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IN FOND MEMORY OF

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who have responded to the call
of their Maker.

ORIGIN OF THE
SILVER DOLLAR CLUB.

On many occasions I have been
asked to relate the origin of the
SILVER DOLLAR CLUB.

The Governors of the various
States held a meeting in Nevada
in the summer of 1946. The Secre-
tary of the Navy invited them,
following their meeting, to board
the U.S.S. IOWA, in San Fran-
cisco, for a cruise to Hawaii, and
to fly back on the Mars after a
few days visit in the Islands.

I had previously been ordered
aboard an Aircraft Carrier in San
Diego for my Annual Naval Train-
ing Duty, but, when Governor
Earl Warren accepted the Navy's
invitation, I received dispatch
orders to immediately report
aboard the IOWA in San Fran-
cisco, and thus accompany Gover-
nor Warren on the cruise. (Incidi-
dently, during more than 30
years of Reserve Duty with the

Navy, the Navy has always been
extremely considerate and good to
me).

While in Honolulu, Lloyd
Lederer invited me to a real Luau.
Mrs. Val Mortensen and her hus-
band were in attendance. Mrs.
Mortensen presented me with a
Lei (with the traditional cere-
mony). I was in Uniform and
could think of nothing with which
to reciprocate, expecting that I
had a Silver Dollar which I had
carried for many years. I asked
Mrs. Mortensen if she would ac-
cept a slight gift, not for its in-
trinsic value, but solely for its
sentimental value to me. She
agreed, and I gave her the
Silver Dollar.

Just before Christmas of the
same year, I invited Ben Corlett
and Hewie Davenport to a pre-
Christmas luncheon. During the
luncheon, I handed each of them
a Silver Dollar upon their as-
surance that they would carry

one with them. That was the
actual Origin of the SILVER DOL-
LAR CLUB. As it later expanded
to the extent that a Membership
Roster was issued, we included
Mrs. Mortensen therein as a
"Charter Member"—the only one
of her sex to have ever acquired
membership — although an Unof-
ficial LADIES AUXILIARY has ap-
peared to develop.

From this humble beginning,
our Club has grown to its present
proportions—many taking it much
more seriously than was ever in-
tended or envisioned.

It is a Club of exceedingly high
caliber. No one may gain ad-
mission unless he is "Tops".

There is no initiation fee. There
are no dues. There are no sched-
uled meetings. There are but two
obligations. The Member must al-
ways have his indicia of member-
ship with him, and if unable to
produce it, when challenged by
a Member, (by exhibiting his SIL-

VER DOLLAR), such Member must
pay every Member present One
Dollar.

The practice has been for new
Members to be invited only by
the writer. We have never sought
a large membership. Our em-
phasis has always been on Quality,
not Quantity!

MAURICE C. SPARLING.

"Remember — you must always
carry your SILVER DOLLAR WITH
YOU. If you do not have it with
you when challenged by a Mem-
ber, you must pay every Mem-
ber present ONE DOLLAR!"