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THE FLORIDA TOKEN SOCIETY WILL MEET NEXT ON

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026

**THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
730 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL**

A Word From The President

Dear Florida Token Society Members



As we head into the summer month's I hope all of our members have had a great Spring. I, along with the Board of the FTS want to thank Mark Chamberlin for arranging our meeting at Church on the Drive in Orlando, FL. Also, thanks to Mark for bringing donuts and bottled water for attendees. The lunch at the Tap Room at Dubsdread was very nice and all who came to this golf course location had a good time. The restaurant staff also presented to us a signed 50th anniversary greeting card.

As for the NGC slabbed 50th Anniversary Good For, thanks again to Mark Lighterman, Bob Mellor, NGC employee Scott Teller and Yury who owns NFP.io (on the label) for their work on this important 50th Anniversary milestone chip. NGC slabbed 101 numbered examples, and the rest (un-slabbed) will be used for the FTS writer's award. Members who attended the meeting and had their dues paid up received one. Very surprisingly, our Treasurer only received one order for the Good For, Anniversary token. If your dues are paid up, and you want one, send \$7 (check payable to Bob or cash), to our Treasurer Bob Hawes.

The meeting went well and make sure you read the minutes prepared by Phil Cambers. Thanks to Janelle Naser (widow of Ken Naser), for coming to the meeting and bringing Ken's collection for sale to our members. Mitch Kania suggested hosting a meeting for the FTS in Tampa, FL for the Spring of 2027. He thought meetings in different places in Central FL might help enlarge our membership. A show of hands thought this was a good idea. Maybe by our November meeting Mitch can give us more information and dates regarding a possible Spring, 2027 FTS meeting in Tampa. Bob Hawes is working on a non-profit for the FTS. Maybe by the time our FTS meeting takes place this November in South Daytona it will be completed.

Next meeting will be held on November 14th, on Saturday at 10:00 AM, at the United Presbyterian Church, 730 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL. Bob Hawes is arranging this meeting and also a lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Yours in Token Collecting,
John Wilson, President

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Dear Scott

On behalf of the Florida Token Society Board and membership we want to sincerely thank you for your outstanding service and work on our 50th anniversary Good For Chip that was recently encased by NGC. We want to especially thank you for numbering them 01 to 101 and utilizing the special paper that was used for the label.

Thanks again Scott.

John Wilson
 President



FLORIDA TOKEN SOCIETY

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE

1914 Edgewater Drive,

Orlando, FL 32804

04/11/2026

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** at 2:10 PM by President John Wilson. Phil Cambers, 2nd Vice President, was asked to take the minutes for the meeting today. Mark Lighterman, 1st Vice President, took minutes for the November, 2025 meeting. Before the start of our meeting, I would be remiss for not mentioning our lunch at the local Tap Room at Dubsdread Restaurant (on a golf course). It was a great lunch, and the restaurant even provided a 50th Anniversary thank you card signed by all the employees. Thank you, Mark Chamberlin, for arranging the lunch.
2. **Memorial** – No members had passed during this period.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**
Officers Present: President John Wilson, 1st VP Mark Lighterman, 2nd VP Phil Cambers, Board Members: Mark Chamberlin, Mitch Kania Officers Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Bob Hawes, Editor Scott Douglas
4. **Welcome to members and guests.** Total present were 15 PEOPLE: 10 members / 5 guests.
Members: Mark Chamberlin, Joshua Chamberlin, Phil Cambers, Mark Lighterman, Mike Cryer, Thomas Hart, Rick Selvar, Rich Deming, Nancy Wilson and John Wilson.
Guests: Christy Demings, Steve Maynard, Janelle Naser (widow of Ken Naser), Edna Jones (sister of Janelle), Tom McGill (guest of Janelle).
5. **Secretary's Report** – The Secretary's Report was received by the membership. Motion and 2nd of the motion was made to approve the minutes. It passed unanimously.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – John gave the Treasurer's Report from Bob Hawes who is recovering at this time and doing well. Bob stated the treasury has a current balance of \$2,200. Motion and 2nd motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. It passed unanimously.
Dues are \$8 for individuals or \$10 for the family which can be mailed to Bob Hawes, FTS Treasurer, 2101 Debby Place, South Daytona, FL 32119-2638. You can save a stamp by bringing your dues to the next meeting.
7. **Editor's Report:** John gave an Editor's Report for Scott Douglas. FTS Articles about tokens are eligible for the Steve Ratliff Memorial Award. Members are encouraged to write and submit their articles to Editor Scott Douglas at sdouglas333@gmail.com.
John said that FTS is appreciative of the dedicated work of Scott Douglas in producing the FTS Newsletter.
8. **Old Business** - In celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Florida Token Society in 2026, Mark Lighterman designed a "limited edition" \$2.50 poker chip with the obverse depicting the 50th Anniversary of the FTS and the logo of FTS which has a picture of the state of Florida with a sailing fish. On the reverse, "Spirit of 76" is depicted in celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America in 2026. There were 125 chips produced. NGC (Numismatic Guaranty Company) slabbed 101 which were numbered 1 to 101, and the 24 left will be used for the writers award. A unique and special label for each slab was provided courtesy of Yury who owns NFP.io (on the label). That company does high quality security paperwork that is used for anti-counterfeiting and product

