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Adults: \$12.00 per year

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Club Meetings

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello all,

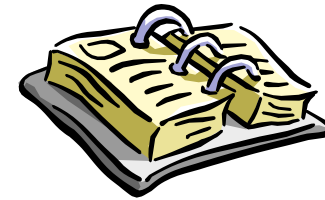
Happy 2017! Thank you all for sharing your hobby with your fellow numismatists over the last year. I'm looking forward to another fun year of show-and-tells, educational talks, and prizes (the will of the bingo gods permitting). I know with the varied collecting focuses of our members we're sure to see something we haven't before.

We'll open the year with the first of our educational talks. Since I'm the one doing it, you'll be shocked to learn that it involves ancient Rome... I'm not sensing shock for some reason. Anyway, the title is "The Decline and Fall of the Roman... Republic!". The fall of the Empire has been well documented since the days of Edward Gibbon, but the Empire was born from the ashes of the Republic that preceded it. You'll learn how the political struggles in the Republic's last century transformed its coinage from one suited to fueling the transactions of everyday commerce, to one made for bankrolling armies. Plus, you'll gain a new appreciation for the elegant simplicity of our modern form of government.

We also start the New Year with a new show-and-tell theme: Altered Coins. Now I know that, as numismatists, we are generally opposed to doing anything to a coin except keeping it as close to the condition it left the mint in as possible. However, people have been making "improvements" to the mints' products about as long as coins have been around, and a stray piece or two always finds a way into the possession of even the strictest coin purist. So bring in your elongated cents, your counterstamps, your fashionable coin jewelry, and heck why not that 1909 "S" VDB with the S held on with a piece tape. Coins are history you can hold in your hand. Altered coins' history just didn't stop when they were first struck. Can't wait to see what interesting creations you have hiding in the forgotten corners of your collection.

-Aaron Brown

Mark Your Calendars!



January

Show & Tell Theme: Altered Coins

January 4, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

January 11, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Program – Decline & Fall of the Roman Republic by **Aaron**

Brown

(2) Mini-Bourse Night

January 25, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



February

Show & Tell Theme: Love Coins

February 1, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

February 8, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Program - TBD (2) Mini-Bourse Night

February 22, 2017 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



January Birthdays

John Silveria	01/01
Dan Brown	01/08
Robert Droual	01/08
Michael -David Ramczyk	01/15
Ella Davies	01/20
Inez Munoz	01/21
Angela Harrison	01/24
Eric Goossens	01/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Enjoy & Celebrate !!

Welcome New Members

Amie Davies
Andrew Davies
Flat Stanley Lambchop
Gunnar Avila
Alex Meeker

2017 Dues Due

Dues for 2017 are now due and payable. Your prompt payment will be appreciated. Dues remain at \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for juniors under 18 years of age. See Lloyd Solomon at the meetings or send your check to SCCC, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, CA 95353. To remain a member in good standing dues must be paid by the first general meeting in March.

2017 Club Medals Should Arrive in January

The 2017 Club Medals have arrived. The sets contain three medals, two base medal and one silver. The price will be set by the board once they have arrived.

This year's design, by **Lloyd Solomon**, commemorates the dairy industry in Stanislaus County.



Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: Which President was the first to appear on our circulating coins? (Hint: He gave the Gettysburg Address in 1863)

December Junior Challenge Question: In the first year of the 50 State Quarter series (1999), which state used a tree for its design?

Answer: Connecticut (The Charter Oak)



Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

Question: Julius Caesar's first coin, a silver denarius, depicts an elephant trampling a serpent. Whom did the serpent represent?

December General Membership Question: : What is the easiest way to spot one of the famous "Henning" counterfeit 1944 nickels?

Answer: They lack the large mintmark above Monticello, used on all war-time nickels from 1942-1945.



MEETING DATE 12/14/16

Meeting was called to order at 6:58pm by **President Aaron Brown**

Attendance:

Total: **49** Board Members: 8 Jr. Members: 11 plus guests

Guests (guest name): Mena and Sunnea

New members: Connor

First Draw winner: Sicilia Johnson

Junior Challenge: Of the first year the state quarters, which state had a tree in its design?

General Challenge: What is the easiest way to spot a Henning counterfeit war nickel?

Announcements: Assistant(s) for raffle ticket sales, there will be a last call for raffle sales during the meetings, cookies in the back of the room

Show & Tell:

Newell Stitzell – Challenge Coins: US Navy & Vietnam Veteran Coin Paris Medallion

John Barnard – Christmas Token with Signature

Frank Ramczyk – Silver Round Copy of Mercury Dime

Eric Goossens – Happy Mother's Day - ANA National Money Show 2013 Elongated Penny & Christmas 1938 Elongated Lincoln Cent

John Boswell – Summary List of the 20 Costliest Coins in the World

Jim Holden – Holiday Coin 2010 Canadian

Cecilia Lopez – Assorted Coins from a Trip to Germany

Mark Garcia – 1913(A) Proof German Two Marks, 1877 Proof 24th of a Schilling, & 1937(A) MS64 Third Reich One Pfennig

Santa Claus (**L. Randall Solomon**) – 2016 Ronald Reagan Coin and Chronicles Set

Show & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Newell Stitzell

Free Meal Winner: John Boswell

Door Prize Winner: Michael Ramczyk

Raffle:

Mark Garcia

Ron Meyer

Dolly Sauls

Mark Garcia

Chris Brown

John Barnard

Sofia Lopez

Sicilia Johnson

Lorraine Stout

John Barnard

Junior Gold Winner: Cecilia Lopez

Last Draw Winner: Mike Tandy - Not Present

Meeting closed at 8:58pm

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UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

January 6 – January 7, 2017

NorCal - East Bay / Concord Coin Show
The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave. Concord, California

January 20 – January 22, 2017

San Jose Coin Club's 49th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show
Double Tree Hotel
2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, California

February 3 – February 4, 2017

San Francisco Area Coin & Collectibles Show
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, California

February 16 – February 18, 2017

Long Beach Coin, Stamp, Currency & Sports Collectibles Expo
Long Beach Convention Center, Hall A
100 S. Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California

February 26, 2017

Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show
Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, California

March 5, 2017

Visalia Coin Club's Coin Show
Sons of Italy Hall
4211 West Goshen Avenue, Visalia, California

March 5, 2017

Livermore Valley Coin Club's Coin Show
Livermore-Pleasanton Elk's Lodge
940 Larkspur Drive
Livermore, California

Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30
Gold	\$1,214.80	\$1,214.80	\$1,136.90	\$1,134.80	\$1,159.10
Silver	\$16.64	\$16.64	\$16.14	\$15.82	\$16.20

If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter please see **Daniel Brown** at the meetings. Thank you ☺

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