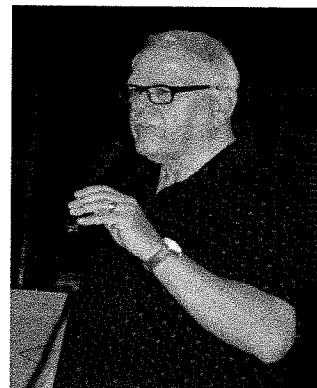




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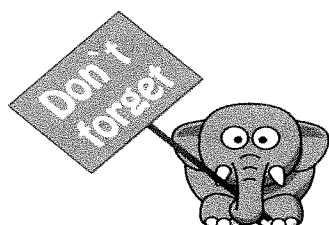
HAPPY NEW YEAR! Seems like only yesterday we were celebrating the millennium year 2000, and now here it is 2025. I know we have all said it, but where has the time gone? In approximately 539 days our Nation will celebrate its semi quincentennial, or 250 th anniversary. To celebrate this significant milestone, the U.S. Mint will be redesigning select circulating coin designs for 2026 and release a "Best of the Mint" coin collection that reflects the rich numismatic history of the United States. So, the US mint is already working on the numismatic side of the celebration, and now it is time for us, the LVNS, to get started working on our celebration. I would like to invite special guests and speakers, get our members to design and build exhibits where members and guests can vote for the best of with prizes awarded, something like the ANA does at its shows. And of course, design a special medal, token, chip or medallion by our membership, to commemorate the event. I think we should elect a special committee to get things started and keep track of all our ideas and contacts. If you would like to get involved with this project, we'll discuss it at the meeting. You know you just can't wait until the last minute if you want to do a good job.

And now on to other news. What a great Holiday banquet we had a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Pat & Diana for putting it all together. The food was good, and we all had some fun. Plans are already in the works for the annual club picnic. We should have an official date come meeting time. Will let you know of course. If you weren't at the banquet, you may not have heard the news of additional small coin shows being added to our calendar of the 3 large coin shows. Show cards should be out soon, but the first big show of the year will be the LVNS annual show being held on February 14-16, 2025, and the first small show will be held around April 10-12, 2025. All the shows will be held at the Tuscany hotel and casino on Flamingo road. If you remember, we had already purchased raffle prizes that we thought we would use at the last November coin show, but we did not end up doing the raffle. So, we are ahead of the game and will start once again selling raffle tickets at this meeting for the coin show raffle. All the prizes are precious metals: gold, platinum, and silver. We will need the usual help to set up and tear down the show and work at the raffle desk. Let us know if you can help. Now on to a different note: I would like to remind our members that the LVNS does still offer a golden years free membership to those who have reached their 85 th birthday. Let us know if you will be turning 85 this year and we will waive your membership dues and add your name to our plaque. I am anxious to get the year started and enjoying our meetings. We will continue meeting at Arizona Charlie's. Board meetings start at 11am, YN youth meetings start at 12:30, doors open to public at 1pm, regular meeting at 2 and auction usually starts around 3. We are lining up some special guest speakers and presentations. Watch for news and schedule. Now I hate to close on a sad note, but we lost one of our dear and special members, Lyn Spear, on December 16. Lyn was the wife of Artie Spear and the both of them served the club for many many years. Rest in peace my dear friend. We'll that's all for now. See you at the meeting. Joe



- 1 1886 Indian cent F12
- 2 1880-S Morgan PCI MS60
- 3 1916 Barber quarter & 1926-D Std lib qrt.
- 4 3 Euro coin sets
- 5 1884-O Morgan PCI MS60
- 6 1962 & 63 silver proof sets
- 7 Framed Kennedy half dollar collection
- 8 Album golden replica stamps
- 9 Canada 150 th anniv. Stamp in case
- 10 Lot of 20 assorted coins on page
- 11 Pr. Canada 2014 silver 1/2oz coins
- 12 1892 & 1893 Columbian half dollars
- 13 Carson City mini silver bar
- 14 1864 Confederate \$20 in antique frame
- 15 1883 no cents nickel PCGS MS63
- 16 2023 Morgan PCGS MS70
- 17 5 Proof Kennedy halves NGC 68-69
- 18 Chinese Fat Man coin
- 19 3 French silver 50 franc coins
- 20 1871 Indian cent Good 4
- 21 1885 Morgan PCGS MS 62 OGH
- 22 Lot of 2 1935 Hawaii short snorters
- 23 1922-D Peace dollar NGC MS63
- 24 Prutah from Herod the Great Judaea NGC
- 25 Richard the lion heart silver crusader coin
- 26 2015 Star Trek 1oz silver in box

