**Apollo – Castro Valley Coin**

**Changing Value of U.S. Currency & Precious Metals**

Apollo, who goes by just one name, is the co-owner of Castro Valley Coin located in the Lucky's Shopping Center off Redwood Road. His presentation focused largely on the changes in value of U.S. currency and precious metals over the last 100 years.

A central example was the difference in value of an ounce of gold in the 1920's, which was set at $22.00 per ounce, which would be close to five ounces of gold for $100 back then.  Currently, the price of gold is approximately $1,500 per ounce.

Throughout the presentation, Apollo passed out samples of real gold bars, real gold coins, real old silver-based U.S. currency, and other samples of paper currency (a real $1,000 bill). Then, just for fun, he passed out a copper commemorative "coin" -- one for each member of the audience.

Apollo and his partner, Allan Kreuzer, bought the coin shop from Allan Kreuzer who had run the shop for 27 years prior to their purchase of it in September of 2016.

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