

# Pocket Change

## Special Holiday Issue

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Renewal**
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## Renewal

We have a dynamic club. In order to keep it fresh, we pause at the end of each year to review our accomplishments, recognize those who made a difference, and usher in a new Board of Directors to manage the club's affairs for the next year.

Our annual Holiday Party is the forum to conduct this renewal. The party was held at the Black Angus restaurant on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Peggy Deurloo was once again our hostess of ceremonies for this sold-out event. After a wonderful meal our president, Jim Derrick, recognized the 2025 Board of Directors, presented awards (detailed in the Coin Cabinet section, page 5) and introduced the new Board of Directors for 2026; Phil Vitale installed the board and impressed upon them the service commitment it entails.

Our members will recognize most of the officers and directors this year as most have been

### Pat Takes the Johnny!



reelected for 2026. We say goodbye to 2025 directors Marian

Wrage and Steve Loftus. Jim Derrick our very conscientious president will remain president for this next year. Tim Fuller is also remaining as vice president as is Pat Vitale as treasurer and Rex Borders as secretary. The following members were elected as directors: Rod Frechette, Tim Cox, Scott Bucholtz, Byron Kesner and Peter Tabet. The new team is pictured on page 3.

### Peggy Deurloo New Life Member!



*You are the expert. Do a presentation at a club meeting and share your exper-*



## Welcome New Members

*There were no new members this past month. We had 48 new members over the last year.*

## Happy October Birthdays

Kathy O'Neill	12/5
Chace Downey	12/8
Kent Foster	12/12
David Jennings	12/14
Cathy Awe	12/16
Bill DeWeese	12/16
Steve Loftus	12/19
Santiago Mondragon	12/19
Patrick Hemphill	12/24
Scott Bucholtz	12/25
Joel Stevenson	12/26
Steve Tafoya	12/26



Brenda Joyce	12/29
Linda Schroeder	12/29

# Essay

by: Phil Vitale

## Your 2026 Board of Directors



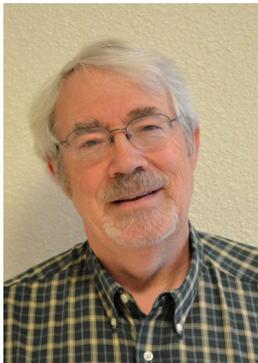
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VP Tim Fuller



Treasurer Pat Vitale



Secretary Rex Borders



Director Rod Frechette



Director Scott Bucholtz



Director Tim Cox



Director Pete Tabet

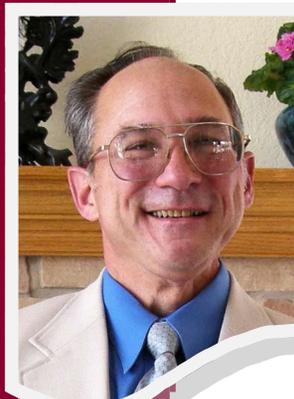


Director Byron Kes-

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale

## Fairwell to Pocket Change



Dear readers, I have had the privilege to edit and produce the Pocket Change newsletter for the last 10 years. This has been a momentous period for the club. I've reported on coins shows at three locations. We survived through the COVID-19 pandemic and saw big changes on how we do business. I've reported on the loss of some of our prominent members of our numismatic family including Scully Scolavino, Bernie Linhart, John Plath, Johnny Plath and Steve Acre; these club luminaries are missed.

Our newsletter has had some success competing nationally, and the Pocket Change is recognized for excellence across the country. While I'll continue to contribute to future issues, I'm hanging up my editor/publisher hat to spend more time with other pursuits.

*Farewell, Phil*

September Presentation

by Phil Vitale

## The Mexican Libertad

Our November meeting saw Alex Dimitrov educate the membership on the Mexican Libertad in production since 1982. These beautiful coins were minted in gold, silver and platinum (1/4 oz platinum for only one year in 1989). In addition to circulating strikes (BU), coins were finished as proofs, reverse proofs and antique. There were only two design changes to the reverse in 1996 and 2000. Coins are legal tender and minted in weights of 1/20 oz, 1/10 oz, 1/4 oz, 1/2 oz, 1oz, 5 oz, and 1 kilo. From 1982 to 1991, only 1 oz coins were produced. In 1996, 2 and 5 oz coins were introduced. 2008 saw the introduction of the 1 kilo coin.



Gold Libertads were minted sporadically, with small varying mintages.



# The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

The Holiday/Awards Dinner was held on Monday, December 8, 2025. It was a great event, and we recognized and thanked both departing Board members and newly elected Board members for 2026. We said goodbye and thanks to outgoing Director's Marian Wrage and Steve Loftus. We welcomed new Board

members for 2026 including (former Past President) Director Byron Kesner and first-time Director Scott Bucholtz. Congratulations to all the re-elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2026. My thanks to Peggy Wolff-Deurloo, for managing the Holiday Dinner with delicious food and great fun.

The Awards presentation recognized those deserving Club members who have excelled as outstanding volunteer ACC members. **The two highest Club honors were awarded to outstanding members: Peggy Wolff-Deuloo, won the coveted ACC "Life Membership Award", for her con-**

**tinued service of over 15 years, 8 as Board Secretary; and, Club Treasurer, Pat Vitale, won the "2025 Johnny Plath, Jr., Numismatist of the Year Award", for her work in managing the ACC finances and show operations.** Both members earned these honors for their outstanding dedication, volunteerism and support of the ACC. The Educator of the Year Award was presented to Scott Bucholtz for his exceptional articles, presentations, and management of the education program. The YN Rising Star Award recognized Master Xavier Analla, for continued self-improvement and learning in the ACC Youth Program.