- 27 3 hand poured 1ounce silver bars
- 28 Silver dog bone 2 ounce
- 29 1921 Peace silver dollar XF/AU
- 30 1884 CC Morgan raw/MS
- 31 2024 Morgan & Peace dollar rev proof set
- 32 2016 GOLD walking liberty half dollar
- 33 1904 \$2.50 gold PCGS UF rnc details
- 34 1921 Peace dollar PCGS AU details
- 35 Box set 6 decorated silver eagles
- 36 Apollo 11 silver 5 ounce
- 37 Set of 8 silver replica early halves 7.3 oz
- 38 Framed 20 th century coin collection
- 39 Framed 8 Peace dollars w/silver certificate
- 40 1952 silver proof set in box
- 41 1946-D Walking Lib half PCGS MS65 OGH
- 42 1834 Capped bust half PCGS AU/58
- 43 1921-S Morgan silver dollar PCI MS60
- 44 2019 silver proof set with W cent
- 45 2021 ASE 2 coin reverse proofs
- 46 3 framed year sets 1937-39-1970
- 47 2002 Proof silver eagle box/coa
- 48 1989 Proof silver eagle box/coa
- 49 Pride 2 Nations 2 coin set 2019
- 50 Set 2009 Lincoln bicen cents PCGS
- 51 1984-S Proof set
- 52 1896 Morgan dollar key chain Las Vegas



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2025!

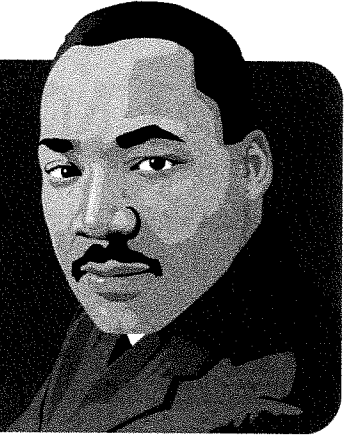
Please pay your dues at the January meeting.

Dues remain at \$25 thru March.

After March, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

FEDERAL HOLIDAY • JANUARY 16



February is Black History Month. The LVNS will celebrate the month at our February meeting. Mark Purnell will be offering a wonderful presentation and we will be holding a special raffle.

If you have anything representing Black History and would like to put it in the auction, please get it to Joe ASAP.

Young Numismatists Club

Do you have children or grandchildren? Maybe there's a neighborhood child that you talk to. Or what about a friend's children or grandchildren?

Why not invite them to join our Young Numismatists Club?

Kris Rath, along with Bob Muller and Bob Held, are holding meetings at 12:30pm, on the same day as regular club meetings, in the same room where our meetings are held.

Drop off your kids and go have breakfast downstairs for an hour or so, or just hang out with the kids! These meetings are fun as well as educational.

Let's help this club grow by getting our youth interested in coin collecting!

Our meetings are always held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The January meeting will be held at 2:00pm on January 11th at

Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino,

740 S Decatur Blvd Las Vegas 89107.

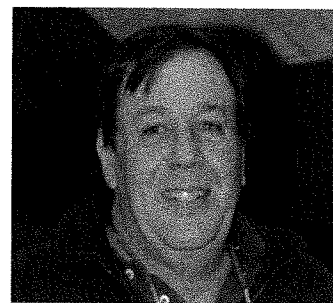
Membership is encouraged, but, not required.

Doors open for bourse dealers at 12:30pm and for general admission at 1:00pm.

The YNs meet at 12:30pm also. Please be courteous and respectful to them by not interrupting their meetings.

COIN CRAZY

BY Bob Held



The Half Cent

Most non-collectors that you talk to never realized that the United States minted half cents from 1793 to 1857. The half cents were widely used amongst the poorer classes. The idea for the half cent dates back to 1784 where Thomas Jefferson, a congressman in the Confederation government, presented the idea after a thorough review of our monetary affairs. After replacing Benjamin Franklin as ambassador to France information was provided by the French to help us draft a new monetary system. The half cent was created using copper by order of Congress. The coin is to read 1/200 (200 equals one dollar). Progress was slow and little was done.

