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DR. OPAL LEE, GRANDMOTHER OF JUNETEENTH

Every year we get questions about Juneteenth. What is it about? When was it first celebrated and why? Here are some key dates and events, though not an exhaustive historical review, before we meet Opal Lee.

December 31, 1862 **Freedom's Eve**, the first **Watch Night** service was held amongst enslaved and free African Americans at churches and homes, awaiting the news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect.

Jan 1, 1863 The **Emancipation Proclamation** was issued by President Lincoln.

March 3, 1865 The creation of the **Freedmen's Bureau**, a federal agency created to help African Americans transition from slavery to freedom.

June 19, 1865 Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, TX, and announced the end of the civil war and the end of slavery. This date has been commemorated as "**Juneteenth**".

December 6, 1865 The **13th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution was ratified: Abolition of slavery in the United States.

April 6, 1866 The **Civil Rights Act of 1866**, the nation's first civil rights law declaring that all persons born in the United States to be citizens, "without distinction of race or color, or previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude."

June 19, 1866 The first Juneteenth was celebrated, marking the **one-year anniversary** of the official end of the US Civil War and slavery.

June 19, 1867 The **first official Juneteenth celebration** took place in Austin, Texas established with the help of the Freedmen's Bureau.

July 9, 1868 The **14th Amendment** granted African Americans the right of citizenship.

February 3, 1870 The **15th Amendment** asserted that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on the account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

1994 The era of the "**Modern Juneteenth Movement**" began when a group of Juneteenth leaders from across the country gathered in New Orleans, LA to work for greater national recognition of Juneteenth, birthing several national Juneteenth organizations.



MEET DR. OPAL LEE, aka Grandmother of Juneteenth

October 2026 Opal Lee will celebrate her 100th birthday. In large part because of Ms. Lee's unwavering efforts, congress finally passed the Juneteenth National Independence Act making June 19th a national holiday and President Biden signed it into law June 17th, 2021. It was the first new national holiday since Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established.

"At 94, to have Juneteenth made a National holiday in my lifetime is unbelievable...I could do a holy dance" - Opal Lee

Lee witnessed the signing. It was 154 years after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation to inform enslaved people of their delayed freedom. During the ceremony, President Biden recognized the historical significance of Lee's activism and her instrumental role in raising awareness. Specifically, he celebrated Lee for her symbolic walks in advocacy for Juneteenth. Lee received a standing ovation for her role as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth." The following year, 34 members of Congress nominated her to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Three years later, Lee returned to the White House to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for these efforts. In total, Lee dedicated five decades of her life to ensure everyone would know about the freedom withheld and the freedom celebrated by formerly enslaved communities and their descendants.

"I found that this promise of freedom is only as strong as those who chose to uphold it. The question is, will you rise to the occasion, or will you stand still as history passes you by?" - Opal Lee

In a brief biography posted on the National Women's History Museum and written by Corina Gonzalez, 2024-2026 Evelyn Y. Davis Predoctoral Research Fellow in Women's Studies, we learn the roots of Ms. Lee's dedication to the message of Juneteenth. Opal Lee was born on October 7, 1926 in Marshall, Texas and learned about Juneteenth from the annual neighborhood celebrations growing up. Her mother moved to Fort Worth when she was ten years old. There, she recalls, Juneteenth was a more private celebration among families.

During one of those celebrations in 1939, 82 years before June 19th became a federal holiday, a white mob of 500 people surrounded the Flake home and burned it to the ground. The family escaped with traumatic scars of the event, leaving Lee with a deep attachment to that date. Three years later, her parents divorced leaving her mom as the sole caretaker and breadwinner for her three children. Lee credits her mother's hard-working spirit as the inspiration for her own inner strength and compassion for others.

She attended Cooper Street Elementary School and graduated from Historic I.M. Terrell High School in 1943 at the age of 16. She didn't go straight to college after graduation which was a grave disappointment to her mother, but did eventually get there after getting married, having four children and getting divorced. She earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in 1953 from Wiley College (now Wiley University) and returned to Fort Worth to teach at Amanda McCoy Elementary School for 15 years where she was regarded as one of the best educators in her field. Working first as a third-grade teacher at Amanda McCoy Elementary School and, later, as a visiting teacher and social worker. She implemented solutions for truant students who were missing school due to a lack of resources, from housing and medical aid to food and clothing. Lee also joined the board for the Community Food Bank, playing a crucial role in keeping the food bank alive through her leadership and providing food to her student's families.

At night she worked at Convair (now Lockheed Martin) to support her children. She later obtained her Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from North Texas State University and served as Home/School Counselor for Fort Worth Independent School District until her retirement in 1977. Upon Lee's retirement, her activism expanded beyond the local level.

"As a lifelong educator, I know that what we teach today shapes tomorrow. So if people can be taught to hate, they can be taught to love." - Opal Lee

Retiring gave Mrs. Lee the time and opportunity to become even more involved in the community. She was one of the founding members of Citizens Concerned with Human Dignity (CCHD) which was formed to assist the economically disadvantaged in finding housing in Fort Worth. She volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, and served as a member of the board. She then served on Habitat's Land Acquisition Board.

With Lenora Rolla as its inspiration, Mrs. Lee became a charter member of the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical (Continued on page 3 . . .)

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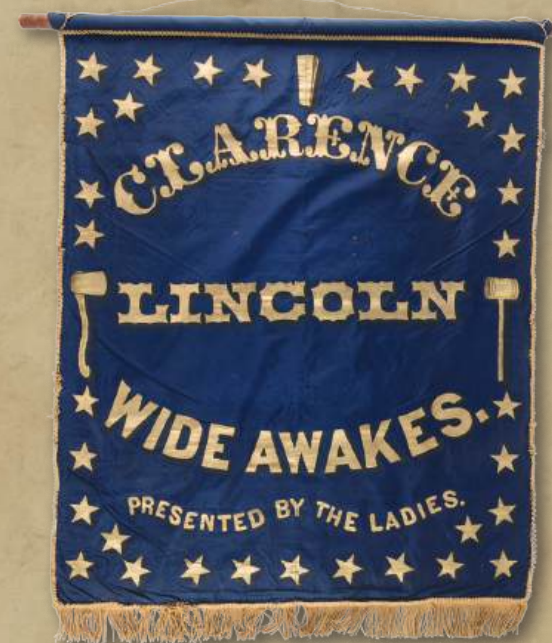
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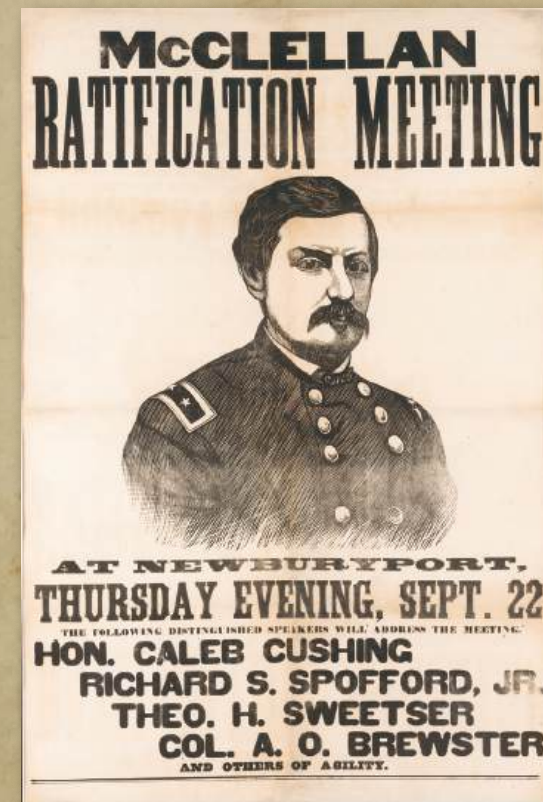
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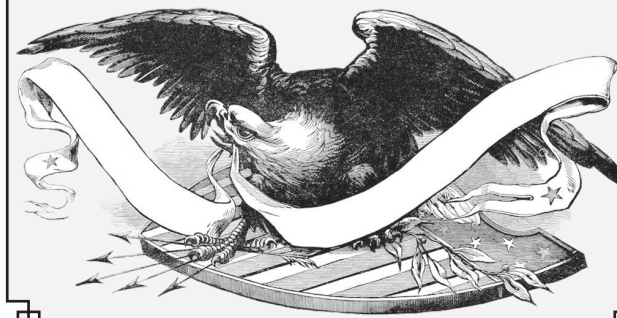
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2026 APIC NATIONAL CONVENTION
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OCT 17, 2026 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLITICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 21433 Strathern Street (between Canoga Ave & Alabama Ave), Canoga Park, CA 91309. Admission: \$3 for adults (kids & students are free with ID). Tables: around 40 tables at \$25 each for APIC members and \$30 each for nonmembers. New location with tons of parking and large facility. Contact: Tom Morton tmapic22@yahoo.com or 818 644 9231

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DR. OPAL LEE: GRANDMOTHER OF JUNETEENTH

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Society dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Fort Worth Black populace. When the Society deemed the celebrations unprofitable and ended their role as an organizer, Lee shifted her focus to the Fort Worth celebrations. She continued to be at the heart of the organization and celebration of Juneteenth for the next 40 years.

