



# North York Coin Club

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT  
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## THE BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 2017

*This is the final issue of The Bulletin for 2017. Here are some special dates for you to remember:*

- *the Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday December 5 (see the flyer),*
- *we need you at the R.C.N.A. 2018 Convention planning meeting at Edithvale on December 12,*
- *the the next NYCC executive meeting is at Trend Signs on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. and*
- *the next regular North York meeting is January 23, 2018!*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day to North York members and all fellow numismatists who read the North York Coin Club's monthly bulletin. Another month has gone by and in between was another meeting of the NYCC executive members who were busy planning the next six months of activities for the club. We have an excellent assortment of speakers and our always-popular auction night is once again scheduled for March.

Scott Douglas will be visiting us this month, all the way from the Acton area of Ontario, and we thank him sincerely. It's nice to have a speaker "from away" come visit with a presentation that is their current passion. Scott will be speaking about Dr. Thomas Barnardo and His Reclaimed Children and you can get the details in the Next Meeting announcement. Please come out for the last formal meeting of the year and show your appreciation to our guest speaker.

### December Meeting

Our following meeting will be our December Festive meeting which I urge all members to attend and share some holiday spirit with fellow numismatists. For \$35.00 you get a very good, all you can eat dinner buffet with dessert, coffee or tea, and a house beer or wine to start the night. That also includes the taxes and tip and a ticket to win valuable prizes. What a deal. If I were Mel Lastman I would say, who could pass up a deal like this? Nooo body! This is your last chance to get tickets to the festive meeting, which is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at Tucker's Marketplace, on Carlson Ct. near the airport, as it has the previous years. I urge everyone to pay Ben for your holiday meal and also your dues so that these bookkeeping items can be completed before Ben goes on his vacation.

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## NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**We start gathering in the Banquet Room on the first floor of the Edithvale Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.**

Our guest speaker for the November meeting is Scott Douglas, an enthusiastic numismatic researcher, with his topic, "Dr. Thomas Barnardo and His Reclaimed Children."

Because of the need for farm labourers in Canada, by 1860 there were already some child emigration agencies in place, which operated with the full backing of the British government.

Then, in 1868, the first of Barnardo's children were sent to Canada through Miss Annie MacPherson. Barnardo, anxiously awaiting information on how his boys were received in Canada, got word from Annie: "You will be glad to hear that all of your boys seem to have got comfortable places. This is a very fine country with splendid openings for those who will put their hands to anything for the first six months". Canadian immigration inspector Mr. Louis Stafford was quoted as saying that: "Canada could do with a number of these lads".

Over the next 71 years almost 80,000 of Barnardo's Home Children would come to call Canada home.

To get the story behind Dr. Barnardo and the medal pictured here, you will have to join us at the November meeting.

Also remember to bring along your recent finds or special treasures to share with us during the show and tell!

**Please remember to bring your auction lots so we can have a really fine auction at this meeting. Also, we appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material.**



**The Christmas Dinner meeting is December 5 at Tucker's Marketplace with a 50/50 draw and optional gift exchange. Please read the flyer in this issue and bring your money to Treasurer Ben Boelens at the November meeting: \$35 for each person attending the dinner and the \$10 for your 2018 club membership dues!**

## NEWS OF THE OCTOBER 2017 MEETING

The 637<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Banquet Room at the Edithvale Community Centre. It was hammered to order at 7:30 p.m. with our President, Bill O'Brien, in the chair and 32 members and 3 guests in attendance.

The first order of business was the on-time attendance draw. Member Efraim Kipershalk was not present when his name was drawn to receive the on-time attendance draw prize of \$20.00. The draw will increase to \$25.00 for the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bill asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of the August meeting as published in the September newsletter. With no corrections identified, Ben Boelens made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Norm Belsten. Motion carried.

Ben Boelens, our treasurer, gave a brief financial report:

Carrying on with the business portion of the meeting, Bill then discussed a couple of items that remained on the agenda. He first reminded everyone that Ben is now collecting Club membership dues for 2018. He then reminded everyone of our Annual Holiday

meeting; on the first Tuesday in December on the 5<sup>th</sup>, at Tuckers Marketplace, located at 15 Carlson Court in Etobicoke. He asked that those interested in attending pay Ben in advance so that a proper booking could be made. Moving on, Bill asked that Paul Petch give a status update on our annual Coin Show on May 12, 2018. Paul mentioned that he was happy to report that the table sales this year were quite brisk and that the show was now sold out. He thanked everyone who had promptly paid for their tables and he looked forward to a successful show. Bill also reminded members that we are holding 2018 Convention Committee meetings every other month and asked people to mark their calendars and remember to attend.