authentication. Through the efforts of our member Bob Mellor who talked and arranged the slabbing by NGC employee Scott Teller he was able to get the slabbing done free by NGC. Having a slabbed and numbered Anniversary chip is rare and not done very often. A very special thanks for the help of Mark, Bob, Scott and Yury for making this chip possible and the special items that are on it possible.

John and Mark handed out and recorded the serial numbers of each of the special anniversary chips to the Officers, Board Members, and members that were present. If you did not attend the Orlando meeting, you can pay \$7 in postage to the Treasurer for shipping the coin. Either send cash or make a check payable to Bob Hawes. His address is above. The Numismatic News Magazine in the March 31, 2026, edition on page 40 also featured the “Limited Edition of the 50th Anniversary FTS chip.

Hard bound book for “Florida Tokens” by C. R. Clark and the paperback Supplement for the “Florida Tokens” are being sold for \$5 each, or \$10 for both. (On E-Bay, the hard bound copy sells between \$40-\$85 each). It is a great reference book and an excellent addition to your Numismatic Library. Copies are still available for purchase.

9. New Business

Next meeting will be held on November 21, on Saturday at 10:00 AM, at the United Presbyterian Church, 730 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL. Bob Hawes is arranging this meeting.

Special Thanks to Mark Chamberlin for arranging and securing the location for our April meeting today. Mark was kind enough to provide bottled water and donuts for attendees. Also, thanks to the Church on the Drive for allowing us to use their facilities. As we always do, we gave \$100 to the church for the use of the meeting room.

Mitch Kania suggested hosting a meeting for the FTS in Tampa, FL for the Spring of 2027. He thought meeting in different places in Central FL might help enlarge our membership and educate more people about the Token Society. The members present thought that this was a good idea.

10. Show and Tell

A. Rich Selvar had brought the new Gold backs for Idaho. Idaho is the first state to offer ¼ Note in the Gold back series since the price of Gold has been increasing. Rich has the ¼, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 Notes with him if you are interested in the Gold backs.

B. John and Nancy Wilson brought in a middle 1860s Civil War Token from New York made from hard rubber. They also brought a 1985 silver Chinese medal with The Great Wall spelled backward. Rich Deming brought in a 4 Shilling Note from 1810. He also brought a Colonial Note for 30 pounds of lawful money signed by Lemuel Demming. And he brought an 1813 Stock Certificate for Lansingburg from Troy, NY.

C. Mitch Kania brought in a book that he picked up titled “So-Called Dollars.” He also brought in a Franklin D Roosevelt Medal of the “Four Freedoms.”

D. Mike Cryer brought in an 1863 token for Hussie Delivery Service which stated, “Time is Money.”

11. Donation Auction

Special thanks to each one who donated items for the auction today: John & Nancy Wilson, Mark Chamberlain, Mitch Kania, Mark Lighterman, and Rich Selvar.

