



THE DOUBLE EAGLE

Newsletter of the Fremont Coin Club

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Club meetings start at **7pm** on the **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of each month at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California

*** **Club Meetings** ***

December 8 - Club Christmas Party!
All-Gold Prize Drawing!

January 17 - Annual Installation Dinner
No-host cocktails 4:30pm
Dinner served at 5:30pm

January 26 - Club
Theme: Holiday finds

February 1 - Board
TBA

*** **Shows** ***

Dec. 6 McIntosh
Red Lion Inn
1401 Arden Way
Sacramento

Dec. 11-12 SF Historical
Bourse, Holiday Inn,
1500 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco

Jan. 22-24 San Jose CC
Doubletree Hotel
2050 Gateway Place
San Jose

Feb. 21 Cupertino CC
Napredak Hall,
770 Montague Exp,
San Jose

December 2009

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!

The Christmas party is just around the corner and we haven't much time to prepare. I can hardly believe it's December already! My goodness! Where HAS the time gone... The holidays are upon us and there's no time to waste. You can find all sorts of key information in this month's edition, so don't miss a word or you might miss out.

Having just been through Thanksgiving, I have to say thank you to every one of our program presenters of 2009. There were a couple I wasn't present to hear, but all in all, it's been a good year. I'd also like to thank the membership for all their encouragement and comments over the past four years. I've felt privileged and blessed to be part of such a caring, considerate group that genuinely likes to get together and share. I also have to thank our board members and officers for putting in so much time and effort to help the club run smoothly. It's a healthy club, so we definitely have much to be thankful for.

Going forward, let us remember the past fondly, encourage each other to plod ahead into the coming year boldly, and show anyone who passes through what makes our club so special. It's the same thing today than it was when I first darkened the doorway nearly six years ago... the people. Some come all too infrequently, demographics flex with the seasons, but the social core is what really makes the difference.

Take the opportunity this holiday season to pull someone aside and let them know you appreciate them. Don't let time wind down without taking stock of the things in life that matter most. Be Santa Claus to someone who desperately needs it, and give from the joy of your heart. Serving others positively in any any capacity benefits us all.

Merry Christmas!

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Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Annual dues: Regular \$5, Junior (under 18) \$2, Honorary (over 70) Free.

Alistair Skinner, President; Chuck Call, First Vice President; Dennis Pagano, Second Vice President; Briita Ehlers, Treasurer; Dorothy Galovich-Call, Recording Secretary; Matt Hutchison, Corresponding Secretary; Directors: Bruce Caires, Don Ehlers, Wanda Johnson, James Lawrence and Cliff Sherman

November meeting notes

November 10th racked up a total attendance of 42 with no recorded visitors. Dan Claassen won the bubble drawing and Dave Collins received the door prize. After reports by Recording Secretary Dorothy Galovich-Call and Treasurer Briita Ehlers, President Alistair Skinner ran down the list of announcements, coin shows and upcoming club calendar events. He also announced the slate for the board and officer elections. Show and tell included: Mike Jordan, mercury dime set acquired from an auction; Lyle Okamoto, San Francisco Mint show program, US Virgin Islands quarter roll, Iwo Jima pin, rotated-die counterfeit buffalo nickel; Richard Kelly, Air Force uniform jacket, Pvt. M.N. Newman engraved wings, Nazi German medal for Russian campaign; Bill Hurja, Hawaiian quarter from jewelry; Dan Claassen, Egyptian 1903 10 Qirsh, 1916 10 Piastres, 1970 50 Piastres, 1937 10 Piastres; Ken Barr, French medal from 1915 Pan-Pac expo; Harry Davis, Washington golden dollar slabbed for veterans, ruptured duck pin, Vallejo NS medal with ruptured duck design, service ID card; Chuck White, 2009 U.S. Mint Lincoln coin and chronicles set; Don Ehlers, Declaration for Pension of a civil war soldier; Jeanna Keegan, Girl Scout medal; Wanda Johnson, Medal of Honor list; Gary Acquistapace, Gibraltar pound; Chuck Call, 1967 Canadian proof set with half ounce gold; and Briita Ehlers, M&A 5 cent token from Altoona, WA. Don Ehlers won the show and tell drawing. Alistair Skinner 16 auction lots with one donation lot while the Claassen brothers ran the items.

The second club meeting on November 24th drew an attendance of 33 with no recorded guests. Member 1021 was not present to win the bubble drawing and Wanda Johnson won the door prize. After reports, Alistair announced upcoming shows and club events. Show and tell participants were: Dorothy Galovich-Call, U.C. seal die; Chuck Call, 1873 CC trade dollar; Jim Barton, animal currency - South African 100 Rand water buffalo, Venezuelan 50 Bolivares bear, Tonga one dollar whale; Dan Claassen, 1797 British 2 pence; Bill Hurja, cent planchet and off-center cent; Ken Barr, Statue of Liberty centennial Liberty bank note; Chuck White, copper bars - 1 gram, half pound, one pound and one kilo; and Ron Ikebe, counterfeit Morgan in opened slab, half of Eagle sales by the U.S. Mint, and recovered dealer merchandise that was previously stolen. Ron Ikebe won the show and tell drawing. Alistair followed by reading the list of election candidates for the club officer positions. All filled positions were accepted by acclamation. Next he read the list of candidates for board positions and asked if there were any additional nominations. Two were given, but neither were willing or able to be included. Ballots were distributed, as there were six valid candidates for the five open positions. The results are on page 3. Thanks go to Jim Barton and Mike Jordan for counting the ballots over the break. Alistair called 16 lots in the auction with one being donation. Ram Sethi and Dan Claassen ran the auction items. Dennis Pagano won gold in the prize drawing. Apologies for the lack of pictures, as I was under the weather, and thanks to Dorothy for the use of her notes.



