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Our April meeting is this Wednesday, and we will be electing our new 2013-2014 Board of Directors! Nominations are still open for anyone wanting to run. We need a Recording Secretary. We will also be having our medal design contest for 2014. And we'll have our auction, show & tell, and raffle.

Here are April's raffle prizes-

- 1) Mexico 1945 two-pesos gold coin
- 2) 1885-O Morgan silver dollar, PCGS MS63
- 3) 1868 three-cent nickel
- 4) 1865 two-cent piece
- 5) Canada 1984 silver dollar, Proof
- 6) 1971-S 40% silver Eisenhower dollar, Proof
- 7) 1878 Seated Liberty dime
- 8) 1860 Indian cent
- 9) 1999 nine-piece U. S. Proof Set
- 10) 1967 U. S. Special Mint Set

San Jose Coin Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at American Legion Hall Post 318, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose. Doors open at approximately 6:30 pm with the General Meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

This month's meeting:

April 10

Bring a friend!

Nominations are Now Open!

At our April meeting, we will elect our new Board of Directors for 2013-2014. The current ballot is:

President.....Bill M.
 Vice President...Gordon Stubbs
 Youth President.Evelyn Daniels
 Recording Secretary.....Open
 Corresponding Secretary
Lyle Okamoto
 Treasurer.....Sally Johnson
 Historian.....Ryan Johnson
 Librarian.....Ed Sins
 Board Members.....Fred Davis

Brian Daniels
 Dean Birge
 Herb Davidson
 Keith Scott
 Harold Woron

Nominations are still open, and any member in good standing is eligible and welcome to run for a position. Serving on the Board is a great way to volunteer for your coin club. If you are interested in running, see Nominations Chair **Al Lo** at the April meeting.

Thank You Bill!

A big thank you goes to Bill Hu. for his presentation on Rare or Unique US Mint Coinage. Bill showed examples of coins not meant for release such as the 1913 Liberty Nickel and the 1974 aluminum cent. He also showed some mint errors like a Franklin half on a cent planchet. Also unusual were some mules where the back doesn't match the front. Thanks again Bill!

SJCC's 66th Annual Banquet

The SJCC annual banquet is coming up on Sunday, May 19 at the Three Flames on Meridian in San Jose. Cocktails start at 4 with dinner at 5. Entrees include Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, and Tortellini Alfredo. A reservation form is included with this newsletter. Please return completed forms to Banquet Chair Brian Daniels by the April general meeting.

Dues are Due!

It's that time of year again! Dues are due for club members. Remember, your dues help pay for fun things like the annual picnic so staying current in your dues is important.

Dues are only \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth (anyone under 18). If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you instead of receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please add \$12 to your yearly dues.

Please see Membership Chair **Ed Sins** at the next general meeting to pay your dues.

Annual SJCC/CCC Picnic!

The Annual SJCC/CCC Picnic is set for Saturday, July 20 at noon o'clock at Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale. This *(continued on page 3)*

March's Meetings

From the General Meeting on March 13, 2013

- Call to Order by President Bill M. at 7:30 pm.
- Welcome 49 members and 8 guests.
- Auction with auctioneer Ken Barr, clerk Bill Hu., and runner Evelyn Daniels
- Announcements- a) Bill M. announced next month is elections. Al is taking nominations. B) Gordon Stubbs announced medal designs are due by the March board meeting. C) Lyle Okamoto announced upcoming shows. D) Brian Daniels had banquet forms available. They are due by April's general meeting. e) Sally Johnson announced Bill Green is looking for someone to help out at his Santa Clara/Sunnyvale Coin Show. f) Keith Scott announced someone left their auction winnings last month. He also said on the 30th the Discovery Channel will be showing the Secret Life of Money. g) Sally announced a thermos was found at the show.
- Show & Tell- 15 people showed and told
 - a) Ken Barr- WWII Finance book
 - b) Ed Sins- Brazil Peter II
 - c) Robert Hedgecock- 1914 Barber dime found coin hunting
 - d) Lyle Okamoto- Hong Kong \$10 banknote
 - e) John Miguelgorry- Barbar Half- 1910
 - f) Bill Hu.- home made coin sorter
 - g) Ron K.- penny press pic
 - h) Brian Daniels- Columbian half
 - i) Chuck Call- currency
 - j) Martha D.- 2 50¢ eBay purchases
 - k) Keith Scott- 1876 25¢
 - l) Harold Woron- Cecil DeMille note
 - m) Howard Wheeler- sesquientennial medal
 - n) Rick Hagen- elongated penny
 - o) Dan Shattuc- hobo nickel
- Drawings- Show & Tell- Ken Barr won a 1971S Eisenhower 40% silver proof dollar. Membership- Rick Hagen won an 1883 no cents liberty nickel
- Speaker- Bill Hu. spoke on Unique or Rare US Mint Coinage.
- Decisions from the February 25, 2013 board meeting were read.