She served on the Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission, AIDS Outreach committee, Evans Avenue Business Association, Good Samaritans, and Riverside Neighborhood Advisory Council.

She has served as Precinct Chair for District 8 for over 30 years, a member of Grandmother's Club, and Ethel Ransom Humanitarian & Cultural Club. She is an active member in her church, Baker Chapel AME where she serves as a Missionary, church school teacher, assistant teacher and Deaconess.

"I don't consider myself a civil rights person. I consider myself your grandma and everybody else's grandma, and I expect you to listen when I tell you something." -- Opal Lee

In 2016, when she was 89 years old, Lee brought national attention to Juneteenth by organizing a 1,400 mile walk from her home in Texas to Washington D.C. The Opal's Walk Campaign started as an initiative which aimed at gaining attention for Juneteenth to be made a National Holiday. With the help of thousands of supporters across the country, and the help of her granddaughter Dione Sims, Lee was able to make that dream a reality.

When her family raised concerns about her health, Lee acquiesced. However, she did walk 300 miles, and did so symbolically in 2.5-mile increments, commemorating the two and a half years it took for the news of the Emancipation Proclamation to reach enslaved individuals of Galveston, Texas. Lee also collected

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By Scott Jasnoch

This month a few items found on the "Political Memorabilia Exchange" page on Facebook are detailed for their value to the collector that is frugal.

First up is a sepia-tone portrait of a young, bespectacled Theodore "TR" Roosevelt wearing a suit and tie. This is a classic 1 1/4" celluloid pin. It shows significant age-related wear, characterized by heavy spiderweb cracking across the entire celluloid surface and some light surface discoloration. It's still a nice pick up for only \$10.

Next is a jugate style pin showing Theodore Roosevelt on the left and "Fighting Bob" La Follette on the right, each framed in decorative, golden oval borders. A patriotic U.S. shield with stars and stripes sits between the two portraits. This example is in relatively clean vintage condition, noting a few minor age spots/discoloration along the pin and left edges. Not bad for only \$45.

It's not every day that this 7/8-inch pin featuring Alton B. Parker, the Democratic nominee for President of the United States in 1904 is available. The pin features a classic early 20th-century sepia or black-and-white portrait of Parker showcasing his distinct mustache, flanked by his name, "Alton B. Parker," in a clean typeface. A must have at only \$28.

A must have for any William Jennings Bryan collection is this sepia-toned, photographic portrait of a young William Bryan. It features a vintage monochromatic sepia aesthetic, giving it a warm, brownish-gold tone characteristic of late 19th and early 20th-century photography. It is a round, celluloid-style pin 1" in diameter and only \$38 for the buyer.

Although there are definite crimping problems with this 7/8" pin, it is still a nice pickup. The pin features a central, circular halftone photographic portrait of William McKinley in profile, facing left. The portrait is framed by a patriotic American flag motif, with a blue field of white stars on the upper left and red-and-white horizontal stripes filling the rest of the background. It also filled the collector's riker mount for just \$8!



1.6 million signatures for her petition to commemorate the end of slavery with a federal holiday.

Lee's advocacy spans an impressive range - it's only skimming the surface to mention that her nonprofit Opal's Farm tackles food insecurity, that she's a fierce advocate for incarcerated men and women, and that she's deeply committed to building community in her hometown of Fort Worth. Ms. Opal Lee received Visit Fort Worth's 2021 Hospitality Award at its annual Visit Fort Worth breakfast.

Juneteenth is a historical tipping point for the African American community and the nation, recognizing the monumental moment that ended slavery. In 2026 the National Juneteenth Museum construction is anticipated to commence.

The National Juneteenth Museum is the extension of the legacy of its forbearers.

Many contributed to making Juneteenth a federal holiday, but a few stand out. Activists credit Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., with leading the modern Juneteenth movement. In 1994, he founded the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation and worked tirelessly to push Juneteenth from commemoration to legislation.

Known as 'Doc,' Dr. Myers traveled across the country, helping organizers engage lawmakers. For 25 years, he lobbied in Washington, D.C., and hosted events like the Howard University flag-raising to promote national recognition.

Key pioneers include Lula Briggs Galloway, founder of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage, John Thompson, Opal Lee—the "Grandmother of Juneteenth"—and the late Texas State Representative Al Edwards, the "Father of Juneteenth." Edwards and Lee devoted decades to ensuring Juneteenth's recognition as a holiday in Texas in 1979 and nationally in 2021.

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 719-\$6.00 Nixon, Yes red enameled clutchback 1/4"x 5/8"



724-\$5.00 Roosevelt curl: Bastian Bros. 3/4" bl/w litho
 725-\$5.00 Roosevelt Booster 7/8" bl/w litho
 726-\$6.00 Garner back: Green Duck 3/4" bl/w litho
 727-\$10.00 Roosevelt coatall Ross, Roberts, rwb back: Green Duck 3/4" litho
 728-\$8.00 Willkie, anti-FDR Captain too 6/8" bl/w litho
 729-\$8.00 Willkie, anti-FDR Captain too, union bug, 7/8" bl/w litho
 730-\$8.00 Willkie, anti-FDR No Third Term 7/8" rwb
 731-\$8.00 Willkie, anti-FDR No Third Term 7/8" rwb
 732-\$8.00 Willkie, anti-FDR No Third Term 7/8" rwb
 733-\$5.00 Willkie Democratic Contributor 7/8" rwb
 734-\$5.00 Stevenson, It Just Makes Sense, curl: Green Duck, 7/8" litho
 735-\$5.00 Stevenson 7/8" rwb



736-\$10.00 I Like Ike, Texas 7/8" bl/w litho
 737-\$8.00 Oregon for Ike 7-8" bl/w litho
 738-\$5.00 Nixon, Texas 7/8" rwb litho
 739-\$5.00 Ike 3/4" rwb litho
 740-\$5.00 I'm Registered Republican Are You? 1" rwb litho
 741-\$5.00 I Like Ike & Dick 7/8" rwb
 742-\$5.00 I'm for Lodge 1" rwb litho
 743-\$5.00 LBJ for the USA curl: Phila. Badge Co. 1" rwb litho
 744-\$4.00 LBJ, curl: Paid For By Citizens For Johnson Humphrey 1" yellow/bro litho
 745-\$5.00 Member Goldwater Club, bl/w/gold 1" litho, curl: Emress
 746-\$5.00 Goldwater in '64 gold/blk 7/8" rwb
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748-\$8.00 Nixon, Best in View for '72 1" bl/w litho
 749-\$5.00 Nixon/Agnew 1968 jugate rwb/silver eagle 1"
 750-\$5.00 HHH/Muskie 1968 jugate rwb/silver eagle 1"
 751-\$6.00 LBJ/HHH curl: N.G.Slater
 752-\$4.00 Hubert H. Humphrey for Pres. curl: N.G.Slater
 753-\$3.00 HHH, Some Talkers Cause It, 1" green/w
 754-\$4.00 Jimmy Carter Pres. 1" green/w
 755-\$6.00 Ted Kennedy for Pres. 1" red/w
 756-\$6.00 Ted Kennedy for Pres. 1" green/w
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 825-\$6.00 RFK for Pres. '68 bl/w litho
 826-\$5.00 Vote Republican curl: Green Duck rwb
 827-\$8.00 Spirit of Lu 1973-74 Liberty Bell, rwb
 828-\$8.00 Vote Nov 4, 1980 Americans Speak Out You Have A Choice rwb, curl: N.G.Slater
 829-\$5.00 People Above Politics, y/blu litho curl: MacDonald Assoc., Manchester
 830-\$10.00 Margaret Chase Smith, r/g/w
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832-\$5.00 Win With Wallace rwb, curl: Emress
 833-\$5.00 America Needs Nixon/Agnew rwb jugate
 834-\$4.00 Win With Nixon curl: Oleet Bros. rwb
 835-\$15.00 Screw Our Political Enemies, Watergate bl/w, curl: N.G.Slater
 836-\$18.00 Bail to the Chief ladybug, bl/w, curl: Watergate Series #4
 837-\$18.00 National Security Über Alles ladybug, Watergate curl: N.G.Slater
 838-\$7.00 Pat for First Lady Nixon, bl/w
 839-\$5.00 Nixon for Pres. rwb
 840-\$18.00 Republicans for Red China r/blk/w
 841-\$6.00 Nixon (Hebrew) bl/w
 842-\$8.00 Jewish Americans for Ford, bl/w
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844-\$10.00 Kennedy for Pres. RFK, bl/w union bug
 845-\$6.00 McCarthy for Pres. bl/w, union bug
 846-\$5.00 McCarthy '72 curl: N.G.Slater rwb eagle
 847-\$5.00 Viva McGovern bl/w, curl: N.G. Slater
 848-\$8.00 McGovern/Eagleton curl: N.G. Slater rwb
 849-\$8.00 Labor for McGov Shriver '72, cog wheel, bl/w litho
 850-\$6.00 McGov/Shriver eagle flag jugate rwb
 851-\$6.00 We Need Yorty Now More Than Ever rwb
 852-\$6.00 Muskie 1972 r/blk/w
 853-\$8.00 Viva Rocky para Presidente 1968 rwb/green, curl: Emress
 854-\$6.00 Rockefeller, crowd shaking hands bl/w
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 877-\$8.00 McGov/Eagleton Come Back America rwb, curl: N.G.Slater
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880-\$8.00 Don't Be An Ass Vote For Dewey bl/w
 881-\$12.00 We Want Willkie rwb 1.75"
 882-\$8.00 JFK for Pres. rwb 1.75"
 883-\$6.00 Youth Coalition for Muskie, curl: Fargo Rubber, rwb
 884-\$8.00 First Voters for Humphrey/Muskie rwb
 885-\$8.00 Puertorriquemos Siempre con Humphrey/Muskie
 886-\$6.00 I Switched to Kennedy, rwb curl: N.G.Slater
 887-\$10.00 Nixon/Agnew They'll Tell It Like It Is, r/blk/w
 888-\$8.00 Nixon, You Can't Lose 'Em All, rwb
 889-\$10.00 Nixon Confedate flag rwb
 890-\$8.00 Nixon, Now More Than Ever, bl/w
 891-\$8.00 I'm On The Rockefeller Team rwb, curl: Emress

