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BCC Notes:

Larry Goldman passed away on 26th November 2016. He was a type collector and early coppers. We will miss him displaying his collection and talks.

Ned Loweree passed away on 31 January 2017. There will be a special Memorial service at Catonsville Methodist Church on Saturday 4th March 2017 at 11AM. Notify Betty Loweree at 410-744-7699 if you plan to attend so that she can identify attendance number to arrange a luncheon afterwards. Ned will be remember as the one BCC member, who won multiple raffle and door prizes.

BCC non-senior members we need volunteers to assist our senior members with club duties such as Whitman registrations as an example.

President's Message

President message:

Another year is upon us with things coming up. The first Whitman show (3-30 to 4-1) then our annual dinner at Pappas on April 6. See Bill to sign up
Sadly we have lost more of our long time members, most recently Ned Loweree has passed. Remember your dues are due on 1 April.

With the moving of our Y/N chairwoman, Patti Finner, we need have someone take her place..

Keith Connor has taken over as Vice President.

As you recall there was a weather issue that did not fit our regular bad weather plan, Thereby causing me to attempt to call everyone on the phone because the meeting was canceled at the last minute. In my over 2 hours of making phone calls I discovered that many of the phone numbers were incorrect or bad, one of the numbers got me a member who had moved to Oklahoma and it was not Patti Finner. Thus in the next few meetings I am going to ask everyone to verify their information once again.

Thanks to every member who helped make 2016 another successful year for our Club

Ken Finkenbinder

"A Penny Saved is History Learned"



"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead & rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing." ...Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790

<p style="text-align: center;">BALTIMORE'S NUMISMATIC HALL OF FAME</p> <p>The numismatists represented on these cards have made a significant contribution recognized by their peers to the hobby of coin collecting. Each had amassed an outstanding collection of coins and or tokens that have been unequaled by others in our hobby. These <i>Legendary Numismatists</i> are the foundation of THE BALTIMORE DYNASTY of NUMISMATICS!</p> <p><i>Note: These Numismatists are the selection of the writer. You may or may not agree, so if you have a candidate that you deem worthy, let's hear from you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mill Hajek</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WALDO NEWCOMER (1867-1934)</p> <p>Starting after T. Harrison Garrett, but finishing before John Work Garrett, Baltimore banker and railroad executive Waldo Newcomer battled adversity to build nearly a complete American coin collection. He began collecting coins around the turn of the century, only to have his collection burgled in 1913 - by the electrician who installed his burglar alarm. Newcomer set about rebuilding his holdings with great energy and a seemingly bottomless checkbook, and in 1916, when the A.N.A. convention was held in Baltimore, he mounted a dazzling exhibition .in 1932, suffering from heart trouble, he decided to sell his collection to the leading coin dealer of the day, the colorful B. Max Mehl</p> <p>#03</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ROBERT GILMOR, JR. (1774-1848)</p> <p>The man who put Baltimore on the numismatic map was Robert Gilmor, Jr., a successful export merchant. Gilmor used his hard earned profits to collect paintings, autographs, minerals and coins. Not until 1838 would the first book on American coinage see publication, and 20 years later the first full-time coin dealer hung out his shingle in the U.S. He was probably the first American collector to attempt systematically to complete a set of U.S. coins by date (not by mint mark), for this mode of collecting did not become popular until after 1893. Gilmor bequeathed his collection to his nephew, Robert Gilmor, Jr. The nephew sold the collection privately in 1861.</p> <p>#01</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE GARRETT FAMILY</p> <p>T. Harrison Garrett (1849-1888), the scion of a family substantially involved in mercantile and railroad interests, had become a numismatist while an under-graduate at Princeton. By 1885, his collection was conceded to be second only to Lorin Parmelee of Boston. His collection passed on to his son Robert after a boating accident took his life in 1888. He added mainly current coins to the cabinet and eventually swapped the collection to his brother, diplomat John Work Garrett (1872-1942) who added to the family holdings. He died in 1942 and upon his widows death in 1952, the superb coin collection was bequeathed to The Johns Hopkins university.</p> <p>#04</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MENDES ISRAEL COHEN (1796-1879)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LOUIS ELIASBERG (1896-1976)</p>

Robert Gilmore's torch was taken up by **Colonel Mendes Israel Cohen**, a soldier and banker. Young Mendes was only 16 when he joined the army during the War of 1812, and was among the garrison at Fort Mc Henry who assured that the star spangled banner was still there to be seen by Francis Scott Key. Just when Colonel Cohen began collecting coins is uncertain, but it seems likely that he became a numismatist by 1835 when he returned from his world travels to reside in Baltimore. His collection was particularly rich in U.S. gold coins. In 1875 he decided to sell his collection and engaged America's leading coin dealer Edward Cogan to catalog the collection for auction.