- Raffle- Grand prize was won by Fred Davis.
- Adjournment- 9:28 pm

From the Board Meeting on March 25, 2013

- Call to order by President Bill M. at 7:30 pm.
- Welcome 15 board members- President Bill M.; Vice President Gordon Stubbs; Recording Secretary Allison Paker; Corresponding Secretary Lyle Okamoto; Treasurer Sally Johnson; Historian Ryan Johnson; Immediate Past President Martha D.; Bourse Chair Ray Johnson; Librarian Ed Sins; Board Members Fred Davis, Steve Kooij, Dean Birge, Brian Daniels, Keith Scott; Hall of Fame Member Al Lo
- Corresponding Secretary Lyle Okamoto had the usual mail.
- Recording Secretary Allison Paker passed out copies of a proposed amendment to Article VIII. It reads- Amendment 33- In Article VIII, Section 12 add "In the interest of time, the Recording Secretary may read at the general meeting just the decisions, i.e. motions, made at the Board meeting." It was discussed. Al Lo moved to accept the proposed amendment. Keith Scott seconded and the motion passed. The amendment will appear in the next two newsletters.
- Program Chair Gordon Stubbs reports April is elections and medal design contest. Ed is speaking in May on Rulers on Coins. Ed requested the timer be set for 20 minutes.
- Medals Chair Gordon Stubbs bought 120 ounces of silver. Getting a new safe deposit box was discussed.
- Nominating Chair Al Lo reports we still need a Recording Secretary.
- Picnic Chair Keith Scott reports the Picnic is July 21st. Lyle will have a reservation form soon. The park has been reserved. Lyle moved that cooks eat free permanently. Martha seconded and the motion passed.
- Banquet Chair Brian Daniels reports reservations are coming in.

Lyle does not have Don Pritchett's address to send his 50-year invitation.

- Newsletter Editor Allison Paker will run the banquet reservation form.
- Membership Chair Ed Sins moved to accept Nancy Nguyen as a new member. Al seconded and the motion passed.
- Historian Ryan Johnson has a picture of the March meeting speaker.
- Youth Chair Ryan Johnson reports we had two youths in March but one left early.
- Treasurer Sally Johnson gave her report. All bills are in.
- Webmaster Sally Johnson reports we have 25,759 hits which is up 213 from last month. Michael Turrini asked for an article on Ron Miller to be placed on the website and it is up. Everything has been updated.
- Old Business- a) Al Lo had copies of Robert Luna's presentation for everyone. b) Steve Kooij got a new timer for show and tell. c) Ed has an 1892 dime to show people if they can offer more information on it.
- Hall of Fame Chair Ed Sins had 2 nominations read. One person was elected to the Hall of Fame and will be announced at the banquet.
- New Business- a) Scout-o-rama is in May. Fred asked if SJCC is interested in participating. Brian may be interested. b) Sally had Martha's ticket-selling apron. c) Sally gave a thank you to Kevin Kawasaki for donating \$75 at our show.
- Show Business- a) Bourse Chair Ray Johnson will go over to the DoubleTree Hotel this week to discuss the show and how to fix problems that occurred. b) the 2014 show contract has been signed. The 2015 show contract may be signed this week. c) Show ad pads have been printed up. Pads are available if anyone wants to help with advertising. A pad was given to each dealer at the show.
- Ed moved and Al seconded for adjournment at 8:31 pm.

