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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, September 8, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshment

Clarice & Lynn Young

Vernon & Doris Aaron

Patsy Anderson

Jeff Ansley

Marie Banta

Gary Bethke

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

No health problems or updates to report.

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

Summer has passed quickly again. I imagine we are all praying for some rain and cool days. We have a presentation by Kip Williams on gold mining for our September meeting. It should be a good one. Our date and time is set for the October picnic and we are planning some interesting times—besides the good barbeque. It will be a pot luck again and the Club will provide the brisket and chicken. Put October 10, 2009, on your calendars. We will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting. See you all there!

We are well underway with planning our March Show. We need to be thinking about advertising. If you have any ideas, please let your Board hear them.

Bob Bowie

Please visit our website at www.swgemandmineral.org

Announcements

Our August program will be on Gold Mining titled “*Modern Day Gold Mining Techniques*”.

If you have a good idea for the 2010 Fiesta of Gems Club Pin, please submit your ideas by the September meeting. We will choose one design to use as our official Show pin.

Please note the positions that are vacant on our Board. Anyone interested, please let Bob know. We would love to have you!

Upcoming Show Dates

September 5-6 Arlington G&MS, Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, TX

September 26-27 Texoma Rockhounds, Denison Senior Center, Denison, TX

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

Meeting Minutes

The August meeting was called to order by Jim Meloche at 7:15 pm, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our President, Bob Bowie, was up in Colorado enjoying the pleasant climate of the mountains. In his absence, Jim Meloche conducted the meeting.

Guests were recognized.

Although our guest of honor, Frank Whitehead, could not be with us to celebrate his 95th birthday, as well as receiving our organization's highest award of Lifetime Member, we remembered him with a beautiful cake and Lifetime Membership Certificate. Fernando Lozano accepted the award on behalf of Frank. He also delivered it, along with some birthday cake to Frank and Elizabeth. Thank you Fernando! Frank, we wish you a Happy Birthday and many more to come!!!

Jim presented the Treasurer's Report. All's well in the finances of our organization.

Gail Hyatt delivered another batch of the new membership ID pins. We will continue to take orders. So far, everyone seems pleased with the pins.

Overcoming some technical problems, Jim presented a film on *Intarsia*. This is the art of using tiny pieces of rocks and minerals to make intricate designs for jewelry. The film showed how to cut, fit and polish the project. It certainly takes a keen eye to do this work. Sort of reminds one of inlay work.

The raffle was a very active and fun time. Thanks kindly to all who participated.

The meeting adjourned.

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.

Anyone wanting any Century cactus “pups”, please email Debbie Krause.

Our annual picnic will be October 10, 2009, at McAllister Park, Pavilion #3, starting around 2:00 pm. Watch for signs once you enter the park.

There will be a class on working with Amber. Bring a file (medium) or emery board and sand paper (100-600 grit), wet or dry.

We will eat about 5:30 pm. Call Gail Hyatt (leave a message) by October 5th to RSVP and to let her know if you want beef or chicken. Each family should bring a covered dish or dessert.

Hope to see everyone there!!!
