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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, June 10, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 17018 Silverwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas

Just East of Hwy 281 on Donella Drive

Refreshments

Frank Whitehead	Vernon & Doris Aaron
Jeremy Able	Tom & Marie Banta
Gary Bethke	Bob Bowie

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

Billye Harris went in for surgery on May 22. This was a rescheduled date due to insurance approval. She is home and doing great. The only pain she has now is from the incision. We wish Billye a speedy recovery.

Vernon Aaron is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. He is doing much better and his wife is looking forward to him going on soon.

Greetings from the President

There is no message from our president this month because Bob and Kathy have been playing around on the beaches of Hawaii. At least we don't have to pay \$3.00 for a can of Coke here yet!

Glad someone is having some fun around here!

Announcements

Our club received some very nice thank you letters from St. Mary's University and from UTSA for the scholarship checks we sent them. The UTSA letter included the names of the three deserving students who were able to attend their geology field camp, their most important class, through our efforts. They are John Frontimos, Kristi Salazar and Stephen Wells. I am sure they greatly appreciated our help.

Jim Meloche

Upcoming Events

June 10 Jim Meloche will give a presentation on Rock Hunting in Afghanistan at the meeting.

July 5-13 Giant Rock Sale 9am 'til dark @ Delbert & Joyce Speed's house 4680 Wisteria St.—Dallas 75211, 214-337-9446. All will be sold!

Sept. 24-28 AFMS/SCFMS Show & Convention hosted by the Houston Gem & Mineral Society @ the Humble Civic Center

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

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Gail Hopkin's in Bob Bowie's absence. Tom Banta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clause Townsend gave the evening's program. He presented a collection of photos of rocks, flowers, cactus, birds, coral, fossils, geodes, arrowheads, scrapers, pictograph, gypsum, crystals, ammonites and lastly, but not least, the Horney Toad. Not only interesting, but beautiful pictures!

Claude it is a pleasure to see the many things that bring interest, pleasure and satisfaction into your life. Thank you for sharing with us.

Again, we have Alamo Rock Shop to thank for many great pieces for our raffle. There were other items also provided by some of our other members. There were some quite interesting pieces. I acquired a beautiful piece. Not sure what it is, but is made of crystals. Half of the piece is made up of white crystals and the other half is black crystals. The underneath has some pyrite. Anyway, it is really pretty. Thanks to the donors and the people who purchased tickets.

After the meeting, we continued to visit and graze on the wonderful snacks provided. Thanks kindly for the munchies everyone!

Meeting adjourned. *"A good time was had by all!"*

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.

Gail and Debbie would like to thank the members who contacted them with the items they were looking to by.

Debbie Krause is looking for any old floor lamp bases or heavy table lamp bases she can use for her Tiffany type shades. Call her on 659-7125.

LOST-N-FOUND

Gail Hopkins loaned Bob Bowie's DVD on *Planet Earth-Caves* out in February to someone. They still have it and Bob would like it back. Please check your DVD collections to see if you may have this and return it to Bob.

Finding Gold in Texas

By Don Shurtz

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

Where is gold found? It can be found in many places. California, Colorado and Alaska were places where there were gold rushes in the United States. Currently, mines in Nevada and South Dakota mine 75% of the gold produced in the US.

In Texas, the most likely location would be around the Llano Uplift. If you want to try West Texas, gold mines, long since closed, were located near Van Horn and Presido. Gold has economically productive amounts.

SOURCE: Panning for Gold in Texas, <http://texfiles.com/features/gold.htm>

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