



# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M.  
NORTH YORK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL  
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## LAST MEETING:

The last meeting of the North York Coin Club was the start of a new programme instituted by your new executive, headed by President Lionel M. Affleck.

The meeting started earlier, and was varied, educational and interesting.

The new items that were introduced were as follows: The N.Y.C.C. Bulletin Board was set up with a section for coming events, notices etc., and a trading post for private want lists etc.

The library was officially taken over by Mrs. V. Veale. Anyone wishing to borrow material should see Mrs Veale at the next meeting or phone her at 782-1916. Anyone not receiving a library list with the last Bulletin, can pick one up at this meeting.

The last and most interesting new item that was introduced was a Brief Talk by one of the members. Mr. Leon Safer started the ball rolling with a very informative talk on Mexican coins that lasted about ten minutes. Accompanying his talk was a display of Mexican Coins. Among them was a Spanish Pillar Dollar of 1745, a Portrail Dollar of 1781, a one peso piece with the Austrian Archduke, Maximilian of 1866, a five centavo coin, the first Mexican coin to show the likeness of a woman, dated 1942 and others. This is a good example of what a little research into a few coins can do for you and your fellow numismatists.

The guest speaker for last month was Mr. Ken Bunnett, a founder of the N.Y.C.C. and a past president.

Mr Bunnett's topic was Ancient Greek and Roman Coins. Accompanying his talk was a number of colour slides and a cardboard model of an ancient coin.

Mr. Bunnett explained that early coins were not completely round and that this did not matter. About 700 B.C. coins appeared with animal-like designs and it was much later that man appeared. Among the first human likenesses to appear was that of Gods and Goddesses. A statue of a Greek Goddess found in the Parthenon was commemorated on a coin about 438 B.C. Another was the sitting statue of Zeus on a 336 B.C. silver coin. About 413 B.C. sports events appeared on some coins. It wasn't until 181-146 that the first monarchs were seen on coins. Among these early rulers were Augustus, Nero, Phillip I and others. Most of these men died by execution, murder or in battle and very few ruled for very long terms, showing the strife, and unrest of the people.

Mr. Bunnett continued by explaining how legends on ancient Roman Coins could be read easily. He pointed out that most of the inscription was abbreviated or shortened and that there was no punctuation, the result being very jumbled but still in basic English. Most of the Roman inscriptions read from left to right or clock-wise but there were a few exceptions which are read counter clock-wise. By the use of a cardboard cut-out of a Roman coin, the "art" of translating the legend became very simple and basic.

A very lively question period concluded Mr. Bunnett's fine presentation.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the N.Y.C.C. will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 1966. at the North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St. Willowdale, Ont. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.

For this meeting we are pleased to announce a familiar fellow to everyone, Mr. Cale B. Jarvis of Canada Coin News. Mr. Jarvis will have on hand some of his colour pictures of his Middle-East trip taken earlier this year. Here is your chance to meet a good friend, and also tour the Middle-East with him. This should be very interesting. Please plan to attend.

An application for membership was approved for Mrs Dorthy Goodwin #211 and applications for membership were received from Mr. Ron J. Dickinson and Mr. Arnold Kinetsky.

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