



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Next Monthly Meeting

NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

5134 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY

GARLAND, TEXAS 75043

MEETING ARE ON 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH

APRIL 12, 2024 7:30 PM

MAY 10, 2024 7:30 PM

JUNE 14, 2024 7:30 PM

JULY 19, 2024 7:30 PM

AUGUST 23, 2024 7:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

EACH MEMBER IS
ENCOURAGED TO BRING
REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.

HELP WANTED!

Come early to our meetings and
help set up the tables and chairs.
The pay is low but the rewards are
many!

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

BILL A

VICE PRESIDENT:

MARY P

Treasurer:

TERRY R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

From The President

by Bill A

Looking forward to our meeting on April 26th. We will meet in the church parlor rather than the gym. There will be directions. 7:30, New World United Methodist Church, 5134 Northwest Highway, Garland

Reggie C will be our speaker and know he will share some interesting stories.

We will be making some changes to our by-laws and they will be listed in the newsletter for your approval.

Please follow our metal detecting ethics. Main one, cover your holes, pickup your trash, and leave the area cleaner when you leave than it was when you found it.

Weather is changing to hotter, please take care.

Bill

From The Vice President

by Mary P

Very sorry if you missed our March 22 meeting. We had a very interesting visit from John W. John is a bee keeper, he shared his experiences with us and brought some of his honey to taste and purchase.

Our April 26 meeting Reggie C will visit with us. Reggie has been metal

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

OPEN

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

OPEN

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

OPEN

FACEBOOK CONTACT:

JANET C

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

JANET C (ASST.)

SEE YOUR MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NOTICE!

**SELL YOUR SILVER COINS
TO OUR CLUB RATHER
THAN TO A STRANGER!
CHECK OUR PRICE
BEFORE YOU SELL!**

NOTICE!

**SUGGEST A PLACE FOR
OUR MONTHLY FUN
HUNTS OTHER THAN A
CITY PARK AND RECEIVE
A SILVER DOLLAR!**

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

This space is reserved for free member ads. Do you have something you wish to sell or buy? Member ads, including pictures, will be printed as space allows.

We also have space for paid ads. If you have a business or service available and wish to advertise to club members (and those who visit our newsletter on the Webpage), reasonable rates apply.

detecting for years and will share some of his exploits. Please plan to come.

Hope you were able to see the Eclipse. Amazing experience!!

Take care, be safe and see you on April 26, 7:30, New World Church, 5134 Northwest Highway, Garland.

Mary

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for March 22, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. Because the basketball court was in use Golden Triangle met in the Parlor. We can possibly use this as our regular meeting place – better acoustics, plush chairs, wouldn't have to set up tables/chairs. Meeting was called to order. February birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Mary P introduced John W, our guest speaker. He presented a fascinating program on beekeeping including samples of honey.

New Business

We still need a volunteer for the Hunt Master position. There will be not Fun Hunt this month. Prior to the meeting an Executive Board meeting was held with 4 members present.

- It is suggested that in April the Secretary will call all members who have not yet paid their dues encouraging them to pay to avoid being removed from the membership list.
- Making the Holiday Seeded Hunt an annual occasion. Check with Harold R.
- Executive Committee members will read the Bylaws and suggest any changes to bring before the membership.

Old Business

Since the February minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved.

February Treasurer's report was presented and accepted as read and will be filed for audit.

Door prize winners were:

Bill A	John W	Terry R	Harold R
Chuck G	Bob S	Eden L	Andretta L
Leticia R	Janet D		

Garrett ACE 250 we wish to sell, Purchased New, Never Used, still in the box,
 Make an Offer.
 Larry Voyles, 972-816-5808 or,
wwaviation@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MEMBER NOTICE:

Jack L. reminds us all to save our foreign coins. These are used in hunts involving kids who often spend silver coins, especially in vending machines. Bring your foreign coins to any club meeting so we can have a reserve.



Have you done all you can to recruit new members? Invite inactive former members to become active again? Our club can only grow if we all work at it.

Bill A won the marble drawing but did not get the blue marble.

In the Fund Raiser winners were:

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| 1882 Morgan dollar – Janet C | 1891-S Morgan dollar – Frank M |
| 1901-O Morgan dollar – Frank M | 1921-S Morgan dollar – Janet C |
| 1923 Peace dollar – Harold R | 1923 Peace dollar – Velma S |
| 1923 Peace dollar – Velma S | 1 oz silver round – Janet C |
| 1841 Large Cent – Leticia R | 1968 Proof set – Mary P. |

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Janet C won the Name tag drawing.

Thanks to all who brought snacks to share.

Meeting adjourned.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Because we did not have FOM contests at our previous meeting, there are two separate contests in January.

