



# FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

## Club Meeting Minutes April 2, 2026 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

This communication will include more than just the club minutes. Since our April meeting, the club has held a coin show and I have a brief summary of that. Also, I have some sad news to pass along to our more tenured club members. But first, the meeting.

Dalia S. treated members to a dinner of delicious homemade chili with cheese & onions. Cupcakes for dessert. Yum!

President Jimmy D. called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm. We were pleased to have guests Chris H. and Tara J. join us.

### **BUSINESS**

The minutes of the March meeting as previously emailed to the membership were approved. Treasurer William S. gave the financial report as to the cost of the March awards meeting and the balances in our checking, brokerage and petty cash accounts. He also discussed receipts from dealers for our upcoming April coin show. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

### **PRE-COIN SHOW**

Bourse chairman Kevin G. gave a report on the club's April 17-18<sup>th</sup> upcoming coin show at the White Settlement Convention Center (also known as Pecan Grove or Splash Days Convention Center). He said table sales had gone well and expects two or three more dealers to contact him the week before the show for available tables, as is their habit.

He urged members to help with various duties with putting on the show such as manning the front desk and the club table. Kevin also said ANACS would be at the show if anyone wants to submit coins for grading.

Dalia will take care of all food items at the show including making free sandwiches for the dealers and club volunteers. She will also provide chips, pastries, donuts and cold drinks.

## **OTHER**

Roy M. reminded us that April 19 – 25 was National Coin Week

Robert B. and Marty C. were the lucky winners of the evening's door prizes. Each won a 1964 BU Washington silver quarter.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

The program was Show & Tell and members responded by bringing a wide assortment of interesting items. My apologies in advance if you discussed something you brought and I don't mention you. A lot of members participated and I can only write so fast. I also couldn't take pictures of a lot of items because there were so many and often the glare of the overhead lighting obscures the coin. But here goes:

- Danny M. discussed an Irish penny dated 1279 (wow!) that he had purchased at the Cow Town Coin Show. He also had some Russian rubles with Czar Nicholas image.
- Alton A.. had a unique collection of Japanese Sen, the coinage which preceded the Japanese yen that we know today. The sen was introduced in 1871 when Japan adopted a Western-style decimal system and the first 1 sen circulating coin appeared in 1873. It featured a dragon design on the obverse and was made of copper. By the time the sen system ended, when Japan surrendered ending WW II, the sen was being made of a tin-zinc alloy.



*1Sen Coin Not From Alton's Collection*

- Larry H. had a 1917 Type 1 XF standing liberty quarter in an old ANACS soap box holder. These holders are among the earliest third-party encapsulations and, I believe, Larry is making a collection of them.
- Gary G. had an entire book full of Desert Storm coins. These were made by the Bradford Exchange Mint.
- Ed L. displayed an 1839-O bust half dollar with a medal turn to see the reverse side rather than the normal coin flip. The coin had been in his collection for 41 minutes having been purchased from another club member just before the meeting began.
- Burton S. displayed his XF collection of 3 cent silver coins. Burton is known for his unique collecting interests.



- Jack G. had an interesting collection of star notes.

- William S., the club's treasurer, showed a slabbed 1928 MS66 peace dollar, or so it looked. It was actually a counterfeit coin where the 3 on a 1923 peace dollar's date had been altered to an 8. The slab was also counterfeit. **Just a question for members** – should we be concerned that our treasurer has counterfeits? Someone alert the Investigations Committee!
- Logan R. showed some interesting finds in his coin roll searches.
- Kevin G., Robert S., and Jerry O. also had show and tell items. If I missed anyone, my apology.

### **RAFFLE**

Jack G. won a 1969-D MS-63 Kennedy half dollar

Danny M. won a 1944-S walking liberty half dollar graded F-15.

### **AUCTION**

Frank P. auctioned 43 lots while Kevin G. handled the money and Earl C. did the running.

### **COIN SHOW REPORT**

The club's first coin show since before the pandemic went very well. Despite wet and chilly weather on Saturday, collector foot traffic was good both days of the show. It was gratifying to see so many club members volunteering to help, especially at the front table to collect admission fees and register attendees for door prizes. The club table was also well populated and we obtained contact information from seven people interested in joining the club.



*Carl, Cindy, Alton, and Robert at Club Table*



*At the Coin Show*

Special recognition should go to our Bourse Chairman Kevin G. who was the moving force in putting on the show. He did 100% of the table sales, arranged the venue through Cowtown Coin Show producer Jim F., was heavily involved in the set up on Thursday and the tear down on Saturday, collected all table fees from the dealers, and kept things running smoothly for the entirety of the show.

Dalia S. also went above and beyond the call. She and her family provided **ALL** food and drink items for dealers and volunteers. There were multiple types of cold drinks, donuts and pastries, chips, and, best of all, homemade turkey or ham sandwiches on croissants with all the fixings. The free sandwiches were a big hit with dealers as well as club members. I know she had to make several trips home to make more sandwiches because they kept being eaten. Thank goodness she lives close to the venue.

Also, some club members were fixtures at the show both days, either manning a table or performing other functions. So special thanks to Earl C., Jack G., Cindy G., Jimmy D. and Robert T. There were probably others I'm not remembering, so thanks to all the volunteers for their participation.



*Earl and Jack at Registration Table*

Overall, the show was a success. Treasurer William S. will have a complete report for us at the May meeting.

### **Olyve Hallmark Abbott**



I am sorry to report the passing of long-time club member and former club officer Olyve Abbott. She passed away April 8<sup>th</sup> at the age of 98. She was a remarkable woman.

In elementary school a teacher noticed her unusually strong voice and suggested she take singing lessons. She did and at age 12 she was named "Miss Texas Talent", a competition held by the State Music Teachers Association. After high school she moved to New York City and enrolled in Juilliard School of Music. She later transferred to SMU to study vocal performance and in 1949 graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music.

By 1948 she was performing at Starlight Operettas in Dallas with major celebrities such as Don Ameche and Imogene Coca. She also sang with the Fort Worth Opera and performed widely in musical theater. Famed music director Franz Allers offered her a role in a New York television spectacular "One Touch of Venus". That led to her regular performances on "Sid Caesar's Hour" television show and many other radio and TV productions.

In her later years, Olyve reinvented herself as an author and has had six books published in various genres. She was actively working on a seventh book and was writing a monthly magazine column at the time of her passing.

I joined the Fort Worth Coin Club in 2000, and monthly board of directors' meetings of the club were being held at her house near TCU. I don't know how long meetings had

been held there prior to my joining, but **for the next twenty years**, until the pandemic hit, Olyve welcomed us to her home. She was always a gracious hostess, providing a welcoming environment as well as coffee or soft drinks and usually serving some type of pastry or appetizer. She was also the club's Secretary, a perfect office for a professional writer, and served in that position until 2014.

Olyve, good-bye and thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Lasko  
Club Secretary