



# FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

## Club Meeting Minutes December 4, 2025 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

Prior to the meeting members dined on turkey or ham sandwiches with lettuce and tomatoes and chips. There were cinnamon rolls and cupcakes for desserts as well as a cherry crumble prepared by David P.'s wife. All was very good. Thank you Dalia S. and Mrs. P.

President Kevin G. called the meeting to order at 7:10. The minutes of the November meeting previously emailed to the membership by the club secretary were accepted. Kevin gave the financial report including the balances of the club's checking, brokerage and petty cash accounts.

The door prizes for the evening included BU examples of 1965 and 1966 Kennedy half dollars. They contain 40% silver. The lucky winners were Roy M. and Ryan S.

Jack G. gave a health report on our former Vice President Frank H. who normally conducts the raffle, handles the auction money, and has many times been our bingo caller. Jack said Frank was still in the hospital but was able to get out of bed and walk a little bit. Frank came pretty close to checking out on us, but is doing better now. Let's hope that trajectory continues.

### **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Many members brought Christmas toys for the club to donate to the Ronald McDonald House which benefits kids in the hospital and their families. The club also donated \$100 for Dalia to purchase more toys. We really did a good job as the picture below partially demonstrates. I couldn't get all the toys in my picture. The second picture shows employees at Ronald McDonald House holding some of the gifts after Dalia delivered them.



## **FORT WORTH COIN CLUB COIN SHOW**

As discussed at the last meeting, Kevin announced that the club will begin to have coin shows again. The first one will be April 17-18 at the White Settlement Convention Center, the current site of the Cowtown Coin Shows. We will need members to volunteer to help with setting up the room and clearing it out at the end of the show. Members will also be needed to occupy the front desk to greet collectors and collect the entry fee. There are multiple other opportunities for members to help with. Kevin is the bourse chairman and an assistant bourse chairman is being sought. Any volunteers?

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Kevin G. had a Roman coin of from the Petherton hoard found in England. It was graded by NGC and dates from AD 269 – 271.

Danny M. showed several coins one of which was a Venetian coin dated 1473.

Elliot M. had a board of Ike dollars containing 34 coins which he had purchased from Gary Andrews before Gary's passing. Elliot later used it to illustrate the evening's educational program.

Larry G. had a VF-20 Fugio cent in an old soap box holder.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Elliot M. had what I considered a really interesting program about a series of which I had virtually no knowledge, Eisenhower Dollars. Ike dollars were only minted from 1971 through 1978 and were the first U.S. dollars minted since 1935. They were discontinued after such a short run because their large size and weight made them unpopular for everyday circulation.

It was designed by Frank Gasparro and made to honor the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower (obverse) and the Apollo 11 moon landing (reverse).

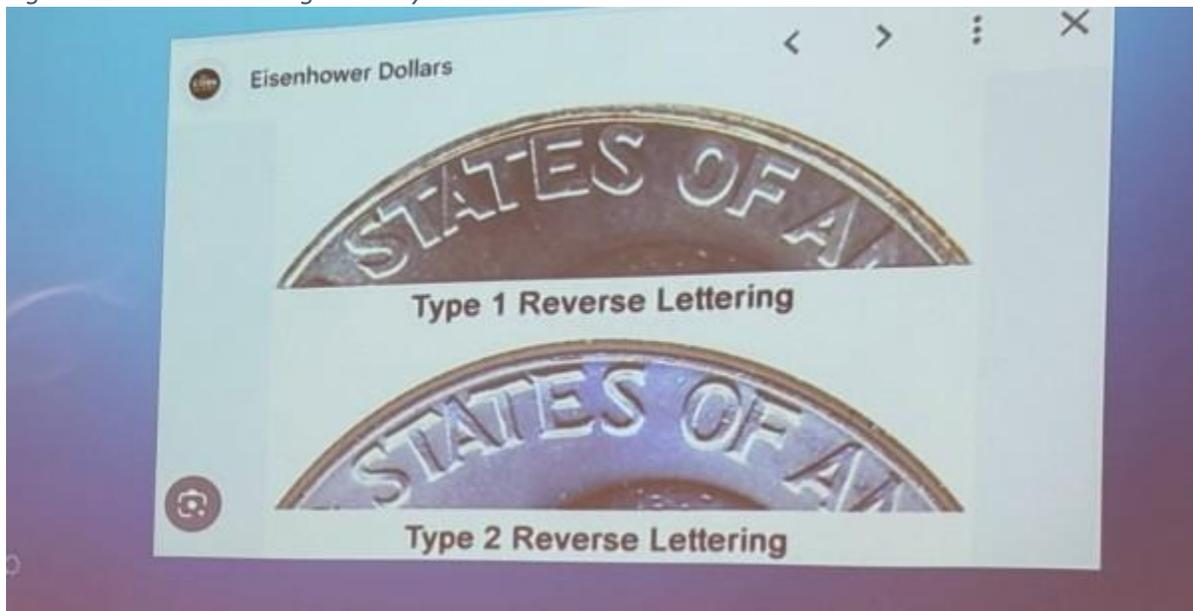


Circulating coins were composed of copper-nickel clad alloy, however special collector versions were also produced from 1971 – 1976 containing 40% silver. There was also a special bicentennial version in 1976 showing an obverse date of 1776-1976. The reverse was modified showing the liberty bell on the moon.

Elliot said that even though the coin was only minted for eight years, there are at least 34 different varieties! Who knew? He went through each year in a well-illustrated program showing the different types like the 1971-S Peg Leg “R” proof and the 1971-D “friendly eagle”, The 1972 coins had a high relief and low relief varieties. Other years had different lettering. Shown below are a few illustrations.



Figure 1 Elliott M. showing a variety marker



Thanks, Elliot. Well done.

### **RAFFLE**

A 1 oz. silver round from the Sunshine Mint was won by Earl C.

A 1.25 oz. silver coin of Coronado searching for the city of gold was won by Alex S.

Congratulations gentlemen.

### **AUCTION**

Frank P. was the auctioneer for approximately 40 lots. Earl C. and Kevin G. assisted with the money and as runner.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko  
Club Secretary