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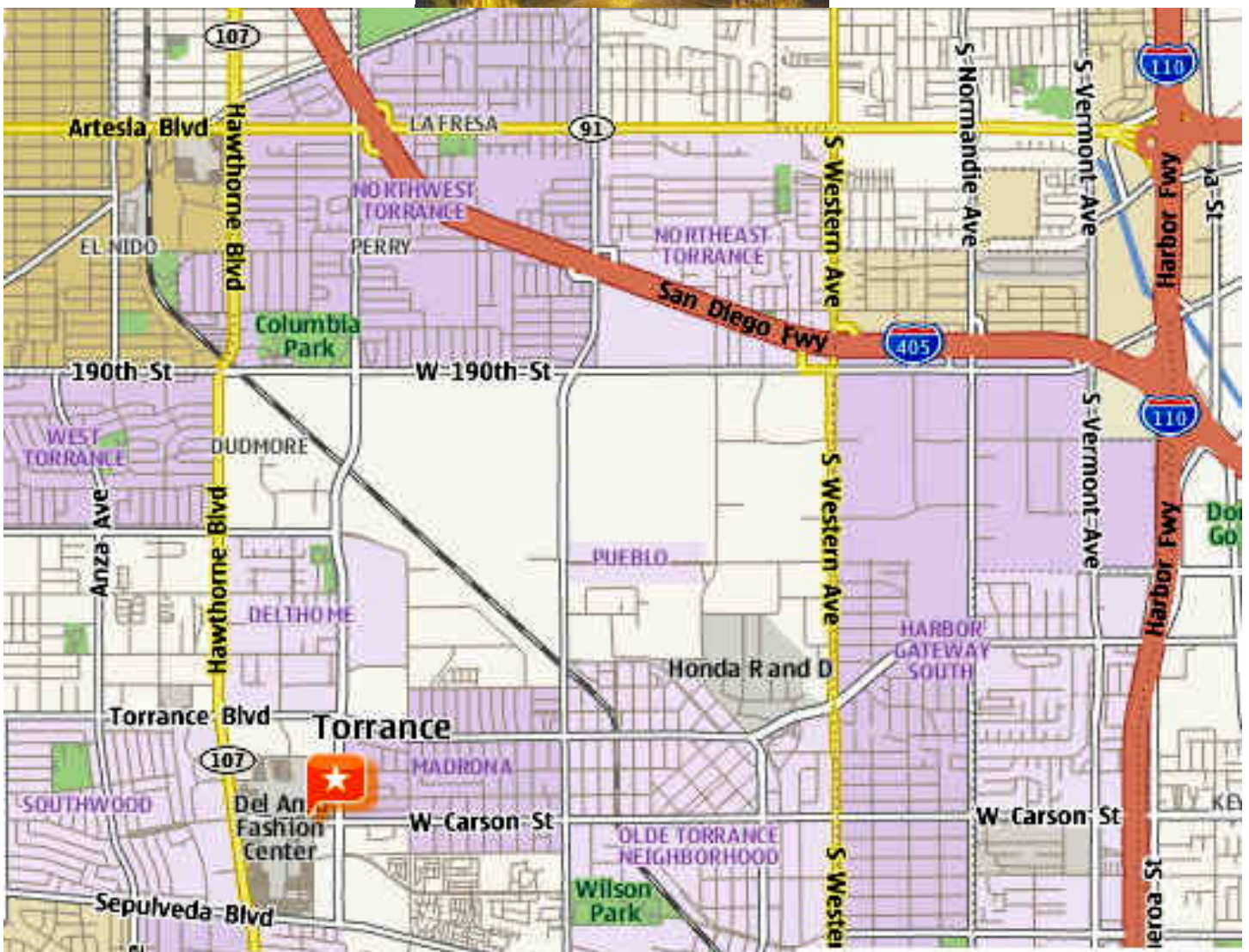
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The Annual January Dinner Meeting of the BCCC will be held at the Hometown Buffet on January 12th at 6:30 PM
3520 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90503

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January Dinner Meeting—January 12th at 6:30 PM

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DINNER MEETING DIRECTIONS
FROM THE NORTH

1. Take the San Diego Fwy (I-405 S) toward Long Beach.
2. Take exit 40B/Redondo Beach Blvd.
3. Turn left onto Redondo Beach Blvd.
4. Turn right onto Prairie Ave.
5. Continue on Madrona Ave.
6. Turn right onto W Carson St.
7. Hometown Buffet is on the left. (3520 W. Carson)

FROM THE SOUTH

1. Take the San Diego Fwy (I-405 N) toward Santa Monica.
2. Take exit 38B/Western Ave.
3. Turn left onto Western Ave.
4. Turn right onto Torrance Blvd.
5. Turn left on Crenshaw Blvd.
6. Turn right onto W Carson St.
7. Hometown Buffet is on the left. (3520 W. Carson)

"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks, as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day was not always January 1.