AUCTION ITEMS:

- A. The Chip with Serial #1 of the 50th Anniversary of FTS was auctioned off and purchased by Mark Lighterman for \$35.
- B. 6 X \$5 – FL Encased Coins by C. R. Clark. There were 4 copies of the spiral bound book which were sold for \$5 each = \$20.
- C. Santa Claus note with a pot-of-gold and “I owe you” – purchased by Christy Deming for \$2.
- D. \$1 Coin – Sacagawea – sold to Mitch Kania for \$2.
- E. Lot of 3 Stock Certificates – sold to Mitch Kania for \$5.
- F. Lot of 3 Stock Certificates – sold to Thomas Hart for \$5
- G. Lot of Tokens – Mitch Kania for \$5
- H. ASAY Commission Medal with Martha Washington – sold to either Mark Lighterman or Mitch Kania for \$10
- I. Lot of 2 canvas bank bags – sold to Christy Deming \$1
- J. Reader’s Digest Coin Folder with 5 President tokens – sold to Mitch Kania for \$3
- K. Lot of Book Markers and Heritage special book – Mike Cryer - \$5
- L. Elongated Coin Set – Sold to Mitch Kania for \$5
- \$110.00 = TOTAL FOR AUCTION TO HELP SUPPORT FTS**

2:50 PM – Motion to Adjourn, Motion by Mark Lighterman and 2nd by Mitch Kania
Reopened meeting for Show & Tell—See No. 10 in minutes.
3:02 PM – Meeting adjourned for the second and final time.

For more information on FTS, contact President John Wilson: johnancyw@aol.com



Florida Token Society Member Advertisements

All Florida Token Society members are encouraged to trade, sell, or buy tokens and medals through the FREE ADS and paid ads in TOKENNEWS.

All Florida Token Society members may submit a **FREE** ad of 2 column inches (12 lines) or less for each issue of **TOKENNEWS**. All ads and articles should be received by the Editor the 10th of the month prior to publication on the first of March, June, September and December.

Larger ads may be accepted at the following rates per issue: full page \$12.50, half page \$7.50, one quarter page \$5.00 and business card size ads \$2.50. All articles and ads are subject to edit and approval by the editor. Please call or email your editor if you have any questions.

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FLORIDA CHIPS; FROM SHIPS, CARD ROOMS, TRIBAL, and ILLEGAL OPERATIONS.
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FALCO, ALA., McGOWIN-FOSHEE TOKENS, especially bi-metal; Blountstown, Fla, Neal Store Co, \$5.00 issue; Havana, Fla, Eva Lumber Co, \$1.00 issue; Alachua, Fla, Duke Lumber \$1.00 issue.
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

(Originally published in Tokenews August 2007)

Editorial Comment

It was 19 years ago that the Florida Token Society paid homage to C.R. and Marion Clark, two individuals synonymous with our society. We owe a lot to our forefathers (and foremothers) who were instrumental in laying the foundation for 50 years of numismatic excellence. Today, FTS is rightfully proud of our history and all of those, past and present, who have contributed to make us what we are today. Congratulations!



Lakeland, Florida – July 21, 2007

C. R. and Marion Clark Recognition Meeting

Left to Right: (Front Row) Bill Hynds, Bob Hawes, Dee Hawes, Myrna Lighterman, Marion Clark, Pat Hynds, C. R. Clark, Helen Sandlewick. (Back Row): Mark Lighterman, Randy Partin, Jim Tomey, Steve Ratliff, Hugh Roberts, Beverly Roberts (in front of Hugh), Nancy Wilson, John Wilson, Ron Benice, Bobby Clark, Leah Clark, and Bob Clark.



Charles Rov Clark Jr



Marion Clark

From the Archives – C.R. and Marion Clark Recognition continued

C. R. and Marion Clark were honored at the recent Florida Token Society meeting held in Lakeland, Florida on July 21, 2007 for their life long contributions to the hobby and the Florida Token Society.

