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New ANA Board Member



We are pleased to announce that PAN President Tom Uram has been elected to the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors. His official vote tally was 3,679 that placed him in the middle of the pack. That is not bad for the first time. Thank you to all of our PAN members that voted for him.

This news could not have come at a better time since the 2018 ANA World's Fair of Money is slated for

Philadelphia. The 2019 ANA Mid Winter and the 2020 August World's Fair of Money will both be held in Pittsburgh, PA. PAN will be playing a pivotal role in all of these ANA events. It is a very exciting time for Pennsylvania numismatics.

The new ANA board will be sworn-in at the annual Banquet on Friday, Aug. 4, at the World's Fair of Money in Denver, Colorado. We hope that any PAN members that are attending the show will be able to make it to the banquet and give Tom Uram a rousing shout of support. Gary Adkins will become the Association's 60th president, succeeding current President Jeff Garrett. Gary and Jeff are both PAN members.

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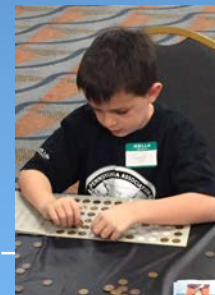
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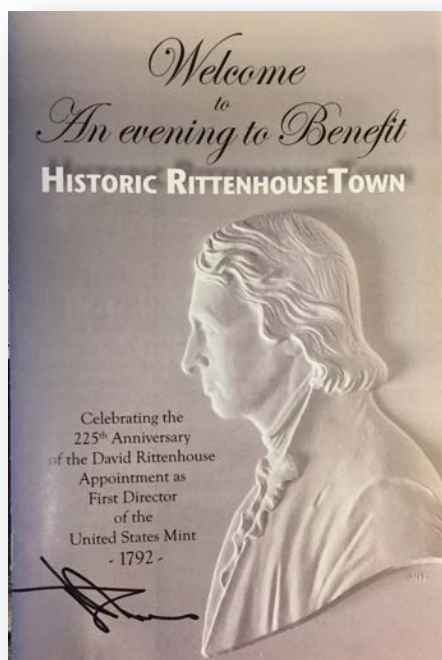
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event. John Mercanti was humbled and honored to be this year's recipient. John sculpted a beautiful likeness of David Rittenhouse. The image graces the cover of the banquet program booklet. John's artistic skills are renowned worldwide. It would be hard to argue for a more worthy recipient. It was a wonderful evening for

Pennsylvania numismatics.

A few highlights included a benefit auction to



PAN members attend awards banquet – The elegant Merion Cricket Club was the setting for the Historic RittenhouseTown www.rittenhousetown.org awards banquet held on Wednesday evening May 17th.

President George Washington appointed David Rittenhouse the first Director of the U.S. Mint 225 years ago. On the morning of July 31st 1792 at about 10:00am Director Rittenhouse laid the first foundation stone to the U.S. Mint building in Philadelphia. Rittenhouse was quite astute in the disciplines of surveying, astronomy, and engraving. His many accomplishments are remembered each year with an award presentation in his honor. This significant anniversary year was deemed appropriate to present the 2017 David Rittenhouse award to 12th U.S. Mint Chief Sculptor/Engraver John M. Mercanti.

PAN members Tom, Andrew, and Jim Uram along with Richard and Fran Jewell made the trip to Philadelphia to witness this



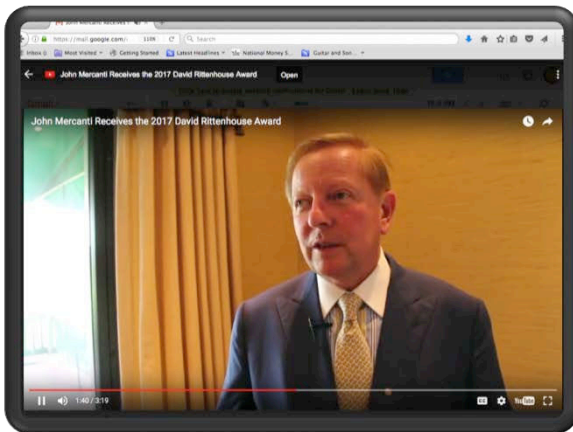
raise money to maintain the restored Rittenhouse homestead. John Mercanti donated three bas-relief sculptures. The first was of Abraham Lincoln, the second was of Theodore Roosevelt, and the third was the beautiful bas-relief of David Rittenhouse that went for a nice sum of money. All the attendees received a NGC custom encapsulated 2017 American Silver Eagle coin hand signed by John. He was also kind enough to sign copies of the program booklet. Everyone left with delightful memento of the evening.

