

THE SAND DOLLAR

THE OFFICIAL OCEAN COUNTY
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This issue of the Sand Dollar is dedicated to the memory of Darleen Harris-Wilson



Darleen "Dolly" Harris-Wilson (1943-2022)

Darlene Harris-Wilson regrettably passed away on Tuesday, May 31st. She loved the Ocean County Coin Club and enjoyed cooking for and socializing with everyone. She especially enjoyed donating gifts for the kids and attending our Coin Clubs festivities throughout the years. She was a special woman in the lives of all she touched. She will be sorely missed, but her memory and the influence she had on the lives of those around her will live forever.

She loved her family and loved being a mother and grandmother. She loved dining out at the great restaurants at the Jersey Shore, visiting the Manasquan Inlet, and going to Atlantic City where she had phenomenal luck at slot machines.

She will be forever missed by her husband Bob Wilson; her children Dolly, Frank, Heidi and Amy; and her grandchildren Samantha, Ben, and Grace.

Meeting Dates

Come join us at our monthly meetings. The Ocean County Coin Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The dates of upcoming meetings are on Page 2.

Upcoming Events

Stay in the know and check out the upcoming events on Page 2.

Coin Club Officers

President - Dennis Berube
President Emeritus - Jim Majoris
Vice President - Doug Ball
Recording Sec. - (vacant)
Corresponding Sec. - (vacant)
Treasurer - Dolly Harris

The Growth of Coin Collecting



Coin Collecting in one shape or form has been almost as old as coins themselves. Whether it was for the coin's artistry and interesting images, potential growth of investment opportunities, or to be able to hold onto a piece of history and imagine all the famous figures that could have handled it, these metallic morsels of monetary value have captivated the imaginations and attention of millions of people for millennia. During the Renaissance period coin collecting was known as the "Hobby of Kings" due to the fact that only wealthy aristocrats could afford to hoard and collect money. Today, as a result of coin clubs, coin dealers, and the affordability of coins from throughout the world, coin collecting has become the "King of Hobbies". According to several sources, today the estimated number of coin collectors in the United States alone is over 140 million and growing. Programs like our very own Young Numismatist program and new social media outlets like coin collecting youtube channels have allowed the hobby to grow to collectors of all ages. The Ocean County Coin Club has been seeing a growth in our membership over the last few months and we look forward to continued growth as we share our passion for coin collecting with those around us.

COIN COLLECTING BASICS

MINT MARKS

Mint marks are letters that identify where a coin was made. They hold the maker responsible for the quality of a coin. When the U.S. used precious metals such as gold and silver to make circulating coins, a commission evaluated the metal compositions and quality of coins from each of the Mint facilities. The evaluations ensured that each facility produced coins to the correct specifications. The table to the right lists the mint marks for each of the Mint's current and historic facilities, and the dates they used the mark.

Mint Branch

Mint Mark

Years Mark Used

Carson City (NV)	CC	1870-1893
Charlotte (NC)	C	1838-1861
Dahlonega (GA)	D	1838-1861
Denver (CO)	D	1906-Present
New Orleans (LA)	O	1838-1861, 1879-1909
Philadelphia (PA)	P	1942-45, 1979-Present
San Francisco (CA)	S	1854-1955, 1968-Present
West Point (NY)	W	1984-Present

The U.S. Mint's Commemorative Coin Program

The 1892 Columbian Exposition half dollar was the first commemorative coin authorized by Congress. From 1892 through 1954, subsequent legislation authorized the U.S. Mint to produce commemorative coins for 53 different events, occasions, or individuals. This resulted in the Mint producing over 180 silver and gold commemorative coins. Congress authorizes commemorative coins that celebrate and honor American people, places, events, and institutions. Although these coins are legal tender, they are not minted for general circulation. Each commemorative coin is produced by the United States Mint in limited quantity and is only available for a limited time. The modern commemorative coin program began in 1982 and has continued to the present day.

The 2022 Commemorative Coins are:

Negro Leagues Baseball (Pictured Right)

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor (Pictured Below)



1892 Columbian Exposition Half Dollar



Since the modern commemorative coin program began in 1982, the United States Mint has raised more than \$506,301,189 in surcharges to help build new museums, maintain national monuments like the Vietnam War Memorial, preserve historical sites like George Washington's home, support various Olympic programs, and much more.