C. R., Marion and their son Bob were at Ellinor Village on December 4, 1976 when the Florida Token Society was formed. C. R. and Marion have missed few of the Florida Token Society meetings in the intervening 30-years. In 1980, C. R. published the standard catalogue, "*Florida Trade Tokens*" and followed that with "*Florida Tokens*" in 1990. C. R. has served as President and in many other offices over the years and was the long-term editor of the newsletter TOKENNEWS. Through the years, Marion has been at his side supporting and encouraging C. R. in his hobby activities and publications.

In addition to a large group of Florida Token Society members, C. R. and Marion were joined at the meeting by their son Robert B Clark (Bob) daughter-in-law Leah R. Clark, and grandson, Robert B. Clark, Jr. (Bobby).

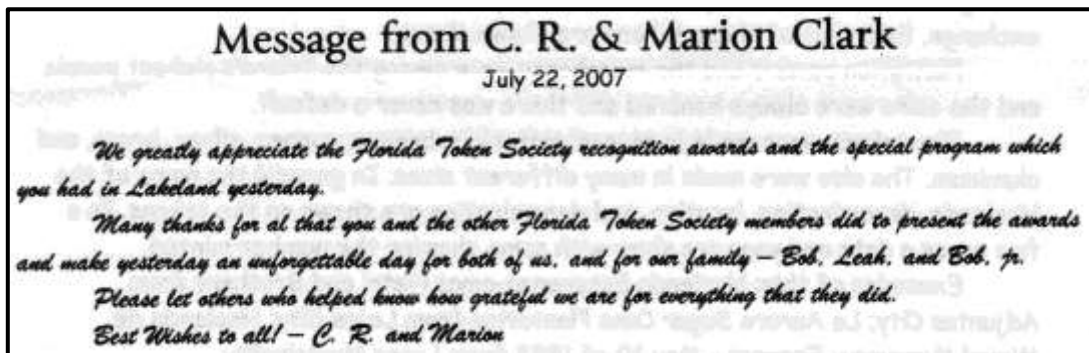
Steve Ratliff served as the master of ceremonies and recited a "This-is-your-life" noting the many achievements in C. R.'s and Marion's life, starting with their early years growing up in Mullens, West Virginia. They have known each other most of their lives and will next year celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. C. R. was lauded for his many token publications, notably *Florida Tokens*.

Steve read notes from many members and friends of C. R. and Marion wishing them well and complimenting their achievements in the hobby followed by comments from the audience.

President Randy Partin presented C.R. and Marion with certificates acknowledging their lifetime achievements and granting each of them life membership in the Florida Token Society. The individual certificates were signed by each of the members present in addition to president Partin. Special dollar bills, over-printed with the image of the elongated cent created for the occasion, were signed by all present (Short Snorter) and presented to C. R. and Marion as a souvenir of the meeting.

In addition to the over-printed bill, other souvenir items were created as souvenirs of the meeting. They included, a yellow plastic token that was good for parking at the event, a gaming chip with C. R. and Marion's image on it and good for \$1.00 at the meeting (only presented to those present), a wooden nickel with a cent encased and also with a sticker, and a plain elongated cent. You will find the plastic token and elongated cent enclosed with this newsletterⁱ. The other items are no longer available and only presented to those present at the meeting.

The recognition closed with C.R. and Marion thanking the membership for honoring them and a discussion of the progress of the supplement to *Florida Tokens* and other endeavors.



ⁱ Of course this was the August 2007 newsletter referred to here.

Florida Token Society 50th Anniversary Token

The Florida Token Society was founded by a small group of collectors on December 4, 1976. The founding group met in Ormond Beach at Ellinor Village.

This group consisted of Vic Amorose, C.R. and Marion Clark, Robert and Mary Clark, P.G. Gearing, Ralph Jones, N.R. and Dorothy Mack, Hugh Roberts and Fred Stanfield.

Vic Amorose was elected President and the name TOKENNEWS was selected for the newsletter on the suggestion of Mr. Amorose. Later that month a one page TOKENNEWS was edited and published by Fred Stanfield. TOKENNEWS was born and has been published continuously ever since.

