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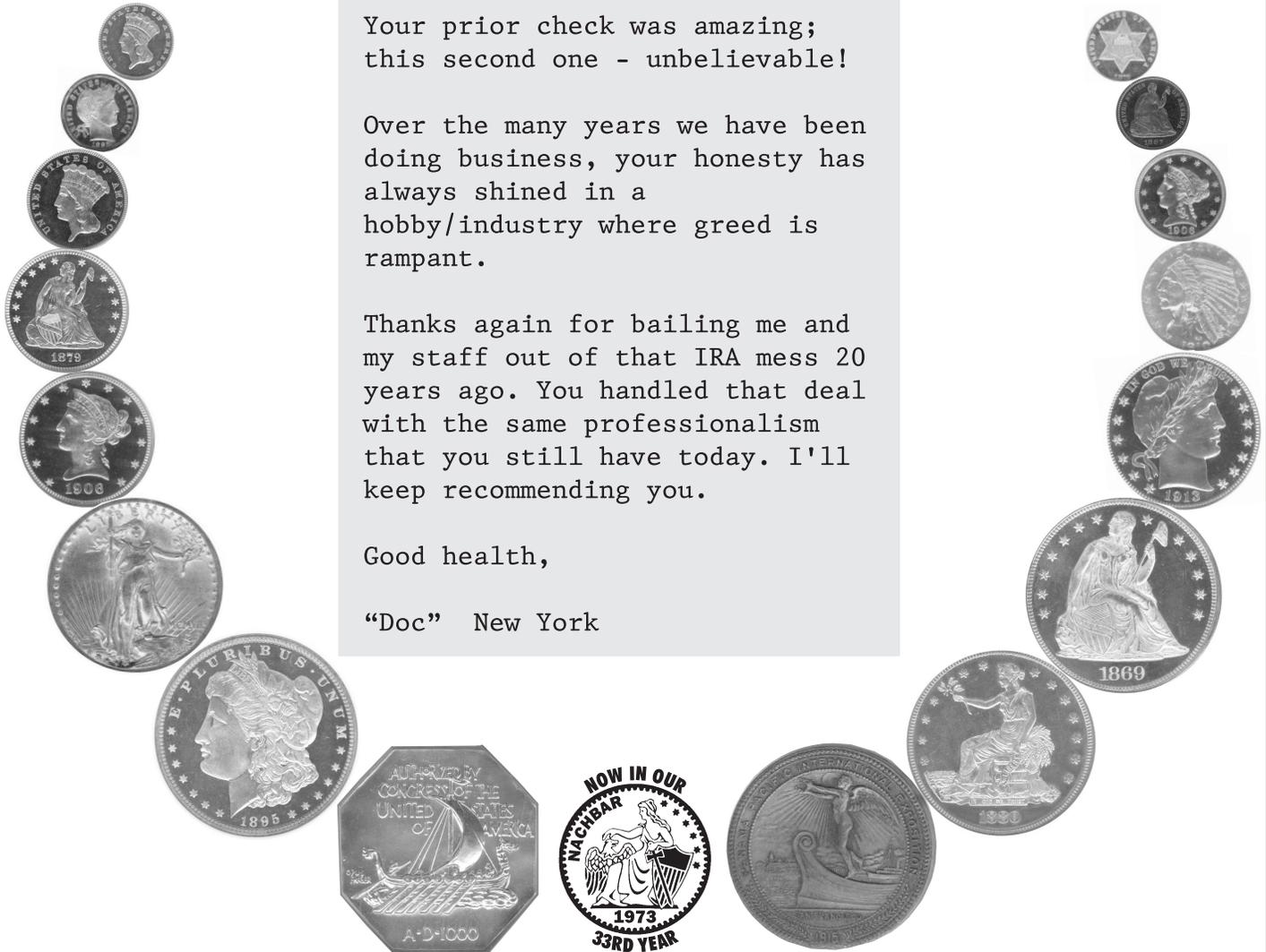
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# Tom Takes Over

Happy New Year - That's the Rochester Numismatic Association's New Year that we are celebrating. Our year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The first activity of our New Year is our summer picnic, set for July 17<sup>th</sup> in Wadham's Lodge in Powder Mill Park, from noon to five PM. I hope many of you are able to come out for what promises to be a day of good numismatic fellowship with plenty to eat, our White Elephant auction for the benefit of our RNA, and our first Board meeting of the year. We are beginning our 94<sup>th</sup> year, so that means 2006 dues are now due. And what a bargain they continue to be.

