

# Cupertino Coin Press

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Friday, March 10  
7:30 pm  
General Meeting  
Rm. 8
- Wednesday, March 15  
7:30 pm  
Board Meeting  
Rm. 7
- Friday, April 14  
7:00pm  
General Meeting  
Officer Installation, Hot Dog  
Night & Medal Design
- Wednesday, April 19  
7:30 pm  
Board 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!!**

## Our Show!

Our show for 2017 is done. The months of planning came together to produce a successful day for our club. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped with the show. A complete list may appear in a later newsletter, but for now we can look forward to our next show in 2018.

## Our February & March Meetings

A big thank you goes to Historian Harold W. speaking on National Banknote History at our February meeting. Harold's talks are always well-thought out and detailed making for an informative speech. Thanks Harold.

Our March meeting will be our annual elections. Because of another event at the church, we will not be meeting in the community room as usual. Instead we will be in Room 8 towards the end of the school. Because of the smaller size of the room, there will not be any room for bourse tables set up. We also will be borrowing chairs from other classrooms which must be put back correctly. Furthermore, we are using children's classrooms and must be respectful of that space, so do not touch anything in the rooms or move anything around.

## Nominations are Open

At our March meeting, we will be having our annual elections for our 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Here is the current ballot:

President: Emile M.

Treasurer: Gary

Vice President: Suzy T.

Historian: Harold W.

Youth VP: Granville G.

Board: Allison Paker, Fred D.,

Recording Sec: Lyle Okamoto

Martha D., Howard W., and

Corresponding Sec: Al Lo

Don Pa.

## Medal Design Contest

Our Annual Medal Design Contest will be held at the April General Meeting. The rules can be found on page seven of this newsletter.

## Dues are Due April 1!

Dues are now due for 2017! Remember our dues help pay for fun events like the Annual Banquet and July's Hot Dog & Polish Night so it's important to stay current. Dues are only \$5 for adults and \$1 for youth. To pay your dues, please see Membership Chair Al Lo.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our March birthday members. Happy Birthday, Daniel K., Thomas K., Brennan L., Jonathan San M., Alex T., Samuel W., & Harold W.!!!!

## Eaton School Day

Al, Harold, and Fred spoke to 4th and 5th grade students on Eaton School Enrichment Day about coin collecting on February 17, 2017. Al was the main speaker who kept them entertained about the nickel that was "loaned" to each of them. He gave prizes to correct answers to his questions. Harold then displayed his created DVD on basic USA coins. Each kid and teacher was given a gift pack of USA and foreign coins made by Martha. The coins were donated by Martha and Sal Falcone.

A photographer from Cupertino Courier took lots of picture for an article to be published for our upcoming show. Unfortunately, the reporter was caught in a traffic jam. She was able to interview Al by using his smart phone.

The students were very active when Al indicated prizes would be given to good answers. Needless to say, all of us had a very time and we look forward to next year.

## Youth Essay Contest

Dan Br. and Betty H. sponsored a contest for the youth in our club recently. Youth ages 2-8 were to draw a picture of their favorite coin. Youth ages 9-17 were to write a one-page essay on the Morgan Dollar. Four essays were submitted, but Alex T. was selected as the winner. Included in this newsletter are the four submitted essays and the picture by Madison Lo-N.

## Prices from March 6, 2017

Gold: \$1223.70/troy ounce  
Silver: \$17.71/troy ounce  
Platinum: \$974.00/troy ounce  
Palladium: \$770.00/troy ounce  
Copper: \$2.6544/pound  
Australian dollar=US\$0.7625  
Canadian dollar=US\$0.7469  
British pound=US\$1.2248  
Euro=US\$1.0577  
Swiss franc=US\$0.9885  
100 Japanese yen=US\$0.88  
10 Mexican pesos=US\$0.511