SJCC Officers & Board

President- **Bill M.**
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 Youth President- **Evelyn Daniels**
 Recording Sec- **Allison Paker**
 Corresponding Sec- **Lyle Okamoto**
 Treasurer- **Sally Johnson**
 Historian- **Ryan Johnson**
 Librarian- **Ed Sins**
 Immed. Past Pres.- **Martha D.**
 Curator- **Bill Hu.**
 Bourse- **Ray Johnson**
 WebMasters- **Sally & Ryan Johnson**
 Board Members- **Fred Davis, Herb Davidson, Keith Scott, Steve Kooij, Dean Birge, Brian Daniels**

The Board of Directors Meeting is on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

**Next Board Meeting:
 April 22, 2012**

at Denny's Restaurant
 2077 North First St, SJ
 (408) 436-8481

**UPCOMING CLUB
 EVENTS**

Apr 22 SJCC Board Meeting
 May 8 SJCC General Meeting
 Speaker: Ed Sins
 Topic: Rulers on Coins
 May 20 SJCC Board Meeting
 June 12 SJCC General Meeting
 Topic: TBA
 June 24 SJCC Board Meeting
 July 10 SJCC General Meeting
 Hot Dog Night!
 Speaker: Ray Johnson
 on Changeover Coins
 July 20 SJCC/CCC Picnic

Changing E-mails?

Please send your updated e-mail address to the Newsletter Editor: sjccnewslettereditor@gmail.com

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SJCC/CCC Annual Picnic

is always a fun event where members of both clubs can meet and enjoy picnic foods. The menu is slated to include hot dogs and hamburgers and lots of fixings. The clubs will be providing all the side dishes and desserts so no one has to bring anything as a potluck.

A picnic reservation form is included with this newsletter. Fill it out and return it SJCC Picnic Chair **Keith Scott**, or mail to the address on the form to secure your spot at the picnic. The cost is only \$3 and youth 17 and under are free. Checks should be made payable to San Jose Coin Club. Hope to see you there!

**New Constitutional
 Amendment!**

A new amendment to the constitution has been proposed. The amendment must appear in writing for two months before being voted on at the general meeting. The amendment will change Article VIII, Section 12 which now reads: "The Board of Directors upon call of the president shall take up for consideration and recommendation, all matters or questions for the betterment or improvement of the club, and shall handle all complaints that may arise from any source. Acceptance of the minutes of the Board's meetings, read before the club, shall constitute the approval by the club of their recommendations. The Board shall vote on all applications for membership."

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**UPCOMING
 SHOWS!**

- **Santa Clara Coin & Collectibles Show**
 April 19-21, 2013
 Fri 10-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-4
 Santa Clara Convention Center
 5001 Great America Pkwy
 \$6, \$2 off with coupon
 Admission good all three days
- **Sacramento Valley Coin Club's 56th Anniversary Spring Show**
 April 26-27, 2013
 Friday 10-6 Saturday 10-4
 The Elks Lodge #6
 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento
 \$3, \$1 off with blue coupon
 Free parking! Free hourly door prizes! Gold & silver coin raffle!
- **Vallejo Numismatic Society 41st Annual Vallejo Coin Show**
 Sunday, May 5, 2013 9-4
 Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln, Vallejo
 Drawings! Exhibits! Youth Table!
 Free admission & parking!
- **San Francisco Historical Bourse**
 May 17 & 18, 2013
 Friday & Saturday 10-6
 Holiday Inn Golden Gateway
 1500 Van Ness Ave., SF
 \$10; \$5 off with coupon

All shows are free unless noted.

**UPCOMING MINT
 RELEASES**

- **Apr 11-** Presidential \$1 Coin Rolls, Bags and Boxes- Theodore Roosevelt- Rolls, 100-coin bags, 250-coin boxes, 500-coin boxes
- **Apr 16-** 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters 3-Coin Set™- Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial (OH)
- **Apr 18-** American Eagle Gold Proof Coins- 1 ounce, ½ ounce, ¼ ounce, 1/10 ounce, and 4-coin set
- **Apr 18-** Native American \$1 Coin Rolls, Bags and Boxes- Rolls, 100-coin bags, 250- coin boxes, 500-coin boxes
- **Apr 25-** 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters Uncirculated Coin Set™
- **May 2-** 2013 United States Mint Silver Proof Set®
- **May 9-** 2013 Theodore Roosevelt \$1 Coin Cover

Dates are subject to change.

