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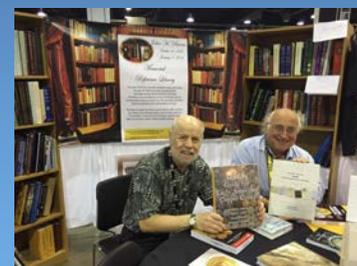
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PAN is hosting an on-line auction that is running now and will end on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. We have worked out an agreement with [www.CoinZip.com](http://www.CoinZip.com) to conduct the auction. The interesting feature about this on-line auction is the ability to view the auction lots at the PAN Coin Show. The viewings will be on the show floor on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> with lot pick up on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> for those that do not want to pay shipping. It is a great advantage to be able to see the lots that interest you. Many times a photo cannot convey the true beauty or distractions that can influence your bid. You can now view and research what interests you at home and be able to see the items you want to bid on at the show. The 10% buyers fee goes directly to PAN. There is no seller fee.

### PAN FALL COIN SHOW and CONVENTION

The PAN Coin Show and Convention is approaching quickly Oct. 22-24. The DoubleTree by Hilton is filling up quickly. If you are attending the show book your room on-line now

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### PAN Fall Coin Show – Oct. 22, 23, 24

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**The John Burns Memorial Reference Library** dedication ceremony at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of money was a very well received event. A crowd of 30-40 notable numismatists, friends, and media were on hand for the this emotional and memorable ceremony. John's estate administrator, Pat McBride, organized the dedication. The emcee was Sam Deep one of John's good friends. Sam and NBS E-Sylum editor Wayne Homren recalled stories of John's life.



Kerry Wetterstrom of CNG Inc. suggested to McBride that John would not be very pleased with this whole



traveling library idea with his namesake. Kerry remembered that John would frequently complain to him about the customers that would browse through his book inventory and would walk away without purchasing anything. He would mumble with the forceful resonance that was one of his noted trademarks, "This ain't no library. This stuff is for sale!"

There were some very nice book donations made by Denis Loring, Allan Schein, Jeff Starck, Paul Cunningham, Carl Waltz, and many others that came by during the show. A donation box was set up for contributions to help keep the wheels on the traveling library. There were cash donations along

with pledges made by John Kraljevich, Ira Goldberg, and Bill Shamhart.

The outpouring of support was bolstered by quite a number of noted numismatists that came back to the Club Midway section to be a part of the occasion. ANA president Walter Ostromecki, Executive director Kim Kiick, and Convention Director Rhonda Scurek represented the American Numismatic Association. Other notable attendees included Cliff Mishler, George Kolbe, David Fanning, Kathy McFadden, David Crenshaw, Ken Bressett, Charles Morgan, Dave Harper, David Lisot, Simcha Kuritzky, Dr Larry Korchnak, Ted Shiff, Tom Uram, Rich Jewell, Tom Corey, and Library Curator Ed Krivoniak. Some of the most heart warming attendees were the regular collectors that came by to recount a story about John or a chat that he may have had with them at a show. It turned out to be many more friends than expected. There were inquiries about bringing the library to the FUN Show in January and the Central States Show in April. We'll see how the funding goes. Check the Library page on the PAN website.



<http://pancoins.org/john-burns-memorial-reference-library/>

**Papal Visit, PAN Connection** Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists President Thomas Uram had the idea that a quality medal should be produced to commemorate the U.S. visit of Pope Francis. For PAN, it was conceived as an artistic endeavor instead of a religious project. It was obvious that the highlight of the Papal visit would be Philadelphia and many souvenir type items would be created that would focus on this historic occasion. Nothing had been put forth to recognize the Washington D.C. visit that is the first destination of Pope Francis.

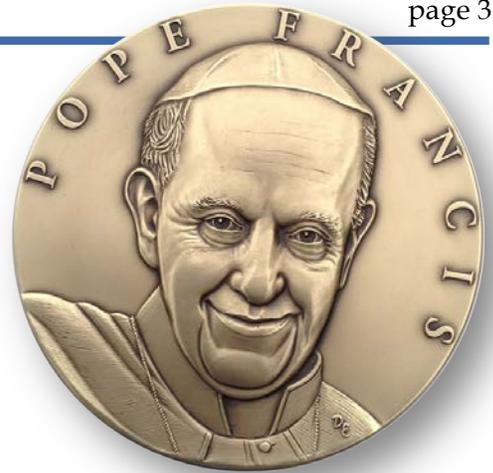
In January of 2015 Tom made an appointment to meet with officials of the Catholic Diocese of Washington. The concept of creating a Papal medal was well received and agreed that it would have to be a superb quality product or nothing at all. Tom's coin collecting background and experience as a member of the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the U.S. Treasury as to selecting coin designs, made him a good choice for this important project.