I want to begin our New Year with a BIG THANK YOU to our last president, Edith Coe, for the high level of her leadership, not just in the past year as our president but for her previous three years of service to the RNA as our secretary and vice president. Edie has extremely strong organizational skills, which she shared for the benefit of all in our club. It has been a great pleasure working with her.

I also want to thank the nominating committee and all our members for the confidence placed in me to continue our club's wonderful traditions. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve, and humbled by this honor, but I am also anxious to begin the work of the presidency.

The truth is, I have been thinking of this special time since my terms as Treasurer in the Childers and Gottfried administrations.

I also look forward to being an honorary member of the RJNA this year. One idea I have is to ask some of our speakers to repeat their talks at an RJNA meeting as was done by Alec Ollies this past year. I know his talk on big money in Yap was very well received. I think he should get credit for two talks and I'd like to

explore this idea at our first Board meeting.

I have several reminders to put into this, my first RNA column. First, annual dues of \$20.00 are due now and may be paid at the picnic or mailed separately to our Treasurer Ted Vaccarella. Second, PICNIC PLANNING! Cost of picnic: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. All RNA members, RJNA members, families and guests are invited. The reservations, main course and paper products are accounted for but we still need some help with bringing food, beverages, snacks and deserts. If you can help out, please call me at 241-3807. It will feel good to button up our picnic plans.

Third, our bylaws require four board meetings per year. The picnic will be the site of our first meeting for this year; starting at 12:30PM. We'd like to keep it short so we can start the eating part of the picnic at 1 o'clock or thereabouts. If you have an agenda item, please let me know. All are invited to attend board meetings. We welcome your input so we can work at becoming an even better club and so we can plan an interesting program for 2005-06.

Fourth: Joe aka Steve Lanzafame, our vice president and program committee chairman has lots of openings for speakers and refreshments so sign up soon. For the coming year, our other committee chairs will be: Audit-Gerry Muhl; Historian- Bob Doty; Membership-Bill Coe; Nominating-Edie Coe; Numismatist of the Year (if we have one)-Edie Coe; and the aforementioned Program-Joe Lanzafame. We still need some help with the committees. Please step up and help. Your work will not go unnoticed; we'll give you more to do later. The audit committee needs two more members. The Program committee and the membership

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photos by Scott Fybush

## Past pres Gottfried honored with medal, banquet

An annual RNA tradition continued on Friday, June 17, as 72 members and guests gathered at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport for the club's 89<sup>th</sup> annual banquet.

This year's event honored the club's 92<sup>nd</sup> president, Dave Gottfried, whose served from 2003 to 2004.



In addition to a cake featuring Dave's beloved Feuchtwanger tokens, displays included the

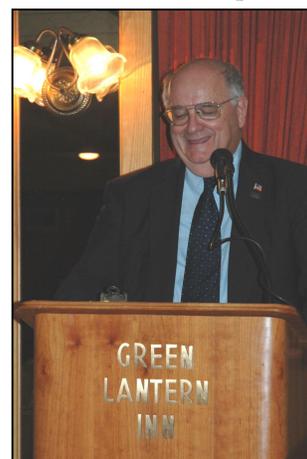
club's complete set of presidential medals, plus past president **Ken Traub's** own medals in multiple metals, along with the die and plaster model for his presidential medal.

As always, **Terry** and his crew at the Green Lantern provided the club with a tasty dinner, prime rib and all, and Fairport mayor/RNA member **Clark King** once again declared "RNA Day" in the village in honor of the occasion.

The evening's highlight was the release of the Gottfried medal, the latest in the club's long tradition. Engraved by Bryan Timmons and struck by the North American Mint in **4 RNA News**

bronze and silver (as well as unique pewter and lead strikes), the medal features lettering reminiscent of Hard Times Tokens, as well as the date in a banner above Dave's head, another Hard Times-era touch.