## Upcoming Mint Releases!

- **March 2-** American Eagle 2017 Gold Proof Four-Coin Set; One Half Ounce Gold Proof Coin; One Ounce Gold Proof Coin; One-Quarter Ounce Gold Proof Coin
- **March 7-** Effigy Mounds National Monument 2017 Uncirculated Five-Ounce Silver Coin
- **March 9-** Boys Town Centennial 2017 Proof \$5 Gold Coin; Proof Silver Dollar; Clad Half Dollar; 3-Coin Proof Set; Uncirculated \$5 Gold Coin; Uncirculated Clad Half Dollar
- **March 23-** American Eagle 2017 One-Ounce Silver Proof Coin
- **March 29-** Proof Set 2017

*Dates are subject to change*

## **The Morgan Dollar**

**By: Granville G.**

The Liberty Head dollar, otherwise known as the Morgan dollar was designed by George T. Morgan in 1878. He was taken on as an assistant engraver and would later become the chief engraver of the U.S. Mint. This was the first standard silver dollar since the production of the seated liberty dollar (ceased due to the coinage act of 1873) 5 years earlier. Morgan's model for Lady Liberty was a 17-year-old school teacher named Anna Williams. For the reverse Morgan uses a stuffed bald eagle as reference. The first year of mintage was 1878 and was the only year to show the eagle with 8 feathers because an ornithologist objected saying eagles displayed odd numbers of tail feathers. Morgan redesigned the eagle to have 7 feathers and it was produced later that year. Mintage ran from 1878 ending in 1904 stamping the last of the purchased silver. Due to the Pittman Act of 1918 they had to start minting them in 1921. The Morgan dollar is one of the few coins to be minted at 5 different US mints (Carson City, Denver, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and San Francisco). Today it is one of the most collected of all silver dollars. It is estimated that only 17% of Morgans have survived today and 2% of those are uncirculated.

## **The History of the Morgan Dollar**

**by: Griffin G.**

During the 1870's the price of silver had gone dropped dramatically. Silver coins lost their value, and were not worth much to those who had them. Because the silver mines were struggling, Congress was going to pass a law requiring the U.S. Government to purchase silver or Au in large quantities. In response to this, the Director of the U.S. Mint had a competition between the Barber brothers and George T. Morgan. Morgan's design won and was minted from 1878-1904 and again in 1921.

### **Morgan Dollar: America's Hayday for Coinage**

**by: Matthew M.**

Statistics-

Weight- 26.73g

Composed of- 0.9 silver/0.1 copper

Diameter- 38.1 mm

Reeded edge

San Francisco, Denver, New Orleans, Carson City, Philadelphia Mints

Designed by George T. Morgan, the Morgan silver dollar was introduced to the American population way back in 1878. Before Morgans, both trade dollars and the gold dollars were used as currency. But, in 1878,

the silver dollar was approved to be minted. The coins obverse contains the bust of a woman facing to the left, with a wreath-like band on her head, displaying the word "Liberty". What many people don't know just by quickly glancing at the stunning coin is the meaning of the stars around the bust. Just like the v-nickel, the Morgan has 13 stars around its bust, with each star symbolising one of the 13 original colonies. Basically, the stars pay an homage to America during the Revolutionary War, where we gained independence from Great Britain. The United States motto "E Pluribus Unum" is also present above the Morgan's bust. However, the reverse of the coin is an even better representation of America's past. An eagle, the United States national bird, is prominently displayed on the back, with both of its wings spread open. In each cluster of talons, the eagle clutches an olive branch to represent peace, and a bundle of arrows to symbolize war. Below the eagle, an immense bunch of olive branches are prominently displayed. If the Morgan was struck at a mint besides Philadelphia, then a mintmark would be shown under the olive branches. At the start of the roaring 1920's, the Morgan was re-introduced into circulation, until the Peace dollar became the Morgan's predecessor. Even though this coin is fairly old, it



is an iconic part of America's history. Think of what these silver dollar have seen; Teddy Roosevelt being president, the industrial boom of America near the end of the 17th century. This coin shall forever be a part of American History showing how strong and successful of a nation we've become.

## The History of the Morgan Dollar

by: Alex T.