892-\$7.00 Only Ford Can Win bl/w on bl/w
 893-\$7.00 Young Illinois for Ford, bl/w
 894-\$10.00 Ford/Rockefeller Pres/VP 1974 Dec 19 rwb, curl: N.G.Slater
 895-\$8.00 Vote Ford '76 America 1st curl: N.G.Slater
 896-\$8.00 Keep Jerry Ford in the White House rwb, curl: N.G.Slater
 897-\$8.00 Ted Kennedy Will Win Big in the Mass. Primary, bl/w
 898-\$6.00 EMK, We Can't Wait Kennedy for Pres. 1980, rwb
 899-\$6.00 DNC 1984 San Francisco Welcome street car, rwb
 900-\$5.00 Carter/Mondale '76 green/blk/w
 901-\$4.00 Undecided Ford? Carter? rwb curl: N.G.Slater
 902-\$6.00 EMK, America Needs Ted in '80 bl/w
 903-\$8.00 EMK, Kennedy in 1980, rwb curl: N.G.Slater

904-\$9.00 Go Home Peanut Farmer, Reagans Are Coming 1980
 905-\$4.00 anti-Reagan r/blk/w (spots)
 906-\$4.00 Mondale/Ferraro America's Ticket '84 curl: Paid for by Wayne Co. PAC
 907-\$6.00 Reagan '80 Let's Make America Great Again, rwb curl: N.G.Slater
 908-\$10.00 Bush, Is That Your Final Answer? bl/w
 909-\$10.00 George Bush Is The Real Herbert Hoover, purple/w
 910-\$5.00 Bush (41) Re-Elect the Commander-in-Chief bl/w
 911-\$5.00 To Know Bush Is To Vote For Dukakis '88 bl/w
 912-\$5.00 I'm With The Duke In Washington, curl: G.H.Stamp Works Aberdeen, WA, rwb
 913-\$5.00 bl/w Push Bush, Is To Vote For Kelly DeLoira Comm. APIC #3951
 914-\$5.00 Republican For Clinton/Gore rwb
 915-\$11.00 Vote Bush in '04 We Have Nothing To Fear But Bush rwb/yellow

916-\$8.00 Cleaver for Pres. blk/gold Black Panther
 917-\$8.00 Jenness/Pulley, Young Socialist Workers, Make Your First Vote Count bl/w/pink
 918-\$6.00 Forward Together GOP elephant rwb
 919-\$6.00 2000 Blue Dog Democrat bl/w
 920-\$8.00 Pres. Taft Young Republican Club bl/w, curl: Emress
 921-\$12.00 Bella for Senator bl/w
 922-\$12.00 Just Say No To Uncle Thomas yellow/blk

923-\$6.00 Fred Harris Pres. '76 We The People, curl: Paid for by Friends of Fred Harris, rwb
 924-\$6.00 Fred Harris Pres. '76, bl/w
 925-\$6.00 Vote Commoner & Harris, PA Consumer Party, bl/w on brown
 926-\$12.00 Dodge/Watkins Prohibition Party 2000 Miss Liberty jugate, rwb
 927-\$8.00 Wyoming Supports Bush/Cheney 2004 rwb jugate
 928-\$8.00 2004 Wyoming for Gore/Lieberman rwb/green jugate
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BANDWAGON EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW REPORT - May 15-16, 2026, Gramville, PA



Registrars/Greeters Delbert & Eleanor Sankey with Jeannine Coup, Show Host



Shalom Schwartz



Opal & Jim Kuntz



Ed Stahl

This year's Bandwagon Extravaganza was moved to an earlier date so as not to conflict with the APIC National Convention in Massachusetts. The registration form for the National can be found on page 19. Don't forget to register! We convened for the Extravaganza at the same location in the Grantville/Hershey area in PA on May 15th & 16th. Two of our most dedicated volunteers each year are pictured at left, Eleanor & Delbert Sankey, with show host Jeannine Coup. The Sankeys greeted and registered our guests with warm smiles. They are truly a blessing.

The ever popular Silent Auctions were held throughout the bourse hours. On the show floor guests were buying, selling and trading as is typical for these types of regional shows. Most of all, friendships born of many years were enjoyed as people visited, told stories, and gave each other good natured ribbing as they jostled for the best deals.

Thanks to all participants for making the weekend joyful.



Ken Jordan



Ted Hake & Russ Williams



Frank Acker



Chris Hearn & Kate Kervis



Hans Decker & Marie Watkins



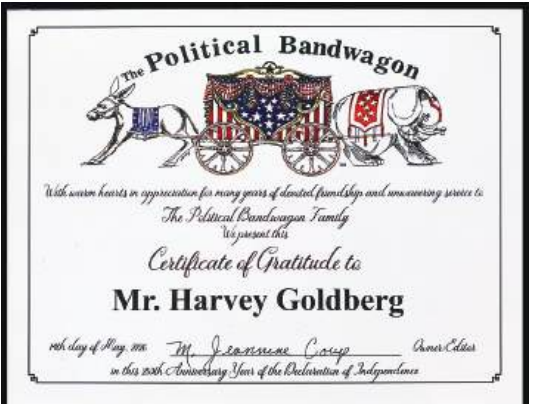
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Fred Levine



With warm hearts in appreciation for many years of devoted friendship and unwavering service to The Political Bandwagon Family, we present this Certificate of Gratitude to Mr. Harvey Goldberg, the 14th day of May, 2026 in this 250th Anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence. Jeannine Coup, Owner & Editor of The Bandwagon announced to the attendees who gave Harvey a round of applause. Harvey is retiring as the volunteer Editor of the APIC Newsletter after decades of service.



Jim & Burneda Russell



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W501-\$550.00
JFK, Our Next President
4", union bug at bottom
(curl separations on
reverse & curl chip 8:00)

W502-\$38.00
LBJ, HHH, RFK
Liberty Bell trigate
curl: N.G. Slater
3.5" VF condition
AFL-CIO union bug



W503-\$24.00 (below)
President Kennedy 8"
dia. blue glass plate
embossed with profile,
surrounded by laurel
and stars border.



W505-\$25.00
Side 1: John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, 35th
President 1917-1963
Side 2: 1917-1967
50th Anniversary of His
Birth May 29.
"O" between stalks of
laurel. 1.5" dia.