In addition to his parents **Jackie** and **Henry Gottfried**,



Dave was accompanied by fiancée **Julie Albright**, brother **Jason** and grandmother **Bertha Strojny** (above).

The drawing for the unique pewter medal was won by incoming president **Tom Kraus**, while **Roberta Childers** won the free dinner drawing.

In other presentations, **John Zabel** awarded speakers' medals to all who gave presentations during

2004-2005, **Charlie Ricard** presented the club with a rare UN medal, and **Richard Nachbar** presented **Dan White** with a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

# Ricard honored with life membership

On June 2, 2005, members present at the RNA's Annual Meeting elected Charles J. Ricard to honorary life membership, the club's highest honor. This award requires a 90% affirmative vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting. It is a testament of our admiration for Charlie and to his unending accomplishments. Many of the major ones are listed below. Charlie is only the eleventh person to be so honored in the 93-year history of the RNA. The only other living RNA Honorary Life Member is Edwin Quagliana, Member #5 who joined on September 1, 1953.

The RNA has awarded honorary life membership to only a handful of members over the years. The others to have been so honored were George J. Bauer, Almond H. Plumb, Alphonse A. Kolb, William H. Hutchinson, Clarence E. Moore, Dr. Arthur C. Parker, Floyd B. Newell, Earle H. Potter, and Barney Bloom. All but Moore have served as RNA president.

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**Charles J. Ricard**, ANA 19523, began collecting in 1938 under the guidance of George J. Bauer (ANA LM-4, Past-President of the ANA and RNA, and an inductee to the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame). Mr. Ricard served as a Charter Officer and Program Director of the Rochester Junior Numismatic Association (the oldest still active Junior Coin club, founded in 1946)

to which he contributes numismatic material. He joined the Rochester Numismatic Association on March 2, 1948, holding all offices, receiving a medal sculpted by Alphonse A. Kolb bearing his portrait as 48<sup>th</sup> President in 1960. Charlie was the first Junior Club member to become RNA President, and was the youngest person to hold that office spanning a period of 37 years. He was the first Historian of the RNA and is now the RNA Senior Club Member No. 1.

Since joining the American Numismatic Association in 1952, Charlie has served in many capacities including Club, District, and Regional Representative under seven ANA Presidents; Audit Committee Chairman; a Financial Advisor to the John J. Pittman ANA Presidency; Club Publications Awards Committee; Visual Education Committee; Exhibits Committee; National Coin Week Committee; Senior Advisor to the ANA Representatives Program; Financial Chairman of the ANA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention; Chairman of the 1891 Club for four years raising over \$72,000, permitting the publication of the *ANA Centennial History and Anthology*; Member of the ANA Centennial Celebration Committee Advisory Council; 1891 Club Committee Chairman for the

ANA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention; an ANA Numismatic Theater speaker and lecturer before numerous ANA member clubs. His attendance at ANA conventions began with Buffalo, NY, in 1947 at the age of 17.

Charles J. Ricard has served as Vice President and President of the North Shore Coin Club of Illinois. As President of the Chicago Coin Club (1987 – 1988), he is the only person to have held the Presidencies of both ANA Branch #1 (Chicago) and ANA Branch #2 (Rochester) clubs. He helped organize the Empire State Numismatic Association as member of the Numismatic Advancement Council, and served Central States Numismatic Society as Financial

Chairman for their 1965 and 1976 conventions.

Charlie was appointed to the 1965 Annual Assay Commission by President Lyndon B. Johnson; and he served twice as Treasurer and as Chief Assayer (President) 1990 – 1991 of the Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society. He designed the OTACS Anniversary Medal.