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There is a finely done YouTube video with an interview with John and some of the other guests. One of them is our own Tom Uram. His segment is about halfway through the three-minute video. *YouTube link below*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7epsSPMnkZ8>



The photo shows left to right guest of honor John Mercanti, PAN President Tom Uram, and ANA Board of Governor elect Brian Hendelson. Tom and Brian are holding the bas-relief sculpture of David Rittenhouse that was part of the fund raising auction that benefits the up keep of the Historic RittenhouseTown. For more information go to [www.http://rittenhousetown.org/](http://rittenhousetown.org/)



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Ancient and Mediaeval Numismatics

E. Tomlinson Fort

A brass dupondius of Gaius Julius Caesar struck at an uncertain mint. Both Burnett et. Al. And Woytek has pointed out finds of this coin type have been concentrated in the region of Northern Italy and Switzerland therefore Milan would be a likely candidate. However, these conclusions are tentative and more evidence will be needed before an exact mint town can be identified.

The obverse features the winged bust of Victory facing right with the legend CAESAR DIC TER (Caesar dictator for the third time). The reference on the obverse to Caesar's third dictatorship would appear to date the coin to somewhere between April 46 and April 45.



Some scholars have argued that the image of Victory may be a reference to Caesar's recent success over the sons of Pompey the Great in Spain. On the other hand, Weinstock saw the star which appears to the left of head Victory's in some issues of this type (see RPC. Vol. 1, pl. 36.601/73) as a reference to the Battle of Pharsalus. Either of these suggestions is certainly possible. However, Victory is a common type on the coinage of the Caesareans and the Goddess may only be a reference to the outcome of all of Caesar's campaigns.

The reverse has the Goddess Minerva advancing left, holding a trophy over one shoulder and spear and shield in left hand. The legend reads C. CLOVI PRAEF. Due to the find spots of the coins Gaius Clovius, who seems to have been appointed praefect of Cisalpine Gaul. He was probably was involved in the settlement of Caesar's veterans in the region. Grant, Broughton and Woytek argue that he may be the Gaius Cluvius who appears in the correspondence of Cicero dated to the autumn of 45 and who had left for Cisalpine Gaul to supervise land settlements [Cic. Fam. 13.7]. Though others have doubted this noting that if Clovius was entering his prefecture that autumn he would not have had much time to issue these coins. Regardless, aside from his activity in Cisalpine Gaul nothing else is known of his career.

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The above article was a past Facebook post on the PAN Facebook page. Tom Fort has posted these very informative ancient and medieval accounts for a while. It seemed prudent to share one of them in our eNEWS so that our non Facebook friends can read it also. PAN has a very active group of foreign and ancient dealers at our coin shows. They are always set up toward the end of the first aisle.

Sadly, one of our long time ancient coin dealers Fred Knust of First Light Numismatics has passed away. We will miss Fred as will those that enjoyed speaking with him at our coin shows for many years.

Dealer Corner – Dealer Contracts for our October 26 – 28 coin show are now available on the Dealer Info page <http://pancoins.org/dealer-info/> on our website. You have a choice to print and mail a contract with a check or scroll to the bottom of the page and purchase a table on-line. You can also rent cases, lights, and pay your PAN membership dues on-line.

The DoubleTree by Hilton **room block** for our coin show fills up quickly. You can book your room on-line quickly using the link on the Dealer or Home page of our website. Booking link: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PITMRDT-PAN-20171025/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

We will have a new feature printed on our dealer badges this fall that will include recognition if you are a **PAN Life Member**. Ed Hammond of Running Bear Coins suggested the idea. Our PAN Board voted and approved that we move forward to create new dealer badges. Life membership is only \$200 with a scheduled increase coming in 2018. Now would be a good time to do a membership upgrade. We are also including the city and state for all of our dealers. The double-sided large letters make it quite easy to know with whom you are dealing.



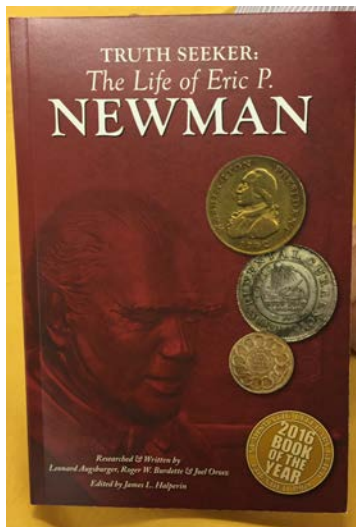
The Indiana Numismatic Association is holding their state coin show the same weekend as PAN this Fall. We will regrettably be losing a few of our Midwest dealers this time. We are confident that we will fill the open spots since we had a waiting list and a very packed bourse floor at our May Spring Show.

