

THE GATEPOST

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The Gateway Coin Club meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of the month at Denny's Restaurant at 9550 IH 10 West near the Wurzbach exit. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m., but many members arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 for dinner and conversation. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends. Junior members are always welcomed.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2012

Nov. 1 - AUCTION NIGHT Lots are limited to ten per member. Join the fun of the roundtable. Remember to bring one or more numismatic items for discussion.

Nov. 15 - PROGRAM AND MINI- AUCTION

An educational program will be presented by James Williams. His topic is "Confederate States Notes." The mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

Dec. 6 - AUCTION NIGHT At this meeting lots are limited to 10 per lots per member.

Dec. 20 - CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE Members, please don't forget the mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

SEPTEMBER 2011 RECAP

Sept. 6 - The meeting opened with thirty-three members in attendance. No visitors were present that evening. The **attendance prize** was given to Andy C., who received a 2007 Mexican one hundred pesos coin commemorating the state of Puebla. Ray T. gave a brief treasurer's report. Under old business, everyone was reminded that September 6th was the last time to make reservations to attend the annual banquet and installation of officers. Also under old business was the 50th anniversary medal, which was coordinated by President Frank G. He reported that the medals have been ordered and will be available at the banquet.

Under new business, the election of club officers took place. All current officers were re-elected by acclamation. The numismatic **roundtable** session was conducted by LeRoy M. The following items came from the members who submitted their **roundtable** slip to the secretary. Leroy M. brought a "happy face" plastic piece which he found in an old house that was issued by a pharmaceutical company for a specific medication. A comical inscription was on the reverse: "Take in the AM for a BM in the PM."

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May your holidays be blessed with peace and happiness.

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Happy Thanksgiving Day

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Ray T. had a 1995 W Proof American Silver Eagle, which is the key to the entire American Silver Eagle series. Tom B. showed his .999 fine silver round that depicted the "Old Man" from the Gold and Silver Pawn Shop (Pawn Stars) in Las Vegas, NV. He also had a medal that commemorated the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. David A. brought a Texana bond certificate issued in 1853 by the Lavaca Navigation Co. The 1853 bond was to raise capital for the drainage of the channel off Port Lavaca. Brian C. showed a certified 1959 Jefferson Nickel TPG labeled as MS 65 mint error- "improperly annealed." Bill J. had a 1948 uncirculated US Mint set that was sold in an aftermarket crock print coin board by Gimba's in 1949. Bill also brought a gold-plated V-Nickel, known as a racketeer nickel. From the story of this nickel is also where the term "joshing" came from. It had its beginning when an individual named Josh passed one of these. Robert J. showed an interesting trade token from Palm Springs, California that read "Vaqueros del Desierto" (cowboys of the desert) that was good for 50¢ in trade.

The lucky **Raffle winners** were Art G. Sr. (2 times), Chuck M., Andy G., Stan McM., Fernando R. (2 times), and Tom B.

The meeting ended with an auction that featured a variety of exceptional numismatic material.

Sept. 20 – The September 20th meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Annual Anniversary and Installation of Officers Banquet.

Guests in attendance were Delia C., Andy C's wife, and Pat R., Alex R's wife. Total in attendance were thirty-two members and the two guests. The colorful enameled GCC 50th anniversary medals were distributed by Karla G.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Andy C. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karla G. Following the salad and entrée (choice of fish, chicken or beef), the special 50th anniversary Italian cream cake was served for dessert.

The **attendance prize** was won by Alex R., who received a one-hundred pesos dated 2007 commemorating the Mexican State of Puebla.

An Awards ceremony was conducted, honoring those who served the club as officers or who presented a numismatic educational program during the past year. The officers, Frank G., David A., Ray T., and Fernando R., were presented Gateways Coin Club certificates of appreciation. Those who presented numismatic educational programs received both Gateway and ANA certificates. Those recipients were Brian C., Alex R., James W., William D., David A., and Fernando R.

Following the awards ceremony, the 2012-2013 officers were installed by District 7 TNA Governor Frank G. Inducted were President Frank G., Vice-President David A., Secretary Fernando R., and Treasurer Ray T. Member Walter Bowman stood in for the president during the installation.

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The roundtable was conducted by Leroy M. Karla G. brought a medal that featured Charles Lindbergh and his mother dated July 29, 1927. The medal's reverse had the seal of the city of Buffalo, NY. Leroy M. had a 2001s Sacagawea Dollar that had discolored because of circulation. Frank G. showed three western movie cowboy tokens. They depicted cowboy stars Henry Darrow, Andy Devine, and Eddie Dean. David A. brought an American Sugar Refining Company stock certificate for two shares. The certificate was issued on September 20, 1961, and featured a vignette that showed workers in Cuba gathering sugar cane.

Karla G. concluded the roundtable by giving a brief history of the Gateway Coin Club and then distributing Gateway Coin Club's 50th anniversary commemorative fantasy currency featuring St. Eligius, the Patron Saint of coin collectors.

Raffle winners were Al G., Art G. Sr., Tom B., Jim R., David A., Andy C., and Andy G. Tom B. gave his prize to Celi McM.

The meeting concluded with a spirited auction, which had some exciting bidding battles, and was conducted by David A. and Fernando R. Thanks, to all the participants.

OCTOBER 2012 RECAP

Oct. 4 – The meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was called to order by President Frank G. at 7:05 p.m. Twenty-four members were in attendance. The Attendance Prize, a beautiful silver 1974 Cayman Islands \$2 coin, was won by Karla G.