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Harold R	1797 King George III
2 nd	Leticia R	1941 Mercury
3 rd	Chuck G	1870 1uo Russian Coin
JEWELRY		
1 st	Harold R	Sterling Silver Bracelet
2 nd	Leticia R	14 Kt Wedding Ring
3 rd	Chuck G	925 Spinner Ring
RELICS		
1 st	Chuck G	1909 ½ Mark
2 nd	Harold R	1903-1953 Baylor University Tokem
3 rd	Leticia R	Old Hem Weight
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Leticia R	Disabled Veteran Toy Soldier
2 nd	Harold R	Sterling Silver Box
3 rd	Chuck G	Pocket Wake-Up Compact
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Harold R	Sterling Silver Dolphin
2 nd	Leticia R	1000 Pesos Mexican Coin
3 rd	Chuck G	Serenity Token

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ed. Note: OK, so we don't really have a recipe of the month but we do like to publish recipes of interest to our members.

Report On By-Laws Revisions

By Mike S

At the March meeting, it was agreed the members of the Executive Board would study the By-Laws and suggest revisions to the membership. Below are some of the suggested revisions. The Executive Board will meet to make final revisions to the By-Laws. The revisions must be approved by the members at a regular monthly meeting. In the meantime, all members are requested to review these suggested revisions and let the members of the Executive Board know of any questions, suggestions, or revisions.

Article III Section 1

Change wording to **However, new members may join at any time during the year and their annual dues will be calculated on a pro-rated basis.** (AL)

Article III Section 2

Change wording to **There are two classes of membership: Individual and Family, including children up to the age of 18. The amount of annual membership dues shall be decided from time-to-time when proposed by the Executive Board and approved by members at any regular monthly meeting.** (MS)

Article III Section 3

Change wording to **Prior to the April meeting the Secretary shall call those members whose dues are not current and are overdue by 60 days shall be dropped from the membership list.** (AL)

Article VIII

Change fourth sentence to read "Term of office shall be for **two** years." (MS)

Change sixth sentence to read: "No officer may hold **his/her** office for more than **four** consecutive years. (MS)

Article X, Section 3

Change section to read **Treasure Shows – The committee shall plan and carry out the design and preparation for the club booth for any exhibition or convention in which the club decides to participate. This committee shall be appointed at the second meeting of each year.** (MS)

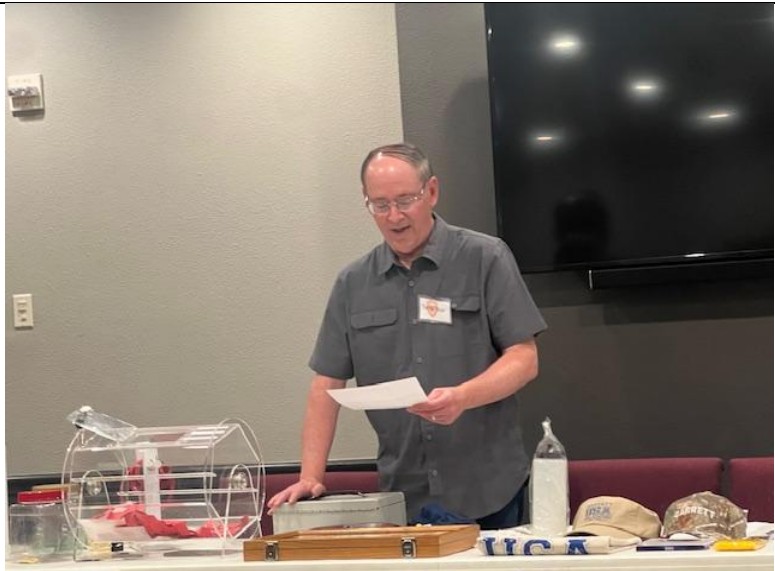
FOM

Add after the Exception for 2 finds **Double prizes will not be awarded.** (AL)

PHOTOS FROM MARCH MEETING

Thanks To Harold R







ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Americans Throw Away Up to \$68 Million in Coins a Year. Here Is Where It All Ends Up.

At a waste-management facility in Morrisville, Pa., workers load incinerated trash into industrial machinery that separates and sorts metals, then sends them to get hosed down. The reward: buckets of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.

Americans toss as much as \$68 million worth of change each year, according to Reworld. The sustainable-waste processing company is on a treasure-hunt to find it. The company says that in the seven years since it started the effort, it has collected at least \$10 million worth of coins.

Coins are as good as junk for many Americans. Buses, laundromats, toll booths and parking meters now take credit and debit cards and mobile payments. Using any form of physical currency has become more of an annoyance, but change is often more trouble than it is worth to carry around. The U.S. quarter had roughly the buying power in 1980 that a dollar has today.

"If you lost a \$100 bill you'd look for it. If you lost a \$20 bill you'd look for it. If you lost a book you'd look for it," said Robert Whaples, an economics professor at Wake Forest University. "But a penny,

you're just not going to look for it."

Whaples has encouraged the government to kill the penny, which costs about three times its value to make. The U.S. Mint spent \$707 million making coins last year. Canada, New Zealand and Australia have removed their 1 cent pieces from circulation.

Many coins are also getting left behind. At airport checkpoints, the Transportation Security Administration collects hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of them each year. Coins are left in couch cushions or cars, then sucked into vacuums and sent to landfills, said Dominic Rossi, Reworld's director of finance and business support.

Reworld started collecting change in 2017 after noticing more of it in the trash. The company recovers 550,000 tons of metals, including soda cans, old pipes, keys and silverware.