PAN board chairman Donald Carlucci made a **Burns Library book donation** at the PAN Spring Coin Show. *Truth Seeker: The Life of Eric P. Newman* is researched & Written by Leonard Augsburger, Roger W. Burdette & Joel Orosz and edited by James Halperin. Burns Library curator Ed Krivoniak holds the donated copy.

Heritage Capital Corporation description: "Researched, written and edited by titans in the numismatic field, *Truth Seeker: The Life of Eric P. Newman*, is an expansive biography. The book

comprises 400+ pages of memorable stories suffused with fascinating illustrations and documents, all chronicling the admirable life of Newman, now 104 years young. In 43 chapters, *Truth Seeker* traces Newman's world-class collection from its inspiration - when his grandfather gave him an 1859 Indian head copper-nickel cent - to explaining the theory behind Newman's favorite coin. The history and content of his renowned and unparalleled collection, which he donated to charitable causes, would alone have been more than enough to fill the pages. Yet this work also profiles those who influenced him, both allies and adversaries, alongside the intellect, ethics, drive, and eternal optimism of a highly accomplished philanthropist who led his beloved hobby out of its own dark ages." To learn more about the Burns Library:

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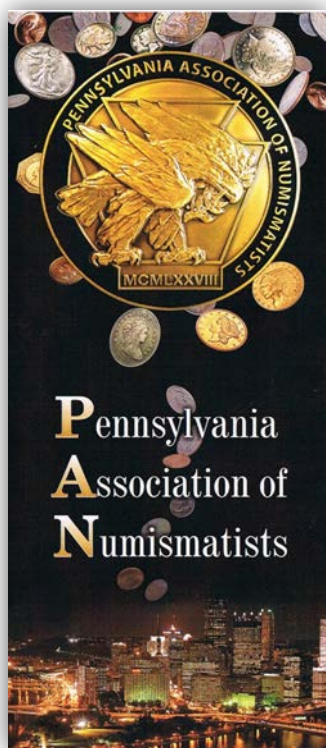


We pulled the new **2017 American Liberty 225th Anniversary Silver Proof** coin out of the plastic holder to get a photo. The actual coin looks better than the artistic renditions. This photo didn't turn out too bad considering the reflection issues in shooting modern proof coins.

The depiction of Lady Liberty on this coin generated some controversy so we included the origins of Liberty described on the U.S. Mint website:

"Early artists depicted Liberty with classically-inspired European features and symbols, but the methods and tools available at that time limited the complexity of the designs. As the Nation evolved, so did depictions of Liberty on coins, and over time Liberty's personifications reflected changes in the country. In addition to the advancing minting techniques that made more intricate designs possible, world events heavily influenced the way Liberty was depicted. In times of war, Liberty became a defender with a shield; in times of peace, Liberty was depicted having traded the shield for an olive branch. Over time artists began to create images of Liberty with North American symbols like cotton and wheat or wearing a Native American headdress. Liberty's imagery incorporated the Nation's own history and attributes in addition to those of the Classical and French Revolutionary eras, and began to serve as a more fully developed icon of our national identity."

PAN was somewhat familiar with the design considerations when the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was reviewing the early artist drawings. The Department of the Treasury with the recommendation of the CCAC makes the final choice.



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The May **Spring Coin Show PANKidZone** had close to 60 enthusiastic participants. The Saturday event is one of our organization's favorite projects. KidZone director Matt Campbell did an exemplary job registering the kids and directing them to the various activities that he created. Matt added some new coin learning games that kept the young folks excited and engaged. He has more ideas for the Fall



kids event.

We are always looking

for parent volunteers that would be able to help with the room set up, handing out the t-shirts and organizing.

Heinz History Center Affiliate Program Coordinator Robert Stakeley presented another fine program that was peppered



with coin give a ways resulting from the correct answers to questions. All of the kids walk out with collectible coins in their pockets. The photos lend credence to the level of excitement and fun. We are very supportive of the KidZone. Children have a wide variety of skill sets. Some are inclined to participate in sports, music, theater, or other



programs that are offered at school.

