

**SOUTHWEST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER**

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TEMPORARILY meetings will be held the second THURSDAY of the month, except in October and December. Board meetings are usually held the second Monday after the general meeting.

TEMPORARILY

GENERAL MEETING: September 9th, 2010

TIME: 6:15pm

NEW TRIAL MEETING PLACE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1018 E. Grayson Street

San Antonio, Texas

DIRECTIONS: (traveling south on IH35)

Exit #159A, turn Right at N New Braunfels Ave.

Continue on to E Grayson St and address will be on the Left.

Entrance will be through door marked OFFICE.

REFRESHMENT HOSTS/HOSTESSES FOR SEPTEMBER

W Sturdevant G & J Strauch G & K Szarka

K & S Terrell C Threatt D Threatt C Townsend

MEMORIAL

**Alfred Campa
USAF Retired**

...passed away on Monday, August 9, 2010 at the Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels. He was born August 14, 1928 to Edward and Magdalena Campa in San Antonio, Tx. He proudly served in the United States Armed Forces during WWII, Viet Nam and Korea. He also retired as Head of the Hematology Lab at Brooke Army Medical Center after many years of service. He was a member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, San Antonio Cactus Society, San Antonio Geology Club and Southwest Gem and Mineral Society of San Antonio, Tx. He is survived by son, Alfred Timothy Campa and wife, Karen of New Braunfels; daughters, JoAnna Burch of TN and Sharry Campa Lansing of Seguin, Tx; sister Grace Brava; grandchildren, Tiffany Campa, Darcy Peterson, Yvette Byrum and husband Michel, Wendy Willingham and husband Michael; William Burch and wife Tammy Emerson Burch, Jr. and Ashlee Glen and husband Jason; 10 great-grandchildren. Graveside service was held Friday, August 13, 2010 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Please join us in celebrating our loved one's life by visiting our Memorial at www.mem.com.

**Al is remembered by SWG&M as an active and longtime member.
Al will remain in our memories for a long time to come.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a heavy heart that we say "Goodbye" to Al Campa. He will be missed by those that had the honor of knowing and working with him.

Please note that our meeting for September will again be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on E Grayson St.

Our program for this month will be presented by the owner, of 'Gems of the Hill Country' Mason, Texas. She will speak to us about Topaz.

Mason is where much of the state's Blue Topaz comes from. Blue Topaz is the state stone for Texas. She plans to present one program on the origin and composition of Topaz and another on faceting Topaz.

Our presenter is coming from a good distance away, so it would be really great to have a strong turnout for her.

Please put the following two events on your calendar now. Our October meeting will be our Annual Picnic. In December our meeting will be our Christmas Party. All the details for these events should follow further into this newsletter.

Best Regards, Bob Bowie

Minutes of the August, 2010 Meeting

Following fellowship our meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

The program for this evening was "Rock and Mineral", a DVD narrated by Martin Sheen. It discussed the origins of the various rocks and minerals and their uses. Rocks are igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic in origin. Minerals are made up of earth's native elements and because of heat, water and pressures of the earth, form various compositions that we can use in both industry and in making gems for beauty and pleasure. The DVD was very interesting and had some beautiful illustrations.

Thank you Kyle for a good presentation, we really did enjoy it!

The Treasurer's Report was given, again "Thanks to Jim" for keeping our funds in order.

A nice raffle was a fun closer for the evening. For those that have plenty of specimens and other interesting items to share, it seems that we are

about due some fresh providers for the raffle. We don't want to completely deplete the supply of our regular donators.

Gail Hyatt, Secretary with the assistance of Billye Harris

MINI CLASSIFIEDS

*For Sale 2002 Ford Escort, Red, 4 Dr, good AC, automatic, all electric, good condition, 73,000 miles asking \$3,500.
Call Jim or Eva 210-658-8920*

This section of the newsletter is for our members to list items that they have to share, buy/sell, or need. If you have something to list, contact Gail Hyatt, contact info at end of newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER, ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, October 23.....2PM....Eat @ 5PM

McAllister Park, Pavilion #3 (signs to show the way)

Meats will be provided, BBQ Beef/Chicken. Members to bring a covered dish (salads, casserole, desserts etc).

Deadline for head count, Wednesday, October 13...need # for beef and # for chicken. Call Jim Meloche or Kyle Qubrosi, contact info end of newsletter.

Members also should bring their own drinks and lawnchairs.

DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 9th6PM til 8PM....Harmon's BBQ, Main Street, Cibolo....There will be a buffet to include BBQ brisket and chicken and all the trimmings. Members will pay \$5 per plate and the Club will pick up the rest. Last year, in place of a gift exchange, members brought canned

or packaged food items. These items were taken to a local food pantry and were accepted with great appreciation. We would like to do the same thing this year. As poorly as the economy is doing, this seems a much wiser and more generous way to share our own blessings.

Deadline for this head count will be Friday, December 3rd. Again, contact Jim Meloche or Kyle Qubrosi.

SHOWS COMING SOON

*Arlington Gem and Mineral Club 53rd Annual Show
Texas Treasurers*

September 4, 2010 10am-6pm

September 5, 2010 10am-5pm

Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Tx 76011

*57th Annual Houston Gem and Mineral Society
Gem and Mineral Show
November 12-1, 2010
Humble Civic Center
Houston, Texas*

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