

FUN Club Newsletter
February 1st, 2017

FUN Club Get Together- FUN hosted a luncheon meeting of all member clubs at the January FUN Show. Thirty-Seven Representatives from member clubs, including some who are also FUN Directors, attended the meeting. Every FUN member club was invited to send two representatives to the luncheon. RSVP was required to attend. The meeting was organized by Past President and FUN Club Liaison Tony Swicer and included FUN Secretary Donna Moon and FUN Treasurer Carrie Best. The attendees introduced themselves to each other. ANA Executive Director Kim Kiick was in attendance, Tony introduced FUN Webmaster Steve Martin and “*FUN Topics*” co-editor (with Joshua Morrow-Hernandez) Jay Chamberlain. Steve and Jay are FUN Directors. Ten ICG silver eagles were given away and Tony gave a program on “Consumer Awareness”, rip-offs in the mail, on TV, online, and in the newspaper. The cost of this Get Together was over \$2000, \$500 of which went down the drain because 10 club members were no-shows.

MARCH ANA Show- Orlando, FL.- It is now time to get your club bus application in to Cindy Wibker, if you are going to bring a bus to the ANA and want FUN’s assistance paying for it. The app is on the website, www.funtopics.com, under “Clubs”, click “Application for Bus Trip”.

Brandon Coin Club- recognized Bill Jones as their “Numismatist of the Year” for his educational programs, and writings to the club. He also spoke at a local high school.

Casselberry Coin Club- had a program by John Catiller on “Shipwreck Money”, followed by show-n-tell, a raffle, refreshments, and the auction. 19 members attended the last meeting.

Central Florida Coin Club- Dan Aidif spoke at the local library. John Macintosh spoke to the club on, “Coins & Artifacts of Ancient Rome”

Clearwater Coin Club- Officers for 2017 are; President- Don Marigle, VP- Steve Grant, Secretary- Jerry Lipscomb, Treasurer- Paul Sottile. Board members are; Jan Williamson, Mickey Achenbach, Bernie Ososky, Nancy Casey, Ed Abbott, and Bill Lynch. 56 attended the December Banquet. They had 47 at their last meeting. They had a 50/50 drawing, a gold coin raffle, an attendance door prize, and the auction.

Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club- had a table at the FUN show and members also volunteered at FUN registration.

Ft. Myers Coin Club- had 42 members at their last meeting. Ray & Marylyn Wood, club members from Great Britain, gave a program on “The Shrinking 5- Pound Currency Note”. The Holiday Party had 72 members and guests and ICG slatted Sacagawea dollars were given to each person in attendance. Jay Chamberlain gave a visual presentation on “The Sacagawea Dollar”. Their coin show on January 21st had Randy Campbell from ICG was there. They had 30 dealers and a “Cars on Coins” exhibit. Elliott Sadlers NASCAR 2011 Chevrolet was on exhibit out front.

Ft. Walton Beach Coin Club- had 60 members at their last meeting. The club distributed 2017 Red Books to 15 public libraries. They had annual attendance prizes of a gold sovereign and 10 silver dollars.

Gold Coast Coin Club- had a table at the FUN show and members also volunteered at FUN registration. Stan Klein spoke on US Proof sets and Mint sets.

Greater Daytona Coin Club- met January 10th with a program on “Errors”. Members were encouraged to bring in examples.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- had a program on “The 1879-S Dollar & When Eyeball Counting Went Awry” by Brian Raines. Their Holiday Banquet drew 98 members and guests. They ended the year with 215 members. The club celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

North Lake Coin & Currency Club- met January 11th with a raffle, 50/50 drawing, and the auction.

Ocala Coin Club- discussed their upcoming coin show on February 2-4th. Dennis Beasley is a DJ on 1410 WQBQ AM radio and will have a broadcast from the coin show on February 3rd from 2-6PM.

Palm Beach Coin Club- discussed the FUN show. Several members volunteered at FUN registration and at the club table. 75 members, 1 new member, and 5 YN’s were present at the club meeting, for 10 door prizes, a 3-silver eagle raffle, jackpot, refreshments, and a 100 lot auction. There were seven new members in January.

Pensacola Numismatic Society- had 46 members and guests at their last meeting. They had a raffle, refreshments, and the auction.

Sarasota Coin Club- had 33 at their last meeting, including 1 new member. Ben Todd told the club, What is Hot & What is Not.

South Brevard Coin Club- had 20 members at their last meeting. They had a four coin raffle, the auction was full, and they had a 50/50 drawing. Refreshments were followed by a discussion on the status of coin collecting and many members voiced their concern about the future of the hobby.

Tampa Bay Coin Club- had a program by Rudy Valentin on “The Borinqueneers Congressional Medal”

Treasure Coast Coin Club- annual coin show was January 14 & 15. They had a show-n-tell at their meeting.

Venice Coin Club- had 25 members and 7 guests at their last meeting. Phill Kolbe had “Guess the Mystery Country”. FUN Topics Co-editor, Jay Chamberlain presented Dr. Phill Kolbe with the FUN “Charlie Fine Literary Award”, for best article in FUN Topics in 2016. The auction followed.

West Hernando Coin Club- going into its 10th year, talked about taking a trip to the ANA show in March. 52 attended the meeting. They had a coin show January 21st, with 24 dealers, hourly door prizes, silver eagle grand prize, and a treasure hunt for kids under 12. Over 200 attended and 15 YN’s did the treasure hunt.

Tony Swicer
FUN Club Liaison