#02

FRANK G. DUFFIELD (1867 -1954)

A personal friend and associate of Dr. Heath, Founder of A.N.A., **Frank G. Duffield** was Editor and Business manager of the Numismatist for 27 years - 1915 to 1942. He also served as President of A.N.A. from 1914 to 1915. An avid token collector and Editor of books on tokens, he was very active in numismatic circles in Baltimore. He was revered as the most outstanding member of the Baltimore Coin club and held membership number 1 in that organization. In honoring Duffield's contribution to the token community, MD TAMS created a prestigious award, The Frank Duffield Award for Outstanding Service to the Society.

#06

MELVIN FULD (1901-1987)

Melvin Fuld, a lifelong advocate of token and medal collecting, especially Civil War tokens along with his son George authored the republication of *U.S. Civil War Cards* and also collaborated on the publication of *Token Collector's Pages*. Melvin's favorite collecting area was calendar medals which appeared in ANA's Numismatist Token Collectors pages column. He had received many honors for his accomplishments including the Sandra Rae Mishler Exonumia Cataloging Award, 1972; the

American banker and Numismatist, **Louis E. Elliasberg** kept busy in the hobby of numismatics by adding pieces to his collection that would eventually become the first complete collection of United States coinage by date and mint mark ever formed by anyone which none of his illustrious predecessors could attain. He became interested in coin collecting while recuperating in the hospital when a member of the Baltimore Coin Club took him some auction catalogs to help pass away the time. He was a Life Member of A.N.A. and eagerly displayed his collection to fellow club members who were in awe and some of his very scarce and expensive pieces.

#05

OSCAR H. DODSON (1905- 1996)

Dodson, a former naval Admiral, is a writer, lecturer, world traveler, history professor and a museum director. A lifelong student of numismatics, he was appointed by President Truman to the Annual Assay Commission in 1948. Admiral Dodson is the author of *Money Tells the Story* and has published articles on numismatics. He served for four years as president of A.N.A. and from 1959 to 1965, he was the Director of the National Bank of Detroit's Money Museum. In 1966 he was the director of the World Heritage Museum of the University of Illinois. He spent the majority of his naval career at sea and at each port of call, he broadened his numismatic knowledge, as well as his collection.

#09

WALTER H. BREEN (1928-1993)

Breen was the President of the Foundation for the Gifted Child, Inc. and was founder and president of Numismatic Authenticators. He was the author of U.S. Coins and Paper Money section under numismatics in the Encyclopedia Britannica; co-author of Penny Whimsy with Dr. W.H. Sheldon, Fantastic 1804 Dollar with messrs. Newman, Bressett and Glaser; U.S. Pattern, Experimental and Trail Pieces with Dr. Judd. Breen was associate editor, Standard Catalog of United States Coins,

