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A Message from the President Tim's Tidbits

Hello to members and Prospectors. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

Tim Pitney
President COSGPAA

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Tonight's precious metals spot prices per Troy ounce

Year	Gold	Silver	Platinum	Palladium	Rhodium
2022	\$1,806.47	\$23.36	\$1,033.50	\$1,948.00	\$12,100.00
2023	\$2,083.45	\$25.67	\$950.83	\$1,049.50	\$4,000.00

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MEETING MINUTES



December 2, 2023, COSGPAA Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 47 in person; 146 by e-mail

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chapter President Tim Pitney and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed potential outing for 2024.

Chapter Vice President Joel Swisher conducted the election of chapter officers for next year (2024). Chapter Treasurer Alton Oakes verified that 17 members present were eligible electors in accordance with Chapter Bylaws. All current officers accepted nominations for re-election, and all ran unopposed. A vote was conducted by show of hands, with a result of 16 to 1 in favor of the re-election of all officers.

After Alton gave the Treasurer's report Tim adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm and opened the Christmas Party.

The Airplane Restaurant provided an excellent lunch with exceptional service. With approval from the restaurant, members provided an assortment of deserts, including cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and Danish pastry bites. Thank you to the members who brought the goodies.

MEETING MINUTES



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After the meal, Member Nancy Wood officiated the White Elephant gift exchange and then the member-to-member gift exchange. She also collected the Angle Tree gift donations and took them to the Salvation Army for us. Great job Nancy, thank you.

The last event for the afternoon was the door prize drawing. The party ended at 3:05 pm, and Member Stephan Kanatzer provided a quantity of three- and five-gallon buckets with lids for members to take as they left. Your donations are always appreciated, thank you.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS December 2, 2023

Theresa Bailey 2.5g gold bar; Joel Swisher 2.5g gold bar;
John King Water Table, gold pickers x 3, 10g silver bar;
Tim Pitney gold picker x 2, 5 Toz silver bar, 1 Toz silver coin

2024 Christmas Party



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Story from: <https://auvere.com/the-story-of-gold>

The Story of *GOLD*

CHINA

The story of gold begins in the stars but comes to life on earth. From ancient Egyptian gold devotees to the infamous Shang Dynasty rulers in Bronze Age China, gold has been worshipped across the globe for many millennia.

Founded by Tang of Shang, the Shang Dynasty began to rule in China around 1766 BCE. While jade and bronze ranked highly in Shang society, gold played an important role. Goldsmiths serving the Shang Dynasty used gold for surface decoration, often coating bronze artifacts in a thin layer of pure gold. They also used gold coins for currency.

GREECE

While the Shang Dynasty merely scratched the surface of gold use, the ancient Greeks adored gold and used it for many forms of creative expression and physical decoration, and of course, retaining wealth. Gold use in Greece began around 1600 BCE, but it wasn't until Alexander the Great arrived on the scene hundreds of years later, that they upped the ante on gold.

During the Hellenistic Age, Alexander conquered the East and captured the infamous Babylon treasure. As a result, large sums of gold became available to Greek society, which increased desire for gold products, particularly gold jewelry. Everything from earrings, necklaces, wreaths, diadems, and thigh bands were worn. The ancient Grecians loved matching sets (and why not, we do too!) and gold jewelry that were adorned with inlaid gems.

Creativity during this period flourished, and craftsmen created pieces that were rich with symbolism, ornamenting jewels with gods. It is worth noting, however, that their next-level gold worship led to the legend of King Midas who turned everything he touched into gold. The myth revealed that the golden touch turned out to be as much a curse as a super-power.

ROMANS

The ancient Grecians practically wrote the book on accessorizing with gold jewelry. After the Romans conquered Greece in 146 BCE, they copied Greek metal craftsmanship and design. Gold rings were at the top of the list for both men and women of status. The bigger, the better. For some time, men were discouraged from wearing any type of jewelry other than rings; however women were free to accessorize as they wished.

Around 44 BCE, the Romans began using gold coins as currency. They used gold coinage not only for purchasing power but also for political purposes by stamping all the coins in the empire with the face of the ruler of the time. Clearly understanding the concept that money is power, Julius Ceasar started this trend, which subsequent Roman rulers continued. As ancient as the universe, Gold has held many a civilization captive to her undeniable charms. Mythical and precious, gold is a fascinating mistress with a history born from the heavens. Learn more about gold [here](#) (Story of Gold: Part I), [here](#) (Story of Gold: Part II) and [here](#) (Story of Gold: Part III).

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COLORADO SPRINGS GPAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at:

The Salvation Army building:

208 Cunningham Drive

Security, CO 80911

All General Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9:00pm

MEETING DATES

January 3 2024

February 7 2024

March 6 2024

April 3 2024

May 1 2024

June 5 2024

July 3 2024

August 7 2024

September 4 2024

October 2 2024

November 6 2024

December 4, 2024

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