RECALLING RON---GONE BUT STILL REMEMBERED

“I Count Myself In Nothing Else So Happy, As In A Soul Remembering My Good Friends.”----Shakespeare

It has been two decades, since March 16, 1993, when Ronald Lee ‘Ron’ Miller was tragically murdered in his Fremont, California coin shop.

In the weeks following, there were tributes in various California periodicals and local newspapers, summing up that Ron was an ***‘ambassador to numismatics’***: attending a coin show nearly every weekend, belonging to over fifteen (15) local coin clubs as well as national and specialty groups, serving as President of the Fremont Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), as well as other positions. His most notable contribution was cofounding the Fremont Coin Club back 1971. In addition, he was a frequent speaker at local coin clubs, a generous supporter toward local coin club activities, and a staunch supporter of youth numismatics, plus a recognized authority in California tokens and Buffalo Nickels, which he once addressed as his niche.

While it has been twenty years, and many may not remember him, his presence is still felt. At Fremont Coin Club meetings, every once in a while, his name is mentioned always in respect and reverence. Among coin dealers, who have been in the business for many years, his name is spoken in kindness and acknowledgement of his knowledge and enthusiasm for our hobby, and his famous labeled coin holders and flips still appear just as the day that he marked and stapled these.

These are all good, and these speak of the legacy Ron left. His legacy is not just memories or his famous flit-tipped written wavy lined flips with that unique left hand writing; no it is greater lessons.

Ron preached quality. Buy and collect quality, not just the highest grade or best choice specimen, but, quality in the look and rarity. His talks always punctuated that quality never deteriorates nor loses its luster and only earns value and enjoyment years afterward.

Ron believed in service. His aforementioned short summary only tips the iceberg of his service. He committed himself to service in those groups that he joined and became active. He once remarked to this author that after a particular grueling ordeal at a local coin club board meeting he thought about quitting. I asked what he did: he returned to the next board meeting and continued, rising to become its President.

Ron encouraged others to participate. He wanted not so much others to replace him in a particular position or assignment, but to join in the effort. He firmly believed and advocated, by his own example, that one should be more than a *dues-paying* member: one should be a *committed and contributing* member.

Ron never forgot that family is first. With all his shop hours, weekends at shows, and regular cycle of meetings, family was first. A fellow coin hobbyist of many years, Fred G. van den Haak still recalls that he and Ron would always talk about their families and children rather than a potential coin purchase. Also, my late Mother never forgot Ron telephoning a message saying that he could not attend an evening event since one of his children was quite sick, remarking as the dad he had to be with his kid.

It is these that endure, and among those dwindling number of acquaintances, customers, and friends, there a legacy: something now two decades later that lasts and cannot be forgotten.

For those of us, who knew Ron, purchased coins from him, were associated in positions along side of him, and still remember the telephone call reporting his tragic passing, we cannot forget. It is in this vane that this remembrance was written: to remind us that Ron was that ***‘ambassador to numismatics’***.

To continue his legacy, in the immediate years after his passing, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) established the *‘Ron Miller Memorial Award’*, *‘The Miller Medal’*, as it is named. This annual award has honored several Californian coin celebrants in its nearly two decades and is intended to instill and to inspire his example for decades yet to be.

Closing, Bruce Lee once remarked that ***“The Key To Immortality Is First Living A life Worth Remembering.”*** Nothing speaks of his legacy plus more eloquently of Ronald Lee ‘Ron’ Miller.

--Michael S. Turrini
Vallejo, California

Michael S. Turrini, active and avid California based coin celebrant, was associated with the late Ron Miller in the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and purchased several prized coins from him, particularly a very high grade 1934S Peace Dollar. Mr. Turrini was bestowed the first *‘Miller Medal’* back in 1995.