**Five Presidential Awards were presented including: Phil Vitale, recognized for 10 years of exceptional management of the Pocket Change Newsletter, winning awards in 8 of those years; Member-Dealer Eddie Tudor was recognized for his contributions to the ACC for 19 years, including his support for club operations, and his financial advertising sponsorship of Club events; Tom Stone was awarded for his outstanding management of Club Equipment & Supplies, and for his superior management of the State Fair Numismatic Competition in 2025; Peter**

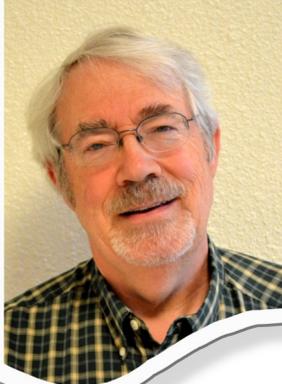
**Tabet was awarded for his outstanding work repairing Club equipment, and electrical set-up during shows; Tim Cox was awarded for his great work as Club Greeter at shows and meetings, and his volunteer work to maintain and improve equipment. Each of the eighteen Directors and Appointees were individually recognized for their dedication and volunteerism in 2025.**

As the largest coin club in the southwest, our continued success is wholly attributed to our many volunteers' participation, dedication and continued support. My sincere congratulations and thanks to all the 2025 Award Winners and Club Volunteers.



## Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



*Our club exists to serve our members.*

*Get involved and enjoy it more.*

The Great Southwest Coin Expo was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque November 7-9th. I hope you were able to attend. Many volunteers and limited hired help setup the show, managed the 3-day affair and disappeared like we were never there. We hold these shows of course for the love of numismatics and to provide an opportunity for local citizens to buy/sell/trade items. We had about 650 attendees throughout the weekend. This included one Boy Scout Troop working on their coin collecting merit badge. Peter R. had a nice YN display and spent time with them. The club made a profit to fund their future activities.

The November Board of Directors Meeting was the following weekend on November 15th. Many items were on the agenda. (We do publish minutes of these meetings if interested). The main subject of the meeting was the coin show. We heard the financial outcome from Pat and held the "After-Action Review", what worked well, what didn't. The new board will be installed at the holiday dinner. We discussed plans for 2026. The club must procure meeting space and show contracts months/years in advance. Meetings from 2026 are all lined up at UNM and shows are moving back to the Marriott Pyramid.

The November General Membership Meeting was November 24th, before the smell of roasting turkey. Peter R. met with 4 YN's prior to the meeting. About 40 adults attended. We heard the results of the 2026 election. I won't list all the results here but congratulations to Byron Kesner and Scott Bucholtz who will be new board members. Alex Dimitrov gave an excellent talk about the Mexican Libertad coin. He discussed the history, design, mintage, and varieties. Alex's enthusiasm for this beautiful coin was apparent. Thank you, Alex. Happy Holidays and I hope to see you in 2026.

## Pat's Pittance



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! We have made it through another year and I appreciate the support all of you have given me as your Treasurer during this time. The Club had total deposits of \$18,796.38 for November, mainly due to 2025 and 2026 Coin Show revenue. Our expenses were \$16,796.38, also reflecting Fall Show costs. Our closing checking amount was \$39,991.98 and our Vanguard account stands at \$57,625.83. The Club's total monetary assets are \$97,617.81. As always, give me a call if you have any questions concerning your Club's money.



## Dates to Remember

### ALBUQUERQUE COIN CLUB EVENTS:

**Albuquerque Coin Club Monthly Meetings** are held at the UNM Continuing Education Building located at 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Meetings are conducted in person and concurrently on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73**

<b>January 26, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Steve Loftus</b>
	Topic: American Silver Eagles	
<b>February 23, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: John Saiz</b>
	Topic: Pre-Euro Currencies Part 2	
<b>March 30, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Tom Stone</b>
	Topic: Serial Currency	
<b>April 27, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Brian Smith</b>
	Topic: 20 cent Pieces	

### ANA EVENTS

<b>February 26-28, 2026</b>	<b>National Money Show</b>
	Savannah, GA
<b>June 19 - July 2, 2026</b>	<b>Summer Seminar</b>
	<b>Session 1: June 20 - 25</b>
	<b>Session 2: June 27 - July 2</b>
	Colorado Springs, CO
<b>August 25 - 29, 2026</b>	<b>World's Fair of Money</b>
	Pittsburgh, PA

### UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

<b>January 16 - 17, 2026</b>	<b>Tucson Invitational Coin &amp; Currency Show</b>
	Tucson, AZ
<b>February 20 - 22, 2026</b>	<b>El Paso Coin Show 2026</b>
	El Paso, TX
<b>April 17 - 19, 2026</b>	<b>Great Southwest Coin Expo</b>
	Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM
<b>April 30 - May 2, 2026</b>	<b>Fort Collins Coin Club Spring Coin Show</b>
	Larimer County Fairgrounds

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## Albuquerque Coin Club



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## A.C.C. Monthly Meeting Agenda

The club meets the last Monday of every month, except December. Meetings are held at UNM Continuing Education Building located at 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. We encourage and welcome visitors.

6:00 - 6:45 YN Meeting

6:00 pm Open floor trading and socializing  
7:00 pm Call to order

Educational Presentation  
Club Business

8:00 pm Break, socializing and trading  
1st Door prize and 50/50 drawing  
Auction of numismatic items

Payment of auction winnings

**ANA Member Club # C1063082**



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## 2025 ACC Board of Directors

**President:** Jim Derrick  
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**Director:** Rod Frechette  
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**ANA Rep.:** Byron Kesner

**Website Guru:** Rex Borders

**Parliamentarian:** Ed Deye

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