Matters began to change with a new government. In April, 1789. Alexander Hamilton, Treasury Secretary considered borrowing from European banks for the new government to function. Congress turned toward the monetary system instead. In the spring of 1790 congress asked for a comprehensive report for a mint and coinage from Hamilton. January 1791 the report was completed.

Once again Congress did little.

Using the suggestions from Jefferson's report, George Washington wanted to move forward without formal law. Washington approached Congress again in the fall of 1791. A formal coin bill was drafted and signed into law on April, 1792. Washington appointed famous scientist David Rittenhouse as Mint Director and Henry Voight as Chief Coiner. The money was mainly used for the mint building and the necessary machines. Only half Dime's were minted in 1792.

In February 1793 the first copper coin was minted "Chain Cent". In may 1793 Voight oversaw the planchet preparation for the half cent. Minting started on July 18, 1793 where 31,934 pieces were produced. The obverse of the half cent was modeled after the Libertas Americana designed by Benjamin Franklin.

The mint closed in September for about a month due to a Yellow Fever epidemic. Mint reopened but no more copper coins were produced until 1794. Miss Liberty, bust facing right was due to a redesign by Robert Scot. The designer of the 1793 bust facing left is unknown. Due to the rising costs of copper the weight of the half cent was reduced from 104 grains to 84 grains. A shortage of copper resulted in melting down Talbot, Allum and Lee tokens for the half cent planchets.



CHRISTMAS BANQUET

What a wonderful night! Diana and I want to Thank each and every one of you that attended the banquet this year! We hope you enjoyed your evening! Dinner, as usual, was delicious, Nakita Rath's flute music was absolutely beautiful as it greeted everyone entering the party. Thank You so much Nakita! Then , Kelly delivered several hours of music for listening as well as dancing. I think next year we will offer prizes to those that dance! So men, be prepared to twirl your ladies around the floor! Morgan filled us in on his first semester at college. It seems he is truly enjoying it! Although, he does miss the club meetings, he said.

And of course Congratulations to my husband, Drew, for winning the Outstanding Service Award this year! It was a total surprise to him! In fact, when he walked up to accept the award, he asked Joe for a re-count! LOL

The magician then filled us with a few surprises and laughs, before turning it over to basket time! Now who won the lottery trees this year? I can't recall, but I do hope they are as generous as Florence Shands has been after winning last year! \$37,000.00 was a lot of cash! (It's a joke LOL)

Well, I guess we'll take all the suggestions we have received, and start planning next year's party! Again, we Thank You All!



Just a few pics from the Christmas Banquet



TRIVIA TIME

1. Which US coin had an eagle on the obverse?
2. What was the change made to the Buffalo nickel during it's 1st year of production?
3. What was on the reverse of the Bicentennial dollar?
4. What was the shape of the 1915s Panama Pacific coin?
5. What serious problem do collectors have with Buffalo nickels and Standing Liberty

Meaningful Moments **with Jimmy Migs**



Well, the holidays are over! Most people say that the year has come to an end. But as for me, I look at it as the beginning of a year where our great coin club will make positive strides towards greatness! I really don't know if you folks can appreciate how strong our club is!

Special Thanks to : Pat and Drew Spruell, Diana Renaud, Steve Hawk, Mary Ann and Eugene Mason, Charmaine Lai and whoever I missed, for their tremendous efforts at the Christmas Banquet. We want you to know your hard work is appreciated by all your sisters and brothers of the club.

I hear that Chip is making progress. Hang in there Buddy!

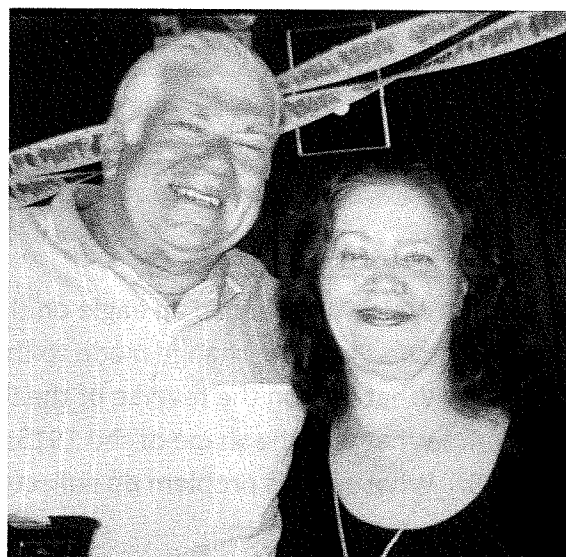
So let's take a stab at some humor!

