nextdoor. Betty H. will handle gathering email information for future advertising use and general club information. Library flyers will be handled by Greg, Fred, and Allison Paker. Al will purchase stamps for postcards. Al will handle security. Lyle Okamoto will chair electrical, table covers and garbage

bags. Greg will make coffee. Mike R. will supply cream, sugar and stir sticks. Alex Tr. will chair the Front Registration Desk. Postcard drawing may be scrapped if Al confirms that the postcards do not say to bring the card to be entered into a drawing. Emile will chair the concession. Food Sales and cooking will be Fred D., Greg J., Steve Tr. and Gran G. Emile will chair the Exhibits. Al will update and distribute a new Chair and Duties list. All club members, not just board members, should help support the show by helping and participating in our club's annual show.

- Action Items: Since Emile M. and Suzy Tr. will not be at the January 15, 2020 board meeting, Emile will get December Treasurer's report to Greg J. before the January 15, 2020 board meeting, either by hardcopy at the January 10, 2020 general meeting or softcopy by January 14, 2020.

Suzy will get the Webmaster and Facebook report to Greg by email by January 14, 2020.

- Martha D. moved to adjourn. Harold W. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

## UPCOMING COIN SHOWS!

### JANUARY

\$1 off with flier

- **East Bay Concord Coin Show**

Friday, January 17 10-6

Saturday, January 18 10-5

The Clarion Hotel

1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

\$4; good for both days

### FEBRUARY

- **San Francisco Area Coin & Collectibles Show**

Saturday, February 8 10-5

Sunday, February 9 10-4

The South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Blvd., SSF

\$5 general admission

\$2 off with printout from griffincoin.com

Drawings!

Door prizes!

## Gary A. Resume

Gary has been an active numismatist for over 60 years starting with the San Jose Coin Club in 1957 as member number 43.

I have known Gary for almost 50 years and he is a great asset to our hobby. Gary is always eager to help both experienced collectors like myself and young numismatists in the Cupertino Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and the Fremont Coin Club.

Gary is a Life Member of the Cupertino Coin Club, joining in 1971 as member number 94. He is one of the main sparkplugs of the Club. He is the Curator, Monthly Drawings Chair, Youth Advisor, and annual Medals Chair. He is one of the important co-chairs for the successful annual coin show which attracts over 40 coin dealers and draws over 400 attendees. It is one of the best one-day coin shows in Northern California and is eagerly anticipated by both dealers and numismatists. Gary always worked tirelessly during the show to make it a success.

Gary has served as Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and various committee chairmanships in the Cupertino Coin Club. He was an educational guest speaker at many monthly meetings and gave many informative Show & Tell presentations. He has also designed many annual show medals and been an exhibiter at shows, winning many Best in Show Awards.

Gary is a Life Member of the San Jose Coin Club. As a member of the club, he has served in many officer positions such as: Corresponding Secretary, Board Member and various committee chairmanships. Gary has also served the club by being an educational guest speaker at monthly meetings, by giving informative Show & Tell presentations, and by helping with its annual show as the Show Exhibit Trophy Chair, Front Desk co-chair, and Raffle Tickets and Medals Chair. He has also designed many annual show medals and been an exhibiter at shows, winning many Best in Show Awards. Gary always volunteered and worked tirelessly during show set up, at the show, and at show clean up

Gary is one of only 31 members in the club's 73 years history to receive its highest honor, membership in the San Jose Coin Club's Hall of Fame.

Gary is also an active member and participant at the Fremont Coin Club.

Gary is very involved in exnumia. His specialties include coin club medals and tokens, casino chips, and casino silver strikes. He is always willing to share his knowledge through personal conversations, giving educational club speeches, and entering exhibits in local shows.

Al Lo

October 1, 2018

Updated December 17, 2019

## Passing Of A Coin Hobby Stalwart

As is so often in the years as we aged, another email reported sadly the passing of Gary A., of San Jose, California. A towering presence in San Francisco South Bay organized numismatics, Gary was committed to our hobby for nearly five decades.

His passions were currency and casino chips, as well as other interests. In fact, when he was not at two recent coin club meetings, the feeling was Gary had taken another ocean cruise seeking and searching casino chips. Regretfully, his longtime friend and fellow sojourner in organized numismatics, 'Al' Lo was to learn of his sudden passing.

My last time conversing with Gary was during the October 2019 Annual Awards Banquet of the Cupertino (California) Coin Club. He came walking very slowly with pain in his legs and back; yet, he came to enjoy the Banquet plus had everything ready for attendees. As usual, those of present received our special 'Banquet Chip'. He smiled and sat among his friends. He and I exchanged chuckles with our perennial commentary of dislikes and likes in our hobby. Little did I anticipate a tragic passing.

Over the decades, Gary was a consummate numismatic exhibitor, earning many awards. He, in addition, had a lengthy record of service and devotion, having joined in April 1971, to the Cupertino Coin Club, particularly dedicated many years as its Treasurer. Among his other services was his support to 'youth numismatics'.

His smile, his 'I told you so', his always among the first at a monthly Cupertino Coin Club meeting, plus also always holding the same parking space at the Club's meeting venue shall be missed. However, we, and our hobby, have been enriched and enlightened while Gary was here. We are forged to continue as Gary would hope.

Words and thoughts are always difficult at the passing of someone that you have known or anyone for that matter. But, I close with these words from a source undocumented and which shall speak from our hearts: ***"Those We Love Do Not Go Away; They Walk Beside Us Every Day: Unseen, Unheard, But Always Near, Still Loved. Still Missed, and Very Dear."***

RIP, Gary

Michael S. Turrini  
Vallejo, California



**2020 MEDALS ARE READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.** One bronze medal is given with each 2 drawing tickets. One copper medal is awarded free for each 10 tickets/5 medals purchased (\$40). Order early to guarantee getting the medals you want. Medal sales are a major fund raiser for the club.

# CUPERTINO COIN CLUB



## 2020 MEDALS ORDER FORM

California  
Valley Quail

#	MEDAL	MINTAGE	PRICE	
___	SILVER 1 oz. .999 FINE	75	\$25	\$ ___
___	GOLDEN BRONZE	150	Medal (includes 2 Tickets) = \$8	___
___	ANTIQUE BRONZE	150	Medal (includes 2 Tickets) = \$8	___
___	10 Tickets & 5 Bronze Medals__ (Includes 1 FREE COPPER MEDAL) = \$40			___
	COPPER	65		

Postage (if medals to be mailed) \$4

4.00

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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