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### Membership:

Adults: \$12.00 per year

Juniors: \$6.00 per year

### Club Web Site

[www.stancocoinclub.org](http://www.stancocoinclub.org)

### Club Address

P.O. Box 1672

Modesto, CA 95353-1672

### Club Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays @ 7:00p.m.

Denny's Diner

1525 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello all,

Ave, Caesari! Oops, I mean, happy New Year! Hope everyone's holidays were happy, and involved some shiny new additions to your collections. I know our juniors have had to make room for their haul from the Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who donated towards the junior program last year!

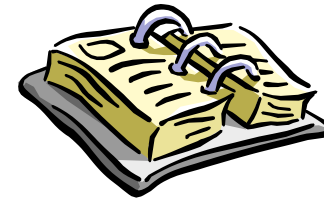
Before we get too far into the New Year, I think it's a good time to explore years past. Specifically, I'm thinking of the years 27 BC to 68 AD, as I'm sure you were. Last year I gave a presentation on the collapse of the Roman Republic, so this year I'll cover the rise of the Empire that succeeded it.

This will be part one of a series covering the 12 Caesars, a popular subset of Roman coins covering Julius Caesar, and the first 11 emperors of Rome. Part one will cover the first imperial dynasty: the Julio-Claudians. These first emperors of Rome pretty much fall into two camps: brilliant, and crazy. Living under the Julio-Claudians, you could expect to either wake up to the headline that another province had been added to the burgeoning Empire, or that an election for high office had been won by the emperor's favorite race horse in a landslide. These emperors displayed a wide variation of both competence, and sanity, but one way or another, they were never boring! Hope you'll come along as we explore the wild early years of the Roman Empire.

Speaking of years past, this month's show-and-tell theme is anniversary coins. Bring in a coin from a year that has special meaning to you. It doesn't have to be a wedding anniversary (though if you have a spousal overlord, it might be wise to clear alternative subjects beforehand). So find those coins from a time you have a connection to, even if the coin's subject isn't related. Can't wait to hear the stories behind the collectors behind the coins.

-Aaron Brown

## Mark Your Calendars!



### **January**

#### **Show & Tell Theme: Anniversaries**

(coins with dates of personal significant)

**January 3, 2018** – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

**January 10, 2018** – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

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

**January 24, 2018** – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



### **February**

#### **Show & Tell Theme: TBD**

**February 7, 2018** – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

**February 14, 2018** – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction

**February 28, 2018** – 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 !!

## 2018 Dues Due

Dues for 2018 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 Dan Brown 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.

## More Auction Nights in 2018

In 2018 there will be auctions both meetings in one month of each quarter. That means that in February, May, August and October both meetings will have auctions. You can download auction forms online at <http://www.stancocoinclub.org/auction.html>. The instructions for placing items in the auction are at that location as well.

The main points are:

- only (1) one auction form per seller per meeting (maximum 7 lots)
- complete two (2) copies of the auction form (one copy for the seller / one copy for the SCCC treasurer)
- if seller only wants junior members to bid, a notation needs to be made on that lot

Find those no longer needed numismatic items, get them in the auction and bring plenty of cash to bid on those offered by others.

## Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

**Question:** Red Book Scavenger Hunt: What subject was commemorated on a commemorative coin from your birth year?

**December Junior Challenge Question:** What was the smallest non-gold coin struck by the United States Mint?

**Answer:** The silver three cent piece (minted 1850 - 1873).



## Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by Aaron Brown)

**Question:** In what city did Augustus (r. 27 BC - 14 AD) concentrate the minting of Roman gold and silver coins, before the end of his reign?

**December General Membership Question:** What was the heaviest non-gold coin struck by the United States Mint and not originally sold for more than its face value?

**Answer:** The trade dollar (minted for circulation 1873 - 1878)



**MEETING DATE 12/13/17**

Meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by **President Aaron Brown**

**Attendance:**

Total: **48** Board Members: 10 Jr. Members: 11 plus guests: 1  
Guests (guest name): Richard  
Board members:

**Draw winner: Michael Ramczyk**

**Challenge:** What was the smallest coin struck by the US Mint?

**General Challenge:** What was the heaviest non-gold coin struck by the US Mint not sold for more than face value?

**Announcements:**

**Draw & Tell:**

enter, item

- Mitch Rudoff – 7-8 Foreign Coins Bearing Fruit
- Aaron Brown – Food & Agriculture Organization - Coins from Jamaica, Nicaragua, and two from Turkey
- Nicholas Lopez – Franklin Mint Commemorative Coin containing silver that flew to the moon on Apollo 14
- Sofia Lopez – Michael Jackson King of Pop Commemorative
- Mark Garcia – Silver/Gold Dollar Type Set - Six Examples
- Eric Goossens – Four Catalogs of Massachusetts tokens and commemoratives & 1976 Bronze Misher Exonamia Cataloging Award for Robert R. Heath
- Newell Stitzell – 1975 50 cent piece from Fiji
- Harold Harrison – 1968 10 Dong from Vietnam (Rice)

**Draw & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Mark Garcia**

**Meal Winner:** --

**Raffle Prize Winner:** Dylan Vitale

**Table:**

- Member List
- Holden
- Murilles
- Murilles
- Mark Garcia
- Ben Avila
- David MacDavid
- Richard Harrison
- Richard Benner
- Michael Ramczyk

**Draw Winner:** Chris Brown

Meeting closed at 9:01pm



Juniors at the SCCC 2017 Christmas Party

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## UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

January 5-6, 2018

**East Bay / Concord Coin Show Winter 2-Day Show**  
Clarion Hotel  
1050 Burnett Avenue  
Concord, CA

January 26-28, 2018

**San Jose Coin Club's Annual Coin & Collectibles Show**  
Double Tree Hotel  
2050 Gateway Place  
San Jose, CA

February 3-4, 2018

**S. F. Area Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show**  
The S. San Francisco Conference Center  
255 South Airport Blvd.  
S. San Francisco, CA

February 18, 2018

**Cupertino Coin Club's 46th Annual Coin Show**  
NAPREDA  
770 Montague Expressway  
San Jose, CA

February 22-24, 2018

**Long Beach Coin, Currency, Stamp & Sports Collectible Expo**  
Long Beach Convention Centre  
100 S. Pine Avenue  
Long Beach, CA

## Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
<b>Gold</b>	\$1,283.30	\$1,250.00	\$1,257.30	\$1,274.20	\$1,306.20
<b>Silver</b>	\$16.52	\$15.88	\$16.13	\$16.35	\$17.11

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

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