1. A lady is talking to her dog. "I hear from the neighbor that you are chasing people on a bicycle". The dog says, " He is wrong! I don't even own a bicycle"!
2. I knew a guy who was born on a freeway. He told me that is where most accidents happen!
3. Did you hear about the old rock and roll band from Australia , named the Boomerangs? I hear they are making a big come back!

Now that's the bees knees! See you at the meeting!

Jimmy Migs

Once again, our members are in mourning , due to the passing of another dear member. Roslyn "Lynn" Winifred Spear, age 86, of passed away on Monday, December 16, 2024. Lynn joins her husband Art in their Heavenly home. Both were dear members of the LVNS for many years. Our sincere and deepest sympathies are offered to her family and friends.





Patricia Spruell— January 7
Bob Muller and Elvis Presley—January 8
Miles Young—January 26
James Dean—January 2



Get Well wishes going out to the following members: Chip Wukitsch, Carl Zeiden, Donna Lockridge, Ron Brennan.

Please keep these and any other members that you know of that are ill, in your thoughts and prayers. There has been an awful illness going around that many of us have had to cope with. Hopefully, this illness passes on through soon !

TRIVIA TIME ANSWERS

1. The Flying Eagle cent , produced from 1856-1858.
2. The raised ground that the animal is standing on, is flattened.
3. The Liberty Bell and the moon.
4. Octagonal
5. The date wore off too easily.





LVNS Board Meeting; December 14, 2024

Attendees: Joe Cavallaro, Diana Renaud, Pat Spruell, Bob Held, Fred Kuch, Maria Demeo, Jimmy Migs, German Martin, Bob Muller, Kris Rath, Drew Spruell, Scott Ferguson. We miss you Chip! Get well soon!

We wish you fast recoveries for Donna Lockridge, Lynn Spears, Carl Zeiden and Chip Wukitsch!

We received several letters of "thanks" from the charities that we donated to. Thank you Beate Rauch for the generous donation to the YNS. Thanks Joe for the proof sets for the YNS.

The December raffle presented \$150 in cash and coin amongst 10 gift boxes. Insurance policy is now taken care of thanks to Fred Kuch. Philadelphia Insurance. Probably reschedule Mark Purnell's presentation on "Blacks on Coins" to February during "Black History month".

A promoter Cary Demont is going to work with us promoting our shows and others. Bus trip was successful. Food was great as always. We were hit with a 15% group fee and the drinks were not included. Net cost for the trip was \$850. Our condolences to Jack Sanders on the loss of his wife.

Banquet funds due this meeting. Stamps rolls discussed. Full refund if desired.

New charities: Donation to Dr. Green's history dept. at UNLV, Henderson Silver Knights (hockey team) and one other (Ed Smith).

Looking into business cards for the club officers or anyone that can hand them out to bring in new members.

Thanks to Jimmy Migs for sending out the "Thank You" cards.

Drew Spruell looking into a website for the club. Bob Held and Bob Muller to run the YNC meeting in December. Only 30 minutes due to time constraints. Mainly a show and tell. Proof sets given out to 3

YNC's. Welcome to the board Scott Ferguson!

Meeting time 10:00-11:00am December 14, 2024

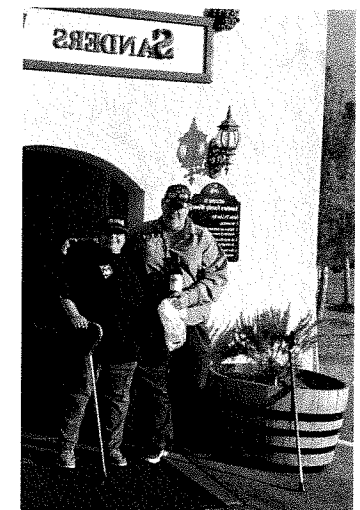
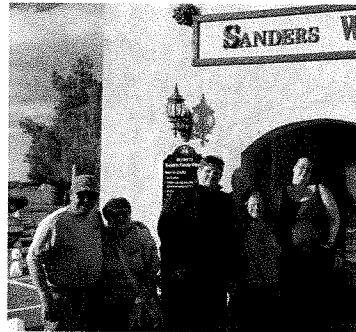
Respectfully Submitted by Bob Held, Recording Secretary

BUS TRIP TO THE WINERY

Forty or so LVNS members were not disappointed!