COIN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"TIME IS THE COIN OF YOUR LIFE. IT IS THE ONLY COIN YOU HAVE. AND ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE HOW IT WILL BE SPENT. BE CAREFUL LEST YOU LET OTHER PEOPLE SPEND IT FOR YOU."
- CARL SANDBURG

UPCOMING OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB MEETING DATES:

June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, Sept. 15th,
October 20th, November 17th, December 15th

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB 2022 ANNUAL SHOW:

Saturday, October 22ND (9am - 3pm)

UPCOMING AREA COIN SHOWS:

July 9th (9am - 3pm) - Colts Neck Coin Show
{Colts Neck Firehouse #2}

July 10th (9am - 2pm) - Burlington Coin Show
{Masonic Lodge #32}

July 24th (8am - 2pm) - Old Bridge Coin Show
{Old Bridge First Aid and Rescue Building}

July 24th (10am - 3pm) - Trevoise Coin Show
{Trevoise Fire House}

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

Board of Directors

Jim Majoros / Jeff Thompson/ Joe Testa/
Bob Holloway

YN (Young Numismatists) Program

Director

Jim Majoros, Jeff Thompson

Historian

(Vacant)

Dealer Representative

Bob Holloway

Auctioneer

Mike Solimene

Exhibits

Jeff Thompson

Librarian & Chief Education Officer

Doug Ball

Sergeant-at Arms

John Deitz

Monthly Club Meetings

- Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month
- YN's (Young Numismatists) (ages 6 – 17) meeting begins at 6:30 where they earn CLUB DOLLARS for their participation in the program and use them to bid on coins during the YN Auction.
- The regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm and generally ends at 8:45 pm.
- Check out our website at: www.occoinclub.org
- Find us on Facebook at: Ocean County Coin Club
- Refreshments available at every meeting

Key Ocean County Coin Club Inc. Assignments

ANA Representative
(Vacant)

GSNA Representative

Dennis Berube

Membership

Dolly Harris

Refreshments

Renee Berube

Coin Show Director

Joe Testa

Assistant Coin Show Director

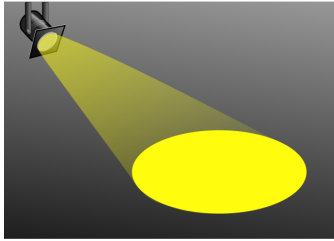
Dennis Berube

Website/Facebook Page Administrator

Dolly Harris

The Sand Dollar (Newsletter) Editor

Charles Pazmiño



Adult Members Spotlight

BOB HOLLOWAY

Bob is one of the first people that most members both old and new get to meet when they first come to our meetings. His prime position by the door, welcoming demeanor, and humorous stories make him a major fixture and valued member of the Ocean County Coin Club. Thank you Bob for your many years of dedication to our club.

Yearly Membership Rates:

Adults: \$15

Young Numismatists

(aka YNs - ages 6-17): **\$10**

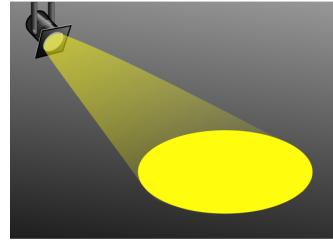
Family: \$20

***Memberships must
be renewed yearly**

**New Adult Members
and YN Members in
2022: 10**

**Our membership
keeps growing and
it's fantastic,
continue to spread
the word!**

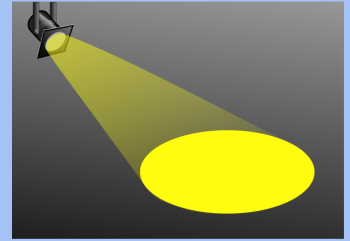
**Get your Anniversary
Commemorative Coin
Today!:**



Adult Members Spotlight

**Your name could
be here!**

**If you would like
to nominate a
member for the
spotlight just
email us and let
us know who you
think we should
highlight in future
issues!**



Young Numismatist (YN) Spotlight

MATHEW T.

Mathew T. is 12 and has been going to the coin shows since he was 3. He collects everything but mostly items he can use in displays. Mathew also does coins for kids display in April for National Coin Week and Honoring our Veterans in Coins and Medals in October, both at the Point Pleasant Boro and Beach Libraries. He along with his grandfather have been doing the Point Pleasant Memorial School Career Day for about 4 years now.







In Loving Memory of
Darleen "Dolly" Harris-Wilson
1943 - 2022