This year the Florida Token Society celebrates 50 years of numismatic excellence. The fact that the FTS has lasted for half a century is not by accident but by design. Your club has been influenced by many well-known numismatists over the years. All of these esteemed individuals have helped shape the landscape of our Society and we owe them a great deal of gratitude.

The FTS executive today consists of dedicated people that do an outstanding job. There is no doubt in my mind that the Florida Token Society will not only survive but flourish.

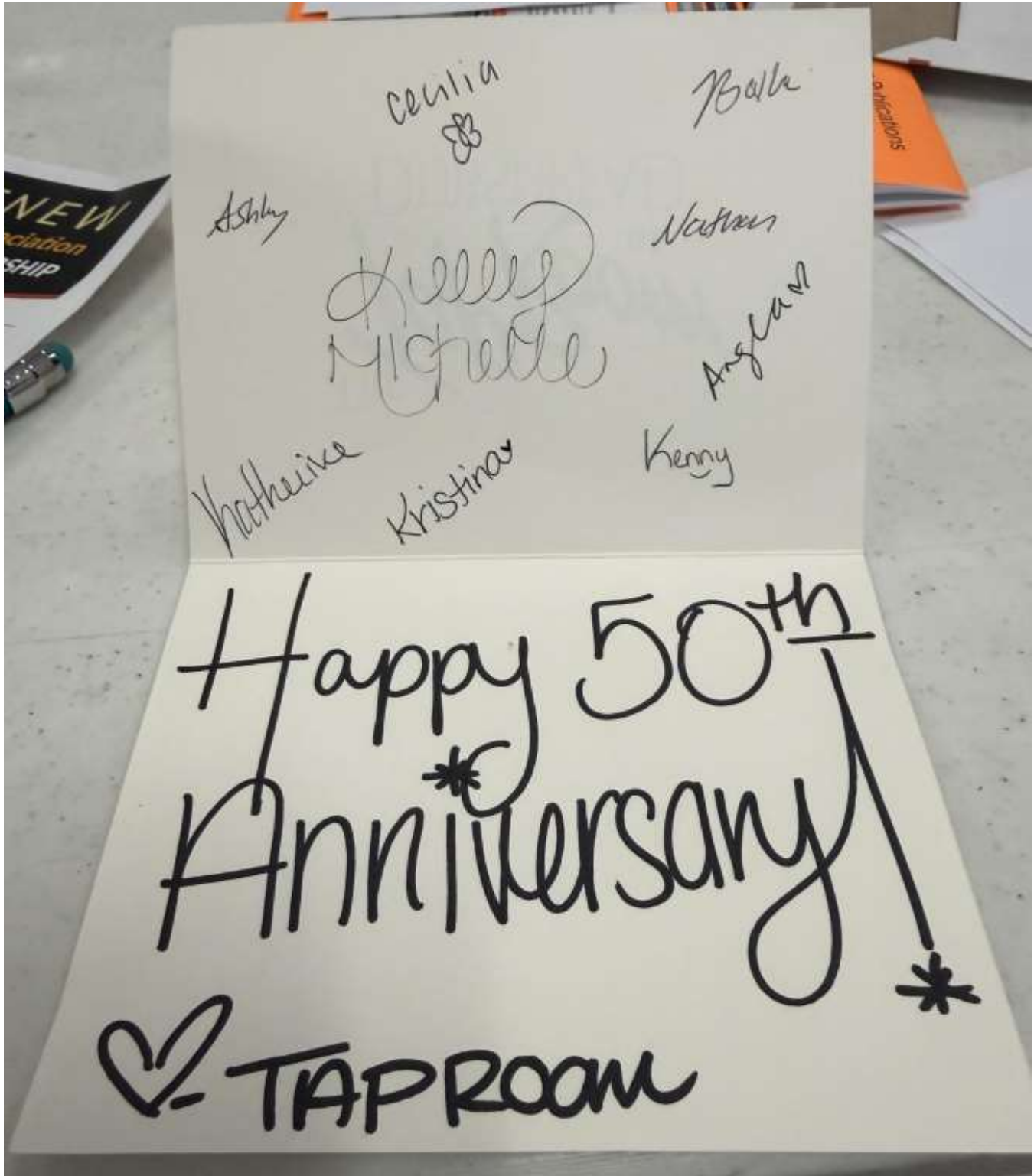


If you couldn't attend the meeting and want a token, we will mail it to you. Please send \$7 to Bob Hawes payable to him if you want us to mail it to you. His address is, 2101 Debby Place, South Daytona Florida 32119- 2638. His email is bobcoin@earthlink.net.

