

Dear Members and Friends,

I am sure that you, like me, are luxuriating in the spring after this year's seemingly endless winter. It's always a hopeful, exciting time of year—and not coincidentally, it's the time we come to you with our Mid-year Appeal for donations.

This year started out with a bang, as we held our Gala at the Waldorf Astoria. The pace has not let up in the months since, and we are happy to report a number of recent events that has us more than optimistic about the rest of the year to come:

- April saw the publication of the long anticipated *The Island Standard: The Classical, Hellenistic, and Roman Coinages of Paros*, by John A.N.Z. Tully.
- By the end of this month, to commemorate the centennial of the outbreak of the Great War, we plan to launch our website for World War I medals, featuring often overlooked material on that conflict.
- We have just received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities—our first in decades!—to allow us to continue expanding our Online Coins of the Roman Empire.

I would also like to call your attention to the ambitious efforts underway in the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Library. In the past year we have cataloged more than 8,000 articles and 1,200 books and auction catalogs, have pushed our total number of barcoded items to more than 28,000, and we are now about to launch the first phase of the archive digitization project.

These projects were made possible by the generous support we received in 2013, which enabled us, among other things, to fund a full-time library cataloger. And eager as we are to keep our momentum going forward, we can continue only with your help. So please consider making a donation now. All gifts, no matter the size, are very welcome.

If, however, you are able to make a donation of \$5,000 or more, we will send you one of a limited series of two high-quality broadside reproductions, detailed on the attached page. A donation of \$10,000 and above will entitle you to a mounted deluxe version of either broadside, which includes additional materials. Cumulative gifts of \$10,000 and above will also be acknowledged with a plaque on the wall of the library reading room.

My springtime confidence in the Society's multitude of supporters has been validated many times over by now. I thus have every reason to believe that 2014 will continue a trend of positive growth.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, I thank you for your support, and I wish you joy in this season of renewal.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan
Executive Director