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BENEFIT AUCTION NIGHT

We held our fourth annual Lee Gong Memorial Benefit Auction at the October meeting. And we did it in typical club fashion- with lots of food. First, we celebrated Merle's birthday (which was October 2nd) with a big cake and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to him. But there were also three large pies and whipped cream. Thanks to Deanna J for cutting them into slices and serving us. And as a decoy to keep people from eating everything up before things even got started, there were two dozen cookies, a chocolate mousse cake, and another sheet cake served as 'appetizers' as people arrived. Almost every single slice of cake and pie were eaten- not a big surprise.

Merle handed out books of tickets for the **Gold Coin Drawing** to be held at our **February Coin Show**. Those ticket sales are our main source of income at the show. Each book has 120 tickets: they are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please help the club if you can by selling these. In the past we have had incentives for people who sold tickets, and we hope to be able to do that again. Don Rinkor has generously offered to donate all the gold coins for the drawing, as well as slabbed silver dollars for the hourly silver dollar drawing. Wow! Please remember to thank Don when you visit his shop.

Merle talked about a recent TAMS (Tokens And Medal Society) award presented during the ANA convention in August. Presented by TAMS and the American Israel Numismatic Association, the Ben and Sylvia Odesser Memorial Award for outstanding contribution in 2021 on Judiac Numismatics and Exonomia was given to yours truly Charlie C. It was for a research article on the Coins of the WW II Polish Ghetto in Lodz- which was the *only* ghetto or concentration camp in all of WW II to mint coins. For anyone interested on reading the article, the link to the journal is <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/615979>. If you prefer to watch a 45 minute YouTube recording of a talk I gave on the subject the link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_flvOxn_c4.

Guy S received a letter two weeks prior to the meeting from the ANA. It was a congratulations for **50 years** of ANA membership! He is now a member emeritus, and does not need to ever pay dues again.

Mike C was able to join us and shared a story. He was at an unnamed dealer's shop going through a "foreign junk silver" box of coins. Someone had recently sold a bunch of coins to the dealer, and Mike found an Australian silver coin- a 1934-1935 Lord Melbourne commemorative (possibly like the shilling pictured here)- and several old Canadian dollars. Even though they had been lightly cleaned, what he bought for near melt value he was able to sell for \$400!

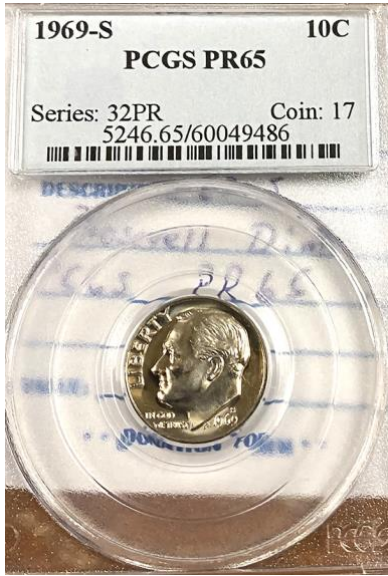
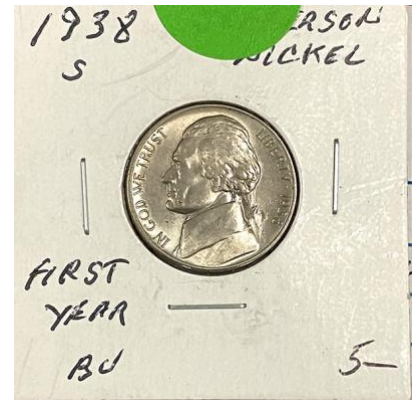
After this bit of business and time to devour the desserts, we had our 4th Annual Lee Gong Memorial Benefit Auction. There were over fifty items in the auction. **THANK YOU** to everybody who donated to the club and **THANK YOU** to everyone who bid and won the lots. We brought in a total of **\$958.85**.

There was a nice variety of coins in the auction. Walking Liberty half dollars were popular, but all denominations were represented, along with some currency and proof sets, and several foreign coins. Some of





the highlight coins are shown here. They are (clockwise from the right): 1938-S BU Jefferson nickel, first year of issue; 1923 Peace Dollar in MS 65!; H&K Dollar featuring the Buffalo NY Pan America Exposition in 1901; a 1996-dated Buffalo nickel with a train on the reverse (not sure if carved or struck); 1969-S Roosevelt Dime in P-65; and a 1792 English Conder Token featuring Lady Godiva, like the ones discussed at the September meeting.



NOVEMBER MEETING TOPIC

The topic for the November meeting is **SHOW AND TELL**, with emphasis on **NUMISMATIC ITEMS THAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR**. Bring in an item (or 2 or 3), give a short talk, and get four free raffle tickets! And if you would like that item shown on the screen during the meeting, **please** e-mail a photo **prior** to the meeting to newsletter@redwoodempireclub.com. If you want to bring a Thanksgiving treat to share with the club during the break, it would be welcomed. We will still have our big dessert night in December as well.

We will be available on Zoom in November. There was a technical problem with sound at the October meeting that will be worked on. The link is:

Topic: RECC Zoom Meeting Nov 9, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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REMEMBERING IRENE

Irene Carrillo, Life Member 37, lost her battle with cancer and died September 28. Some of us know that she was longtime partner with the late Harry W. Davis, Life Member 38, having met him when she took Greyhound to commute to work. She and Harry were regular attendees for years along with the rest of Vallejo Numismatic Society contingent. She served as Vallejo Numismatic Society's Secretary for many years. Our condolences to Irene's family and friends.

DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Angelo C, David Y, Andy O, Bill R, Tiffany S

50:50 pot of \$66 was split with new member Sill S Jr.

Raffle: Glenn M (five times!), Bob K, Roger N, John B, Bill S Jr., Paul C, Bill R, and Guy S

October Attendance: 47+

New Members: Bill S Jr. #997- **WELCOME!!!**

Guests: Arturo and Marie, Phil A's friend, plus 1 or two others

Auction: no regular auction at this meeting.

Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!


Kids' Corner

During the October meeting, juniors priced and put items in the Lee Gong auction.

In November we will discuss gold coins minted by private companies prior to 1849. Then discuss the US mint issuing the first \$1 US gold coins. Wonder why our football team is the 49'ers?



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

October 29-30, 2022. SF Area Coins, Stamps, and Collectibles Show. Doubletree Hotel South San Francisco, 275 South Airport Blvd, South San Francisco

November 4-5, 2022. Sacramento Coin Show. Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento

November 11-12, 2022. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

December 10, 2022. San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse. South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., South San Francisco

February 17-18, 2023. REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB's 53rd Annual Coin Show. E.L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Club's meeting location is the **Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa** (opposite the County Fairgrounds across from Highway 12), in the "**Dinner Room**" on the east side of the building, at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building** November 9, 2022—
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