The GCC Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report was read by Ray T. Under Old Business, medals were distributed to members who were not at the banquet. Under New Business, it was reported that there were thirty medals remaining. A motion was made and seconded to sell those for \$10 postpaid. President Frank G. will send a press release to several numismatic publications (*Coin World, Numismatic News, The TNA News, The Numismatist and The Mintmark*) announcing the availability of some of the 50th anniversary GCC medals., in hopes that some of the publications will print it.

Fernando R. announced that the city of Live Oak will sell the Live Oak Civic Center and that December, 2012, will be the last month that events will be held there. Several members suggested some alternative locations for consideration. Fernando reported that he contacted the Norris Conference Center at Wonderland Mall and compared it with other known sites. His opinion was that this venue was the best choice in relation to affordability and location and that both clubs should hold their shows there.

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Let Us Honor Our Veterans
Veteran's Day November 11, 2012

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Oct. 4 – Karla G. suggested that Ray T., the GCC Bourse Chairman, should first check out the various venue options to determine what he thinks would be best location. Ray said that he had another location on IH 35 North that he wanted to visit, as well as the Norris Center. He will report back at our next meeting.

It was reported that former local coin dealer Bobby Sandage passed away. Karla G. announced that she had some discount coupons for any club members who were planning to attend the ANA show in Dallas. She also mentioned an article in the *Express-News* about the Alaska note to be sold at auction at the ANA show. LeRoy M. conducted the Numismatic Roundtable. Clifton V. brought a 1970 political token known as a “Silber” dollar. Also, Cliff had a 2012 USAA Challenge Coin that featured an “old” automobile. Leroy M. showed a coin that was either from Israel or Palestine. Chuck N. had an encased 1968 German one-Pfennig that was from San Antonio’s Hemisfair in 1968. Eric H brought two military (NSA) Department of Defense “challenge coins.” Mike F. showed a 1925 Norse American commemorative that was graded MS63. Karla G. had two novelty notes one featured Hopalong Cassidy and the other showed the Beverly Hillbillies. Frank G. showed three Western movie tokens that featured Hoot Gibson, James Garner and Monte Hale. Tom B. had a Crown Royale bottle full of aluminum can pull tabs.

Raffle winners were Clifton V. (2 times), Art G., Sr. (2 times), Andy G., Ray T., and Robert J.

The meeting closed with a fun filled auction with many members happily participating.

Oct. 18 – The meeting opened with twenty-six members and one visitor in attendance. The visitor was Brian C.’s son “Chito”. The **Attendance Prize**, a 1923 Peace Dollar, was won for the second meeting in a row by Karla G. The Treasurer’s report was given by Ray T. Under Old Business, Ray reported on the show’s new location at the Norris Conference Center at Wonderland of the Americas Mall, starting in 2013. Under new business, James W. recommended that the club members consider setting aside ten minutes at each meeting for members to ask for some “expert help” on a numismatic subject with which they are having trouble. It was announced that Frank G. sent photos and publicity articles to numismatic publications about the club’s 50th anniversary medal, and offering the extras for sale at \$10.00 each. Plans for a Christmas party were discussed. It was reported that Art G. Jr. suffered a stroke. Karla reported on a recent numismatic article about the Alaska note to be auctioned at ANA.

The **Roundtable** was led by Clifton V. who brought three Canadian Trade Dollars: 1982 Niagara Falls, Saskatchewan 1971 Expo, and an undated Alberta trade dollar. Robert J showed a three inch 1979 Congressional medal honoring John Wayne. Frank G had three Western movie tokens that featured Clint Walker of famed TV show “Cheyenne”, Jimmy Wakely, who was known as the “singing cowboy” during the 1940’s, and a 1993 Roy Rogers King of the Cowboys “Arrow Catch Productions” piece.

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Karla G. had two movie tokens. The first showed actor Patrick Macnee star of “The Avengers” TV show featured on a Kennedy Half Dollar. The second was a 1920’s-1930’s actor George Arliss as depicted in the character of French philosopher and satirist Voltaire. Alex R. had two San Antonio 1929 series NBC banknotes, a \$10 and a \$20 note. Brian C brought a set titled “Making American History Coin and Currency Set” that contained a five-dollar serial numbered note that began with the number “150”. The set also included a 2012 S ASE. David A. showed a stock certificate issued by Thos. H. Gray’s Success Drilling Operation, Ft Worth TX. The certificate calls for 4 interests of \$10 which included the NW corner of the Hamp Byler Farm.

Raffle winners were: Clifton V., Karla G., Jim R., Jim R., Andy C. and Fernando R.

The educational program was presented by Karla G on the history of a local historical site known as the Hot Wells Resort located on the far south side of San Antonio. She brought a set of tokens from the Flame Room which was located at the resort. The Hot Wells resort reached the pinnacle of its popularity between 1900 and 1917. About that time, the Star Film Company established an office in San Antonio, and made films there. Many famous persons of that era visited the Hot Wells resort, including Cecil B. deMille, Rudolph Valentino, Will Rogers, Hoot Gibson, Tom Mix, Teddy Roosevelt, and Douglas Fairbanks. In 1944 the resort’s bath house was converted into the Flame Room, which was a neighborhood bar and grill. The tokens from the Flame Room are comprised of a set of three aluminum tokens **Good For 5, 25 & 50 cents In Trade**. Karla also brought some early postcards that showed the Hot Wells Resort hotel and its grounds as it looked in its early days.

The meeting ended with a very spirited mini- auction that offered many interesting numismatic items. Thank you to all the participants.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

See you next meeting,
Frank



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2013

