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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: None this month due to Club Picnic

Time:

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshment

No need this month. Ones who didn't last time and didn't notify me will be on the next list!

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 put the following members in your prayers:

Uli Railsback found out she has lung cancer & will have surgery Sept. 29th.

Doug Threatt had throat surgery to repair esophagus flap leading to his stomach. He's doing great.

Connie and Richard Moultrup are still having various medical ailments.

Tom Banta is not doing well at all and is now in a facility to help him.

Tom & Maria both need prayers.

Please let myself or Gail Hyatt know if any of our members need to be remembered with prayers and mentioned in this newsletter. Thank you.

Greetings from the President

For those who have not RSVP'd to Jim Meloche on our upcoming picnic, please do so by October 10th so we can order the meat.

This summer has passed quickly for all of us. Kathy & I have been pretty busy traveling. I just returned from attending my 50 Year High School Reunion in Indiana.

Our speaker for the November meeting will be Glen Kroeger from Trinity University. He will be speaking on the *Geology of Climate Change*. This should be a very interesting presentation with all the misinformation circulating on global warming. Let's have a good turnout for Glen.

Bob Bowie

Please visit our website at www.swgemandmineral.org

Announcements

Our Picnic is October 18th @ McAllister Park, Pavillion 3, from about 3-? We will eat about 5pm; same place as previous years Club will supply meat. Club members please bring a side dish or dessert. Also bring your own drinks and chairs. Fernando will be teaching a class on how to judge cabochons.

Claude wanted to let you know there will be a talk on *The Secret Life of the Adenium Obesum (Dessert Rose)* on 10/15/08, 7pm @ the San Antonio Garden Center. Contact Claude for more info, 210-655-8959.

Christmas party is scheduled for December 9th at Harmon's Bar-B-Q in Cibolo, Texas. More details will follow in next few months.

Upcoming Show Dates

- Oct. 11-12 Tri-city Gem & Min. Soc. of Temple, TX @ Mayborn Civic Center
- Oct. 17-19 Victoria Gem & Min. Soc. of Victoria, TX @ Victoria Community Center
- Oct.24-26 Austin Gem & Min. Soc. of Austin, TX @ Palmer Event Center

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

Meeting Minutes

Our September program was a DVD on “Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs”. Thunder Eggs (TE) are found all over the world where ever rhyolitic lava flowed. In the United States, Nevada, New Mexico and Oregon are where the largest concentrations are. Oregon is known as the “world capital” because over a 100 varieties have been found. It is also Oregon’s state stone. The term “thunder egg” has its roots in Native American culture. The Warm Springs Indians found TE after huge thunder storms and so the name began.

East Central area of Oregon is where the “motherload” is found. Priddy Ridge Ranch is open to rockhounds in several beds. Red, blue, moss and flower basket types are found here.

Darrel Friend’s ranch also has wonderful TE, but is now closed to the public. Buchanan Ranch is famous for the “sagenite” pattern in TE. The Lucky Strike Mine’s specimens often have the colors of Christmas in them. Valley View Mine and Falling Tree Mine have specimens with sperulites in agate cores.

The DVD was very informative.

Jim gave our treasure’s report. Curtis reported that he has mailed out all vendor applications for our 2009 Show. Seven have already confirmed.

Aumon’s grandsons brought some rocks to have club members identify. They just returned from a trip to the Big Bend area.

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.

Debbie Krause is looking for any used equipment or tools. Call her on 659-7125.

