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LCS's Heller Receives Highest Honor From Michigan State Numismatic Society!

In February, the Michigan State Numismatic Society (MSNS) bestowed its highest honor, the George Hatie Memorial Award, "for service above and beyond," to Liberty Coin Service owner Patrick A. Heller. Heller is only the second recipient of the Hatie Award in the 48-year history of MSNS.

When presenting the Award, MSNS Governor Dany Rothfeld cited Heller's long-term contributions to the Society and the general public including a lead role in sponsoring public participation in designing the recently released Michigan Quarter. Also mentioned was his active service on the Michigan Quarter Commission, sponsorship of youth educational programs at coin shows, the donation of State Quarter Maps to almost 500 3rd and 5th grade classrooms in mid-Michigan, and an active schedule of going to schools to make presentations on coins.

Said Heller, "Working with students is a real joy. Receiving the Hatie Award for something that I enjoy doing is icing on the cake."

Liberty Coin Service, in the Standard Federal Bank Building at Frandor in Lansing, was established in 1971. It is Michigan's largest rare coins and precious metals bullion dealership. Owner Patrick A. Heller currently serves MSNS as chair of its Elections Committee. He is also Treasurer and a Director of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets, the national coin dealer trade association, and a member of the American Numismatic Association's Future Of The Hobby Committee. He was formerly the chair of the MSNS 2004 Michigan Quarter Design Committee and was appointed by former Michigan governor John Engler to serve on the Michigan Quarter Commission.

Founded in 1956, the Michigan State Numismatic Society is a non-profit educational association devoted to the interests of Michigan's coin collectors and numismatists. The Hatie Medal is named after MSNS co-founder George Hatie, who also served as president of MSNS and several national and state numismatic organizations.

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