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**Our next meeting (#404) is Monday January 4, 2016**

### Program: OUR ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at the Hillside Community Center, 1 Lind Street, Hillside, IL 60162, one block West of Wolf Rd, one traffic light North of Roosevelt Rd, (just west of Proviso High School).

**The Hillside Coin Club Membership list is kept confidential**

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## IN THE LOUPE

*as 'eye' see it*

*By Bob F, Treasurer*

**First of all,** I would like to give a very special thank you to Nick Weiss, who spent hours painstakingly going over minutes of old club meetings to put together a wonderful history of the Hillside Coin Club. It was well researched and very well written. Nick passed out copies at the banquet, but if you did not receive one and wish to do so, please contact Nick directly, or any of the officers. Thanks again, Nick!!!!

***In The News:*** Recently over 800 people came to The Field Museum to attend the opening of "The Greeks: Agamemnon to Alexander the Great." Everyone enjoyed the Greek orchestra, Greek dancers, Greek food and meeting representatives from Chicago's Greek community!

This is a great exhibit made up of 500+ artifacts from 21 Greek museums. It takes viewers on an exceptional journey through 5000 years of Greek history and culture. Some of the pieces explore pivotal moments leading to the birth of Western democracy, philosophy and theatre. You can also see busts and statues of Homer (the father of literature), Alexander the Great (the father of the empire), and the fathers of philosophy - Plato, Aristotle and Demosthenes.

This collection of clay, marble, bronze, silver and gold make up the largest exhibit of Greek antiquities seen in the U.S. in the last quarter century! This is a large exhibit and might be too much to see in one viewing. Like many Field Museum exhibits, it is best to visit the exhibit several times before it closes April 10, 2016.

A Field Curator, Bill Parkinson reported there are 30 ancient Greek coins from the Numismatic Museum of Athens and another three from the Archeology Museum of Thessaloniki. Bill did not have the exact count so there might be more.

To promote the event, The Field Museum turned a train station into a Trojan horse. A replica of the horse is mounted around the entrance to the Chicago and State Street Red Line stop. One morning they stationed guards in period attire with spears flanking outside the stairway. To read about it and see photographs, go to:

<http://www.timeout.com/chicago/blog/the-field-museum-turned-a-train-station-into-a-trojan-horse-120715>

The exhibit runs through April 10, 2016. See the link below for an exhibit overview.

<http://www.fieldmuseum.org/discover/on-exhibit/greeks/>

For general information on The Field Museum go to: <https://www.fieldmuseum.org>

Finally, don't forget to pay for your 2016 yearly dues (\$15)!

### **Minutes of our 32<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Banquet December 7, 2015:**

Our 403rd consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by our President, Kevin M, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick Weiss gave an invocation prior to the dinner. There were 57 adults and 2 young numismatist members and guests in attendance!

A special thank you to the many members who came early to help set up the raffle bags and prizes and made generous gift donations to the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The business portion of the meeting was skipped so we could get on to the dinner and raffle.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Readings for new member applications from Linda Hansen and Richard Hamilton. It was reported by Bob F. that we received ten free annual ANA memberships for NON ANA MEMBERS only.

Bob F. reminded everyone that it's time to pay their 2016 dues of \$ 15.

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

**We would encourage any of you who may have something of interest to your fellow club members to bring it with you to a future meeting and share it.**

**BREAK FOR DINNER:** And what a good dinner it was with Roast Beef, Chicken, Schnitzel, Mostaccioli, double baked potatoes, mixed vegetables topped by their signature apple strudel. And a wonderful dinner it was!! The Alpine staff provided wonderful service and fine cuisine. They also generously donated 2 bottles of fine wine for the raffle. Every attendee received a beautiful 1 ounce copper round medal replica of the Standing Liberty Quarter.

**GUESS THE CENTS GAME:** The correct number of cents was 1,346.

First prize of a Silver Eagle was won by Kevin Blocker who guessed 1,335.

Second prize of 2016 annual club dues was won by Ed Kedzie who guessed 1,325.

Third prize winner and new member Richard Hamilton guessed 1,250 and won the cents.

**RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:** We had many donated raffle prizes. here are a few of the winners:

Grand Prize winners: \$2½ gold piece won by Bob Evans. 20 Franc gold Reid Geisler (out of town member and benefactor to the club)

Other notable winners: 1 oz silver bar won by Nick DeAllesandro. Asst type coins won by YN Kyle Kotula. \$2 silver proof coin Sandy Schmidt. Too many other winners to name.

**FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER MARK WIECLAW:** Gave an excellent presentation on Russian Beard Tokens and Irish Gun Money. Mark was presented with an ANA speaker's certificate and 90% Silver \$½ as an honorarium.

**MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:38**

Financial results of our meeting: \$1,306.00 was deposited into the club checking account. New Balance on Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> is \$1,461.28

### **RECORD BREAKER**

The [United States Mint](#) today announced record sales of **American Eagle Silver Bullion Coins** for the third consecutive year.

Once again, global demand for the American Eagle Silver Bullion Coins drove sales to a record high, this year reaching 47,000,000, surpassing the 44,006,000 ounces sold in 2014 and the 42,675,000 ounces sold in 2013. The Mint broke last year's record November 30 when sales reached 44,666,500.

To add further perspective to the demand for Silver Bullion Coins, for the first 22 years of the American Eagle Silver Bullion Coin Program, the Mint typically sold between three million and 10 million ounces per year. Since 2007, sales have increased nearly five-fold from 9,887,000 in 2007 to more than 44 million last year.

The Mint's West Point facility currently produces all American Eagle gold, silver, and platinum and **American Buffalo Bullion Coins** in addition to other precious metal numismatic products. The facility operates with three shifts with employees working overtime to help meet demand.

The Mint launched the American Eagle Bullion Program in 1986. The Congressionally authorized program provides investors a simple and tangible means to add precious metal coins to their investment portfolios.

The bureau distributes American Eagle Bullion Coins solely through a network of Authorized Purchasers that includes wholesalers, brokerage companies, precious metal firms, coin dealers, and participating banks. A list of bullion retailers is available at <http://catalog.usmint.gov/bullion-dealer-locator>.

**UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:**

**January 3. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.**

**January 10. Countryside. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coin Show.**

**January 17. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.**

**January 17. Berwyn. 3rd Sunday Coin Show.**

**January 31. D'Atri Auction Downers Grove**

**February 7. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.**

**February 14. Countryside. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coin Show.**

**February 21. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.**

**February 21. Berwyn. 3rd Sunday Coin Show.**

**February 25-27. Tinley Park C.C.**

**February 28. D'Atri Auction Downers Grove**