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General meetings will tentatively be held the second Tuesday of the month, except in September and December. Board meetings are usually held the second Monday after the general meeting.

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General Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshment

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| Gail Hyatt | Mark & Glenda Jacobi |
| Clyde & Sandra Jones | Mark Jones |
| Keith King | Ann & Don Kollé |
| Debbie Krause | Myles Lindeburg |

If you can not attend, please let Jim Meloche or Debbie Krause know so they can bring refreshments. Thank you for your consideration.



Health Updates of Our Members

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Nina Olsen

Mary Shug

Doris and Ray Santee

Lee Smith

Marie Banta

Richard & Connie Moultrup

Uli Railsback

Vernon Aaron

Greetings from the President

Many thanks to all the members and friends that came out to help make this year's Show a huge success. We had a wonderful turnout, especially considering this was the first time at this new location. Many of the vendors expressed their praise of the new location and the great Show we put on. We will go into more detail at our next meeting.

We also had a good turnout for the rock hunt to the Tessman Ranch in Falls City. We had several of our new members come, along with many non-members who all seemed to have a great time. There were a lot of treasures found by all. We hope to have another hunt before it gets too hot.

Again thanks to everyone for making this Show one of the best so far!

Bob Bowie

Please visit our website at www.swgemandmineral.org

Announcements

We received a nice message from the Pattillos, as follows:

We would like to thank you all for having us be part of you 2009 Show. We had a great show and believe, from what we could see, everyone who was participating in the show should have had a great show, also.

We had a great number of people, who must not have ever seen the Food Table before, come by and make good comments. We saw people stand there, w/ their mouths open and just take it all in. We had people asking questions and we enjoy talking to these people. We try to tell them everything about the table. There were Scouts who came be the table and they also seemed to enjoy seeing the "rocks that look like food". I tried to give them a little information about the table. They were very attentive and seemed to enjoy my talk. We would like to see more of these groups coming to the show.

Thank you for the Bill Miller's card, too. We enjoyed a meal before we came home. Hope to see some of you at other shows.

The Alamo Rock Shop will close it's doors after 57 years on May 23rd. They are moving to Abilene and will sell online @ www.alamorockshop.com or their new site www.alamorocknjewelry.com. We will miss them.

Upcoming Show Dates

April 11-12, '09: Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society Show, Abilene Civic Center, North 6th & Pine, Abilene, TX.

April 17-19, '09: Chihuahuah Desert Gem & Mineral Society Show, Highland Events Center, Hwy. 90 East, Alpine, TX.

April 25-26, '09: Waco Gem & Mineral Society Show, Heart O' Texas Fair Grounds, Waco, TX.

Please let me know of any other events or shows coming up so I can include the information in the newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

Bob told us about his trip to Tucson. Our program was watching part of a tape from last year's Tucson Show.

Curtis reported that all booths were sold and the setup design was complete.

Last minute distribution of flyers were discussed and more were given out to be distributed. The PSAs began running advertisements the week of the meeting.

Security questions were responded to by Jim Meloche and Mike Ramirez. Security personnel (2) will be in building between during show times and are just 2 minutes away to respond to anything after hours.

Upcoming hunt details were discussed and where to meet in Falls City. Cost will be \$5.00/person.

Bob Bowie announced that he received a contact from the Bradley Middle School about the possibility of us providing a program for the students on April 29, 2009. This would begin about 8 am and run 25 minutes, for 6 sessions of about 35 kids each session. Anyone wanting to help with this, please contact Bob Bowie. Eva & Jim Meloche, Gail Hyatt, Bob Bowie, and Joe Noonan have already shown interest.

This is a shorten/revised version of the minutes, since most of the minutes were discussing the last minute details to be done prior to the Show.

Thank you Gail for taking the minutes; hope you don't mind too much that I shortened them.

Mini Classifieds

This space will be for anyone wanting to sell something or is looking for something that someone else might be able to help them with.

Please save your plastic coffee “cans”, large plastic Mayo jars, etc. and bring to meetings. Collecting these for a project.

If anyone has some old furniture, dishes, containers, etc. please contact Debbie or Gail. We are collecting items we can use in our Schertz Museum.

Any old terra cotta type flower pots needed. Even if they are cracked or broken.

Debbie Krause is looking for any used equipment or tools, and **old, old, windows**. Call her on 659-7125.