The Morgan dollar is as American in numismatics as baseball is in American sports. The Morgan Dollar was minted from the late nineteenth century, and ended in the early twentieth century, from 1878-1904, and also minted for one year in 1921. The composition of the Morgan Dollar is 90% silver, and 10% copper. The size of the morgan dollar is nearly 1.5 inches in diameter, and has a rim of 2.4 millimeters. The morgan dollar was minted

by five mints, which are, Philadelphia (no mint mark), Carson City, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Denver. The designer of the coin, George T. Morgan, was very illustrative when designing the coin, to describe our freedom, our past, and our visions, in the future for America and American citizens. The obverse has the head of the liberty Woman, which George T. Morgan was inspired by the Statue of Liberty. The obverse also has the year of the coin on the bottom, "E. PLURIBUS UNUM" engraved on the top, and stars all around the edge of the coin. The reverse has a bald eagle, wheat ears circling the eagle, "In God We Trust" above the eagle's head, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ONE DOLLAR" around the coin, and a mintmark short of the wheat ears near the bottom.

The Morgan Dollar was the first standard silver dollar minted since the minting of the seated liberty dollar. The seated libe

rty dollar ceased minting because of the Coinage Act of 1873, which was a reaction to free coining of silver. The Bland-Allison Act authorized the minting of the Morgan Dollar. By 1904, silver reserves became depleted, which forced Morgan Dollar to cease minting. By 1915, the Pittman Act passed, which authorized the melting and recoinage of millions of silver dollars. Morgan dollars started being minted again in 1921, before being replaced by the Peace dollar later that same year. In the 1960s, Morgan dollars were being found in vaults in the treasury, which were once thought of as rare. Individuals began purchasing large quantities of morgan dollars and the treasury ended exchanging silver certificates for the silver coins. By the 1970s, mints began to have shows to sell those dollars, such as the Carson City mint which is now closed. Morgan dollars are what have started numismatics.



Left: Contest Sponsor Dan Br. and essay winner Alex T.

Right: Madison Lo-N's drawing of her favorite coin



## Recap of the February 10 General Meeting

### by: Lyle Okamoto

- Club President Greg J. called our meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Greg welcomed everyone to our February meeting. There were 50 people in attendance, including ten youths.
- Betty H. and Dan Br. brought blueberry scones, cookies, bagels, loaves of bread, cherry pies, apple pies, blueberry pie, Winter Oreos, goodness, and love. Greg J. brought sodas and apple juice. Pearl and Al Lo brought three 7-Up 2-liters. Fred D. brought ice. Keith S. brought our two club display cases.
- Ken B. expertly conducted our club auction, and Granville G., Alex T., Matthew M., and Justin B. were our youth runners.
- John M.y drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket.  
Buyer's Prize: Martha D. (Aztec calendar 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)
- President Greg J. asked if we had any guests or long-time members who had returned. There were none.
- Announcements followed. Lyle Okamoto announced the upcoming coin shows, including the Redwood Empire Coin Club 49th Annual Coin Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa, on Friday and Sunday, February 24-25, 2017; our Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, on Sunday, February 26, 2017; Visalia Coin Club Show, Sons of Italy Hall, Visalia, on Saturday, March 4, 2017; Livermore Valley Coin Club Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, on Sunday, March 5, 2017; and the Bill Green South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, on Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, 2017.
- President Greg J. presented Justin

Bl. with his official CCC Membership Card. Greg then presented Jonathan San M. with a President's gift for helping as a youth runner in our club auctions.

