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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 8 P.M. AT
Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive, North York

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** Share A Story **

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 1995 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. We have had a change in our planned speaker schedule, leaving us with a free meeting to catch up on your most recent news or item of interest. Please bring it along to the meeting and keep us up-to-date on the events of your numismatic life.

President's Message

The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 14. There will be more news at the November meeting, but members are reminded to pay their \$5 at the meeting. The Club is subsidizing the party and will make up for the additional cost. The traditional optional gift exchange with \$6-\$7 items is planned again this year.

Dues notices are included with this Bulletin. Rates continue as last year: \$10 individual, \$15 husband and wife, \$5 junior.

Norm Belsten is the Nominations Chair working on the new slate of NYCC officers. Contact Norm if you wish to make a nomination or want to serve at 416-247-7676.

Coming Events

1. Niagara International Coin Fest presents Coinarama, Nov. 25 at Our Lady of Peace Hall, 7021 Stanley Ave.
Info: NCIF, 905-356-5006
2. Newmarket Stamp and Coin Fair, Nov. 25 10am-4pm at Best Western Voyageur Place Hotel, 17565 Yonge St., Newmarket
3. Mississauga Stamp and Coin Fair, Dec. 2 10am-4pm at Ramada Hotel, 2501 Argentinia Rd.
4. Newmarket Stamp and Coin Fair, Dec. 9 10am-4pm at Best Western Voyageur Place Hotel, 17565 Yonge St., Newmarket
5. John Jay Pittman Open Reception at FUN: *The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has announced a change in plans for the Hobby Enhancement Dinner scheduled to honor John Jay Pittman as the first 1996 Numismatist of the Year. Reservations for the Dinner are canceled and all money will be refunded. ANA President Kenneth Bressett explained that long-time ANA officer John Pittman requested the change to make it possible for more of his many friends to participate in the honor that has been bestowed on him.*

Instead of a formal dinner, as previously planned, the new format will be a reception that will be open to those attending the Florida United Numismatists (FUN) convention in Orlando, January 4 - 7, 1996. The expanded format will accommodate the great number of people who expressed an interest in attending. At the reception, Pittman and his wife, Gehring, will be recognized for their years of participation in the hobby. Reservations will not be required. Details regarding the time and place will be announced at the FUN convention.

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News from the October 24, 1995 Meeting

The 400th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, October 24, 1995. The President, Ron Zelk, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed 25 members and 3 guests. The on time attendance draw was missed by Tom Wilson so the prize grows to \$6 for the November meeting.

John Regitko came to the floor and gave a great "sideshow barker's spiel" as a part of his drive for new members of the ONA. It included a description of what it is and its benefits and also free books and a lucky draw. The promotion worked with eleven applications and four renewals coming in. John's shameless pitching has gone on the road to other local Ontario clubs. Congratulations on a great campaign, John.

The guest speaker for the evening was Al Bliman talking on Las Vegas, a special research interest of his. Al provided history of the state of Nevada and traced the growth of the City of Las Vegas in his talk. He had gaming pieces from Las Vegas on display and these were supplemented with pieces from Norman G. Gordon's collection. Al stressed that all the material in the talk came from original personal research. Some of his stories went beyond interesting to almost alarming... but what would you expect when big business and big money is involved? His interest in the topic continues as strong as ever and he plans more research trips--especially during times of poor weather here at home!

This being the 400th meeting, members in attendance received a special commemorative wood and a banquet ribbon.

We extend our thanks to Ted Boxall for organizing and proving refreshments at the break.

The lucky draw winners were June Benoit, Marc Murchison, Nathan Naster(2), Norman G. Gordon(2), Randy Barbe(2) Harvey Farrow, Roger Fox, and Joseph Iossiphidis. An auction of six lots was run by Ron Zelk with assistance from Basil Latham. Our thanks to May Bunnett, Rick Craig and Norman G. Gordon for their donations.

The meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Question of the Month

For the November meeting, think back (or at least research!) the Canadian numismatic events of 1911. The Question Man has four significant events in mind, but I'm sure he has forgotten some. Come to the meeting with your list.

The question for October asked where has the \$2 coin denomination been used in British North America in the past? The answer is Newfoundland.

On a definite humorous note, we also asked for some possible nick names for the new \$2 coin. We began by considering the names which have been used in the past: "copper" and "nickel" have described the metallic content, "penny" and "dime" have been imported from other countries, "quarter" and "two bits" because of denomination and "fishscale" because of physical appearance. Suggestions received from the floor and in a note from Marvin Kay are: doubloonie, two'nie (unfortunately, Trinidad slang for female genitals), moonie (Queen is on the front and there is a "bear" behind), Yogi (for Yogi Bear), and devaluation jokes including American Dollar and Mul-loonie (for the former PM). Other suggestions were "bruin" for the design and "bullseye" for its bi-metallic fabrication.

'Useless' coins help needy children

From CARP News, October, 1995:

On British Airways, Lufthansa, Canadian International and a few other airlines around the world, passengers are invited to put foreign coins and low-value notes in special envelopes. The crews collect the envelopes as the passengers disembark and hand them to a security courier. The money is turned over to UNICEF in its "Change for Good" program. Since last year, over 4.1 million has been collected at a rate of \$42,000 a month. Each \$2 donation buys 20 oral rehydration packs or five boxes of immunization needles or 100 vitamin A capsules to prevent blindness. This helps to cut into the staggering 40,000 children who die each day from easily preventable illnesses. Yes, "useless" coins can do a lot of good.

We hope to see you at the meeting