Roger Fox asked for the floor to give us a quick update on the Canadian Tire collectors' club news. He reported that CTC is running a pilot program in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia where they have ceased distributing paper notes. He indicated that he fears this is the death knell for our beloved Canadian Tire Money throughout Canada in 2018. He also advised everyone of the annual Christmas cast truck that is now in the stores with a special gold version being available as the chase item.

*Below: A group of members squeeze in some last conversation before the start of the meeting.*

*Other pictures on this page present some selected slides from the evening's presentation, "animated Products."*



 The Characters on the Coins

The 2015 Warner Brothers product sets

- \$10 Fine Silver *Looney Tunes* 8-coin series,
- \$20 Fine Silver *Merrie Melodies* coin,
- \$20 for \$20 Fine Silver Bugs Bunny coin,
- \$20 Fine Silver *Looney Tunes* 4-Coin Set,
- \$30 Fine Silver Classic Scenes 3-coin series,
- \$100 14kt Gold Coin and Pocket Watch,
- \$250 Silver Kilogram *Looney Tunes* coin,
- \$2500 Gold Kilogram *Looney Tunes* coin

 The Characters on the Coins

\$2500 Gold Kilogram *Looney Tunes* coin



 The Royal Canadian Mint Products

 \$20 Fine Silver *Merrie Melodies*  
Issue price: \$109.95 Quantity sold: 12,275

 \$20 for \$20 Fine Silver Bugs Bunny  
Quantity sold: 270,194

\$20 Fine Silver *Looney Tunes* 4-Coin Set

 Issue price: \$419.95  
Quantity sold: 4,568

Ben Boelens mentioned his experiences purchasing an 1850 5 Franc, a large crown-sized silver coin, on eBay, only to find some time later that it was a counterfeit. Some members mentioned that he should explore his rights through eBay and PayPal before consoling himself to the loss. This is certainly a reminder that everyone needs to make an informed purchase!

Paul Petch was the featured speaker for the evening. His talk was on the Royal Canadian Mint's "Animated Products" of 2015 where they partnered with Warner Brothers to produce a total of seventeen collector products. He began with a brief history of the Warner Brothers animated shorts division under the leadership of Leon Schlesinger. Schlesinger hired some top directors including such people as "Tex" Avery, "Bob" Clampett, "Friz" Freleng, Robert McKimson and "Chuck" Jones. A short biography of each director was presented. Paul then examined individual characters that appear on the coins, tracing the short in which they made their first appearance and the director who created them. In addition to the coins themselves, an individual cell taken from a cartoon showed how the character appeared on screen. The talk concluded with a series of slides showing the coins again along with the price and number sold. The talk was well received bringing back memories and a lighthearted cast to the meeting. Bill thanked Paul for his effort and fine talk.

A short refreshment break was called from 8:35-8:50 p.m.

We resumed the meeting with our regular auction and our customary lucky draw. Lucky draw numbers were called at various times while the auction took place. Lucky draw winners for the evening were—David Bawcutt, Andrew Silver, Tony Hine, Bob Velensky (2), Bill O'Brien, Arnie Goldstein, Morgan Bailey (2), and Franco Farronato (3). The club earned \$31.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! Our auction manager, Paul Johnson, reported that receipts from the auction added \$35.10 to the club coffers. We thank Dick Dunn our auctioneer, Andrew Silver and David Quinlan who volunteered as runners and Paul Johnson our auction manger for their help with the auction.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The club executive would like to thank members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and draw prize donations. Please consider supporting your club through a donation of numismatic material or other items. (Don't forget to mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter.)

Our next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 28, in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Banquet Room of the Edithvale Community Centre. The next Convention Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 12 in the Board Room on the second floor of the Community Centre. We hope to see everyone there!

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## *President's Message ... continued from page 1*

### **Please Get Involved**

I told the membership that I was going to sound like a broken record if the participation in the club's activities did not expand beyond the four or five members who are generous with their time and freely offer it and their opinion on matters important to the club's operation. It doesn't matter if it is the club's executive committee or the R.C.N.A. 2018 convention planning committee, most of our members seem to have taken to sitting and watching the few hard working members do all the work and be content with just showing up at meetings. So there it is again in the bulletin. Until more members come out to our planning meeting I will issue this message every month until some more of you volunteer a few hours of your time to help out your club.