- Betty H. and Dan Br. received one drawing and four essays for their contests. For kids ages 2-8, draw a picture of their favorite coin. For kids over age 8, write on binder paper a one-page essay about the Morgan dollar. All kids who submit a paper will receive a prize. The prize for the best paper will be an 1878-S Morgan dollar. Betty and Dan will judge.
- Madison Lo-N. received coin prizes for her drawing. Alex Tr. won first prize for his essay and received an 1878-S Morgan dollar. Granville G., Matthew M., and Griffin G. received participation prizes for their essays.
- Harold W. drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket.  
Attendance Prize: Harold Woron (1986-S Jefferson nickel, PCGS PR-69DCAM)
- We wished Happy Birthday to our February birthday members. Jerome R., Emile M., Don Bu., Donovan Lo-N., and Don Pa. were in attendance. Rita M. picked 3 (of 5).  
Birthday Prize: Donovan Lo-N. (Aquarius 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)
- Harold W. introduced Show and Tell. There were twenty one presenters, including:
  - a) Don Bu.- Gary exnumia
  - b) Martha D.- 1909 French rooster
  - c) Ed S.- Portugal 500 reis gold 1557-78
  - d) Keith S.-1861 Seated Liberty half
  - e) Ken B.- New Jersey National Banknotes
  - f) Howard W.- Masonic badges
  - g) Gary- 1877-CC Seated Liberty dime
  - h) Justin B.-1913 Lincoln Wheat cent
  - i) Alex T.- 1885-O Morgan dollar

- j) Zimin C.- 1891 Seated Liberty dime
- k) Art C.- one-world observatory commemorative medallion, 1/10,000
- l) Robert H.- Canada, 1911, gold sovereign
- m) Don Pa.- First Spouse Medals in album
- n) Al Lo- 1959 ALand HI statehood medals
- o) Madison Lo-N.- Frozen coin design
- p) Nathan Sh.- Israel, 2 shekels
- q) Bill Hu.- American silver Eagles in album
- r) Matthew M.- Lincoln Wheat and Memorial cents find
- s) Harold W.- National Banknotes
- t) Granville G.- Indian Head cent
- u) Griffin G.- Mexican banknotes

For their participation in Show and Tell, youth members Justin B. received a Russia, 2007, 2 rubles; Alex T. received a 1994-S Proof Washington quarter; Zimin Cohen received a 1906 Liberty Head nickel; Madison Lo-N. received a 1977-S Proof Jefferson nickel; Nathan S. received an Australia, 2001, 20 cents; Matthew M. received an Australia, 1997, 50 cents; Granville G. received a 1937-D Lincoln Wheat cent; and Griffin G. received a 1993 Cupertino Coin Club golden bronze medal.

Emile M. drew our winning Show and Tell Prize ticket.

Show and Tell Prize: Ed S. (1804 Turban Head 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper round)

A break was called. During the break, Martha D. sold drawing tickets on behalf of our club.

President Greg J. called our meeting back to order. Harold Wo. gave his talk, "National Banknotes History."

Old Business: none

New Business: none (We re-arranged the tables and chairs for the next church group to use the community room.)

Ten youths participated in our Youth Drawing.

Drawing Time. Greg J. drew our first two winning tickets. The first ticket drawn was buried beneath the Grand Prize.

1. Justin B.
2. Jonathan San M.
3. Al Lo
4. John M.

5. Mike W.

6. John M.

7. Art C.

Grand Prize: Don B. (1904-O Morgan dollar, PCGS MS-63)

Our meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

## Recap of the February 15 Board Meeting by: Lyle Okamoto

President: Greg J.

Vice President: Emile M.

Treasurer: Gary

Recording Secretary: Lyle Okamoto

Corresponding Secretary: Al Lo

Historian: Harold W.

Board Members (6): Martha D., Fred D., Steve Kooij, Allison Paker, Suzy T., and Howard W.

- Club President Greg J. called our board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Greg welcomed everyone to our February board meeting. There were twelve board members and no guests present.
- Recording Secretary Lyle Okamoto reported correcting some misspelled names in the minutes.
- Corresponding Secretary Al Lo received Visalia Coin Club Show flyers, CSNA dues notice, and some membership dues.
- Treasurer Gary handed out the Treasurer's Report. All was well. Gary passed around our CCC Show drawing prizes. The Grand Prize was a 1905 \$5 Liberty PCGS MS-61. The second prize was a 1905 \$2.50 Liberty ANACS AU-58. The silver prizes were 2017-(W) silver Eagles, First Strike, PCGS MS-69.
- Historian Harold W. reported nothing new.
- Curator Gary reported nothing new.
- Program Chair Emile M. noted that our CCC Show was on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Emile reviewed our upcoming events calendar.

