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FORGERIES OR COPIES? THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Elwood Rafn will give a presentation on numismatic forgeries and copies, pointing out the distinguishing features of different types of fakes.

Although some counterfeits can be dangerous, the informed collector will be able to spot many of them. Become an informed collector by attending our meeting on May 27th to gain valuable insights from one of the area's most knowledgable experts.

CLUB PHOTOGRAPH TO BE TAKEN AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

As part of our efforts to compile an interesting record of the club and its activities, member Eskil Broburg will take a photograph of our group at the May meeting. Please be sure to attend so that the photo really represents the Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club as it existed in 1993. Casual dress is recommended.

CLUB OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED AT MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS

Once again, it is that time of year when we must be thinking about selecting officers for the club for the 1993-1994 year.

Serving the club as an officer isn't difficult, but it does take some commitment of time, energy, and ideas. Some of our present officers have expressed a desire to retire, and we'll need some enthusiastic volunteers to lead us into the new year.

Nominations will be taken at the May and June meetings. Be sure to nominate someone for office. Feel free to nominate yourself. We need YOU!

DONATED BOOKS GARNER $59 FOR CLUB

Thanks to the generous donation of dozens of numismatic books by Kent Froseth, the club's treasury is now $59 richer. The donated books were quickly snapped up by sharp bidders when the books were auctioned at our April meeting. All proceeds went to the club.

The club also thanks Elwood Rafn for bringing the books to our meeting.

VISTORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE TWIN CITIES ANCIENT COIN CLUB

The club is open to anyone interested in ancient coins and history. We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at Immanual Lutheran Church, 104 South Snelling (corner of Snelling and Goodrich) in St. Paul. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

An educational program is always featured, followed by an auction of coins and books. All are welcome to participate.

Annual dues are $5.00 payable each January. In addition, members are asked for a $1.00 donation at each meeting to cover the expense of renting the meeting room.

See you there. Bring something to show!

The Collector's Perspective

(Another "Back Page")

"A Nowlege of Historie"

A recent magazine article, by New Hampshire school teacher Richard Lederer, is sure to get a few laughs from history buffs. The article was compiled from papers written by students from the eighth grade through the college level. The segment relating to ancient history is quoted below...

Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies, and they all wrote in hydraulics. Early Egyptian women often wore a garment called a calasiris. It was a sheer dress which started beneath the breasts which hung to the floor.

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intollerable. Achilles appears in *The Iliad*, by Homer. Homer also wrote *The Oddity*, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that same name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath.

Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus." Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Rome came to have too many luxuries and baths. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. They took two baths in two days, and that's the cause of the fall of Rome. Rome was invaded by ballbearings, and is full of fallen arches today.

Unfortunately, the students' command of modern history is no better: "Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands." Have fun with history.

—Bill Daehn