Fremont Coin Gallery

* Hours: Tues 1-5:30 pm
Wed.-Sat. 10:30-5:30 pm



* Call ahead as we
attend many coin shows.

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BULLETIN BOARD

- The Installation Dinner is on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Saki's Spin-a-Yarn Restaurant, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd in Fremont. Sign-up at the Christmas party or contact me before the end of 2009 to reserve your seat. My phone number and email are on the front page. Cancellations will only be accepted with 24 hour advance notice. No-host cocktails will begin at 4:30pm with the dinner being served promptly at 5:30pm, followed by board and officer installment, award presentations and bingo. The four menu options are Steak \$35, Chicken Cordon Bleu \$30, Salmon \$32 and Eggplant Parmesan \$22. One drink will be provided by the club, and dinners include bread, salad, side and dessert. Club members receive a \$10 discount on their meal. Those who pre-sold two books of tickets for the prize drawing at our coin show, as well as board members and officers who served the previous year receive their meal compliments of the club.
- The Christmas Party will start at 7pm on Tuesday, December 8. To save time for the festivities, there will be no auction. There will be an **all-gold** prize drawing and cake after a visit from a special friend for gifts and photos.
- The Fremont Coin Club won't have any club meetings between the Christmas Party and the first club meeting of 2010 on January 26.
- Jeanna Keegan and Girl Scout Troop 30120 would like to thank everyone for their support in helping the troop meet their goal in nut sales.
- Due to a significant drop in sales for the prize drawing, the number of prizes offered in 2010 will decrease if such trend continues.

2009 Board and Officer Election Results

President: Chuck Call
First Vice President: Bruce Caires
Second Vice President: Dennis Pagano
Treasurer: Briita Ehlers
Corresponding Secretary: **Vacant**
Recording Secretary: Dorothy Galovich-Call
Board Member: Dave Collins
Board Member: Harry Davis
Board Member: Don Ehlers
Board Member: Wanda Johnson
Board Member: James Lawrence
Past President: Alistair Skinner (non-elected position)

*Many thanks to those who donated items
for the junior Christmas stockings:*

Bruce Caires, Chuck Call, Dorothy Galovich-Call, Harry Davis, Don Ehlers, Wanda Johnson, Vince Lacariere, Ernie Lo, Greg Pang, Mike Patton, Darryl Petersen, Tony Yu. Vince also donated a 2 Peso gold prize for the junior stocking prize pull.

It's not too early to start thinking about a design for the next club medal due in 2011. If memory serves me correctly, the design competition will occur mid to late 2010, so the medal can be produced for the next year.

Also, if you would consider sharing a numismatic topic with us at a club meeting or know of someone who would, let Bruce Caires know so we can begin filling the calendar for 2010! Presenting a program isn't hard, and we don't bite. Take a chance and do something different in the new year. Your participation in the club benefits us all.

YOUR SMILE IS OUR STYLE!



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SERVICE (OR AGE) PENSION.

No. 88-B

F. A. Oederdonk, Grand Rapids, Mich.

May 1912
 ACT OF February 6, 1903.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

The Pension Certificate should not be forwarded with the application.

STATE OF Michigan } ss.
 COUNTY OF Van Buren
 On this 13th day of May, A. D. one thousand nine
 hundred and twelve, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public
 within and for the County and State aforesaid, Oran W. Rowland, who,
 being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 73 years of age and a resident of
Paw Paw County of Van Buren State
 of Michigan; and that he is the identical person who was enrolled at
Lawrence, Mich. under the name of Oran W. Rowland
 on the 17th day of September, 1861, as a Sergeant in
Co. H 3d Regt Michigan Cavalry
 (Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessel if in the Navy.)
Civil war, and was honorably discharged at Calhoun, Tenn.
 (State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)
 on the 19th day of January, 1864. That he also served as Second
Lieutenant of Co. B and First Lieutenant of Co
1st Regt, and was honorably discharged as Capt of Co
"C" of the same Regt, June, 1865 and that such service was continuous
 That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated
 above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, _____ feet _____ inches;
 complexion, _____; color of eyes, _____; color of hair, _____; that his occupa-
 tion was Teacher; that he was born March 25th, 1839
 at Lawrence, Richland Co., Ohio,
 That his several places of residence, since leaving the service have been as follows:
Near Albion, Mich. and for the past 45 years
at Lawrence and Paw Paw, Van Buren Co., Mich.
 (State date of each change, as nearly as possible.)
 That he is now a pensioner. That he has _____ heretofore applied for pension

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