On a recent Monday, a bucket loader lifted trash from its waste facilities into various sorting machines. A rattling gray one separated out anything that was the color of a coin. Another one separated anything round and flat, like a coin. And another machine separated heavier metals like coins from lighter metals like aluminum.



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It took 35 minutes to clean what the machines spat out. Then, squeaky clean coins were spread out on an iron rack to dry. They were still mixed in with euro cents, coins from Kuwait and D.C. metro tokens.

In a trailer, human checkers wearing gloves sorted through buckets of this material, separating the good coins from everything else.

Because the trash was incinerated before it reached the facility, some coins were mangled beyond recognition. Of the \$10 million in coins the company has recovered, some \$6 million has been in good enough condition to use.

Reworld gathers anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1 million in coins a year, which it turns over to a third party to count and deposit to local banks.

Checkout counter annoyances

Most coins don't end up in the trash. But that doesn't mean they are wanted, either.

When Cassandra Raposo worked as a Dollar Store cashier, customers would often come to the register to pay for \$5 to \$10 purchases entirely with bags of change.



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On busy days, Raposo helped them count every coin. Sometimes, they counted twice to double check, while she looked apologetically at the other waiting customers.

"I could feel the annoyance and almost even rage," said Raposo, now a copy editor in Rhode Island.

People tend to bring their extra change to the bank to trade in, but it is getting harder to do even that. Capital One and PNC removed

their coin-counting machines about a decade ago due to low customer use. In 2016, TD Bank pulled the plug on its coin-counting machines after an investigation found that it was giving customers less money than they were putting in.

Today many people cash in their coins at Coinstar kiosks in grocery stores and gas stations. The company has said it operates about 18,000 kiosks across the country and has processed more than 800 billion coins.

Another person's treasure

This year, Sara and Justin Ilse finished building a floor for their home's 230-square-foot entryway out of 65,507 pennies.

"It was a way to encase something that doesn't get viewed with much value in daily life," Justin said.

More than 20,000 of the pennies came from jars that Sara's father and brother-in-law kept in their closets. They bought the rest of the pennies they needed in 2,500 increments through their local bank. In addition to the \$655 they spent on pennies, they also spent \$1,195 on supplies such as glue and epoxy.

In one social-media video where they posted about the yearlong process of building the floor, they tossed a handful of pennies onto the finished product and watched them practically vanish.

Reworld employees also have a soft spot for hard currency. They set aside the buffalo nickels they find. These coins were only made between 1913 and 1938, and they can be worth thousands of dollars.

"As a child I used to get excited about buffalo nickels, I thought they were rare," said Angelo Geraci, the facility's operations supervisor. "Here we have jars and jars of buffalo nickels."



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The coin recovery program is just a small part of Reworld's revenue. The company makes most of its money from operating incineration facilities that burn trash to generate fuel.

Employees believe that one day coin usage will cease altogether, and so will the collection operation. But they'll always have the buffalo nickels.

FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

RULES FOR THE FIND OF THE MONTH CONTEST

GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORER SOCIETY FIND OF THE MONTH *RULES, REGULATIONS, and GUIDELINES*

QUALIFIED FINDS –

- Any find of lost, cached, trashed or prospected items of significant value or interest may be entered.
- It is not a requirement that finds be made with a metal detector.*
- Guests may vote in the Find of the Month.
- Only those items found since the last club meeting attended are eligible. One item per category may be entered.
- Finds must be fresh; nothing purchased, and nothing recovered from a seeded hunt is eligible.
- Only one item per category may be submitted. **EXCEPTION:** In any month the Find of the Month contest is not held, two items may be entered in each category at the next meeting.
- All finds must be signed in on the entry form for the appropriate category.
- The person(s) in charge of the FOM table may disqualify questionable finds. Should a disqualification be challenged, the challenge must be immediately presented to a member of the Executive Board for resolution.

CATEGORIES –

COINS

- All coins are eligible to be entered.
- Currency worth \$20.00 or more and coin caches are eligible.
- No clad coins or memorial cents are eligible unless there is an obvious extenuating circumstance, i.e., a miss-struck coin.

JEWELRY – PRECIOUS METALS

- Includes anything with or without stones, designed to be worn by mankind.
- Items include, but not limited to, rings, bracelets, watches, etc.

RELICS

- Eligible items must be at least 50 years old.
- Jewelry items may be entered only if they have more significance as a relic.

MOST UNUSUAL

- Any find that does not qualify in the other three categories is eligible here.
- Costume jewelry may be entered.

SECOND CHANCE

- This is an open area in which you can enter that second coin, relic, or piece of jewelry.
- The item must be a “second item,” and only one entry per person per month is allowed.

DISPLAY TABLE

Display table(s) will be set up for members to show their monthly finds.

VOTING

Members will vote with the ballot provided at the FOM table. Only one ballot per person is allowed. Voting is permitted for up to three places (First, Second, and Third) in each category. Votes for all positions in each category **IS NOT REQUIRED**.

* The metal detector is a popular tool of the treasure hunter, but its use to find the items presented is not necessary. It is only required that the finds be legitimately found items.