



# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M. AT

~~NORTH YORK MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET WITH COUNCIL DETAILS~~  
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## \* \* ANNIVERSARY MEETING \* \*

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the North York Coin Club will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 1992 at the Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Drive. This is the 32nd anniversary meeting of the club. Our very special speaker for this meeting will be Dr. Marvin Kay whose topic will be Anniversaries and Numismatics. During his talk he will highlighting and giving some examples of numismatic commemorations from his collection.

For those of you who may have missed it, there is a very fine biographical sketch of Dr. Kay in the February, 1992, Canadian Numismatic Journal. In part it says: "Dr. Marvin Kay is a Toronto anesthesiologist who has been collecting for over forty years. His specialty is the collecting of coins, tokens, medals and banknotes that pertain to the field of medicine. Dr. Kay has written numerous numismatic articles for the Canadian Numismatic Journal, The Medical Post, and several other numismatic bulletins." It goes on to point out that he is the only Canadian in recent years to receive the Heath Literary Award for his major article "Medicine in Numismatics" which appeared in the September, 1982, issue of The Numismatist. Besides being a member of the North York Coin Club, he is a member of numerous local, national and international organizations, including the American Israel Numismatic Association, and the Canadian Numismatic Association, where he is First Vice President. Dr. Marvin Kay is a Past President of the Toronto Coin Club. The biographic information introduces part four of the series "The Romance of Medical Numismatics" which is co-written with Dr. Richard L. Golden.

We hope you can join us on February 25 for what promises to be a very fine talk (and some cake too)!

Dear Club Member:

It doesn't seem like it is 32 years on February 19th. that the club was founded by 12 young and experienced collectors that the club was formed in the basement of the old Community Hall at 5090 Yonge Street. North York has gone in those 32 years from a Township, Borough and now a city from a small community to a large one with all of the high rises in business and apartment complexes.

The club has received back quite a few books of tickets on the O.N.A. draw which was sent out with last month's bulletin. A reminder that they must be back by this meeting or via the mail no later than March 15th. The draw will take place on Sunday, March 22nd. two days before our March meeting.

Reminder to the Executive members of the club, the next Executive Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th. at 7:00 P.M. at 4720 Yonge Street.

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## News from the January 28, 1992 Meeting

The 359th meeting of the North York Coin Club, held on Tuesday, January 28, 1992, was the Club's Annual Meeting. President Ron Zelk opened the meeting a little after 8:00 p.m., welcoming 27 members.

We started by passing the Mint Box to two juniors and then quickly moved to the on-time attendance draw. The pot in our draw stood at \$10 and would have gone to Dr. Marvin Kay, had he been in attendance. Since he will be guest speaker at our next meeting, let's see if "lightning strikes twice" now that the pot has grown to \$12. All a member has to do to win is to be present at the meeting at the time of the draw when their name comes up.

Treasurer Harvey Farrow distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and then guided members through its contents. It showed that, following three years of loses, the Club operated at a small profit.

President Ron Zelk announced there would be no July meeting, its date falling too close to the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Montreal. He was sorry to report that Jean Orr and Ken Bunnett have had recent medical problems and are presently under medical care. Get-well cards were signed by the members present to be forwarded along to them.

We had six contributors (one of them being a stand-up comic) to the member participation section of the meeting. The first two, from Ted Boxall and Paul Petch, related closely to the Question-of-the-Month. Ted and Paul presented a brass trial strike and a Royal Canadian Mint 10 cent test token, respectively. Next we had John Regitko, with a sharpened wit and well-honed delivery, presenting a tongue-in-cheek talk on ways of putting a jar of \$25,000. in shredded United States currency to good use. John challenged the group to suggest their own (improbable) uses. Then Harvey Farrow spoke on his recently organized collection of wooden money--expressing his pleasure in noting the various highlights as he worked on it. Roger Fox shared a recent lucky find of old issues of Canadian Tire money... a nice set featuring some consecutive serial numbers. Closing out the session was Paul Johnson with an interesting dual piece. He first told us about a chap in the United States who put out a

new booklet on medals and tokens with train themes. A particular and beautiful 1792-1892 Paterson N.J. medal that Paul recently found in a dealer's \$5 box was not listed and was not known to the booklet's author. Paul also put on view his latest acquisition, a lovely Washington Centennial medal. Our thanks go to all the speakers for their participation.

Following refreshments prepared and served by Ted Boxall our **Lucky Draw** was held with the following winners: Frank Dennis, Bud Deering, Roger Fox(2), Brad Petch, Norm Belsten, Pamela Heifitz, Ron Zelk, Tom Wilson, Tom Gottschalk, Norman G. Gordon and Fred Jewett.

There was no auction and the meeting closed at 9:45.

## Question-of-the-Month

This month's question was contributed by John Regitko: What has been, or is, the world's most widely circulation money since time immemorial? The answer will be given at the February meeting.

The question in the January bulletin was: What is the difference between a pattern and a trial piece--and give examples of each. With help from Robert Willey's article in the January, 1992, CNA Journal entitled "Canadian Decimal Coins and Currencies--Patterns, Proofs and Trial Pieces" we learned that "a pattern is a suggested design submitted to the competent authorities when a change in the design of a coinage is under consideration". Patterns are struck in various metals and also in proof (to better show off the design). A trial piece is "a striking from an incomplete die to show the engraver how the work is progressing". A trial piece may also be struck in different metals. A trial piece struck from finished dies in its proper metal will be indistinguishable from regular strikes once production begins. As for examples, there is the 1911 Silver Dollar pattern which is struck in lead and the brass trial pieces of the 1937 coinage. For more details and other examples, be sure to read the whole article in the January Journal!

Remember: your editor is on the lookout for contributions to this section. Put a bit of time into thinking up a good one and pass it along to the editor at the next meeting.

## Coming Events

1. ONA 30th Annual Convention and Show, March 21-22, College Inn, Stone Rd. & Gordon Street, Guelph  
Info: ONA Box 33, Waterloo, ON N2J 3Z6
2. Hamilton Coin Club Show, April 4 9am-4pm, Royal Canadian Legion, 1180 Barton St.E., (upstairs-elevator)  
Info: Terry MacHugh c/o PO Box 35507, Strathbarton PO, Hamilton, ON L8H 7S6
3. Kent Coin Club Annual Coin and Card Show, April 5 10am-4pm, Wheels Inn Resort, 615 Richmond St., Chatham  
Info: Lou Wagner, 109 King St. West, Chatham, ON N7M 1E2

**Hope to see you at the next meeting!!!**

Your Editors Paul Petch and Harvey Farrow