While I am on the topic of helping out the club and the club's sponsorship of the R.C.N.A. convention for 2018, why don't you also join the R.C.N.A. as a member and participate in the convention from both perspectives. As the R.C.N.A. area director I can make you an offer on your first year of membership that I hope that you just can't refuse. Through an initiative to increase membership the R.C.N.A. is offering a discount of approximately 25% on its membership with all its benefits. Please at least consider joining the national numismatic association in Canada and show your support for the hobby, your club and the association and help out on the convention planning committee.

### **Annual Coin Show**

The club's main money making event for the year is our annual coin show that will be held May 12 2018 in the Banquet room, the same room most of our club meetings at Edithvale are held. The club's annual coin show's bourse is a SOLD OUT event so if you were planning on renting a table it's too late. See Paul Petch to put your name on the wait list in case of any last minute cancellations.

### **Canada 150 Medals**

With the holiday season fast approaching the NYCC Canada 150 medal, which was stuck recently as part of the R.C.N.A. program celebrating Canada's birthday, would make a fantastic gift for the collector on your list. Don't snooze on this item because once the few remaining medals as gone, that's it; it was a very low mintage and only a handful remain.

### **I'm Just About Done**

The dull and bleak weather found this time of year should not keep you at home as the roads are still clear of snow, for now, so venture out now before, the inevitable happens and winter officially returns. The show schedule is entering its holiday period with only a couple shows planned. The Brampton Rotary club show on December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the only show remaining on the 2017 calendar and Unipex in North York and CAND in Hamilton in the early 2018 rounding out the schedule over the next few months. If you have any money left after paying your dues and for your festive dinner, get out and support these worthy events.

Well that's about all I have to say this month, as I'm sure you're bored to death. Until the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> get out and finish your fall chores because winter is just around. Also don't forget before the 28<sup>th</sup> to start thinking about how you are going to start volunteering some of your time to make the hobby more enjoyable for all.

*Bill O'Brien*

## CHRISTMAS AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

by Paul R. Petch and files from the RCM and the KyivPost

You may correct me if I am wrong, but it seems that the Royal Canadian Mint is not celebrating Christmas with special collector coins in quite the same way as they did a few years ago. Currently they are serving as a reseller of Disney character products with Christmas scenes produced by the New Zealand mint. Also, it is now their practice to produce gift sets for special occasions that consist of all the standard circulation coins with their usual designs, except for the \$1 denomination. In place of the standard loonie, each gift set has a special \$1 coin depending upon what the set celebrates. There is a baby, wedding, Oh Canada, birthday, and also a holiday gift set.

The 2017 Holiday Gift Set does not use the special sesquicentennial designs for the 5-cent, 10-cent, 25-cent or \$2 coins, but rather the usual standard designs with which we are familiar, and which did not go into circulation this year. It is the \$1 coin in this gift set that has a special design that shows Christmas balls with holly and a pine sprig including a pinecone. All the coins are dated 2017 and the set is priced at \$21.95.

There is a second Christmas-themed product that has just been made available. However, this coin is curiously dated 2018. It is a one-ounce pure silver coloured coin limited to a striking of 5,000 and priced at \$152.95. The promotional text reads, “The jingle of bells, the patter of hooves—these are the sounds many children yearn to hear each Christmas Eve. This pure silver coin rekindles that sense of wonder and enchantment. The colourful clarity of Murano glass lends itself beautifully to recreating one of Santa’s reindeer in outstanding detail. Pulling the toy-laden sleigh from rooftop to rooftop on a snowy night, our glass reindeer is the perfect reminder that magic is in the air during this festive season.”

Italian glassmakers handcraft each coin; each Murano glass reindeer is unique to each coin. With an outstanding amount of details on such a small scale, the artistic coin is testament to the

centuries-old techniques that have made Murano glass such a highly prized art form.