Tom contacted U.S. Mint sculptor and engraver Don Everhart about taking on a private commission. He knew very well of Don's gifted talents from his work at the U.S. Mint and a previous medal that Don had done for Tom highlighting the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National Motto, In God We Trust. Mr. Everhart agreed to take on this project and began preparing sketches. These were presented to the Diocese and the final selections were decided.

Don's artistic rendition on the medal's obverse succinctly captured the Pope's warm and friendly personality. The reverse design brilliantly features three of Washington's iconic domes. The center dome is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the dome to the left is the seat of the Diocese, the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, and the dome to the right is the immediately recognizable U.S. Capitol Building. The detail and time involved under a tight schedule was challenging for Don Everhart but the end product is beautiful and compelling.

Northwest Territorial Mint, a private company, was contracted to produce the medals in silver and bronze. Their experience in producing quality work is known throughout numismatic circles. The finished product exceeded all expectations and delighted the first few people that saw the end result. They are now available for sale through the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists website to the collector that appreciates the medallion beauty and to the religious that are fully engaged in this Pope's global popularity.

A number of the medals have been set aside as special gifts for visiting Cardinals, Guests, and Dignitaries that will be attending the scheduled Papal Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 1.75" medals are housed in a bi-fold sleeve that will describe this very special event. The large 3" size will come in a custom wood box.



PAN has contracted with the Arc of Washington County, which promotes community involvement, independence and dignity for children and adults with intellectual and developmental challenges to assemble the many medals into the containers and sleeves. This project is an opportunity to employ those that may have difficulty in the job place. The workers at ARC are very excited to be part of this historic project and the collaboration is a perfect match.

The medals are available on the PAN website at:  
<http://pancoins.org/pan-store/>



PAN LECTURE SERIES  
AT THE  
PAN FALL COIN SHOW  
AND  
CONVENTION

Monroeville Convention Center  
Meeting Room # 5

*Please join us for an "Afternoon Oration"*

**Friday, October 23<sup>th</sup> 2015**

- 12:00 pm **Dr. Darryl Gomez**, - My Numismatic Research Discovery: *Presidential Medal of Appreciation™ Award Medals*
- 1:00 pm **Ms. Gosia Fort**, - "Invisible Ties: the Outliers from the Medical Medals Collection at Falk Library"
- 2:00 pm **Mr. E. Tomlinson Fort** - "John Stewart, Earl of Traquair, and the Edinburgh Mint"
- 3:00 pm **Mr. Simcha Kuritzky**, - "The History of Modern Zionism through Numismatics"

Please allow yourself time on Friday to attend the Lecture Series. Our speakers volunteer their time to present very informative and interesting presentations. We hope that you are able to support the PAN LECTURE SERIES with your presence!



**PAN Lecture Series** schedule has been for the most part firmed up. There is still an available slot at 4:00 pm that we are working on.

This line up of speakers are very interesting. Darryl Gomez and Gosia Fort will be speaking about recent numismatic discoveries that are always intriguing since we are geared to think that most everything has been numismatically unearthed but just when you least expect a new tale unfolds. You won't want to miss the the story behind the discoveries.

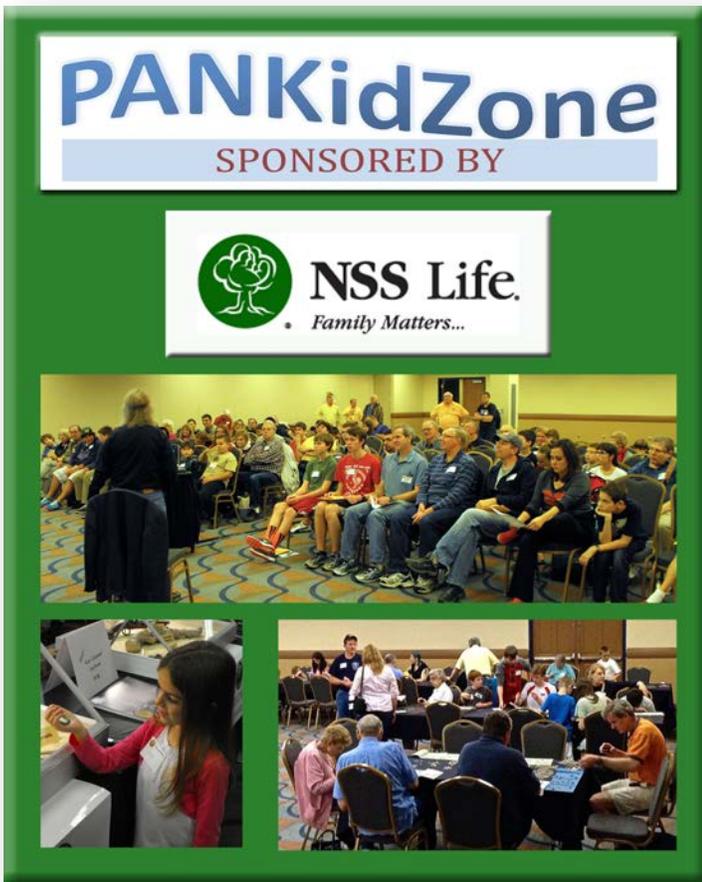
Tom Fort is one of the most comprehensive and prolific speakers on Scottish coinage that you will ever encounter. His talks are always peppered with the stories of the frailties of human nature.

