

### LVNS JOURNAL

The Las Vegas Numismatic Society **August 2017 Newsletter** 

## **Next Meeting is Saturday, August 12**

August 12 Club

Supply store items, books, donations,

Miscellaneous items, etc.

#### Don't miss it!



YN members can use their YN \$ dollars!

# coming Soon



1955 Double Die



**Double Headed Washington Quarter** 

- Consignments now being accepted.
  - Must meet certain criteria.
- Restrictions & Seller fees will apply.

## Auction Oct. 14 Error + Oddities

Call or see Joe (702) 860-6032

Put this page facing a mirror to see what it is about.

## Where have all the silver dollars gone? An era comes to an end.

Another cliché that comes to mind is "Better safe than sorry." Sadly, on the afternoon of Friday, June 16, 2017, a pair of armed robbers entered the shop of Phil Carlino, Fremont Coins, with bad intentions in mind. Little did they realize they were about to meet one of the feistiest old shop owners



in town who was not giving up without a fight! Phil fought them off and protected his employee and property. They fled with only a few hundred dollars. How stupid they must feel now to think that a 91 year old man, with pointed guns, was able to run them off. Hurray for you Phil, my hero!

Besides a few bumps and bruises, the saddest part of this story is that this encounter brought down the curtain on one of the most colorful and prolific careers in Las Vegas Numismatic and business history.

Phil served in the United States Navy and opened his first coin shop in his home town of Buffalo, New York. Around 1960 he arrived in Las Vegas with his wife Flo, and opened a shop on the corner of Main and Bonanza. In those early days, Phil would buy and sell bags and bags of silver dollars, selling them mostly to dealers back East. The casinos here in Las Vegas were still using silver dollars so there were plenty of them available. It was an easy profit with a few better coins thrown in the mix. Phil's political ambitions caused him to run once for the position of Secretary of State and in 1975 he even ran for Mayor of Las Vegas.

Among his many successful campaigns at the time, was working with Nevada State Treasurer Brian Krolicki in assisting in the creation of the Nevada State Quarter. Phil has also devoted much of his life to Charity and Church and has chaired on many committees, including The Las Vegas Numismatic Society. Phil has served the LVNS in every office and is now a proud



member of our Golden Years club. He is also a life time member of the ANA. Phil was one of my personal earliest mentors when I got involved with the LVNS. His wisdom and sense of humor has been an inspiration.

So now, an era comes to an end. Phil has closed his shop for good and decided to retiree. There is no one who can fill his shoes. A legend in our time, I am glad I can call you my friend. Thanks Phil!

Sincerely,

Joe Cavallaro

LVNS President

#### The LVNS Treasurer

As you may know, Art Spear will be stepping down as LVNS Treasurer this December. The Treasurer's job is one of the most important positions in the LVNS and we'd like club members to consider running for it. Here is a summary of the Treasurer's main duties:

- Collect and deposit the income from our monthly meetings.
- Write checks to pay bills and repay expenses to club members.
- Collect and organize paper receipts.
- Keep a record of the LVNS checking account transactions.
- Put together a summary each month.
- Prepare a yearly summary and forecast.
- Handle the money aspects of some LVNS activities like the Monthly Auctions or special events.

The job takes several hours each month in addition to attending meetings. There are about 10-15 transactions each month. A basic knowledge of Excel is valuable and what you don't know will be explained to you.

All candidates must be LVNS members in good standing. If you think you can handle these duties, please consider running for the position. Questions, please see Fred or Joe or Art.





## Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion The "Quarters" of the 20th Century

- 1. When (what year) did the U.S. Mint first produce a twenty-five cent (quarter) coin? Which century was that, and who was President? How long did the initial design serve?
- 2. Which "quarter" coin was first minted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and continued into the 20th? What are 2 names for that design and which years was it produced?
- 3. How many designs of quarter dollars were minted in 1916?
- 4. Should the 1916 Standing Liberty coins be considered a "regular" issue? Are there ANY proofs for this series?
- 5. Which <u>single</u> year might be assembled as a type set?
- 6. How many design changes ("types") were made to the SLQ during it years of production (1916-1930)? What are some of the "keys"?
- 7. Which quarter designs were produced for the years 1931 and 1933?
- 8. What year was the Washington (current design) "quarter" <u>first produced?</u> Which coins from that year are the "tuffies"?
- 9. What are some of the errors and varieties of the Washington series?
- 10. What design was the <u>last</u> of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? What compositions (metals) were produced and which mint "qualities"?

### Membership dues:



1.67

Did you know that at the current rate of only \$20 per year, your monthly dues amounts to \$1.67? That is right, only \$1.67 per month. Isn't the cake & ice cream, snacks and drinks worth at least that much per month, not to mention door prizes and other giveaways. Now throw in picnics, bus trips, banquets, etc. and what do you have? My guess is about \$ 200 in value each year. Did you know that the last time the dues were raised was back in 2010? A motion was presented at the last board meeting that is was time to raise the membership dues to \$25 per adult member, and \$5 for juniors up to 18 remaining the same. The motion passed the board and will be presented to the general membership for a vote following this announcement at the next regular meeting on September 9. Also to clarify, membership dues cover the period from January 1 to December 31, and must be paid by the April meeting or they are considered in arrears. Mid year entry is still subject to January 1 payment with the exception of new members who join after October 1. They will be carried over into the next year. The only other exceptions are for our Honorary and Golden Years members. Most other clubs in the Las Vegas area are \$25 or higher and I know they don't give their members as much as the LVNS does. Please take a minute to think about the value of being an LVNS member. Isn't it worth a little more? Thanks

LVNS Club Meetings are held at the University United Methodist Church at 4412 South Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV. directly across from UNLV on the second Saturday of each month.

Bourse, YN Round Table & socializing start at 2:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 3 p.m.

Free parking (use the rear lot) & free admission.

Newsletter editor & advertising call Jim Shands (702) 452-3498.

Joe Cavallaro, President (702) 860-6032.

Expanded Bourse, Come early!

Educating and serving our members and the community.

### **Important Dates:**

August 12, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

Sept. 9, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

**Nominations for Officers** 

& Board

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Vegas Locals Coin Show

(CKShows)

Oct. 14, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting & Elections

**Error & Oddities Auction** 

Nov. 11, 2017 LVNS Club Meeting

Turkey Race/Outstanding

Service Award Voting

Dec. 8—10 The Vegas Coin Show (CKShows)

Dec. 9, 2017 Holiday Banquet ?????

\*Events and Dates are subject to change.

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