Designed by Canadian artist Anna Bucciarelli, the coin shows a Christmas Eve sky scene. The snow-blanketed setting below features colour over engraving that re-creates mountains, tall evergreens and a row of homes. As night falls, indoor lighting casts a warm glow from within, while just beyond a front door lies a snowman that hints at the presence of children. But the viewer’s gaze naturally gravitates towards the “sky” that fills most of the field, where precision-engraved snowflakes are as unique and intricate as their real-life counterparts. Laden with toys and gifts, Santa’s red and gold-coloured sleigh makes its way through this gentle snowfall, pulled by an exquisite Murano glass reindeer.

While we are on the subject of reindeer, did you know ...

- Aside from Rudolph, can you name Santa’s eight original reindeer? They were first introduced in the 1823 poem *A Visit From St. Nicholas* (more commonly known as ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas), credited to Clement Clarke Moore. They are: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.
- Rudolph was introduced in a children’s book published in 1939, but became one of Santa’s most famous reindeer after the release of the 1949 Christmas song—now a beloved holiday standard!
- “Donner” and “Blitzen” are of German origin, meaning “thunder” and “lightning” (respectively)—but that’s not quite how these two reindeer were originally known. When the poem was originally published in 1823, their names were “Dunder” and “Blixem”—two Dutch words meaning “thunder” and “lightning.” This was changed to “Donder and Blixen” in 1844, and finally “Donner and Blitzen” in the 1949 song that made Rudolph famous.





*Ukrainian-born Anna Bucciarelli shows off her winning design, one of 13, for this year's Starbucks holiday cups. The artist incorporated elements of Ukrainian folk art in her design. (Courtesy)*

### About the artist

In addition to designing the Christmas coin and a previous coin titled "Celebration of Love," the Ukrainian-born Anna Bucciarelli, née Shinlova, whose family emigrated from Ukraine to Canada in 1997, was one of 13 winners of a competition run by Starbucks challenging customers to design this year's seasonal cups. Her design, which is based on Ukrainian Petrykivka-style folk art, will be seen on Starbucks holiday cups that will be served in more than 25,000 Starbucks stores, in 75 countries.

Bucciarelli is 35 and works as a hospital manager in Toronto and paints in her free time. "I was in the office at the time (when I found out) and I screamed and climbed on my desk. It's just magical, such a great experience." Her design, picked out in white on a red background, features a snowy village with small houses, a Christmas tree, and Santa on a sleigh pulled by reindeer. It also includes lots of decorative elements in the forms of plants, stars, and snowflakes around the Starbucks logo, and the inscription "Love and Joy", near the cup rim.

Born and raised in Kyiv, she was trained from the age of 10 to 12 in Petrykivka-style art, which inspired the design for the Starbucks holiday cup. She said that while she wanted to make the design for the cup universally appealing, using classic elements like snow, nature, little houses and reindeer, she also wanted to give a nod to her heritage, a very important part of her life:

Petrykivka-style art (named after the village of Petrykivka in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast) has always played a big part in the life of the artist, who even sold her artwork on Andriivsky Uzviz (Kyiv's top souvenir spot) during her adolescence. One of Bucciarelli's latest traditional Ukrainian artworks is a Petrykivka-style street art painting in central Toronto, created in August 2016.

The artist travelled to New York for the launch event of the cup, and said it was very important for her that she could represent Ukraine and its culture in her design. "I was so pleased that Starbucks let me talk about my heritage and what inspired the design of the cup."

Last year's Starbucks plain red holiday cup design – left blank intentionally so that the public could doodle their own designs on them, upset some religious people, who took the absence of the traditional Christmas symbols as a swipe at the traditions of the holiday season.

## NGC CERTIFIES FINEST KNOWN 1820 NORTH WEST COMPANY TOKEN

This rare unholed example issued by the fur trading business will go to auction in 2018.



*1820 North West Company Token, graded NGC MS 61*

NGC recently certified the finest known 1820 North West Company Token. Graded NGC MS 61, it is remarkable in its detail and surface quality for the issue.

This example first appeared in public auction in 1952 during New Netherlands' section of the ANA auction, described as: "Absolutely the finest specimen of this rarity we have ever seen." It was acquired by legendary dealer Wayte Raymond and sold as part of his estate. It next appeared at auction on May 11, 2004, in the John J. Ford, Jr. Collection, Part 2 sale. Described again as "one of the finest seen," it realized a record price for the issue, \$48,300.

The North West Company was established by Montreal fur traders in 1779 and rapidly expanded across North America and into Oregon Country. With great success, North West's agents bought animal furs and beaver pelts from trappers and natives. Gradually, competition and territorial disputes with its rival, Hudson's Bay Company, wore on North West, forcing the two companies to merge in 1821. To satisfy the requirements of its Royal Charter, Hudson's name was retained.