If you attend the next meeting in November, you will receive the Anniversary good for token there. However, these special Anniversary tokens are **only** available to our members.

Scott E. Douglas

2026 - CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY



The Tap Room Staff at Dubsdread Golf Course Restaurant Surprised FTS With an Anniversary Card

The Florida Token Society Meeting Orlando, FL. April 11, 2026



Photo courtesy John Wilson



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Florida Token Society – Fall Meeting Notice!

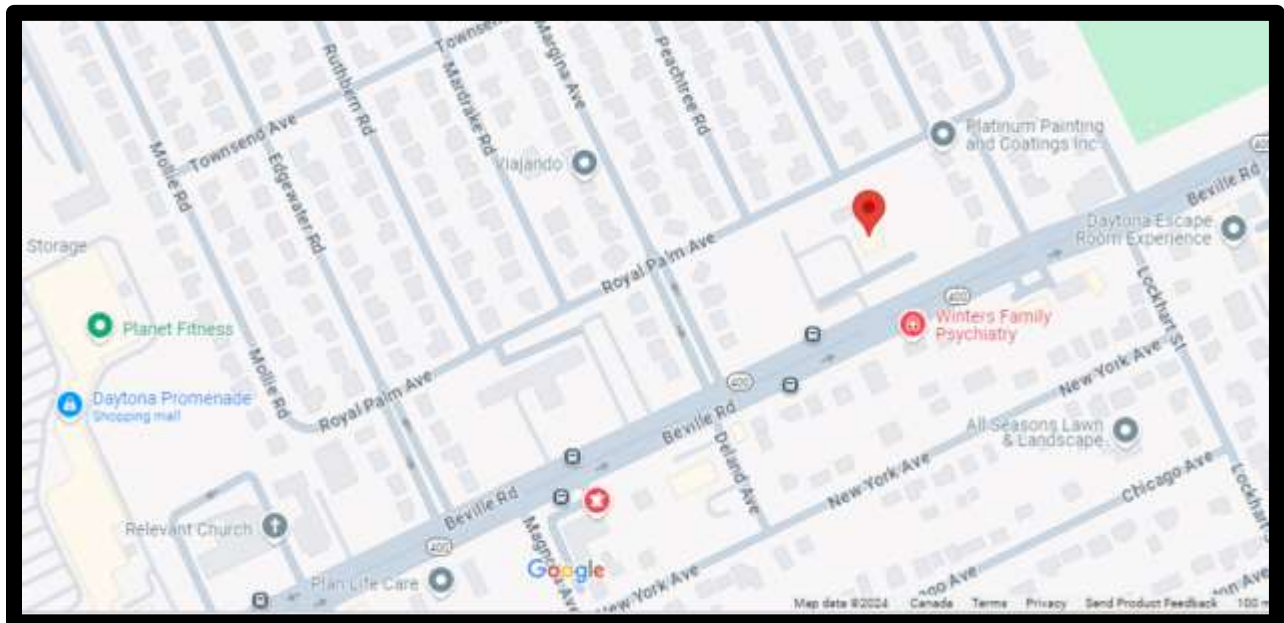
Saturday, November 14, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: The United Presbyterian Church
730 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, Florida

The Florida Token Society will meet at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda consisting of talking, trading, swapping, and holding an official meeting! After conducting business we will have an auction before going for lunch at 1:00 p.m. to a local restaurant. We eagerly anticipate your being in attendance with us.

Respond to Bob Hawes (our host) (386) 305-3536

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