March 2017 club elections

April 2017 Polish Sausage and Hot Dog Night, installation of officers, Medal Design Contest

- Membership Chair Al Lo reported no new applications for membership.
- Coin Press Editor Allison Paker will publish a note about club elections and our Medal Design Contest rules. We will meet in Room 8 in March.

Al Lo noted that Betty H. and Dan Br. held a contest in February and received four essays and one drawing. Al suggested that the essays and drawing be published in our newsletter.

- Webmaster Steve Kooij reported that our website was up on February 1, 2017. Our new domain name is: [CupertinoCoinClub.org](http://CupertinoCoinClub.org). There was a link to Suzy's club Facebook page. Embedded into our website was our episode of "The Better Part." Steve noted that our website was based on Wordpress. Pictures of our CCC Show drawing prizes will be posted.
- Facebook Chair Suzy T. reported that we had 37 Facebook followers. A discussion about Facebook advertising ensued. We decided to advertise our CCC Show one week out (Sunday through Saturday) in a 50 mile radius. The cost will be \$5/day.
- We will need to collect email addresses at our CCC Show. Don Bu. will sit at the front table at our CCC Show. A discussion ensued about Facebook ad layout.
- Youth Advisor Gary reported that ten youths were in attendance at our

February 2017 general meeting.

- Nominating Chair Al Lo reported that we had a full slate of candidates. Our current candidates were:

President: Emile M.

Junior President: Granville G.

Vice President: Suzy T.

Treasurer: Gary

Recording Secretary: Lyle

Okamoto

Corresponding Secretary: Al Lo

Historian: Harold W.

Board Members (5): Martha D., Fred D., Allison Paker, Don Pa., and Howard W.

Past President (automatic): Greg J.

- Medal Design Chair Gary reminded everyone that our Medal Design Contest will be in April 2017. Leave a space on your design for a show date and venue.
- Old Business: Bill Green gave Fred D. as a club donation a 2008-S Proof silver Arizona State Quarter, NGC PF-70 Ultra Cameo. A discussion ensued about possibly auctioning the coin and using the proceeds for our youth program.
- New Business: Lyle Okamoto offered our club two electrical outlet boxes and two extension cords for \$5. The offer was accepted.
- Show Business: We had 25 dealers taking 42 tables out of 46 tables so far. Greg J. noted that our episode of "The Better Part" aired on January 30-31 and February 3, 2017.

Al Lo reviewed our show jobs. Set-

up will start at 7 a.m.

A discussion ensued about our registration drawing. Gary wanted someone to check for handstamps for the first hour of our show. Gary noted that exhibits were okay, but there were not many cases available.

- Action Items: none
- Al Lo reminded everyone that our Friday, March 10, 2017, general meeting will be in Room 8. There will be no bourse due to limited room.

- Emile M. moved to adjourn. Martha D. seconded. Our board meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

## Medal Design Contest Rules

- 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: "46th Coin Show". Because we don't yet know the date and location of our 2018 show please insert a date in your design of Feb xx, 2018 and leave space to put the final show location.
- 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 April 14, 2017 meeting or arrive at our club's P.O. Box by April 14, 2017. The entries will be voted upon by our membership at our April 14, 2017 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.

## UPCOMING COIN SHOWS!

### MARCH

#### • ANA National Money Show

Thursday, March 9 10-6  
Friday, March 10 10-6  
Saturday, March 11 10-4  
Orange County Convention  
Center  
9800 International Dr., Orlando,  
FL  
\$8 public  
Free for ANA members

#### • South Bay Sunnyvale Coin Show

Friday, March 17 10-6  
Saturday, March 18 10-5  
1085 East El Camino Real,  
Sunnyvale  
\$3; \$1 off with blue flier

#### • Western States Token Society Token Jamboree 2017

Friday, March 24 11-4 (members  
only)  
Saturday, March 25 10-4  
Sunday, March 26 9-3  
Hotel: 1852 National Hotel,  
2 Water St., Jackson  
Bourse: Mother Lode Plaza  
Shopping Center (Highway House)