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April 5th, 2017: Our 20th Anniversary Banquet



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The South Wellington Coin Society is fortunate to have many members in the Society who quickly volunteer, and even some community friends too, whether it be for membership meetings, mall display days, educational seminars, or our coin shows. The SWCS 20th Anniversary Banquet was no exception, but rather “exceptional” treatment for all members and guests (70 plus 6 young folks) thanks to our Event Committee. Special mention for outstanding service to the organization of this event is deserving of these folks: **Scott and Debbie Douglas, Judy Blackman, and John Semedo**. Also special thanks to our official event photographers, **Amy and Jeff Wilkinson** of *Left of Centre Photography Services* (www.locps.com). The Mandarin Restaurant in Guelph offers a wide variety of delicious food assortment, and Wednesday, April 5th there were many smiles in our group (along with many trips to the buffet)! The restaurant gifted fortunate cookies, and if you were lucky to get a special one like **Ernie and Linda Blair**, you received a Luck Panda. There were two banners, that were first come, first serve to take home as a memento of the evening.



Mike Walsh, Publisher / Editor and Managing Partner of Trajan Publishing Corporation, sent this message on Thursday, April 6th:

“I just wanted to say THANK YOU for such an enjoyable event last night. It’s one of the best ‘anniversary’ events I have attended. The atmosphere was upbeat and relaxing. The food was great, and the hosts created a super evening that will be forever etched in our memories. The little touches and the gifts are very much appreciated — and cherished! Thank you both, and to the entire club, for inviting Jesse and I to be part of your special event. Congratulations and have a wonderful anniversary year!!!”

All attendees received free draw ticket, a 45mm special commemorate silk-screened wooden token (made from recycled beetle kill pine with a child-safe lacquer applied), a commemorate pen, and a 1997 brilliant uncirculated Cdn. penny. Members (and some dignitaries) also received **Scott E. Douglas’s** book *Did You Know?....Here is Fifty More* containing his famous DYK articles no. 51-100. Previously the membership received the first fifty in 2012 for the Society’s 15th Anniversary (first article was in 2007). The organizing committee and some guests had mousepads included in their packages. There

were also two types of medals presented, one with the SWCS original logo designed by founding member **Robert Zmija**, and one with SWCS high-relief Wellington image designed by **Scott Douglas**. The first 8 charter members (see picture on the next page) received medals mounted in special plaques. When the club was started, **Robert Zmija** (who will be 96 in November 2017) could have had membership number 001, but he wanted 007 as he wanted to be like Agent 007 given the work Bob carried out during WWII which resulted in several medals awarded to him. So Bob’s plaque proudly displays the 007! Other surviving charters members include **Tony Zmija, Mathew Fleet, Bruno Kerkhof** and we were happy Tony and Bruno were able to attend our event. We were pleased to also present our loyal dealers who come to every meeting and set up and have done so for numerous years (**Ernie and Linda Blair** of E&L Holdings and **Gary Fedora**). We also had three draw prizes with the top prize a Canadian coin set with a value of \$100.

Special thanks to **Mike Walsh** who brought extra issues of the Canadian Coin News featuring SWCS. He also brought along a special large printed sheet which all present signed. As well, all present signed an edition of Scott’s book, and both items will now be in the club’s historic archives.

There were 85 of the 1-1/2” Gold Plated medal struck, and 25 of the 2” medal (1/4 inch thick) - see medal scans on the next page. Arthur Chan did the Bas Relief of the Wellington bust on the larger medal. Fred Chan sculpted the smaller medal’s obverse and the reverses of both sizes. The minter, PMP (owned by Alan and Greg Trammell), does not die sink. The Graphic Layout for both is by Astrid Bond. Even SWCS’s dog mascot “Roxy” received a medal!



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Photo below, holding plaque is Henry Nienhuis (President) and on the far left is Paul Johnson (Executive Secretary) who both presented Scott Douglas and Mike Hollingshead with a recognition from the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association to acknowledge the club's milestone (20 years), and SWCS has been a RCNA member since 1997.



Back Row, left to right: George Parker, Adrian Zmija, Scott Douglas, George Foster, Garry George. Front Row, left to right: Ryan Zmija, Robert Zmija, and Mike Hollingshead.



Pressed Metal Products (Vancouver, B.C.) made both medals distributed at our 20th Anniversary event; and PMP is also producing SWCS's Canada 150 (RCNA design) / SWCS medals as part of the RCNA program. We would like to thank the RCNA for providing this opportunity and for paying for the Canada 150 die. Pictured in the centre of the medals is Scott's daughter Amy (one of our two photographers).



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