W506-\$24.00
Side 1: John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, "Affer" text
under chin
Side 2: Inaugurated
Jan 20th 1961, Pres. of
USA. 2" dia.
(sculptor/medallist
Constantine Affer)



W508-\$20.00
Side 1: Our 35th
Pres. United States of
America, JFK initials
above left shoulder.
Side 2: quote: "Ask
Not... For Your
Country;" w/liberty
torch & laurel. 1.5" dia

W509-\$12.00
Side 1: 35th President
USA, John F. Kennedy,
1961 left of face.
Side 2: JFK, Harvard
Graduate Navy
1941-1945, Congress
1947-1953, Senate
1953-1961, Inaugural
Jan 20th 1961.
1-1/8" dia. Ni-Silver

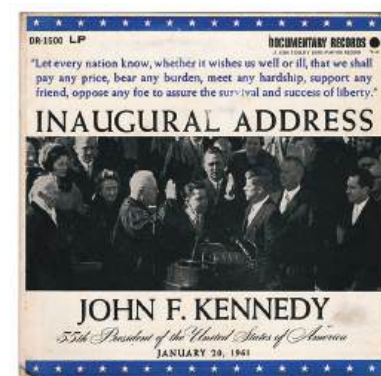


W511-\$45.00
Side 1: President
J.F. Kennedy, Vice
President L.B. Johnson,
"J.F." text on LBJ's
collar; Side 2: LBJ
"Leader of the Senate".
1.5" dia. **PROOF**

W512-\$60.00
Side 1: Kennedy &
Johnson...The Best
Men For The Job Side
2: Put A Democrat
Back In The White
House. Vote In Nov.
Vote Democratic,
1960 campaign medal
1.5" dia. German Silver
Ni-Silver



For a strong secure America under vigorous leadership Vote for JFK. Citizens for Kennedy & Johnson, Small tear left center edge. Water stain lower left edge. paper 8.5" x 11", union bug lower left corner.



W507-\$15.00
JFK 1961 Inaugural Address
DR-1500 LP by Documentary
Records, Philadelphia, PA. Includes the vinyl record in excellent
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W514-\$45.00
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F. Kennedy Half Dollar, Double Dated 1960-1985 Covered in pure 24KT Gold,
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text: No. 114172. This is to certify that the John F. Kennedy Half Dollar contained
herein has been issued by the United States Mint and double dated 1960-1985 to
commemorate the 25th Anniversary of John F. Kennedy's election to the Presidency.
This Special Half Dollar is covered in pure 24KT Gold and is hereby authenticated as
a special anniversary commemorative. Coin covered and in
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FLIGHT of the BLUE EAGLE

By Harvey Goldberg, APIC#3158

On June 16, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA). This emergency recovery measure, one of the keystones of the New Deal, was to be in effect for only two years. The act was to eliminate unfair competitive prices and obstructions to free the flow of interstate commerce. It was also going to improve employment, purchasing power, and labor standards, all to help pull the United States out of the Great Depression. FDR had wide powers to create other agencies as he felt necessary to administer the workings of the NIRA.

One of the most important parts of the NIRA was Section 3, providing for the formation of Codes of Fair Competition. These codes, when signed by the President, were to have the effect of laws. Another very prominent part was Section 7, which required these codes to include the right of collective bargaining for employees, with representatives of their own choice. Section 7 also required employers to comply with maximum working hours, minimum wage levels, and any other working conditions authorized by the President.

Immediately after signing the NIRA into law, FDR created the NRA, headed by Hugh S. Johnson. The NRA was to be the watchdog for the NIRA. From June 1933 to March 1934, the NRA's primary task was to create fair competition codes for industry and business. Mechanization was also created to check on compliance and enforcement of these codes.

The Blue Eagle, a representation of the American "Thunder Bird", became the symbol of the NRA on June 20, 1933. All who accepted the President's Re-Employment Agreement or the special Codes of Fair Competition were permitted to display posters, signs, or other indication they were a participating merchant or manufacturer. All of them promptly showed the Blue Eagle with the slogan "We Do Our Part", either as a "Member", or as an "Employee."

To assure nationwide acceptance, a huge publicity and promotional campaign was launched with a patriotic fanfare labels, banners, and posters bearing the Blue Eagle were rushed to NRA offices all over the country.

Most Americans welcomed the NRA Eagle enthusiastically. It was a benefit to "be part of it" and failure to show your patriotism was greatly frowned upon. Flagpoles in front of factories flew huge NRA flags. Employees identified themselves with NRA badges, and those wearing "NRA Consumer" buttons would not patronize businesses that did not display the NRA Eagle. Companies issued buttons with their names on them, happily advertising their part in helping the recovery.

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2' x 2' metal sign



1.75" cello



1.5" cello



1933 NRA Code Window Card Poster 14.25" x 11"



1.25" trio



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1935 metal license plate

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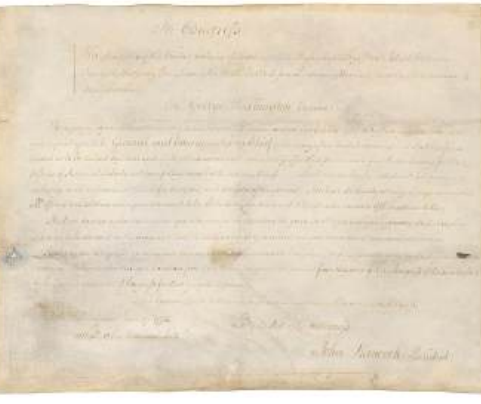
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W610-\$95.00 President McKinley "Shield of Honor". Text: Then conquer we must, when our cause is just and this be our motto: In God We Trust. The Star Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave. Pictured from top left are Gen. Shafter, Gen. Lee, Rear Admiral Dewey, Pres. McKinley, Admiral Sampson, Admiral Schley, Lieut. Hobson, Gen. Miles, Capt. Sigsbee, & Gen. Merritt. Chronology of the war with Spain printed at bottom. US flag held by Liberty (left) & Cuban flag by Freedom (right). (tear top/right of center & lower right edges) paper 11.25"x 13-3/8"



W611-\$85.00 Buy Buy Bonds. Bye Bye Axis. Pictures Hitler, Tojo, & Mussolini in noose. 4-1/8"x 9.5" unused envelope.



W612-\$85.00 Hats Off. Pictures Tojo, Hitler & Gen. Mussolini w/hats flying off. Unc Sam has back to viewer. 4-1/8"x 9.5" unused envelope.



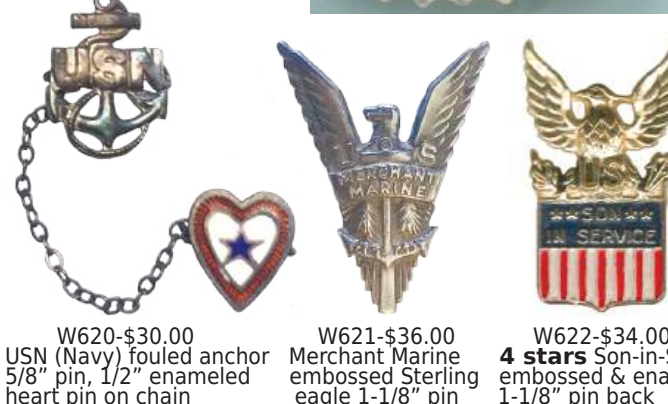
W613-\$85.00 That Ain't Spaghetti. Pictures Mussolini left and bomb labeled 'USA'. 4-1/8"x 9.5" unused envelope.



W614-\$58.00 1.25" V for Victory Morse Code w/radio signal towers & 3.5" ribbon w/figural 2-3/8" plastic soldier pinned to the ribbon



W616-\$95.00 Titled: "You're Slipping, Doctor Goebels!" (propaganda minster at left says "America can not arm for victory.") Ink well labeled: "Treaty Ink Disappearing Type". Letters: "To the British, Watch out for Uncle Shylock." "To the United States, "Britain will fight to the last American." Lower right text: "Drawn by Philco for Philco by William Maxwell. ©1941 Philco Corp. 11"x15" print on paper



W620-\$30.00 USN (Navy) fouled anchor 5/8" pin, 1/2" enameled heart pin on chain
W621-\$36.00 Merchant Marine embossed Sterling eagle 1-1/8" pin
W622-\$34.00 4 stars Son-in-Service embossed & enameled 1-1/8" pin back
W623-\$45.00 2-1/8" Defend America embossed painted eagle on scroll, plastic pin back
W624-\$45.00 Welcome Home 26th WWI
W625-\$62.00 British, Belgium, Italy, France, Russian flags around US flag shield enameled 5/8" pin back
W626-\$18.00 Unc Sam hat w/aux clear jeweled stripes 1"embossed metal brooch(painted worm)
W627-\$34.00 Eagle with shield standing on fouled anchor. Sterling & gold, embossed 1-1/8"
W628-\$30.00 1/2" enameled shield pin back pre-WWI
W629-\$18.00 USMC insignia clutch back pin embossed 1/2"
W630-\$10.00 2-in-Service banner 8.75"x 11.5" (slit in center, cracked)

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FLIGHT of the BLUE EAGLE

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The big cities staged huge rallies to show support. In New York a quarter of a million people marched up Fifth Avenue in September on what was proclaimed as "Blue Eagle Day." In Tulsa, Oklahoma, hometown of NRA Director Hugh Johnson, his elderly mother led a parade and proudly announced that "People had better obey the NRA because my son will enforce it like lightning, and you can never tell when lightning will strike."