Perhaps prompted by its financial position, in its final year of operation under its name, North West Company issued tokens redeemable in trade goods with the value of one beaver pelt. They were struck in England in both brass and copper and issued with holes for suspension. Their obverse shows a draped laureate bust of King George IV of England and the date 1820. On the reverse, a well-rendered beaver is surrounded by the company's name.

From the late 19th Century, these tokens have been highly sought after by collectors in Canada and the United States. Several buried caches of coins were recovered from the Umpqua and Columbia River valleys in Oregon and Washington, respectively. It has been included in the Redbook as a Post-Colonial Issue since the 12th edition (1959). Most examples encountered show moderate wear and have corrosion spots or areas of porosity. They are very rare, with well fewer than 100 examples known in all grades, the majority in brass; only six are said to be unholed.

The token graded NGC MS 61 now forms part of the Doug Robins Collection and is scheduled to be sold by Heritage Auctions in early Spring 2018. Interested parties should check Heritage Auctions' website, [HA.com](http://HA.com) for updates.

## FLEEING SOLDIER MAY HAVE DROPPED RICHARD III GOLD COIN

Compiled by Paul R. Petch with files from

George Sandeman, *The Times*, November 18 2017 and Phoebe Weston, *Mailonline* November 17 2017

A gold coin more than 500 years old has been discovered by an amateur treasure hunter close to the battlefield where Henry Tudor triumphed over Richard III in the thirty-year long Wars of the Roses. It is one of only a handful still in existence.

The coin was minted during the two-year reign of Richard III — the last Yorkist king, who was killed during the Battle of Bosworth Field fought on 22 August 1485. The battle marked the end of the thirty-year long Wars of the Roses between the Lancastrians and the Yorkists for the English throne in the latter half of the 15th century. Richard III was killed in the battle and his opponent, Henry Tudor, seized the throne to begin the Tudor dynasty, which ruled England for the next 118 years.

Experts speculate the gold coin may have been dropped by one of Richard's retreating soldiers, fleeing the pivotal battle after men loyal to Sir William Stanley killed him.

The half angel, a gold coin roughly two centimetres in diameter and weighing just under three grams, was introduced in 1472 during the reign of Richard's brother King Edward IV. Angels and half angels continually fluctuated in value under the reigns of several kings before they were abolished and replaced by Guineas by King Charles II in 1663.

The coin is now set to fetch £15,000 (\$20,000) at Dix Noonan Webb's auction of coins, historical medals and paper money on 13 December. Christopher Webb, head of the coins department, said: "This is a very rare discovery that has miraculously survived in a Warwickshire field for more than five centuries. Its importance as a coin is enhanced by the tantalising possibility that it may have belonged



*The coin was minted during the two-year reign of Richard III*



*Michelle Vall discovered the half angel 11 miles from Bosworth Field Leicester*

to one of Richard's army whose defeat at Bosworth ended the Wars of the Roses and ushered in the Tudor dynasty."

Michelle Vall, a teaching assistant from Blackpool who took up metal detecting two years ago, found the coin during a charity metal-detecting event at Monks Kirby in Warwickshire in September. The site is 11 miles south of Bosworth Field in Leicestershire.

Ms. Vall, 51, spent two and a half hours in the field before discovering the coin. "It was deep down, about 16 inches below the surface, and the soil there is thick clay so it took a bit of digging out. "I spotted this glint of gold in the hole, although I obviously did not know exactly what it was at first," she said.

"I put it in the palm of my hand and then I went back to the organisers' tent. One of them identified it and people became very excited. That was when I realised that it was a half angel."

She said: "I have decided to sell it because it is too valuable to keep. I did not want to keep it out of sight in a cupboard. I feel very privileged that I have found something so precious and historic. The memory of that day, the excitement not just of myself but also of other detectorists, when I found that beautiful, tiny piece of historic gold will live with me for the rest of my life."

"I started detecting because I am a keen antique collector and walker and when I became aware that it is a popular activity and there are clubs you can join with like-minded people, I realised that it combines the best of both my passions. It has improved my historical knowledge which I pass down to the children in the school where I work", she said.

Ms. Vall goes detecting with her husband most weekends.