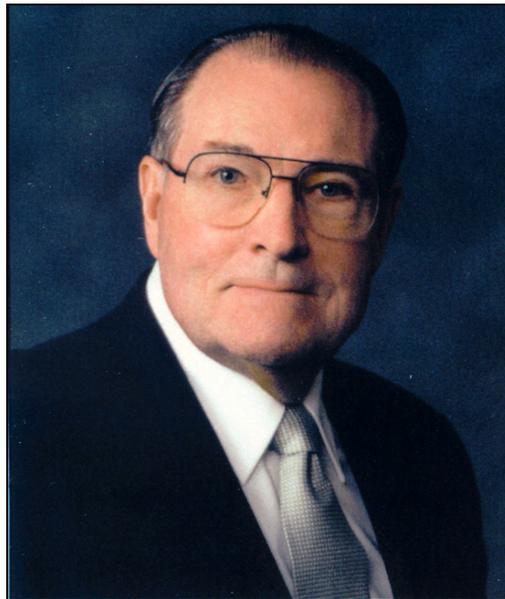
Mr. Ricard is a Charter Member of the Token and Medal Society, Inc., serving as Treasurer for 15 years, Vice President, and President (1992 – 1994) receiving a medal bearing his portrait sculpted by Thomas D. Rogers, Sr., former U. S. Mint Engraver. (His Uncle Charles N. Ricard, TAMS No. 9, was a founder of TAMS, a Past-President of the

Cleveland Coin Club, and was posthumously awarded the ANA Farran Zerbe Award in 2003.)

Charles J. Ricard has served as Secretary, Vice President, and third President (1968) of La Societe Americaine Pour L'Etude de la Numismatique Francaise, designed the Society emblem, and has contributed many articles to "*La BULLETIN*." He was Vice President and Historian of the Society for U. S. Commemorative Coins. He is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society, the American Numismatic Society, and Charter Member of the Medal Collectors of America.

As a member of the Numismatic Literary Guild since 1974, and contributor to numismatic publications, Mr. Ricard has received a number of literary, exhibit, and other awards including the ANA Heath Literary Award for his feature article in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of the "Numismatist" (1988); the ANA highest honor – the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award 2003; the ANA Medal of Merit 1991; the ANA Glenn B. Smedley Award 1993; the ANA Lifetime Achievement Award 1996; ANA Presidential Award 1994; ANA Merit of Service Award 1966; ANA Burton H. Saxton Memorial

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# Ricard

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Exhibit Award 1962; three ANA Certificates of Appreciation; and ANA Membership Awards for 25, 40, and 50 years in 2002.

Also, the Central States Numismatic Society Elston G. Bradfield Memorial Literary Award 1989; Best of Class Exhibit Award 1963 and a silver non-competitive Exhibit Award 1965; Token and Medal Society Medal of Merit on two occasions – 1976 and 1987; the Franklin Mint (Segal) Literary Gold Medal Award and two TAMS Symposium Award medals. The Rochester Numismatic Association Long Service Medal and their 1995 Numismatist of the Year Award; the Chicago Coin Club Cabeen Gold, Silver, and six Honorable Mention Annual Exhibit Award medals, four Featured Speaker Medals and a Silver Literary Award Medal; North Shore Coin Club of Illinois Medal of Merit, Best of Show Exhibit Award, and the Walter Hubbard Memorial Award 1968. He has several other 1<sup>st</sup> Place Exhibit Awards including a Penn-Ohio Coin Club trophy, five ESNA Plaques, a Best of Show from the Triple Cities Coin Club, and a PNG invitational special exhibit award medal, and a Morton Grove Coin Club Speakers Medal.

Mr. Ricard was awarded a Professional Numismatists Guild silver medal for his participation in the Roosevelt University Numismatic Program, lecturing on “Classical Mythology in Ancient Greek Coinage.” He received a Freedoms Foundation Award in 1985 for his Published Works, and was named a Numismatic Ambassador by Krause Publications in 1987.

He attended the 1969 dedication of the new Philadelphia Mint, and was a guest of the U. S. Treasury Department on the August 18, 1975, release of the Bicentennial (Drummer Boy) quarter dollar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He was an advisor to the Civil War Trust on the successful marketing of the Civil War Battlefield Commemorative Coins struck by the U. S. Mint.