Simcha Kuritzky is an expert in the coinage of Israel. He has won the most ANA exhibit awards than anyone to date.

More details about our speakers and their talks will be published the next PANeNEWS Coin Show issue.

**Please note public show hours:**

Thursday at noon  
Friday & Saturday 10am  
If you are a paid up PAN member you may enter on half hour early.  
You must show your membership card



**PANKidZone** now has NSS Life as a sponsor.

This is great news because we have been looking for some financial help with the cost of our kid's program. Everything the young numismatists receive during the program on Saturday is provided with no cost to the children or their parents. This time we are happy to add in free PAN T-shirts for all the young people that participate in the KidZone.

The T-shirt order was placed last month and all the shirts have arrived and will be handed out at the KidZone sign in table. We are hoping the kids will wear them as they move about the show floor area. Thank you to NSS Life for supporting our program.



**South Hills Coin Club** receives 50 year ANA membership recognition at the ANA banquet in Chicago. PAN president and South Hills club member Tom Uram accepted the award from ANA President Walter Ostromecki and brought it to the September club meeting where it was presented to the club officers. Congrats to the club and it's long history!



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**PANeGRADE** We have not done the eGrade feature for a few issues but there were a couple of cool coins that we showed on Facebook that created a lot of attention and interest. One is an 1875 Indian Cent with a die variation below the ear and jaw area. The second is an 1866 nickel Three Cent piece



that has a mint made glob at the top of the first Roman numeral on the reverse. Both coins are slabbed. If you have an opinion on the grade or cause of the anomalies email us back at [pancoins@gmail.com](mailto:pancoins@gmail.com)

The three-cent coin is currently in our PAN Auction and is listed as lot 2913. If you take a look then you will know the grade. <http://www.coinzip.com/auction/browse?id=264>



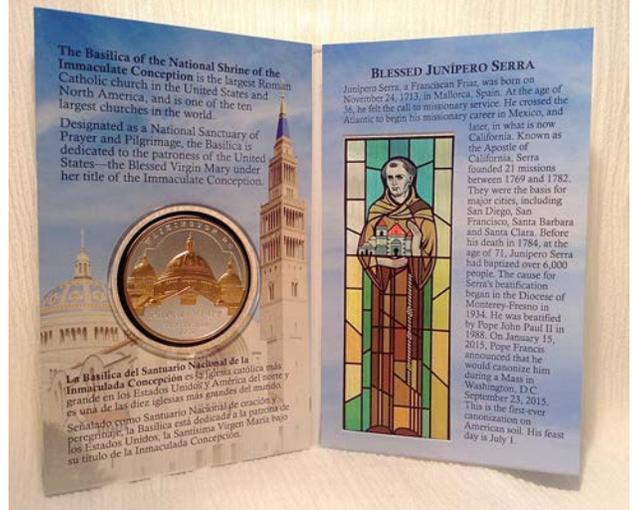
**A Wonderful Story!** PAN President Tom Uram realized that the creation of the Pope Medal would have some challenges but this one was somewhat unforeseen. As word of the Pope medal spread around and the imagery was finalized more demand for the small medal and holder increased dramatically when the Basilica of the National Shrine wanted a sizable inventory for their gift shop. Of course we thought that would be a wonderful idea. The problem became assembling the large number of medals into their custom bi-fold holders. Thousands of them needed to be ready for the Pope's September 23<sup>rd</sup> visit. It would be a daunting task for our PAN Board members.



Tom remembered an agency in Washington County, PA that facilitates employment for those that are physically and mentally challenged. He paid them a visit and they were delighted to have their people take on the task. It was a winner to pay the organization to do the work that is a worthy and helpful cause by providing employment. The workers are careful and respectful of the task at hand.

Arc Human Services mission is to assist people with disabilities of all ages to live fulfilling lives in the community. They are committed to providing efficient and effective supports and services to individuals and their families. This is achieved through job training programs, residential services, vocational rehabilitation programs, affirmative employment, transportation and in-home services. Each service is individualized to meet the needs of the person in service.

The hard workers are thrilled to know that they are part of such an important historical event and have been diligently assembling the medal sets so that they can be delivered to Washington on time. Their enthusiasm is heartwarming and it falls within this Pope's mandate to help those that are disadvantaged.



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PAN MEMBERSHIP			522	607		573	591	549	595
MAILING LIST			2,659	2,674		2,946	3,237	3,396	3,506
SHOW ATTENDANCE		1,206		1,399		1,291	1,297	1,089	

Our numbers continue to grow. We are working hard to get our show attendance up. We hope you can visit us on October 22 - 24 and bring along a friend!

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