In Boston Mayor James Michael Curley led 100,000 school children in a pledge, "I promise as a good American citizen to do my part of the NRA. I will buy only where the Blue Eagle flies. I will ask my family to buy only American made goods. I will help President Roosevelt bring back good times."

But the NRA had its critics. Not everyone joined the Big Happy Family. The Hearst papers called it "No Recovery Allowed." When enthusiasm waned, violations of codes and complaints of price-fixing became increasingly frequent.

The Schechter Poultry Corporation of New York City was convicted of violating a NIRA Code. On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the NRA's code system was abolished and future use as a symbol was prohibited. In the end, the NRA did more for morale than it did for the economy. Citizens took part in one way or another. All had taken sides either for, or against, and had 'done battle.' Its lasting success was moving most of the nation ahead in labor organization, working conditions & collective bargaining.



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W645-\$18.00 NRA We Do Our Part Consumer 1.25"	W646-\$18.00 Gen. Douglas MacArthur 1.25" cello	W647-\$18.00 My Three Favorite Colors, Norcross 1.25"	W648-\$42.00 WWI, Welcome Home fraternal handshake gold filigree, 1.25"	W649-\$78.00 1.5" V.F.W. Veterans of Foreign Wars, paper: Whitehead & Hoag	W650-\$38.00 Toast Our American Way, curl: The Old Reading Brewery, 1.75"	W651-\$18.00 Smith-Lobet American Legion Post 21 Bugle & Drum Corps, 1"	W652-\$18.00 9-11-01 Onward whatisay.com 1"
W653-\$22.00 Young America Wants to Help, 7/8"	W654-\$42.00 Give 'em the Gun in '51 Owen Corning Fiberglass Count On Me, 1"	W655-\$25.00 League to Enforce Peace, Delegate 1.25" paper: Bastian Bros.	W656-\$18.00 American War Mothers, 1.5"	W657-\$18.00 I Have A Brother in the Service, 3/4" litho	W658-\$18.00 I Have A Husband in the Service, 3/4" litho	W659-\$44.00 20-Lecie Zbrojnego Czynu Wyhodzta 1917-37, (20th Anniv. of the Armed Struggle of the Emigration) Polish 7/8"	W660-\$24.00 Official U.S. Defense Agent for Defense Stamp Sales, 2.5" curl: Bastian Bros.
W661-\$22.00 NRA We Do Our Part Consumer, 7/8", paper: LIT Brothers, Phila.	W662-\$18.00 Buy American 7/8"	W663-\$18.00 NRA We Do Our Part Noah's Ark 7/8" litho	W664-\$20.00 WSS, I Sell War Stamps 1.5"	W665-\$18.00 US & British flags 1.25"	W667-\$18.00 Uno Per Tutti, Tutti Per Uno (Italian=One for All, All for One) banner text, 1.25"	W668-\$28.00 1.25" Welcome Home Liberty 79th Division Cross of Loraine, WWI	W669-\$22.00 1.75" Defense Day Volunteer, 316th Infantry 79th Div. paper: Phila. Badge
W670-\$24.00 Borough of Wyomissing 2025 Memorial Day Parade, 2.25"	W671-\$30.00 Cuban flag 7/8", paper: Whitehead & Hoag	W672-\$32.00 Mauretania, 3/4" (fast British ocean liner launched 1906)	W673-\$38.00 Veterans Day 1946 Aug.3 Hillsboro, NY, 1.25"	W674-\$32.00 Irish Victory Fund Sinn Fein, 7/8", paper: Pilgrim Specialty Co.	W675-\$28.00 V (victory) Minute Man Ingathering 1942, paper: Whitehead & Hoag, 5/8"	W676-\$38.00 U.E. Local 301 Sept. 1942, V, 1.25" curl: Bastian Bros.	W678-\$42.00 G.A.R. logo (Grand Army of the Republic) 1" cello
W679-\$24.00 Welcome 45th Division to Abilene (TX), WW2 service culminated in liberation of Dachau concentration camp, 7/8" Highly decorated unit.	W680-\$32.00 For Victory District 50 U.M.W.A. (United Mine Workers of America) union bugs, 1.25"	W681-\$18.00 Workers Alliance of America, WAA, 1938 curl: Geraghty, 7/8" (cut below 1938)	W682-\$11.00 USO, United Service Organizations, 7/8" litho, normal wear	W683-\$18.00 General Eisenhower in uniform, WW2, 2.25"	W684-\$15.00 1942 One-in-Service 7/8"	W685-\$38.00 Armistice Day, Warwick (Nov.11, WWI), 1.5"	W686-\$32.00 Welcome World War Heroes, Jamesburg, NH, 1.25", curl& paper: Whitehead & Hoag
W687-\$18.00 Isn't [sic] It Great To Be An American, 1.25"	W688-\$35.00 Aeronautical Mechanics Lodge 1125 A.F.of L., I.A.of M., 1"	W689-\$24.00 Registered for National Defense 7/8"	W690-\$25.00 1.5", Launching U.S.S. Sawfish, (submarine) 23 June 1942	W691-\$30.00 I Gave to Save a Life (iron lung) 1.25" NEAR MINT	W692-\$34.00 M.A.R.S. Military Affiliate Radio System, US Army, US Air Force, 1-1/8" litho	W693-\$26.00 To Hell With Fidel (anti-Castro) 4" litho	W694-\$65.00 Zlot VIII Okregu II Z.S.P. 1910 Milwaukee, Wisc. (Polish=Rally of the 8th District, 2nd Z.S.P) 1.25"
W695-\$22.00 Victory Liberty Loan Volunteer Worker, 1.25" paper: Bastian Bros.	W696-\$35.00 Welcome Home Leominster (Mass.) paper: Whitehead & Hoag, 5/8" WWI	W697-\$34.00 Welcome Our Heroes Home, 1.25"	W698-\$14.00 To Speed His Recovery Victory Loan Volunteer 1-1/8" litho	W699-\$125.00 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition San Francisco, 1", pictures Independence Hall, Phila. paper: H.Shaw, Phila.			

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The Longoria Affairs Shook Texas Politics In 1948

American G.I. Forum of Texas. On March 26, 1948, 700 Mexican-American veterans, led by Hector P. Garcia, met in Corpus Christi and organized the American G.I. Forum, a civil-rights organization devoted to securing equal rights for Hispanic Americans. The first issue the forum dealt with was the failure of the Veterans Administration to deliver earned benefits through the G.I. Bill of Rights of 1944. After securing those benefits, the forum addressed other veterans' concerns, such as hospital care and Mexican-American representation on draft boards.

In 1948 the remains of Private Felix Longoria of Three Rivers, Texas, were recovered from the Philippines, where he had been killed on a volunteer mission during the last days of World War II. His body was shipped home for burial in the Three Rivers cemetery, where the "Mexican" section was separated by barbed wire. The director of the funeral home forbade the family from using the chapel because he feared white residents would disapprove.

The G.I. Forum, a civil rights organization led by Hector P. Garcia, organized a campaign that caught the attention of then-U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson. He arranged for Longoria to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The funeral took place on February 16, 1949, at the Arlington National Cemetery; with the Longoria family were Senator Johnson and a personal representative of the president of the United States.

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TREASURES on the WEB

By Paul Bengston

Summer is here and I am off to the flea markets every weekend. I have largely given up the dreaming of finding some great rarity or even just something I want. I feel as if I am on autopilot and just going through the motions of habit. So far this year I haven't even seen an old Taft, McKinley or Bryan pin. Almost everything I have found is from 1970 and up. I see the same dealers with the same stuff that they had last year. If it weren't for the exercise, I might give up the grassroots hunt. The treasures might truly be all on the web.



As I review prices of the recent Hake's and Anderson Americana auctions it is easy to see that anything unusual, scarce or rare does well. Weakness is seen in items that are routinely offered. I am seeing many items that are selling now for half of what they sold for on the 1980's. These are the items offered with regularity. It might be a good time to buy these items or the heydays are gone. I don't know which.

1st up is an unusual "Harrison & Reform" sulfide brooch showing the log cabin but no hard cider. There must be dozens of varieties of these, and most are rectangular. This oval version with pin missing sold for \$547.

This seldom seen Pierce and King 1852 jugate ribbon had a couple pulls in the silk but that didn't hold back the bidding that ended at \$1,145.