Mr. Ricard was honored at the Paris Medal Mint in 1974 with a presentation of an inscribed silver “Washington Before Boston” medal that had been designed by his ancestor Benjamin Duvivier – Medalist to King Louis XVI. Five generations of his family created medals and coins for French Royalty (1667 – 1843). (See *Numismatist*, September 2000 issue.) Mr. Ricard continues to conduct numismatic research and his articles have appeared in various numismatic publications. He is considered an authority on Napoleonic Medals.

Charles J. Ricard is an alumnus of the University of Rochester (NY) College of Business Administration. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Bank Auditor, Certified Trust Auditor, and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is an honorary Life Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. His banking career covered forty-five years and he served in the U. S. Army Finance Corps (1951 – 1953).

Charles J. Ricard is the Great-Grandson of John C. Lighthouse (1844 – 1909), ANA No. 479 (1903), ANA Board Member (1904 – 1907), a prominent collector, exhibitor, and promoter of numismatic education in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He began collecting in 1860 and amassed a 21,572-piece collection which included 660 United States proof coins as well as numerous odd and curious pieces that were never located at the time of his death in 1909. He had loaned most of those pieces for exhibit to his numismatic associates that were never returned to him or his estate. His collection weighed 400 pounds. He created and used descriptive coin history cards at meetings held in his home for visitors, which included Farran Zerbe and many other collector friends. Mr. Lighthouse was posthumously awarded the ANA Farran Zerbe Award in 2003. (See the June, 2005, *RNA News* for a mysterious tale about this misadventure.)

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The Rochester Numismatic Association, as a body, is extremely proud to have Charlie “be one of us,” especially since his numismatic career began in Rochester. We are in awe of his accomplishments and are humbled in his presence.

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## The New President’s Letter

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committee each need one more member. I welcome any of our newer members to call me if you have an interest in working on any of our committees or can share any of your time or talents for the benefit of the RNA or RJNA.

Looking ahead, we have Wayne Scheible lined up to speak at our second meeting in September. His topic will be “Nero, why not the Great?” His talk on the bad boys of Rome sparked historical and numismatic interest in an RJNA member that I know very well, and his talk on the bad girls of Rome was pretty interesting too. The schedule for speakers is otherwise wide open so contact Joe Lanzafame (288-1932 or unpub@aol.com) to get signed up for a talk this year. Also see Joe if you would like to bring refreshments to one of our meetings.

Remember, let’s celebrate numismatic good times at our picnic, July 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to five. Call me if you can help, and don’t forget those funny White Elephants.

Sincerely,

*Tom Kraus*

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# The Calendar July-August-September

- **Sunday July 17 - 12:30 PM - 5 PM - RNA Summer Picnic** at Powder Mills Park in Perinton. The day begins with a **board meeting** at 12:30, to which all are welcome. The picnic itself gets underway about 1. Bring a “white elephant” item for our auction, and contact Tom Kraus at 241-3807 if you can help out in other ways.
- **Picnic Directions:** Powder Mills Park is located off Rt. 96 in Perinton. Take I-490 to the Bushnell’s Basin exit, turn left on Rt. 96 southbound, and follow it about a mile to the park entrance at Park Road. Turn right into the park, and follow the signs back to Wadhams Lodge – we’ll be looking for you!
- **July 27-31 - ANA World’s Fair of Money, San Francisco, California** No need to know the way to San Jose – just be sure to wear some flowers in your hair, or something...
- **Thursday September 2 - 8 PM - What I Did On My Summer Vacation** One big “Show and Tell” session to recap an entire summer of numismatic fun.
- **Thursday September 16 - 8 PM - Wayne Scheible** speaks on “Nero – Why Not ‘The Great?’”
- **Additional fall 2005 meetings: October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15**

Regular RNA meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month except July and August at the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue. Enter through the Eisenhart or Gannett School doors and follow the signs downstairs to our lower-level meeting room. All are welcome! Call Dave Gottfried at 738-0908 if you need a ride or directions.

RJNA meetings are held in either the ballroom of the Eisenhart Auditorium building or an upstairs classroom at the Gannett School; follow the signs posted on the building’s doors or call Steve Lanzafame at 288-1932 for more information.

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