There are children that respond very well to hands on learning through historical coins. They

are surprisingly adept to history, coin grading, detailed observation, saving, wealth building, intrinsic value, care, cataloging, commerce, business skills and more that the hobby of coin collecting teaches. We have seen these skills carried to the workplace as some of our young people return to the hobby

later in life. They are living testimonials to the benefit of this early experience. We would encourage parents to fully support a child's interest in this hobby. They will reap a lifetime of benefit that will make your job as a parent a lot easier. We hope to see you again in October!



May Coin Show - Competitive Exhibit Results

United States Coins

A Selection of U.S. Coins Featuring the American Bison - 3rd place, Michael Hicks
Twentieth Century Type Set - Charles Dornshuld

World Coins

Feline Species Type Set - 1st place, Simcha Kuritsky
Hungarian Coins of the 21st Century - 2nd place, Richard Crosby
Early Large Silver Coins (1484-1528) - Carl Olson

Numismatic Paper

National Currency Notes - 1st place, Robert Liddell III
United States Series 1976 Two Dollar Federal Reserve Notes - 3rd place, Michael Hick

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A Selection of Coal Mining Scrip A Miner's Wages in Tokens - 1st place shared, Michael Hicks
Society of Medalists - 1st place shared, Tomas Uram
Medals of Puja (Hindu Worship: a Selection of Types) - 2nd place, Simcha Kuritzky
Honoring Francis Asbury, Father of American Methodism - 3rd place, Bryce Doxzon

Non-Competitive

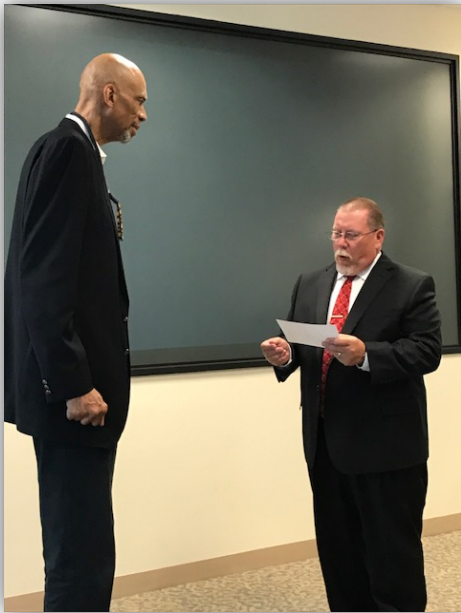
The Carnegie Hero Fund Medal, Matt Campbell
Select Western Pennsylvania National Notes, Eric Vicker

First place winners received a 1/10th ounce American Gold Eagle Coins that were donated by Chief Judge Rich Jewell. Exhibit Co-Chairman Tom Corey donated the second and third place prizes. Thank you PAN board members for your generosity.

Scoring was done according to ANA standards. It is based on a scale of 1 - 100. First place prizes were awarded to exhibits that scored between 90 -100 points. The judges scoring sheet and criteria can be found on the Exhibits page of the PAN website.
<http://pancoins.org/exhibits/>

There is also a good article on tips for competitive exhibiting. Exhibit applications can be found on the same page for our fall show.





Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee meeting June, 2017

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint is pleased to announce the appointment of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC). Mr. Abdul-Jabbar fills the vacancy created this year by the resignation of Steven Roach, a member representing the interests of the general public.

Mr. Abdul-Jabbar, a renowned former professional basketball player who is an avid coin collector, became interested in numismatics based on his love of history and his study of Alexander Hamilton. Currently, he serves as the chairman of his Skyhook Foundation, whose mission is to “Give Kids a Shot That Can’t be Blocked” by bringing educational opportunities to under-served

communities through innovative outdoor environmental learning. He is also a regular contributing columnist to The Washington Post and Time Magazine, and a best-selling author of literary fiction and non-fiction books. On November 23, 2016, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in recognition of his outspoken advocacy of social justice.

Our association president and CCAC member Tom Uram was in Washington D.C. this past June for a CCAC meeting. The top photo is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee’s newest member being sworn in by Acting Deputy Director of the United States Mint David Motl. The photo at right shows Kareem with PAN Clarion Editor Richard Jewell (playing center) and PAN President Tom Uram (playing small forward). Coin collectors come in all shapes and sizes. PAN is delighted to welcome Kareem to the coin collecting team! <https://www.ccac.gov/>



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PAN MEMBERSHIP	607	573	591	549	595	619	633	633
MAILING LIST	2,674	2,946	3,237	3,396	3,506	3,461	3,568	3,538
SHOW ATTENDANCE	1,399	1,291	1,297	1,089	1,138	1,084	1,102	1,237

Every May and October in alignment with our coin shows PAN does a growth assessment to try to determine needed areas of improvement. We have been very fortunate so far because you are helping us to grow. It looks like our show attendance number is beginning to move back up. That is a good sign. Thanks for the support!



