

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

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Waterloo Coin Society Celebrates 60th Anniversary

WATERLOO, ON – The Waterloo Coin Society is celebrating 60 years of service in Waterloo Region with its anniversary meeting being held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the 404 Wing, 510 Dutton Drive in Waterloo at 7:30 p.m.

This special anniversary meeting will feature VIP guests, a special guest speaker talking on 60 years of numismatics, draws, a cake cutting, light refreshments and a 50-lot auction. The club is anticipating an overall turnout of between 60 and 90 members and guests. All of the club's meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. There is plenty of free parking available on site.

Maher Babbili, President of the Waterloo Coin Society says, "It is a privilege to serve as president during our 60th anniversary year. Waterloo Coin Society has a long history in this community and we intend on continuing that tradition for many years to come."

Talking about the club's plans for the rest of the year, Waterloo Coin Society secretary Peter Becker says, "We have lots of exciting and special events and features coming up including a draw for a 1959 silver dollar at each of our meetings this year and some commemorative currency from our 35th anniversary becoming available again."

The 1950s and 1960s saw the formation of coin clubs in cities and towns across the country. Over the years, there were clubs in Waterloo, Kitchener and Cambridge. The latter two, like others, have been unable to persevere and no longer exist. In their place, surviving coin clubs have gained strength and new clubs have been formed. Waterloo Coin Society is part of a short list of organizations that have managed to prosper throughout this period and is proud to celebrate its 60th anniversary this year.

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Recent and Upcoming Special Events:

On Saturday March 2, 2019, the Waterloo Coin Society was at the **Cambridge Centre Mall** on Hespeler Road promoting numismatics, the club and their upcoming coin show. Members of the public stopped by to view the many collectables that were on display, ask questions and learn about the hobby.

On Saturday March 9, 2019, the 28th annual **Cambridge Coin Show**, hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society, was held at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Road, from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. Free admission helped attract a full room of people. Voluntary cash donations accepted at the door raised over \$450 for the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank. There were 52 tables with dealers of coins, paper money, tokens, trade dollars, gold, silver and even Canadian Tire Money. Guests to the coin show were buying, selling, trading and having their items evaluated all day long with some people just there to have a look at rare and interesting collectables on display.

This summer, the Waterloo Coin Society will be adding to its anniversary celebrations by hosting a **summer picnic day** for club members, their families and guests at Bingemans in Kitchener.

For Further Information:

Members of the media are encouraged to attend the anniversary meeting for further information and opportunities to take photos, videos and conduct interviews. R.S.V.P. to the club secretary is appreciated but not required. Questions may also be directed to the club secretary using the provided contact information. The Waterloo Coin Society website at www.waterloocoinsociety.com also contains additional information.

About the Waterloo Coin Society:

The Waterloo Coin Society was founded in 1959 and has grown to over 130 members. The Waterloo Coin Society is widely regarded as being a premier coin club in southwestern Ontario and is the only active coin club in the Region of Waterloo. Their monthly meetings include an educational portion, several draws, a refreshment break and a 50-lot numismatic auction. In 2010, the Waterloo Coin Society was recognized as the Louise Graham Club of the Year by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. The Waterloo Coin Society has a long history of operating coin shows including their own in Waterloo, and several more in partnership with neighbouring coin clubs. Since 2014, they have operated an annual coin show in Cambridge in March. In recent years, the Waterloo Coin Society has hosted two Ontario Numismatic Association annual conventions and one Royal Canadian Numismatic Association annual convention. The Waterloo Coin Society is a member of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (R.C.N.A.) and the Ontario Numismatic Association (O.N.A.).