



# The Rochester Numismatic Association



America's Oldest, Continuously Operating Coin Club - meeting since 1912  
Meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - September to June, ANA Branch 2 - Life Club No. 8  
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*RNA Newsletter for January, 2001*

The RNA meetings are held in the basement of the Eisenhart Auditorium, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, New York, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from September to June. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year for individual and family memberships. Meetings are called to order at 8:00 PM.

## OFFICERS' REQUESTS:

**Secretary:** If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, contact Jason Childers either by mail or at [jchilders@mindex.com](mailto:jchilders@mindex.com)

Also, if you have anything you would like to submit to the newsletter, please send it to Jason, either by post or e-mail by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

We are updating our membership list. If you would like us to have your phone number or e-mail address, please contact Jason. There is always room on the e-mailing list to receive the newsletter electronically.

**Treasurer:** Dues for 2000-01 are now due. If you have any questions about your current dues, please contact David Gottfried. If you are mailing the dues, please send to the Club address above.

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT:** Attention members of the RNA. Last year, Congress passed a bill in the House that would extend the State Quarter program to the District of Columbia and the five US territories. Unfortunately, this legislation died in the Senate. But this year, we hope to see it pass both houses and be signed by President Bush. If you would support extension of the State Quarter program, we ask you to write your congressional representatives. For Rochester residents, our delegation and contact information is listed below. In addition, we have included a sample letter that you can send to Congress. **Never underestimate the power of multiple letterheads!** With your support, Congress can make a positive impact by extending a program that has significantly increased the visibility of coin collecting as a hobby.

### Contact Information for Rochester Area Congressional representatives:

Senator Charles E. Schumer  
 313 Hart Senate Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20510

Senator Hillary Clinton  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Thomas Reynolds  
 27<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 413 Cannon House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515-3239

Hon. Louise M. Slaughter  
 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 2347 Rayburn House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515

Hon. John J. LaFalce  
 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
 2310 Rayburn House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515-3229

Hon. Amo Houghton  
 31<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
 1111 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515

If you are not in the Rochester area and would like to find your representatives addresses, check out the Senate web site at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and the House web site at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

### AFT LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS:

(On your letterhead)

<<TODAY'S DATE>>

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter  
28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
2347 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Slaughter:

I am writing as a member of the Rochester Numismatic Association (RNA) to ask for your support for the extension of the State Quarter program to celebrate the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands). This extension had passed in the House during the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress as H.R. 5010.

The RNA is made up of over 130 members from across the Rochester and Finger Lakes Region that works to promote the coin collecting hobby. The RNA is the longest continuously operating coin club in the United States. Additionally, the club supports the oldest junior coin club in the country – the RJNA. That group is comprised of children ranging in age from about 8 to 17. We work with them to promote not only collecting as a hobby, but also as a fun way to learn about history and geography associated with coins.

I believe the current Quarter program is a great way to celebrate the individual States and hope that Congress will rally to support this legislation. Commemorating the District and the Territories will not only assure them that the government includes them in the American family, but it also illustrates to the residents of the other States the diversity that makes up our country.

I urge you to support the introduction and passage of this legislation this year. I will also write to members of the Senate Banking Committee, where H.R. 5010 lingered until time ran out in the last Congress, and ask for their support in passing this legislation in 2001.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

<<YOUR NAME>>

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**UPCOMING IMPROMPTU LUNCH:** Some of us have noticed that there are many club members who work in downtown Rochester. It was suggested that those of us who are downtown anyway, meet sometime for an impromptu lunch for club members. Well, we thought about it for a little while, and decided sure, why not? So, we are proud to announce an impromptu lunch "scheduled" as follows: **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Empire Brewing Company.**

You will be responsible for selecting and buying your own meal. Come if you can!

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - UPDATE:

The Board will be meeting to discuss several topics that were under consideration from the last board meeting. Of highest priority, the web site has been up for nearly a month. Input has been coming back from the membership, and the web site committee must review what changes need to be made. Suggestions from members is still welcomed. The site is at [www.the-rna.com](http://www.the-rna.com). Again, the site is still in a "draft" form, and the bugs have not been worked out. Send comments to Scott Fybush at [scott@fybush.com](mailto:scott@fybush.com). In addition, the club is working to have RNA mugs available for purchase. They have been ordered and an announcement will be made as soon as they are available. The next meeting of the Board of Directors has not been scheduled, but as soon as it is, notice will be sent out. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

#### PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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| 09 January 2001 (#1853) | Jim Sanders gave a presentation on National banknotes.      |
| 23 January 2001 (#1854) | Gerry Muhl spoke about the coins of the Canadian Maritimes. |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

If you haven't received your membership card and have paid, contact David Gottfried.

**UPCOMING TALKS AND EVENTS:**

- 13 February 2001 (#1855) John Nicaastro will be speaking.
- 27 February 2001(#1856) Arthur D. Cohen talks about the Euro and other monetary unions
- 13 March 2001 (#1857) Steve Lanzafame will be speaking
- 27 March 2001 (#1858) John Tokoli will be speaking
- 10 April 2001 (#1859) Jason Childers talks about the coins of St. Pierre and Miquelon
- 24 April 2001 (#1860) Darlene Corio will be speaking
- 8 May 2001 (#1861) Doug Musinger will be speaking
- 22 May 2001 (#1862) Meinhart speaking contest
- 12 June 2001 (#1863) Weimar White will talk about the toning of encapsulated coins
- 26 June 2001 (#1864) End of the year auction

**WANTED:**

[If you are looking for an item that a Club Member might be able to locate for you, please contact Jason Childers, either by phone, post, or e-mail. Please send by the 29<sup>th</sup> of each month to get it into the following newsletter. Only club members' requests will be posted, and only numismatic-related items may be suggested (pens once used by R.S. Yeoman don't count).]

**WANTED:** Wanted to photograph for an article any notes issued by the Bank of Western New York of Rochester, NY 1838-1841. Contact Gerry Muhl at a meeting or at 336-9459

**ARTICLES AND INFORMATION:**

If you want to add an article to the newsletter or want to talk about a numismatic website, just send it to the RNA PO Box, or e-mail Jason Childers, by the 29<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**OFFICERS' ADDRESSES:**

**PRESIDENT:**

Dan White

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Jason Childers

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Scott Fybush

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