ANCIENT NEW YEARS — The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4,000 years ago.

In the years around 2,000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming.

January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year.

But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

Revisiting—What other US Mints are there?

There was an article in the December issue, about the number of US Mints since the founding of our country. The first paragraph stated, "Eight US Mints have opened since the first Philadelphia Mint in 1792 to the West Point Mint in 1988. Those eight mints were located in: Philadelphia PA, Charlotte NC, Dahlonega GA, New Orleans LA, San Francisco CA, Carson City NV, Denver CO and West Point NY." However one of our esteemed members, Phil Iversen, wrote the following note pertaining to the subject.

"On page 8 of the December club bulletin, you had a listing of other U.S. Mints. However, I believe that the Manila Mint in the Philippines could technically be called one, too, as they were under U.S. sovereignty from 1903 and produced centavo coins. In later years, coins were produced at the Manila Mint with the "M" mintmark until the country became a Commonwealth in 1935."

Below is an edited version of what Wikipedia has to say about the Manila Mint:

The Manila Mint was a branch of the United States Mint, located in Manila, in the Philippines.

Shortly after the Spanish-American War and a brief insurgency by the Filipinos, the country became a United States possession. Unlike all other territories taken by the United States, the United States soon began to produce a special coinage for the Philippines. To encourage circulation, the denominations were modeled on those produced by the Spanish, namely a silver Peso similar to that minted in Madrid in 1897, denominations of fifty, twenty (instead of twenty-five), and ten Centavos, and a one Centavo similar in size to some pattern cents minted by the Spanish. Also, noted Philippine sculptist Melecio Figueroa was enlisted to provide the designs for the coinage, creating a seated man design for the base metal denominations and a standing woman design for the silver denominations, which latter is thought to have been modeled on his daughter Bianca. In 1903, the San Francisco Mint began producing silver coins for the Philippines, and the Philadelphia Mint producing proofs and base metal coins, along with providing some additional silver issues for circulation. Coins minted in San Francisco had a small "S" mintmark placed to the left of the date; Philadelphia coins were without a mintmark. In 1904 all Spanish coinage was demonetized.

The territorial coinage minted for the Philippines was locked in an exchange rate of two Pesos to one Dollar, and issued in denominations of Half, One, Five, Ten, Twenty, and Fifty Centavos, and One Peso. The Half Centavo proved useless in commerce and was withdrawn from circulation in 1904, and owing to a rise in silver prices the silver denominations (Ten centavos on up) were all reduced in size and alloy in 1907. In 1908, the San Francisco mint was finally authorized to coin base metal cents, and was thus positioned to take over all coinage production for the Philippines after that. After 1912, the Peso ceased to be minted. Such was the state of the coinage for the Philippines when the United States decided to establish a branch mint in the Philippines to take over the role then occupied by the San Francisco mint.

In 1920, the Manila Mint was reopened under United States auspices, and was the first (and to date only) U.S. branch mint located outside the Continental United States. It produced coins until 1922 and then again from 1925 to 1941, when the Japanese Empire invaded the Philippines during World War II. The mint was operated under Japanese auspices during the occupation. No U.S. coins were produced at Manila after 1941 due to the occupation and to Philippine Independence in 1946; although Philippine coinage did take place at the other U.S. mints in 1944 through 1946 (all dated 1944 and 1945 only). The mint also produced a special coinage for the inmates at the Culion Leper Colony. The building housing the mint was destroyed during the retaking of the city in 1945.

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Revisiting—What other US Mints are there? (Continued)

In the beginning, the Manila mint produced its coins without a mintmark, but in 1925, it began using the "M" mintmark on all of its coins until its closure at the end of 1941 with the Japanese invasion. In 1936, to commemorate the Philippines becoming a Commonwealth and no longer a mere territory, Ambrosia Morales was commissioned to generate new coin designs for the commemorative Fifty Centavos and One Peso. The coins he designed featured Manuel Quezon as the Philippine's first Commonwealth President, General Murphy and American President Franklin Roosevelt. A new design for the reverse based on the seal of the Commonwealth he designed was also introduced on those commemoratives, and featured on all Philippine coins minted from 1937 until 1946. When Philippine coinage production resumed in 1944, the One, Five, and Fifty Centavo pieces were again struck in San Francisco (complete with "S" mintmark), Five Centavo pieces were also struck in Philadelphia (no mintmark), and the Ten and Twenty Centavo pieces were struck in Denver, introducing the "D" mintmark to Philippine coinage. All of these coins featured the new Commonwealth reverse design. On July 4, 1946, the era of the Commonwealth ended as independence was granted to the Philippines as a sovereign nation.

