

## Club Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

President Kevin Guiles called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There were 20 in person members, 1 member joined us via ZOOM and we had 3 guests!

Kevin presented the financial report which was approved. Last month's minutes were also approved.

Our president remembered to bring door prizes, he doubled the prizes to make up for the last meeting. The winners were Kevin, David, Dalia and Earl!

Kevin announced that CDN Publishing has acquired Whitman Publishing.

\*\*The Botanic Garden Lightscape show will once again change our parking location for only the December meeting. See below for parking information. Please show up early if you can to catch the bus up to the main building.

Please bring your toys for the Ronald McDonald House Christmas club donation to the December meeting. Dalia and her family will deliver the gifts for us.

The elections were held for the two officer and two director positions. It was an over whelming decision that each member will retain their positions for the next term.

The location has been changed for just the January meeting. It will be held in the BRIT building. This is the second right turn as you turn into the main gate. We're hoping to have someone at the turn to flag you down! It's to the right of the main building where we usually have meetings. The 2023 Awards ceremony BBQ will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, during our regular meeting time.

Our July meeting has been canceled since it falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Someone brought up the idea of seeing if members would be interested in a "field trip" to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Fort Worth. Several members were interested in that. They are going to canvas the other coin clubs in the area to see if we can put together a group to go. Stay tuned!

Show and Tell:

Burton brought in some neat coin slabs for Show and Tell. New Jersey Quarter in a NGCX slab. An example of a very colorful Hong Kong rating service slab. And an NGC Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Slab of a Slab.



Kevin brought in a Russian medal and stamps commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First man in space, Yuri Gagarin.



The Educational program presenter was Richard L. He talked about his personal collection and how he was an "un-normal Collector". He is more of a hunter gatherer than a collector. He brought in a presentation of his medals of various inter-state drill competitions in 1880's Texas. The presentation began with these comments, "A decade following the American Civil War a new crop of young men came of age. Many of that generation sought the experience and feel of combat readiness without the risks and rigors of war." In order for these young men to accomplish this, the Light Guard Units were formed. This group would provide them the opportunity for military structure and increase their shooting skills. Here are some of Richard's Competition medals he has collected. It was a very informational presentation. Thank you, Richard.



Next club meeting will be December 7, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

There were 22 items in the after-meeting auction.

## PARKING INFO FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING:

Your meeting parking will be located in LOT D (labeled West Entrance) on the map. The address for this parking lot is **3408 W Freeway Fort Worth, TX 76107**. It is the second right turn off of the access road off University, going west bound, before you make it to the Montgomery Street Antique Mall and we will have a security officer stationed in the parking lot with your cars for the duration of the event. The lot had a sign saying "Employee Parking". There are other clubs meeting that night, so you might have to wait on the bus, again, come early. There will be club members there as early as 6:00pm. Come and visit!

Since LOT D is on the opposite side of the garden, the gardens will provide a shuttle to take you from LOT D to the front entrance of the garden center and back to your car at the end of the night.

The parking at last year's meeting worked pretty well. The bus was heated. I do recommend planning on being in the parking lot by 6:30pm so you have time to catch the bus and make it to the meeting on time.