I know very little about tokens. Some go cheap and some go very high. It is all a mystery to me. This 1864 "Freedom" Lincoln token soared to \$1,052 with 25 bids.

This Harrison Morton jugate broom came complete with the pin. Offered as a Buy It Now for \$225, a \$175 Best Offer was accepted. Unusual and fun.

The 1 1/4" version of this graphic McKinley TR jugate sold for \$339. This can be matched with a 1 3/4" version and there are Bryan Stevenson mates in both sizes. A classic.

For the 3D collector, this McKinley TR jugate umbrella was sold for \$560. It was not mint but not bad. It is amazing to me that any of these survived.

If you have the wall space, I highly recommend adding posters to your collection. This 21" x 27" Teddy for Vice President was in near mint condition with no folds or creases. This sold for \$260 which I thought was a good buy and it will look terrific once framed.

This very unusual "Our President---Welcome" 1 1/2" TR pin was offered as a Buy It Now for \$45 and was snapped up quickly. Minutes later a blue version was offered at the same price and was also sold in a blink. The Ohio Badge Co. back paper might give a hint as to where he was being welcomed to.

The "It's an Elephant's Job - No Time for Donkey Business" design is seen on a wide variety of buttons, pocket mirrors, posters and stickers. I have even seen a tire cover with this design. This is the 1st time I have seen the license plate attachment. In very good condition, this sold for \$370.

This very attractive and seldom offered FDR license plate attachment sold for \$207.

These FDR Garner jugate metal badges are common. This one showed up mounted on a fob. It sold for \$39. Not one I recall seeing before.

From New Jersey, this FDR, Cromwell and Edison trigate banner sold for \$158.



Best & happy hunting,
Paul Bengston APIC #3514

With a wonderful RWB flag design, this 6" "Roosevelt" pin offers a lot of pizzazz for the buck. This one sold for \$223.

I recall these 3 1/2" Truman pins selling for over \$1,500 about 30 years ago. This is one of those pins that has fallen. Too many offered and Truman collecting has gone a little soft on items offered with some regularity. \$588 gets it now. There is also a 9" version of this design.

The "Riders of '52 for Ike" pin is a Minnesota item that pokes a little fun at the Stassen Riders (a local group of Stassen supporters). This sold for \$141 which was a good buy.

\$178 was the topper price on this Stevenson Sparkman jugate license plate attachment.

The 1956 JFK for Vice President "A Profile in Courage" is and always will be a classic. A handsome item that despite being offered regularly still brings \$375.

Some New Yorkers didn't like Robert Kennedy running in their state. This 1 1/4" "Bobby Go Home" sold for \$112.

A group of pins were offered for sale that the seller stated appeared to be homemade. There was a 1 1/4" McCarthy (\$78), a 3" Humphrey (\$52) and a Jackson and a Lindsay that each sold for under \$10. These were the same items used for the cover of a 1972 Newsweek magazine. I have no doubt that these were the actual pins used.

The Carter Mondale Alabama COPE pin has always been considered one of the tough Carter pins to get. Past sales were over \$200. Too many have bubbled up, and this pin sold for just \$87.

This very attractive 1988 Biden hopeful pin sold for \$140 with 22 bids.

If you enjoy discussing online sales, join the Facebook group "Treasures on the Web" for comments on these and many other items.



Minnie Wilson & Mary Belle Thompson

The Heart of Texas Austin political items show was held May 16 and set new records for attendance. Dealers came from Texas, Arizona, California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia and Pennsylvania and tables were sold out. Social media outreach into the State Capitol staff and students at the University of Texas resulted in a record number of walk-ins, the vast majority of whom were under 35. The show was named for well-known Texas collector and Capitol icon Chuck Bailey, whose family was there selling his fabulous Texas collection. The venue was packed most of the day, and as Tom French said, "We've got to get a bigger room next year."

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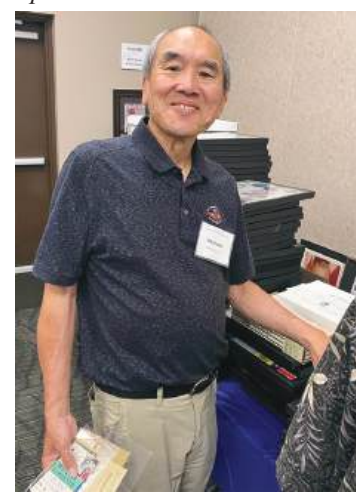
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DR. OPAL LEE: GRANDMOTHER OF JUNETEENTH

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future, the National Juneteenth Museum brings new resources, amenities and services to one of the nation's most underserved and under-resourced communities.

Through bridging gaps in education, history, business ownership, unemployment and professional development, the National Juneteenth Museum is the continuation of a long walk for the advancement of African American opportunities and freedoms.

The museum will be located in the Historic Southside neighborhood on the corner of Rosedale Street and Evans Avenue in Fort Worth, Texas. For more info about the Museum visit their website <https://nationaljuneteenthmuseum.org/inspiration-for-the-museum>

Traillblazer Ms Opal Lee is a founding board member. Her amazing journey known as Opal's Walk for Freedom is symbolic of the steps to freedom that were taken during the Underground Railroad and now the steps to help build a positive future.

Opal's Walk is now an annual event graced by thousands of people and this year will be no exception. With 10 simultaneous in-person walks across the country and the virtual walk program, you can celebrate freedom wherever you are. You can join the walks on June 19th 2026. See www.opalswalk2dc.com

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CELEBRATE FLAG DAY: JUNE 14th

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag. Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in many ways--displaying the flag in the front of their homes, parades, and other patriotic observances. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a Flag Day proclamation every year.



Bruce Moskow



Joe Dobry



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



When you strip away the politics from political memorabilia, what you have is a wide range of interesting and unique promotional materials. In fact, the pinbacks, ribbons, posters, pocket mirrors, license plates and more that we all collect could have just as easily been created to promote a local bank or car dealership.

While political collectors have the APIC, the makers of promotional materials have the PPAI, also known as the Promotional Products Association International, a trade group founded in 1903. I really appreciate how the organization describes itself on its website: "The use of physical goods to drive movements and inspire action traces back to ancient times, but it was the founding of PPAI that turned promotional products into a true industry."

Like the Keynote, PPAI produces a glossy magazine for its members, and in the latest issue APIC takes centerstage in an article about patriotic merchandise, which includes items created for political candidates, the war at home during World War II, civil rights, space exploration, America's bicentennial and more. Of course, my hope is that by exposing APIC to the folks who create the items that we collect, perhaps we'll attract a few new members who love the stuff as much as we do. You can see the article by visiting www.apic.us and clicking on the APIC in the News link under the About APIC tab.

Another new addition to the APIC website is an expansion of David Quintin's locals project, which has attracted a lot of attention from our members. Dave has added three more states: Alabama, Florida and Georgia. That brings the total number of states covered in the project to 19, and Dave says he's working to add even more. For an in-depth look at local political campaign items by state, check out this effort by clicking on the Locals Project link under the My APIC tab.

This issue of the newsletter is the last one to be created by Harvey Goldberg, who is retiring from his position as newsletter editor and passing the torch to Benny Brandvold. We thank Harvey profusely for all of his hard work through the years, and we welcome Benny to his new role. Benny says he has a lot of ideas he'd like to try, so keep an eye out for several new features in the months ahead. Remember also that the APIC newsletter belongs to all of you, so if you have thoughts on what you'd like to see moving forward, please don't hesitate to contact Benny or me with your feedback.

Finally, our national convention is just around the corner and we're anticipating a fabulous gathering. It's not too late for you to join us if you haven't yet made your reservations. Hotel rooms are still available at the discounted rate for a few more weeks, and a handful of dealer tables remain as well. So please visit the national convention page on the website or reach out to Mike Dunham at burdun@comcast.net to reserve your space or to ask any questions.

Thanks, Tony

REMINDER!

FROM NOW ON, ALL NEWSLETTER INFORMATION IS NOW TO BE SENT TO BENNY BRANDVOLD. HE CAN BE REACHED by email at:

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or by U.S. Mail at
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Letter From The Editor

In April I had the pleasure of attending the Regional Convention in Greensboro, NC. It was the 40-something edition of the show. I've only remember missing it once since it began and that was because the airlines refused to fly in a blizzard. The show brought back many fond memories for me...



First is the dedication of the Vernon Houston (formerly Mason-Dixon) Chapter's leadership. That has changed over the years but the show remains the same quality gathering. The show is a fine example of "Southern Hospitality". I even found several items to add to my collection.

Who could forget the ice storm of 1993 when the hotel lost power and they immediately picked up everything and moved it to another hotel in High Point 16 miles away.