The Manila Mint struck coins in the following denominations:

Base Metal Denominations (identical to alloys used for U.S. One Cent and Five Cents)

One Centavo (1920-1922, 1925-1934, and 1936-1941)

Five Centavos (1920-1921, 1925-1928, 1930-1932, 1934-1935, 1937-1938, and 1941)

Silver Denominations (seventy-five percent silver for Ten through Fifty Centavos and eighty percent for the One Peso)

Ten Centavos (1920-1921, 1929, 1935, 1937-1938, and 1941)

Twenty Centavos (1920-1921, 1928-1929, 1937-1938, and 1941)

Fifty Centavos (1920-1921 and 1936 Commemorative)

One Peso (1936 Commemorative only, with two varieties)

Leper Colony Coinage (struck in aluminum 1920 and brass all later years)

One Centavo (1927 and 1930)

Five Centavos (1927)

Ten Centavos (1920 and 1930)

Twenty Centavos (1920 and 1922)

One Peso (1920, 1922, and 1925)

In addition, a medal (commonly called the 'Wilson Dollar,' owing to having a design featuring then-current U.S. President Wilson and being similar in size to a silver dollar) was issued in gold, silver, and copper in 1920 to commemorate the opening of the Manila Mint.

December Club Minutes

The December meeting was called to order by our Vice-president, Richard Navarro, at 7:00PM. We had 32 members and 2 guests in attendance (2 old guests). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Navarro. Scott Stahler won the membership drawing of one COINO card. The minutes of the November meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

GUEST

Louis Mutter—Attended last month's meeting as a friend of Garn A. Louis joined the club for 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack vB.—A short presentation and discussion about where we are going to hold our annual dinner meeting. We had five optional restaurants to choose from. Hometown Buffet won the vote. Jack vB said he would make the arrangements with the South Torrance location on Carson Blvd.

Jack vB.—Problems getting volunteers for refreshments at our meeting prompted a discussion as to the resolution of the problem. After a discussion the following was resolved. *We will still have two people assigned to bring refreshments. They will bring their receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement for a limit of \$25 total. We will still utilize the donation box but the donation money will go to the club's treasury. Other members are still requested to bring in their own food donations when they desire.*

Lamont M.—Is giving cans of coin/jewelry cleaner to members.

Steve D.—The Ontario coin show is currently underway and is the reason he showed up late.

COINO

FIRST GAME	1st place:	Samatha P.—Merger Medal (donated by Jack vB.)
	2nd place:	Richard N.—1946 Washington 25c
	3rd place:	Blake P.—2011 Great Britain Boxer Olympic coin (donated by Jack vB.)
SECOND GAME	1st place:	Andrew O.—1890 Morgan \$1
	2nd place:	Lamont M.—1896 Barber 25c
	3rd place:	Eric P.—1928 Mercury 10c
THIRD GAME	1st place:	Blake P.—1928 Peace \$1
	2nd place:	Samantha P.—1897 Barber 25c
	3rd place:	Rob P.—1935-D Mercury 10c
FOURTH GAME	1st place:	Scott G.—1923 Peace \$1
	2nd place:	Steve D.—1930 Mercury 10c
	3rd place:	Lamont M.—1945 Washington 25c
FIFTH GAME	1st place:	Willy C.—1943 Walker 50c
	2nd place:	John R.—1942 Washington 25c
	3rd place:	Eric P.—1923 Mercury 10c

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December Club Minutes (Continued)

REFRESHMENTS

Willy Chavez, Jose Arzola and Jack von Bloeker brought the refreshments tonight. They brought mozzarella sticks, chicken nuggets, mini-egg rolls and mini-pizzas and a microwave oven to re-heat the entrees. Also, some cashews, banana bread and two kinds of truffles with some sodas to wash it all down. The Petersen's added a bunch of pastries—cookies, cake, coffee cake and muffins. Some kind soul added some girl scout candies—sorry I don't know who. This month the refreshment donations totaled \$39, with \$13 each going to Willy, Jose and Jack. Thank you one and all, for your donations.