Please accept our sympathy and heartfelt thoughts at this time of sorrow. May the coming days bring you strength and the fondest of memories.

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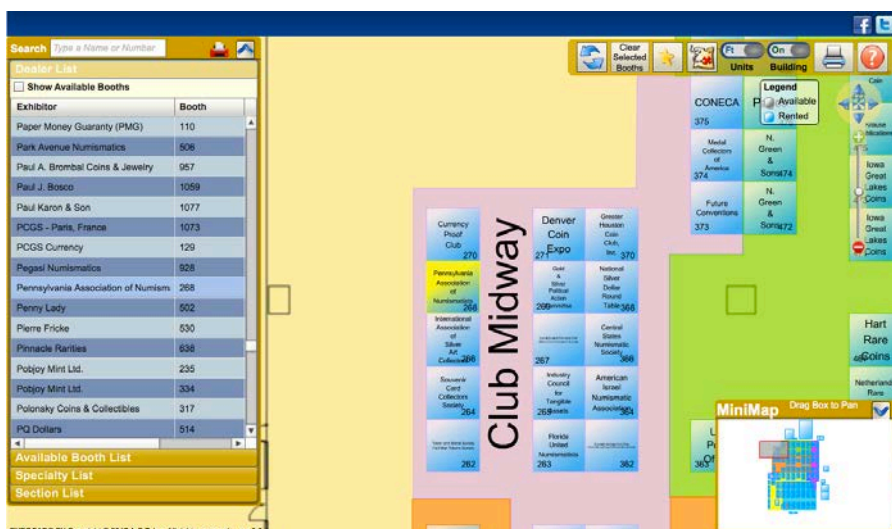
It is always sad to learn of the passing of any of our members. This year we have lost a few members that were particularly close to our PAN family. The year 2017 began with the passing of **Thomas Sebring** in February. Tom was a PAN Life Member and often presented lectures, Clarion articles, exhibits, and appreciated donations to PAN. He attended many of our banquets and was a familiar face at our coin shows.

One of our loyal dealers **Ken Sholder** of KAS Koins left us on April 3rd. He was always set up at our PAN shows along with many of the club shows in the Pittsburgh area. Our family of coin dealers will miss Ken in his usual spot every May and October.

Another of our longtime dealers, **Fred Knust**, of First Light Numismatics passed away on June 20th. Fred was from Mason, Michigan and would make the drive to our coin shows and set up in our ancient and foreign section. He had a very knowledgeable love for ancient coinage and would enjoy talking with his customers about coins and many other subjects. He will be missed when we gather again this October.

PAN member and coin dealer **James Berardi** passed away July 17th. Jim was a familiar face at the club shows in the Pittsburgh area. He was involved in the local coin clubs and many in the area knew him well. As our family of coin dealers become older in their senior years these notices will sadly become more frequent.

PAN will be set up at **table 268** in the club midway section. Please stop by to say hello.



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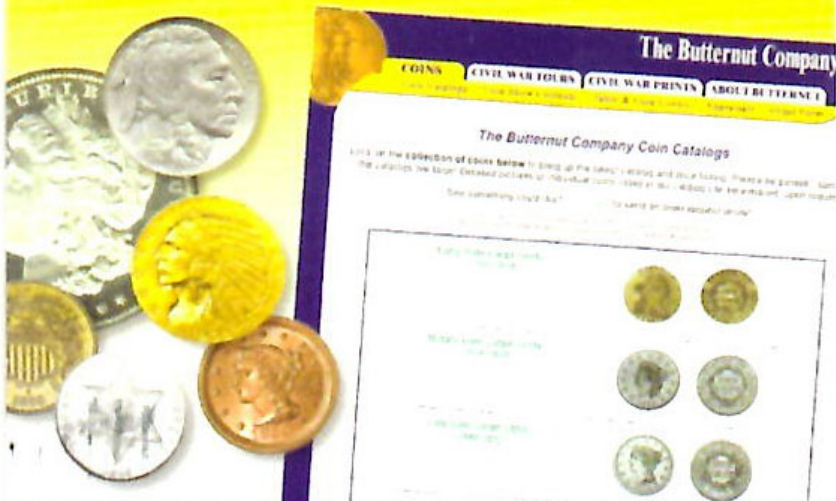
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