*A depiction of the carnage during the Battle of Bosworth Field by 18th century painter Philip James de Loutherbourg (1740-1812). It marked the end of the thirty-year long Wars of the Roses between the Lancastrians and the Yorkists*



**North York Coin Club**  
**Etobicoke-Mississauga**  
**Coin and Collectibles Club**  
**Toronto Coin Club**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> – at Tucker’s Marketplace, 15 Carlson Court, Etobicoke**  
**We start gathering at 6:00 p.m. for buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tickets now on sale – \$35 per person. The bigger our group, the better our room!**  
**\*\*\* Come for an evening of good food, fun, gift exchange, 50-50 and draw prizes \*\*\***

Once again the Toronto Coin Club is joining the Etobicoke-Mississauga Coin and Collectibles Club and the North York Coin Club in co-hosting a club Christmas dinner at Tucker’s Marketplace, located in the area of Dixon Road and HWY 27 in north Etobicoke. The price is \$35 per person for the Tucker buffet including Salads, Soups & Chili, BBQ Grill, Carvery Table, Main Course Table, Stir Fries, Pastas, Seafood, Bread Bakery, Dessert Bar, Ice Cream Stand, Fruitstand, also one draft beer or house wine. Extra beverages are your own responsibility. The \$35 price includes taxes and gratuity. Please pay Treasurer Ben Boelens at a club meeting in advance if you can.

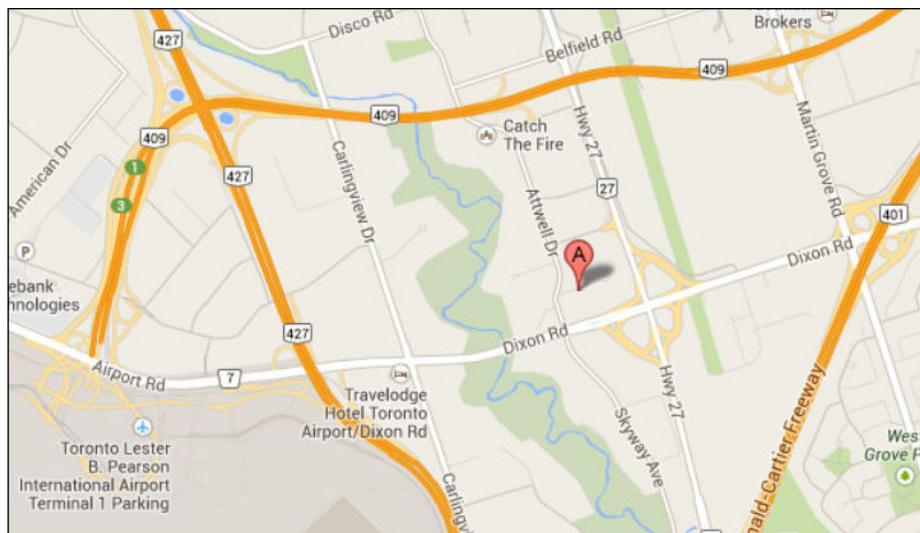
Following the dinner, festivities will continue with the usual draw prizes, optional gift exchange (\$10 gift items marked as “male” or “female”, please) and 50-50 draw familiar at both of the clubs.

**Guests and Members of Other Area Coin Clubs are Welcome to Join Us!**

To register, please notify Ben Boelens by e-mail at [boelens40@gmail.com](mailto:boelens40@gmail.com) or telephone 905-890-9484



No one does  
**a Christmas**  
**Buffet like**  
**Tucker’s!**



**Map to Tucker’s Marketplace**  
**15 Carlson Court,**  
**Etobicoke ON M9W 6A2**

From Dixon Road turn north on Attwell Drive and then right on Carlson Court  
 The entrance to the parking lot is a right hand turn.  
 For TTC you can use the 52ABD bus from the Lawrence West station.

## P.N. BRETON'S OBITUARY FROM 100 YEARS AGO

This month marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of this distinguished and notable Canadian numismatist. His passing was recognized with a resolution of sympathy to the family at the November meeting of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal and an obituary presented in the *The Numismatist* is reprinted below.

Pierre Napoleon Breton, author of the best-known and most popular work on Canadian coins, died suddenly at Varennes, Que., a village on the St. Lawrence River, about twenty miles south of Montreal, on Saturday evening, November 10. When he died he was on the way home after purchasing a small library, mainly of Canadian books.