COINO—continued

BLACKOUT GAME 1st place: John R.—Christmas Wreath w/coins
 2nd place: Barry L.—Christmas tree w/coins

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM



President's Message

Happy New Year to all!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, I ended up getting sick between Christmas and New Year's Eve, so I got to catch up on my sleep! It is nooo fun, but the holidays are great for having the time to recover from anything! Yes, whether self induced, or contagious, there is a lot of available sitting time. (Like a person needs to be forced to watch bowl games??) Did you get everything you wanted? Were coins on the list? Usually, that is a question answered with "No", because who better to buy you coins for Christmas than YOU?? Still it's a great time of year, whether you celebrate Chanukah, Christmas, or just go skiing! This year, snow is in short supply, so you'd better just get to the annual Banquet and try to win some gold.



That's right, our big celebration is next week, on Thursday, and Jack will provide directions. If you are suffering from Coin Show Withdrawal, the Anaheim show is on the 8th, and Westchester is a couple weeks ahead. Did you make any resolutions? I did, but they concern my work as a dealer, and some other money-making things. We all want to "work out more", eat less, (and we are having our dinner where??), walk the dog more, etc., but as long as resolutions satisfy you, that's all that matters. Our meeting for February is set up for the second Thursday, the 9th, so mark your calendars. Long Beach is the first week of February, (2-4), and that's coming up quickly. 2012 got here so fast, I couldn't believe it.

Do you have any interesting ideas for the club? Interesting events we should think about? We did tours of the Fed a few years back, I wonder if there is anything along those lines any of the members have access to that can share with the group. It does not have to be coin oriented, just something we all have an interest in. Of course, in April is the ANA's National Coin Week, think of some way to commemorate that could involve some younger collectors that don't know about coin clubs. It runs April 15 to 21, and the theme is "Change in Money, from cowries to credit cards". It will be a great learning opportunity for us, and actually is the week after our meeting in April.

I hope we are in for a fun year in the organization, and will enjoy seeing everyone at the annual dinner, now if I can find the signup sheets from the meetings.....
See you Thursday the 12th!

Steve

John Rosselot, Christmas Wreath Winner sent this in an email:

I wanted to send you an inventory of the wonderful stuff that was on the wreath.

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| 01. 2 Dollar Bill 1976 series | 15. 1923 Buffalo Nickel |
| 02. 1999 Commemorative Quarters Gold Edition Set | 16. 3 Jeff. Nickels: 1938D-Unc,1943P-G,1945SUnc |
| 03. First Day of Issue 25th Anniv. Man on Moon 1999 | 17. 2011 1 Bitcoin Token |
| 04. 1972S Ike Dollar brown box & 1972 Ike Dollar | 18. Belize 25 Cent 2003 |
| 05. 2 BCCC Medals Bronze and Copper | 19. Great Britain 10 Pence 1992 & Farthing 1921 |
| 06. 1879 P Morgan Dollar in slab case | 20. Canada 50 Cents 1940 |
| 07. Small Magnifier | 21. Tunisia 2 Francs 1924 |
| 08. RB Hayes Unc Presidential Dollar | 22. France 50 Centimes 1915 |
| 09. Andrew Jackson Unc Dollar | 23. Mali 10 Francs 1961 |
| 10. 2 Kennedy 1/2 Dollars: 1966 & 1976S in BU | 24. Portugal 10 Escudos 1990 |
| 11. 1958 Franklin 1/2 Dollar in Unc | 25. Spain 25 Pesetas 1990 |
| 12. 2 Standing Liberty Quarters: 1919 in F & 1925 in VG | 26. Sweden 25 Ore 1877EB |
| 13. 10 Mercury Dimes: 1919,1926,1927,1934D,1934,
1939, 1940,1944S,1945S & 1945 (polished) | 27. Austria Thaler dated 1780 re-strike
circulated (This one went someplace!) |
| 14. 2002S Roosevelt Dime in Proof | 28. Giant Size \$100 Bill (religious tract) |
- There were 44 items all together, plus the wreath itself. I thank you and the club for this great prize!

Refreshments

February—Richard Navarro & Jack den Braber

March—???

Coin Shows

Jan 27-29 San Jose

Bayshore Ballroom @ Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place

Hrs: 10AM-6PM ADM

Feb 10-12 San Marino

San Marino Masonic Center, 3130 Huntington Drive

Hrs: Fri. 11AM-6PM, Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun 10AM-4PM ADM, Free Parking

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Meetings are normally held at the El Segundo Library,
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Next meeting on Thursday, January 12th @ 6:30 PM

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