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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## HO HO HO

We had a *great* turnout for the December meeting! That included three of you on Zoom. Thanks to everyone who brought desserts- there was more than enough to go around, each item seemingly better than the next. Thanks to those who set up tables for the flea market as well- it was nice to see a variety of items for sale.

Merle gave an update for our upcoming coin show. So far 29 tables have been sold, with many more expected. Don Rinkor is once again donating all the gold and silver drawing coins for the show, which is a huge help to us financially. Please remember to thank Don and son Michael each time you visit their shop. Bob K has started taking names for volunteers to work at the show. We will be setting up Finley Hall at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds on Wednesday February 12 (prior to the 7pm meeting), with pizza dinner for all who help. Volunteers are needed for that set up, to tear down *after* the show, and for 2-hour shifts at the entrance table *during* the show Friday and Saturday February 14-15.

We have two new Life Members! Wendell B is now LM-119. And Keanu S rejoined the club as LM-120! He joined years ago as Junior Member 930 J and is excited to get involved with the club again.

Bill G talked about a couple of his shows coming up, including one in Reno in July. That one will be listed on the newsletter calendar as the date gets closer.

Nominations for officers of the RECC Board were opened. It was moved to nominate the current board members for re-election. There were no other candidates, and the vote to re-elect the current board was unanimous. Your officers for 2025 are Merle A- President; Mike M- Vice President; Erik S- Treasurer; and Charlie C- Secretary. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

The highlight of the December meeting for the kids was a full table of free numismatic items, with many coins to choose from. The highlights were 11 proof sets made possible by Joe Mc C. First to go were several sets from 68,69, and 70. Then juniors selected from 20 different mint presidential dollars. Tubes of 50 mixed "wheat cents" also went fast. In January, we will talk about buying certified coins and attending our coin show. See you at 6:15! Thanks to Rich W for handling that table, and to Ember when she fills in throughout the year to educate our junior members.

### JANUARY 2025 MEETING

The topic for the **January** meeting will be: **What I Bought in 2024 and Am Proud of, and/or What You Are Looking For in 2025**. Bring your item in if you can, or just talk about it, and get four free raffle tickets. As usual, ***if you have items to show***, send photos ahead of the meeting to [newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com) and they will be prepared to show on the projector screen.

### DUES

Yes, it is time again to renew your dues for the year 2025. If you are a Life Member (there are 120 of us now!), you do not need to pay any more. Otherwise, renewal applications will be sent with the mail copies and an attachment will be added for those receiving this via e-mail.

## SANTA

This year Santa Merle arrived to the meeting once again and gave out 77 neatly wrapped presents. Just prior to his handing them out, the members tuned in on Zoom had theirs drawn: one each was picked for Ember S and David S- both tuned in but unable to get audio. Dave G was also tuned in (from Seattle), and via video he looked at the basket of wrapped presents while my finger was pointing all around them. When he said stop, the finger went down and the first coin it touched was drawn for him. He really didn't care too much about doing this but agreed at my urging. Merle then went around the room allowing each person to pick a present. Everyone had to wait for the presents to be handed out before unwrapping. And when everyone did start unwrapping the gifts, there was no "yahoo!". So, we had to open the gifts chosen for Zoomers: the last opened was for Dave G- and his was a Mexican 2-Peso gold piece! Happy Holidays Dave!

## Willie Quarante Memorial Award

The Willie Quarante Memorial Award for outstanding service to the club was started in 2013 after the passing of long-time member Willie Quarante. He was the quintessential volunteer. Probably because he liked coffee, every month he set up the coffee we used to brew regularly at meetings. He helped from start to finish for every coin show and pitched in whenever needed. He also picked up guests arriving at SFO and drove them up to Santa Rosa. We all missed Willie and decided to honor a volunteer at the end of each year for exemplary service to the club- and there have been many of you over the years.

Board members are ineligible for the award but do get to pick the recipient. This year it was a tough choice between two candidates in particular (among all who chip in to help). This year's winner is Bill R. Bill faithfully runs the auction each month, keeping track of lots and making sure the correct proceeds of the auction go to the right people. Then he drives an hour to get back home to Napa after each meeting! Congratulations Bill!

Past winners of the Willie Award:

2013 Rich W  
2014 Bob K  
2015 Darren C  
2016 Rose F  
2017 David A  
2018 Mike M (before he became VP)  
2019 Andy OI  
2020 and 2021 not done due to Covid and meetings being on-line only  
2022 Deanna J  
2023 Glenn M  
2024 Bill R



## Join the Zoom Meeting in January:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89194416629?pwd=IH8ioDty2kHyOnkWn7Iwaoi6K39gCJ.1>

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## DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** no drawing, as everyone received a gift from Santa Merle

**50:50** pot of \$90 was split with Tiffany S

**Raffle:** Chris H (twice), Glenn M (twice), Joyce B, Dan C, Bill S Sr (twice), Bill R, Tiffany S, and Bill S Jr.  
GOLD Raffle: ¼ gold Australian Sovereign: Sean H- a second month in a row!

**December Attendance:** 77 +

**New Members:** Liz L, # 1051- WELCOME!

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** 34 exciting items.

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



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#### UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**January 17-18, 2025. East Bay/Concord Coin Show.** The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord

**February 14-15, 2025. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show.**  
E.L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350. Bennett Valley Road,  
Santa Rosa

**March 21-2, 2025. South bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show.** Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real,  
Sunnyvale

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](http://Redwoodempirecoinclub.com)**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: [newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com).  
See you at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" **January 8, 2025**— Charlie