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Our next meeting is Monday May 4, 2015

Program: Thoughts on Running a Coin Shop (Guest Steve Harrison)

Meetings 1st Monday each month at the Hillside Community Center, 1 Lind Street, Hillside, IL 60162, one block West of Wolf Rd, one traffic light North of Roosevelt Rd, (just west of Proviso High School).

The Hillside Coin Club Membership list is kept confidential

Minutes of the meeting on April 13, 2015:

Our 395th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by our president Kevin M. who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 24 members and 1 guest in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

We had the second reading for both Sharon B. and Kevin B. who joined our ranks. Welcome!!! We also confirmed that date, time and place for the "PEST FREE PICNIC" as July 6 at 6:00 pm at our usual meeting place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our returning treasurer, Bob F., gave the first financial report in months, which was accepted, as was the contents of the last newsletter.

Bob F. talked about the recently published Special Red Book. He has a source for those, as well as the original versions and took orders for them.

A letter from Don Kagin, requesting our club vote for ANA president was read and accepted. Mention was also made of the CSNS show on April 22-25.

Kevin M. reminded us the April 19-25 was National Coin Week. He had a medal that he raffled off.

It was also decided that we would take pictures during our 400th meeting in September and there was some lively discussion about different ways that we might commemorate that meeting.

Finally, a few of our members are going to volunteer their time at the August ANA Money Show. Contact Bob F. for more information.

SHOW AND TELL:

Elliott K. first showed a “golden” dollar that had been gold-plated in 24K gold. Next he discussed the

15 Euro 2015 - IRELAND - Ernest Walton

This coin has been issued to commemorate Ernest Walton, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1951

15 Euro - 0,925 silver
Weight: 28,28 g
Diam: 38,61 mm
Mintage: Only 6.000 coins

Delivered in an original green box with certificate from Central Bank

Kevin M. showed a “Bugs Bunny” variety of a 1955 Franklin Half Dollar that he purchased at a recent show that he attended. He also passed around a Baseball Hall of Fame coin which was one of the most successful coins ever from the U.S. Mint, and I believe the first convex (baseball)/concave (mitt) coin in the program.

Finally, **Bob F.** brought in some treasures that he purchased in Florida at the F.U.N. show. These included some silver ingots from the Plate fleet that sunk off the coast of Florida 300 years ago, laden with gold and silver, some 5 and 6 color enameled ½ crown lapel pins, and a cool small coin scale by Harrison that was made to guard against counterfeit sovereigns (1/2 and 1). Finally, his new pride and joy, a box dollar (Thaler). It started life as a \$ 20 gold piece, with a secret compartment that housed a beautiful swiss watch. He respectfully declined to say how much he needed to part with to obtain his dream object.

We would encourage any of you who may have something of interest to your fellow club members to bring it with you to the next meeting and share it.

Please feel free to bring items for the silent auction. There will be many people willing to help get you started.

BREAK FOR GOODIES:

MAIN PRESENTATION:

After eating dessert, we had the main course. It was a veritable feast presented by Mike B. He gave a fascinating, in-depth look at the chief engravers of the U.S. Mint. Not only did he talk about their individual contributions to our nation’s coinage, but he discussed all the political machinations of the position specifically and the mint in general. It was as good as any soap opera!

He started out in 1792 with Alexander Hamilton, first treasurer of the U.S. who got the ball rolling. Along the way we got an inside glimpse of how the Barbers were at odds with George Morgan for decades. Great presentation Mike and thanks again.

ARTICLE IN THE TRADE PRESS ABOUT TYLER RUSNAK

By [American Numismatic Association](#) April 24, 2015

Tyler Rusnak Awarded Inaugural ANA College Scholarship

High school senior receives \$1,000 for tuition assistance

Tyler Rusnak, a member of the [American Numismatic Association \(ANA\)](#) and a senior at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, Illinois, is the first recipient of the **ANA College Scholarship**. Rusnak will receive \$1,000 to use toward tuition at an institution of his choice.



Rusnak has attended the past two ANA Summer Seminars, where he studied grading and type-coin collecting. This year, he plans to take a course in Early American copper coinage.

In 2014, he won the **Q. David Bowers Young Numismatist Literary Award** for his article "Wreaths on Coins: Symbols of America." His other numismatic accolades include winning the 2014 **YN Creative Writing contest** and the **Alan Herbert Exhibiting Award** at the 2014 World's Fair of MoneySM for "Stories From the Ground: Tales of the Lost, the Circulated, and the Cherrypicked." He was chosen to receive Summer Seminar scholarships the past three years. Outside numismatics, he was named student of the quarter for various subjects three times, his math team competed at the state championships the last two years, and he competed in the Illinois Science Olympiad. He also recorded a perfect score on the ACT.

"The ANA is extremely proud that Tyler Rusnak is the first recipient of an ANA College Scholarship," said ANA Education Director **Rod Gillis**. "He is an accomplished numismatist, an academic scholar and a fine young man."

Rusnak said he is undecided on where he'll attend college, but he plans to major in Biology.

"Numismatics has been the love of my life since day one, when I first began to view coins through a numismatic lens," Rusnak said. "It has taught me to explore history and art while sharing experiences and friendships with other hobbyists."

A profile on Rusnak appears in the May issue of *The Numismatist* on page 95.

The recipient is chosen based on academic scholarship, numismatic accomplishments and financial need. Applicants must be a senior in high school and a member of the ANA.

The first scholarship was graciously underwritten by **Brian Fanton**, ANA YN Committee chair and former member of the Board of Governors, and **Walter Ostromecki Jr.**, ANA president. Funds for future scholarships will be raised during the YN auctions held at the **ANA's Summer Seminar** and through donations.

To donate to the ANA College Scholarship fund, go to Money.org/donate. All donations are tax-deductible.

PLEASE CONGRATULATE TYLER AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!

USEFUL LINKS FOR COIN COLLECTORS

<http://ilnaclub.org>

This has a comprehensive list of coin shows and many other resources. It is worth a visit to the site.

Have a favorite site? Please share it with us. Please email it to themaurers8@gmail.com and I will put it in a future newsletter!

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

Kevin B.	1977 Proof set
Mike B.	2 \$1 silver certs, plus a Red seal \$5
John G.	4 assorted SLQ's
Bob H.	10 silver Mercury dimes
Mike B.	1964-D JFK 90% half
Henry K.	5 pc obsolete coin set
Elliott K.	Pewter mint medal
Wolfgang S.	1981 Prince Charles/Lady Diana medal
Nick W.	7 assorted buffalo nickels

Albert M. \$20 Saint Gaudens Gold piece hologram on key chain
Ed K. 12 assorted Lincoln cents
Al M. 1842 Montreal Upper Canada bank token
Harold E. 1884 Canadian large cent
David G. 1783 Spanish shipwreck coin

RING TOSS winners were Albert M, Melissa G. and Sharon B.

Member prizes were won by John G., 1964 Kennedy Half and Jim S., National Coin Week medal

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:50

PRECIOUS METALS SPOT PRICE UPDATE (AS OF LATE AFTERNOON ON 4/28/15)

GOLD \$ 1212.25

SILVER \$ 16.62

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

May 3. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

May 10. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

May 17. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

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