He was born at Montreal, June 10, 1858, the son of Francois Breton and his wife, Victorine Heney. In 1879 he married Marie Louise Lafricain, by whom he had fifteen children, ten of whom are still living.

He received a primary education at the Christian Brothers Schools, and at the early age of fifteen he entered the employ of L. Marchand & Son, bankers and exchange brokers, where, from the constant handling of money from different countries, he received his first love for numismatics, and remembered having handled at that time many of the now rare \$50 gold slugs. In 1875 he changed his employment by accepting a position with Beauchemin & Valois, booksellers, and later on with Cadieux & Derome, in the same business, where he continued to serve with satisfaction until 1888.

In 1889 he started in business for himself as a bookseller. In the meantime he had formed a very nice collection of Canadian coins, and soon added a department of numismatics to his business.

In 1890 he published his first work, *Breton's Illustrated Canadian Collector*, and in 1894, *Illustrated History of the Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada*, which soon became and remains still the most popular authority on the subject. For this work he was decorated by the French Government with the order of "Officier d'Instruction Publique."

In 1912 he issued a revised edition under the title *Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins*, which gave, besides the coins appearing in the first edition, a series of illustrations of the rarer and more-sought-after Canadian medals.

Mr. Breton's place of business became the rendezvous for all Montreal numismatists, as well as those who visited the city. He was looked up to as an authority on Canadian coins, to whom anyone seeking information on the subject never applied in vain.

A fine conversationalist, he would entertain his auditors with tales and adventures of his own experience, and his able and masterly discourses on numismatics would often attract many of his hearers to the study of coins and medals.

As a political orator and election organizer there was none better qualified than Mr. Breton, and in every contest, when his services were sought, he never failed of success.

Mr. Breton's business will pass out of the control of his family as a result of his death, as his sons are not interested in coins or the other departments, and the name of Breton in numismatics will remain only with his published works.

L. A. Renaud [November, 1917]

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## COMING EVENTS FOR FALL AND WINTER

**Nov. 25, St. Catharines**, Canada Coin News' Open House, North End Plaza, 103 Lakeshore Rd. Canadian Coin News invites you to our first Christmas Open House at our St. Catharines' office, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *This will be an opportunity to meet some of our writers and columnists.* As well, we will also be offering some fantastic specials from our supplies store – [coinstampsupplies.com](http://coinstampsupplies.com) – just in time for Christmas. Join us for coffee and Christmas treats. For more information contact Mike Walsh, email [mwalsh@trajan.ca](mailto:mwalsh@trajan.ca), telephone 905-646-4820. Website: <http://www.canadiancoinnews.ca>

**Dec. 3, Brampton**, Rotary Club of Brampton Coin and Trading Card Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3, under 14 free and free parking. *Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, including a children's table. Funds raised for children's charities.* For more information contact Willard Burton, email [willardb@bwcoins.com](mailto:willardb@bwcoins.com), telephone 905-450-2870.

**Jan. 27 – 28, Hamilton**, Annual CAND (Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers) Show, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. W. The Annual Show & Convention of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers returns to the Sheraton in Hamilton from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun. Admission is \$4 on Saturday for adults and \$2 for seniors; free for young collectors under

age of 12. and free admission on Sunday. *This popular show – which kicks off the coin show season for 2018 – features dealers from across Canada.* For more information contact Tom Kennedy, email [cand@cogeco.ca](mailto:cand@cogeco.ca), telephone 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.cand.org>

**Feb. 4, Paris**, South Western Ontario Numismatics Coin and Collectables show, Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Show hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *We have 35 dealers at over 55 tables of coins, paper money, military & more to buy, sell & appraise. Hot & cold food and drinks are available at the show.* For more information contact Jared Stapleton, email [pariscoinshow@gmail.com](mailto:pariscoinshow@gmail.com), telephone 647-403-7334.

**May 12, 2018, North York**, North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Avenue W. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Free admission, free parking, in a handicap accessible facility. Our dealers offer all sorts of collectibles and feature coins, paper money, tokens, Canadian Tire scrip, etc.; buy, sell, trade or evaluate. Light refreshments on site.* For more information contact Paul Petch, email [coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com](mailto:coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com), telephone 416-303-4417. Website: <http://www.northyorkcoinclub.com/> Tables for this show are sold out, but contact us to be put on a waiting list.

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