

THE SHIN-SKINNER - FEBRUARY 2023

A note from the Pres:

Greetings everyone. Its mid January and other than one very cold stretch it has been pretty mild. After a hard time getting into the church, thanks Ted, we had a good meeting this past month. We received thank you notes and even a piece of copper mined in Pennsylvania from Gloria Dick. Everybody got the handouts to advertise the show, and Bob gave an interesting talk on ultra violet lights. Bob is also doing the news letter this month. Lets hope this works out. Our next meeting is Wednesday February 8th . Hope to see you there. Bruce

VP REPORT for February

January program was UV BOB but not on fluorescent minerals. It was on the lights that are used to find and display fluorescent minerals. Bob showed some of his UV lamp collection which he has acquired over 60 some years. They include a few of the really old units used to prospect for scheelite (tungsten ore) to some of the popular units today. There were even some of the UV science kits made for youngsters. He then went on to give a little heads up on some of the many companies that are producing UV lamps and a few hints on what may be coming soon. He showed really powerful LONG WAVE flashlight type LED units and even a SHORT WAVE LED flashlight unit. This one is not really that great, but it shows what will be coming in the future. Everyone seemed to get some new information from the program.



The February meeting will be to check on more details for our 53rd gem and mineral show. Three display cases are spoken for, so three yet to be filled with some educational stuff. The program will follow the meeting. Because we can't be sure of the February weather, and having a speaker get stranded or not be able to show up, the program will be a video on the "GEMSTONES of AMERICA" It is interesting to see just what is available here in America. Don't forget your goodies and popcorn.

Here is what is going on with the Junior/Pebble Pups

The Che-Hanna Pebble Pups will meet on Sunday, February 19 at 1 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St.

The Program: Each of the kids will present a short talk about their favorite mineral or fossil. Then, we will work on the display case for the show. The theme is Ancient Oceans. They will work on earning the Showmanship badge from the FRA badge program.

At the January meeting, we had pizza and cookies, played a few bingo games, and made plans for the year. Some of the plans are a trip to Dorothy's home to practice breaking up rocks with Herkimers, a trip to Crystal Grove to dig Herkimers, sifting through a bag of dirt from the Aurora Fossil Pit, a trip for local fossils, a trip to find fern fossils, making bismuth crystals at Inga's garage, and so on. Some of us want to go to Calvert Cliffs in Maryland. The year will be heavy with outdoor activities.

Our meetings are free and open to the public, but please contact Inga so she has enough supplies on hand.

Inga

for more information contact her at 607-425-7426 or check out our Facebook Page, Che-Hanna Junior Rockhounds.

IN THE NEWS



Bob did a program for the local Cub Scouts on rocks and minerals and included some fluorescent ones also. Later he handed out to the parents some of our 53rd show fliers.

NOW A WORD FROM OUR LADY SUNSHINE

I finally got to talk to Helen Tracy. She is home. She was found unconscious in her apartment by a friend who had come to visit. She was in the hospital for a week, in ICU, and doesn't remember too much the first few days. She is doing much better and

said she never wants to go through that again. If it wasn't for the friend, she said she would not be here to talk about it. She has to test her blood before each meal and take insulin according to the reading. She also takes pills. Hopefully, she will keep improving. She said she is pretty skinny now, but does eat her three meals a day. Please keep her in your prayers.

Max Grimm is now living with his daughter in Ohio. Hopefully, he's doing well and likes it there. Miss him at the meetings.

Inga is doing better. She missed the last meeting. She had a reaction to a shot she had gotten and was just feeling miserable, along with a headache. Hope she keeps on the "well" side now.

Trish Benish is coming along quite well and the doctor is happy she's doing so good.

If you know of someone who needs a phone call or card, please let me know.

Hope to see you at the meeting on February 8th, 7 p.m. at the Athens Methodist Church. Take care all.

JoAnn

January 2023 Minutes

Being an odd number month, a board meeting was held before the regular meeting. 17 members were in attendance.

WE NEED YOU!!

We need volunteers to help with our up-coming mineral show.

March 24, 25, and 26 * Friday, the 24th is set-up day

Saturday, 25th, is show day * Sunday, 26th, show and take down day

There were no minutes from last month's meeting, being it was the Christmas party. We had a nice gathering at the Railhouse Restaurant. Being there were not that many members in attendance, we ordered from the menu. Great food and great time was had by all.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and filed for audit.

Sunshine report was given. Inga had a bad reaction to an injection she received. Evelyn Keir passed away. Our condolences to the Keir family.

Dominic Ferrante is doing well at the Helen Keller School.

Gloria Dick sent a thank you card for the surprise Christmas gifts she received from the club. She sent some pieces of Pennsylvania copper for the club members. To prospect for the copper, it is hard to find.

The members that delivered gifts to the more senior members of the club who are unable to attend events, were very happy and surprised for the gifts.

Bob McGuire gave an interesting program on fluorescent lights. Bob has a large collection of UV lights. He brought in three milk crates of lights to show, from vintage to the more modern styles.

Mary Walter, Secretary