Following a smooth bus ride where the passengers were challenged with questions about Pahrump, the group dined excellently at The China Wok buffet. Then it was off to the Sanders Winery. Jack Sanders himself spoke the group through a wine tasting of nine delicious selections. LVNS members enjoyed the about wine and led varieties and lined up to make some purchases before the trip home.

Most members enjoyed posing for a candid photo before we returned to Arizona Charlie's. I wonder where we will go next year???





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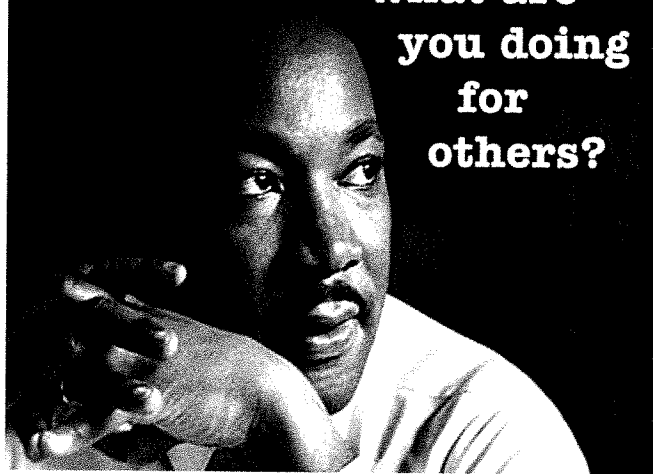


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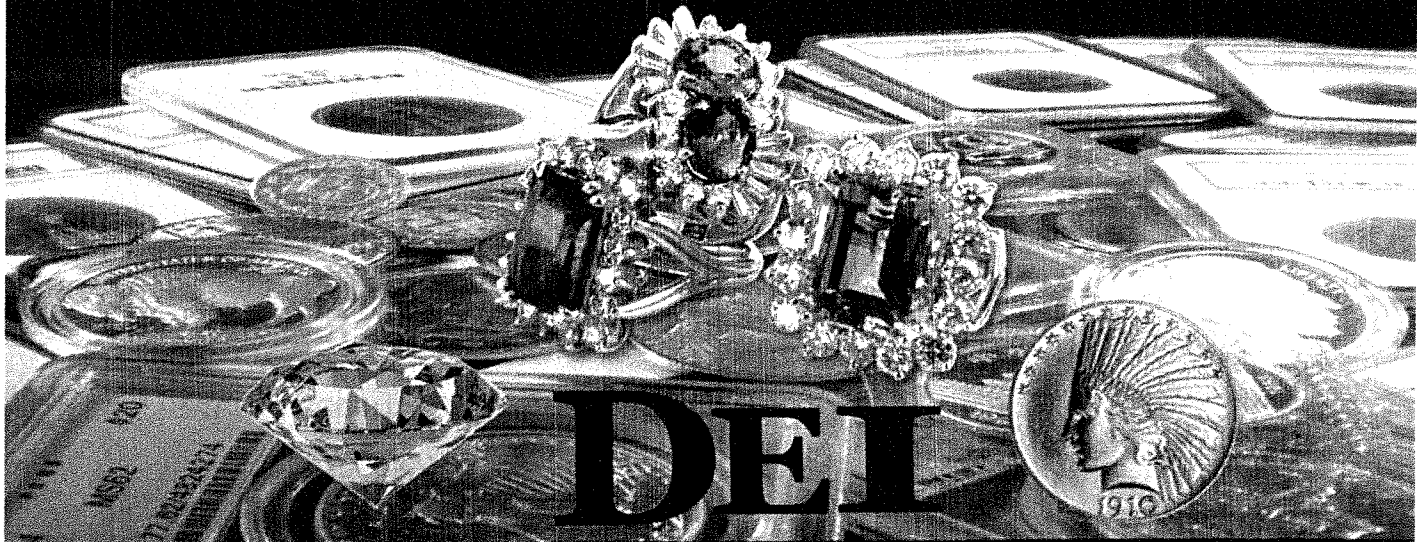
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