Greensboro reinforced my philosophy that the people are #1 and the pins are #2 in importance. The Saturday night post-show dinner was another in that wonderful tradition where we shared several hours in each other's company.

My advice is to enjoy the hobby, especially its fellowship. I look forward to continue being active by attending as many shows as possible for me, and by doing more research and writing.

Thank you for letting me communicate through the APIC Newsletter with you every month for so many years. See you around the bourse floor!

Harvey

MORE CONVENTION DETAILS

The APIC room rate cutoff at the DoubleTree Hotel is June 27. Ads in the convention program must be RECEIVED by June 1st. Aisle tables in the Ballroom will be sold out shortly. Reserve NOW

Bourse open THURSDAY 10am-5pm, FRIDAY 9am-5pm, and SATURDAY 9am-4pm.

Southern Star Displays are providing Riker Mounts, wooden Cases, & other supplies during the convention.

The Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening will have a Trivia contest sponsored by David Lindeman & Anderson Americana.

Several of the seminars on Wednesday will be filmed for members unable to attend the National.

Members' Auction is Thursday at 8:00pm.

The Awards Dinner is at 6pm with keynote speaker Sarah Botstein at 7pm.

THE MEMBERS' AUCTION

A Small Sampling of the items in the auction:
NOTE: Image



The auction will take place on Thursday night, July 30th at the convention.
Auction items will be available for viewing all day during the bourse in the ballroom, as well as for two hours before the auction that night. Auction Registration will be from

DISPLAYS at the NATIONAL

The Displays at the National Convention are a bonus for those attending. Here is a partial list of those displaying items from their collections:

Brian Fessler -Rocky, Harvey Goldberg - Matched Pairs 1960, Jim Kirk -Our First 5 Presidents, Tony Lee -Political Concerts, Bruce Moskow -LBJ, Scott Mussell -FDR & Civil Rights, Phil Shimkin - WWII, John Vargo - Boston Campaign Rallies.

ELECTION REMINDER!

The APIC Election Ballot is again included on page 2 of this edition of the Newsletter.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY VOTED A SECOND BALLOT WILL INVALIDATE YOUR VOTE

Mail your completed and signed ballot to

APIC Secretary Winston Blair
P.O. Box 1455, Clemmons NC 27012.
All ballots must be RECEIVED on or before June 30, 2026

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20th, 2026 via Zoom

Board Members present: Tony Lee, Winston Blair, Tom Morton, Susan Roman, John Olsen, Tom McGrail, Sean Solomon, David Wilson, Frank Acker, Michael McQuillen, Barbara Zaczek, Mike Dunham, Dennis Belt, Michael Brooks, Dillon Breen

Other appointed or ex-officio officials present: Tom Peeling, Cary Jung, Dani Peeling, Robert Fratkin, Scott Jasnock

Call to order at 8:00 PM ET

Welcome Remarks & Updates: President Tony Lee welcomed everyone to the meeting, and announced that Harvey Goldberg has retired as Newsletter Editor for the APIC. Benny Brandvold will be the new editor. Benny will begin in July as the full time Editor.

The Smithsonian internship is still on track for summer of 2026, and they are eager to work with us. We have a 5 year agreement with the Smithsonian to provide the internship. Ben Pollock has agreed to take the internship for this summer. Ben will speak at the National convention to provide an update on his internship. Tony mentioned some new PR initiatives, including recent coverage of APIC in NPR's All Things Considered program.

Also, PPAI is a trade group representing promotional product manufacturers, including those that make items for political campaigns. They are publishing articles in their magazine and on their website about APIC and our APIC National convention this summer. Tony also gave an update on APIC Awards for this year and received feedback from several people on who to recommend and said that it's not too late to nominate people.

Membership Services Report: Dani Peeling provided a new update on the membership, we have over 200 renewals since the last Board meeting in December, and are way ahead on new members compared to April of 2025. Dani said it had been a joy to connect with members in her role as Membership Services Director. Tony Lee and Tom Peeling encouraged Board members to reach out to known members whose membership has expired and remind them to renew. We currently have 1,300 APIC members.

Secretary's Report: Winston Blair mentioned that we have APIC elections this year, and it will be done through paper ballot in the Bandwagon, but members can also vote by emailing photos of the completed ballot.

APIC Financial Report: Tom Morton gave an update on finances; We are in good financial shape, and are expecting some generous donations to come in over the summer.

2026 APIC National Convention update: Mike Dunham shared an update on the APIC National convention coming up in July in Danvers, Mass. Donations have been coming in and there are less than 40 tables currently available. Tom McGrail shared an update on finances, there are around 125 registrations that have come in as of this meeting time. All wall tables are sold out. There is a foyer available outside of the ballroom if all tables are sold out. Tom thinks that donations will exceed expectations, and the committee has taken in roughly 70% of targeted revenue.

Dennis Belt asked about getting people to register for the convention who have already made hotel reservations but not convention registrations, and Tom suggested travel issues are to blame, but the committee will work on getting these people signed up for the convention. June 27th is the cut off date for our room block at the hotel. Tony Lee asked about walk-ins who will be attending, and the process for keeping track of who is coming and getting their contact info. The committee will have sign-in sheets at the registration desk.

John Olsen asked about promotion of the convention outside of the hobby, the committee has created flyers to hand out and is working on outreach. APIC member Brian Fessler has agreed to help spread the word online through social media channels. The bus for the JFK Library trip is currently full but some members have volunteered to drive people who need a ride. Tony Lee has put an ad in the Maine Antique Digest to help spread the word. Dawn Sager will be recording the seminars and they will be posted on the APIC website after the convention. Drew Hecht is in charge of displays, and could use some more volunteers to bring items for display.
Keynote Report: Tom Peeling gave an update, the Spring issue was slightly more costly due to a larger 44 pages issue.

New Business: Tony Lee brought up the 2028 National convention, asking for volunteers to possibly take up the mantle on the next convention. Dillon Breen mentioned the America 250 celebration, and asked if the Massachusetts division could partner with the APIC to promote our National convention this summer. Cary Jung mentioned that he had sent a donation of campaign items to the Obama Presidential Library, and he received word that the Library will be displaying many of his items. Tom Peeling said the Theodore Roosevelt Library will be opening on July 4th and are displaying several items from his collection.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM ET

MORE NATIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION ON PAGE 2.

The DANVERS, MA NATIONAL

Registration: Members Only for one active APIC member (no family members): \$45.00

Family Registration: including one APIC member & all immediate family members: \$65.00.

Interior tables: Interior of the ballroom & foyer: \$125.00 per table. Wall tables are completely sold out.

Lock Cases: Rental of display lock cases: \$45.00 each.

Meetings & Seminars: Wednesday, July 29. (See the schedule in column 2 to the right)

Awards Banquet: Friday July 30, 6:00pm - \$55.00/person. Includes buffet dinner for one person & the awards program.

2026 DONATIONS BY FRIENDS OF APIC NAT'L. CONVENTION

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 26 All Day: Room Hopping
Monday, July 27 All Day: Registration in Lobby & Room Hopping
Tuesday, July 28 All Day: Registration in Lobby & Room Hopping
Wednesday, July 29 All Day: Registration in Lobby & Room Hopping
Seminars:
8am - 9am: History of & Preservation Pinback Buttons (Christen Carter)
9am-10am: What's Hot & What's Not (Ted Hake-David Lindeman-Ray Farina)
10am-11am Estate Planning: Should You Sell, Donate or Bequest Your Collection (Tony Atkiss, Scott Mussell & Ray Farina)
11am-Noon: Collecting Political Paper : a New England Perspective (BruceDeMay)
Chapter & Board Meetings:
12:30pm - GOP Collectors (Winston Blair) & Obama Chapter (Cary Jung)
1:30pm - APIC Board Meeting
3pm-4pm Locals Chapter (Matt Dole) & Kennedy Chapter (Harvey Goldberg)
4pm - Popular Culture Chapter (Christen Carter)
5pm-Welcome Reception: Hor's d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

Thursday, July 30

7am - Bourse Dealer Set-Up
8am - Early Admission
10am-5pm - Bourse Open to the Public
6pm - Member Auction Preview
8pm - Member Auction
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6pm - Member Auction Preview
8pm - Member Auction

Friday, July 31

9am-5pm - Bourse Open
6pm - Awards Dinner
7pm - Speaker: Sarah Botstein
8pm - Awards Ceremony
Saturday, Aug. 1
9am-3pm - Bourse Open
End of Convention

OFFICIAL APIC 2026 ELECTION BALLOT

There is no on line voting for this year's APIC election. Indicate your choices with an 'X' next to their names . One ballot per member. Voting outside your region, voting for more than 3 board members, or re turning your ballot unsigned will invalidate your ballot.

