

Women In Numismatics General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2016
Tampa, Florida

WIN President Charmy Harker called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Everyone present introduced themselves, and then Charmy made announcements as follows: (1) Copies of *Winning Ways* may be digitized so they can be researched and enjoyed by more people. (2) WIN will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the ANA in Anaheim this August. Activities will include a meeting Thursday morning, a large cake to be served at the FUN table at approximately noon on Thursday, and a mixer Thursday evening. Special invitations will be sent to the founders of WIN. (3) WIN will once again have a 25-25-50 drawing at the ANA to fund our winner to the ANA seminar in the summer of 2017. (4) Next year the deadline for the WIN scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar will be extended to January 31.

Guest speaker Wendell Wolka was introduced. Wendell is a paper money specialist, and is very knowledgeable in many areas of collecting, as well as being a "Perdue nut." His topic was "The Odd Things You Find on Obsolete Paper Money." Wendell showed photos of some incredible pieces of obsolete currency, including one from the Central Steam Dental Company of Cincinnati, advertising 50c tooth extractions. The back of the note looked very similar to 50c fractional currency, and this note circulated circa 1863-1870. Another piece which Wendell called the "victim of the census," was a tiny certificate of deposit for 10c. It was issued by banker Robert Palmer in 1900. His bank failed in 1907 and the 1910 census listed him in prison.

Undertakers J.C. & C.F. Zollinger issued currency that had no value and was an advertising piece. It looked like fractional currency and circulated 1870-1875. Perhaps the most popular of the meeting was the piece from Georgia illustrating a *Manduca Sexta*, more commonly known as a tobacco horn worm! Other Civil War-era pieces included those issued by sutlers, and also some by Sanitary Fairs which raised money to care for the soldiers after the war.

Wendell also had notes that changed denominations. Many of these privately issued pieces were from banks that began in the early 1800's with no charter. There was no specie to back up the paper money, other than a few 2-bit coins "in a hair trunk."

Wendell was presented a certificate of appreciation by WIN VP Louise Boling, and the meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Wibker
Secretary, WIN