<p>Krause Ambassador award, 1970; the Numismatic literary Guild Best Columnist award, 1971; TAMS Honorary Membership #3; the MD TAMS Honorary Life membership #1, 1979, among others.</p> <p>#07</p>	<p>18th and subsequent editions, and columnist of Bristles and Barbs in Coin World from 1963. He holds the Heath Literary award, 1952; and fifth prize, California Poet Laureateship, 1962.</p> <p>#10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GEORGE FULD</p> <p>George Fuld, a lifelong advocate of token and medal collecting has been a 50-year member of the ANA. He served as president of the Society of Tokens, Medals and Obsolete Paper Money for two years in the early 1960's before it divided into the Token And Medal Society and the Society of Paper Money Collectors. He later served as editor of the <i>TAMS Journal</i> and has been honored with the A.N.A. Medal of Merit, five Heath Literary Awards, the Silver Medal of the Token And Medal society. Fuld has presented hundreds of programs at numismatic functions and is best known as one of the greatest collectors of numismatic literature and civil war tokens.</p> <p>#08</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JOHN B. HENRY (1909-1993)</p> <p>John Burgess Henry recognized that Maryland needed a state-wide numismatic organization and founded the Maryland State Numismatic Association in 1972 and became its' first President. His collecting interests were Civil War tokens, large cents and old U.S. paper money. He donated his extensive cabinet to MSNA in 1984 with the charge that it for educational purposes and to display it at MSNA's annual convention. John was an antique collector and searched the outskirts of Maryland to add many treasures to his collection of antiques. He was awarded the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador honor in 1991.</p> <p>#11</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A. VERNON TAYLOR (19XX-1985)</p> <p>Vernon was instrumental in the founding of the Maryland Token And Medal society in 1979 and was the first editor of the <i>MD TAMS Journal</i>. He held life memberships in MD TAMS, MSNA, ANA and was a member of the ANS. He was the recipient of the Bronze "Mishler Exonumia Catalog Award" for his book on the "Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Pennies" and authored an article "Medallic Art of Baltimore Sculptors Hans and Hans C. Schuler" which appeared in the ANA August 1985 Numismatist and was reprinted in pamphlet form. His specialty was the packers and pickers checks of Anne Arundel County. As an active speaker and exhibitor, he visited many coin clubs in Maryland.</p> <p>#12</p> <p>References: <i>The Civil War Token Society, Whitman: Coin Prices : United States Coin Collecting Supplies, Google Books, Coin Link Resources, Anchorage Coin Club Newsletter April 1994, Maryland Historical Society, Wikipedia the free encyclopedia, Nation Master</i></p>	<p>For many of you, the names of some of these giants of numismatics are quite familiar. Our generation has seen the collections of the Garrett family and Louis Eliasberg sold at auction, breaking sales records at the time of the sale. Old-timers of the Baltimore Coin Club surely remember John B. Henry who spearheaded the founding of the Maryland State Numismatic Association. Some other prominent past members of the Baltimore Coin Club include Oscar Dodson and Frank Duffield who held membership number one. Maryland Tams members should remember Vernon Taylor who was instrumental in founding that Society and was the first editor of the <i>Maryland Tams Journal</i> and the Fuld's, George and Melvin both very prominent in the hobby for collecting tokens and in particular, Civil war tokens.</p> <p>Do you have a candidate who should be included in the "<i>Baltimore's Numismatic Hall of Fame</i>"? Let's hear from you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Millard Hajek</p>

Words from the Past – #32

By: Don Curtis

The Year was 1945

Excerpts from minutes of past Baltimore Coin Club meetings as written by the club Secretary–Treasurer John R. Sheckells

March 7, 1946 - *The meeting was called to order by President Straus at 8:15 PM, with 24 members and 1 guest present, Mr. John G. Antonie.*

Mr. Strass announced that plans were progressing for National Coin Week, April 7-13. Exhibition space has been obtained in the window of Lucas Bros. stationers on Baltimore St. and also in the lobby of the Union Trust Co. It is probable that plans can be completed for one of the Hutzlers Bros. small windows. Messrs. Straus, Schmidt, and Heiserman have volunteered to exhibit at these locations.

An auction netted the Club \$1.75 in commission. The meeting then adjourned. – Submitted by: Acting Secretary & Treasurer, Plummer Wiley.

March 30, 1946 – *The 11th Annual banquet of the Baltimore Coin Club was held at 7 P.M. at the Stafford hotel. The banquet was attended by 76 persons.*

After a very nice chicken dinner which was enjoyed by all, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Chas. McCormick who acted as Master of Ceremonies in his very genial manner. Mr. McCormick first called upon Mr. Phillip Straus, the President of the club. Mr. Straus welcomed the group to the 11th Annual banquet, pointing out that this year we had an attendance of 76 as compared to the attendance of 48 at last year's banquet.

Mr. McCormick next introduced Mr. Lewis Reagan, General Secretary of the A.N.A... Mr. Reagan talked briefly of his experiences visiting various clubs and expressed his pleasure at the opportunity at attending the Baltimore Club banquet when so many are present. Mr. McCormick presented Colonel M.S. Newton U.S.M.C. President of the Washington Numismatic Society who stated that he and the visitors from Washington were glad to be present. Mr. G.W. Williams, the 1st President of the Baltimore Coin Club talked about the first banquet of the Club. Mr. Duffield, former editor of the Numismatist an active member of the Baltimore Club made a few remarks. Mr. David Bollova introduced as the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Bollova talked about his experiences in the Army, especially those associated with his constant searching for contacts with Numismatists in Africa and Italy. Mr. Bollova had on exhibit a collection of Post Cards from Italy and a collection of paper money with several sets and some unusual items. At the close of his talk, he passed out to all of the ladies present a crisp one Lira note from Italy. Mr. McCormick thanked him for his talk. Mr. Kirk Begert and the committee had arranged for a showing of 3 reels of colored movies taken in connection with a vacation trip thru Mexico and these interesting pictures were enjoyed. At the close of the affair Mr. McCormick, on behalf of all present thanked Mr. J.R. Kern, chairman of the Banquet Committee and Mr. Plummer Wiley and Mr. Elmer Schmidt who served on the committee for the fine job done.