All ballots must be RECEIVED on or before June 30, 2026

Mail completed ballot to Winston Blair, PO Box 1455, Clemmons NC 27012

National Officers:

President:

Tony Lee
Titusville, NJ

Secretary:

Winston Blair
Clemmons, NC

Treasurer:

Tom Morton
Northridge, CA

Regional Vice Presidents:

(vote for only the candidate in your region (region list to right))

Region 1:

Michael Dunham
Holliston, MA

Region 2:

Frank Acker
Upper Darby, PA

Region 3:

Patrick Mara
Washington, DC

Region 4:

Michael McQuillen
Indianapolis, IN

Region 5:

David Stelzer
Parker, CO

Region 6:

Adam Gottlieb
Davis, CA

Region 7:

Will Giles
Decatur, GA

Board Members:

(Vote for no more than three in your region only)

Region 1:

Dennis Belt
Brunswick, ME

Susan Roman
Durham, NH

Thomas McGrail
Sharon, MA

Region 2:

John Chapman
Pittsburgh PA

Drew Hecht
Yardley, VA

Sean Solomon
Cinnaminson, NJ

Region 3:

Wes Berger
Maumee, OH

Mark Gelke
Cincinnati, OH

Adam Kress
Bryans Road, MD

Region 4:

Thomas O'Connor
Watertown, WI

Dillon Breen
Livonia, MI

Barb Zaczek
Manhattan, IL

Region 5:

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Ackney, IA

Jeremy Schneider
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Region 6:

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Las Vegas, NV

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Region 7:

Carter Todd
Nashville, TN

Michael Brooks
Pelham, AL

Thomas Tolbert
Oxford, MS

Below are APIC regions:

Region #1: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY (except Metro NYC and Long Island), RI and VT

Region #2: Metropolitan NYC, Long Island, the states of PA and NJ

Region #3: DE, District of Columbia, MD, OH, VA, and WV

Region #4: IL, IN, KY, MI, and WI

Region #5: CO, IA, ID, KS, MN, MO, MT, ND, NE, NM, OK, SD, UT, WY, and members living overseas

Region #6: AK, AZ, CA, HI, NV, OR, and WA

Region #7: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX



If you have previously voted you cannot submit another ballot or your vote will be invalidated.

New Member, or Renewal APIC #:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one) \$ per yr

USA Membership (publications via Periodic rate) \$42

USA Membership - Expedited (publications via 1st Class Mail) \$72

Canadian Membership (publications via 1st Class Mail/International rate) \$76

International Membership (publications via 1st Class Mail/International rate) \$105

Youth Membership (19 & younger) \$16

Family/Relative Membership (same household, no publications) \$12

Name of Relative _____

Annual dues times number of years (check one):

1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, or

5 years (5% discount!) Total \$ _____

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Occupation: _____ Age: _____

SEND TO: APIC Member Services, 9018 Balboa Blvd., #111, Northridge, CA 91325

AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS (APIC) NEW MEMBER & RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM

There are 3 ways to apply for or renew your membership: On-Line at www.APIC.us, or by Mail (using this form) or by Phone (561-214-0782).

There is a 5% discount if you sign up for 5 years! Your renewal date is the anniversary month of your membership.

FOR QUESTIONS & INFORMATION CONTACT:
Danielle Peeling, APIC Membership Director
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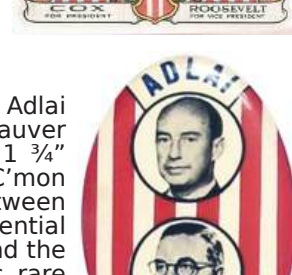
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Auctions on Parade

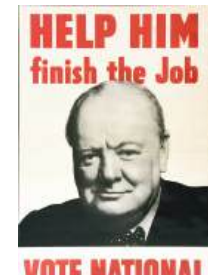
By Michael McQuillen
ANDERSON #219



Anderson Auctions of Ohio recently closed a sale which offered a great selection of Political & Americana items. Here, we will review many of the lots selling in the \$1200 and up range. A Eugene McCarthy Rare Cloth Bandwagon Mirror measuring 3" surprised many seasoned collectors with a \$1200 result (all prices realized include an 18% Buyer's Premium and are rounded to the nearest dollar.) A John Pierce St. John, William Daniel 1884 Prohibition Party rare 1 1/2-inch embossed metal pinback with an inverted goblet design also did well, ending at the same \$1200. Next, a Classic Theodore Roosevelt 8 1/2-inch tall Teddy Bear pitcher with scenes depicting the Roosevelt Bears completed the \$1200 trifecta.




A beardless Abraham Lincoln peers back at you from this scarce 3/4-inch oval ferrotype from 1860 that sold for \$1287. Winston Churchill 10 by 14 1/2-inch poster from 1945 election, which Churchill lost with a light crease in the center \$1289. You can't go wrong with the American Flag! This scarce 1 3/4-inch celluloid jugate pictures Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Fairbanks with Old Glory and flew to \$1320. Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Fairbanks appear on this unusual 6-inch litho jugate tip tray with a few tiny nicks ended the day at \$1442.



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"I found that this promise of freedom is only as strong as those who chose to uphold it. The question is, will you rise to the occasion, or will you stand still as history passes you by?"

Opal Lee

Cause items are always in demand - here, a rare 1-inch celluloid with Lopez back paper calling for freedom for Italian immigrants Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti dating to 1921 was a big surprise at \$6600. A very scarce 1 1/4" Hoover and Curtis Los Angeles Jugate sold strongly at \$8400. This 2-inch celluloid is a scarce furriers for Franklin Roosevelt pin which was in excellent condition. It warmed up to \$9600.

The final two buttons of this review were in a league of their own. First, Uncle Sam welcomes Theodore Roosevelt home on this iconic "huggers" pin. It's a colorful 1 3/4-inch celluloid that shows Roosevelt returning from his African safari with a boat load of animals. It floated to \$13,200! Finally, the mate to the earlier reviewed Hoover and Curtis variety, featured Al Smith and Joe Robinson pictured together on this rare jugate from the West Coast. This 1 1/4-inch celluloid seldom appears for sale and here, commanded \$21,600!

Please visit their web-site at: <http://www.anderson-auction.com> e-mail: mail@anderson-auction.com or call 1.937.339.0850 for more information. (See their ad on page 23).

Auctions on Parade appears monthly in The Political Bandwagon. I invite readers to write me if they would like to suggest auctions to be reviewed or have any other questions or suggestions. Michael J. McQuillen can be reached by writing him directly at P. O. Box 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250-0022, e-mail: michael@politicalparade.com or through his web-site: www.PoliticalParade.com



2026 APIC NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM: JULY 26-AUG. 1

DoubleTree Boston North Shore Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, Mass. 01923
To make room reservatons, APIC members call the DoubleTree front desk at (978) 777-2500 and ask to be connected to the Sales Department to reserve a room at our special group rate of \$149/night plus tax. The cutoff date to qualify for that rate is June 27th.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION (You can also register on-line at www.apic.us)			
Name:	APIC #:		
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Cell #:	Email:		

DESCRIPTION	COST	QTY	EXTENDED TOTAL
Family (Household) Registration : Includes one active APIC member & all immediate family members.	\$65.00	x	\$
Family member names:			
Member Only Registration (no family members): Includes one active APIC member (no family members)	\$45.00	x	\$
Awards Banquet Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. (per person) Includes attendance for one person to the Awards Banquet.	\$55.00	x	\$
John F. Kennedy Library Tour, Tue., July 28 th . Limited seating. Includes roundtrip bus ride & admission for one person.	/\$50.00	x	/\$ JFK LIBRARY TOUR SOLD OUT
Official 2026 National Convention T-Shirt Designate size: Extra Large, Large, Medum or Small	\$20.00	x	\$

DEALER TABLES & SHOW CASES (July 30 - Aug. 1)	COST	QTY	EXTENDED TOTAL
Wall Tables (6-foot) each: Located against the outside wall of the ballroom.	/\$150.00	x	/\$ WALL TABLES ARE SOLD OUT
Aisle Tables (6-foot) each: Located within the interior of the ballroom & foyer.	\$125.00	x	\$
Rental of Locked Display Case each: Cases are 36" x 23" x 4.5" with a lock & key.	\$45.00	x	\$

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION	DONATION	QTY	EXTENDED TOTAL
Friend (Includes early admission.)	\$100.00	x	\$
Bronze Sponsor (quarter page ad in convention program & early admission)	\$250.00	x	\$
Silver Sponsor (half page ad in convention program & early admission)	\$500.00	x	\$
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Registration is also available on-line with a credit card by visiting www.apic.us and clicking on the link for the 2026 National Convention.

Questions? Contact Mike Dunham at (617) 212-4249 or Susan Roman at (603) 534-0157.

