ANCIENT COIN CLUB

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The February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 1981 at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. St. Paul.

A G E N D A

7:30-8:00 Coin trading, social and coffee time, business time
8:00 Guest speaker: Joan Sagerlie, specialist on Byzantine history and coins. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.
9:00 Coin auction

Historical overview on the Byzantine Empire: A continuation of the Roman Empire. It included territories on the shores of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The empire is also called East Roman, Later Roman, or Greek Empire. Byzantine comes from an ancient city name of Byzantium. The city was renamed Constantinople after Constantine made it capital of the Roman Empire in A.D. 330. The term Byzantine became popular after the 1600's. The so called Byzantines called themselves Romans. The Byzantine history extends from 330 to 1453, when Constantinople fell to the Turks. They called the city Istanbul. Some historians take the year 395, when the Roman Empire was finally divided into the Eastern and Western parts, as the starting pint of Byzantine history.

The Byzantine Empire is important to the history and civilization of Europe because it was a defending barrier against barbarians and such eastern invaders as the Arabs and Turks. In the Byzantine Empire ancient Greek and Roman culture was preserved, and Christianity flourished. With its Christian faith, Roman traditions, and Greek culture, the empire served as a connecting link between ancient and modern European civilization. The Byzantine Empire came to an end when the Ottoman Turks captured Constantinople.

Many of you are being very resourceful with ideas for programs for our monthly meetings. Your input is greatly needed and appreciated. We have an offer for David Nysteun of the Minnesota Historical Society to come within the next few months. His discussion will center around Egypt. Tom Beniak will be glad to be a discussion leader soon. More details later.

There will be a coin show sponsored by the Liberty Coin Club at the West St. Paul Armory on South Robert Street on February 28 and March 1st.

Bea Lindwall, Secretary