

Che-hanna Rock and Mineral Club Shin-skiner and Newsletter

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Attendance:14



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Birthday 🎉 :

10 - Maggie Hessler

17 - Michael Ricci

27 - Cody Conden

30 - Ted Rieth

30 - Quinn Schofield

Anniversaries 🌹

28 - Happy Anniversary to Bob and JoAnn McGuire

VP NOTES FOR NOVEMBER:

October meeting was our annual auction of mineral related items. Not many folks to bid which meant those that did bid, got some great deals. From rocks, eggs, books, jewelry, agate slab, fossils to a geiger counter had something for everyone.



Up and coming is the November meeting. Board at 6:00 and the regular meeting at 7:00. Speaker will be Environmental Scientist, Geologist, and lifelong rockhound, JOE HEALEY.

Joe is a member of the MSNEPA Club and will be speaking on:

" What Makes a Mineral a Mineral "

- scientific definition of a mineral
- what five properties must a mineral have?
- who decides if a mineral is valid?
 - examples of minerals
 - examples of non-minerals
 - tricky exceptions to the rules
- what do I do if I discover a new mineral?

Light and informal presentation, not technical at all.

Hands-on specimens, models, a handful of free door prizes.

**DECEMBER 10th IS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY/DINNER STARTING AT NOON
AT THE RAILHOUSE IN WAVERLY, NY, GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN.**

SUNSHINE:REPORT

Had a nice phone conversation with Julie Fluke. She was so happy to hear from me. She is doing well and loves living at the lake with the geese and ducks. She has a neighbor friend who comes every day to take her for a walk down to the lake every day and she enjoys that. She does not drive any more. She has the bus to take her to Doctor appointments. Her son, Ed, comes up when he can, but they talk many times during the day. He called me after she talked to me and told me she is getting some dementia and her cognitive skills are not what they once were. He said he does keep in touch and goes through daily things with her to make sure she does those things, like take her medicine, do household chores, etc. He did say he does this so that she can live in her house as long as she can. She said she thinks of the club members

often and hopes maybe to go to the Christmas party. She said to say Hi to everyone. If you'd like to give her a call her number is 570-596-3474. He said she'd love to hear from anyone and would do her good to talk to old friends. You can also send her a card. I'm sure she'd like to get mail. Address: 61 W. Laurel Lane, Columbia Crossroads, PA 16014.

Got some folks who need some sunshine right now. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Inga Wells will be having knee surgery early November. Hope all goes well. Hope she has recovered from her recent fall and is doing much better.

Sandy Keener is still having problems with her back and is planning to see another doctor to see if she can get any relief. Hope all goes well.

Helen Tracy fell and was in the hospital for a few days. Home now and hope she's improving.

Max Grimm was home, then had to go back to the hospital with internal bleeding. Hope he's doing much better and home now.

Trish Benish is having back trouble and going back and forth to the doctor's to find help. Hopefully, they help her soon.

Dominic Ferrante - Had a nice phone conversation with his sister, Faith. He is doing well. Still living in his apartment in NJ, waiting to hear when he will go to Helen Keller Center in Sands Point, NY. All his medical records and paperwork are there. She said at this Center they will show and tell him how to live independently; will have a seeing eye dog, and will learn Braille. Faith said he rides the bus three times a week to the gym to work out. Can't keep a good man down. She will certainly tell him Hello from everyone and said he will be glad to know I got in touch.

This is the email that I got from Anna. Wanted all of you to read it so you know what's she's going through right now:

Thank you so much for your sympathy. I've had a steady cavalcade of paperwork, phone calls, sorting , work , etc. . I also had no internet for several weeks due to repairs on the apartment next door (my two next-door neighbors also passed away in the same time frame). Right now I'm concentrating on work and getting this apartment cleaned up, and I am very tired. I don't know exactly when I will be able to participate in club activities any time soon, but I think of you all often. My aunt was

diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in April, and the Keytruda treatments they gave her caused severe cellulitis and kidney failure. During one of her last stays in the hospital she contracted Covid, which she brought home to my mother, who already had end-stage emphysema and COPD. This has been a tough road, but I am glad they aren't going through this any more. Anna

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to those who celebrate in the month of November. Enjoy your day.

If you know of anyone who needs some cheer, with a card or phone call, please let me know. Hope to see you at the meeting. Looks like an interesting program.

JoAnn

Lady Sunshine

Pebble Pups:

The Pebble Pups will not be meeting at the church in November or December. We will return for our holiday party on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

At the October meeting, we had 2 1/2 club members, their moms, and a guest, Helen from South Africa. For those wondering about the 1/2, it's McKenley's baby sister. Some of our regulars were busy with soccer play-offs and other activities.

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The parents and I decided to have a few field trips instead of regular meetings. The group is planning on a trip to the Kopernik Observatory on November 4th for a talk on dinosaurs by Bruce Oldfield, Professor Emeritus and an excellent speaker. Parents are communicating via the club's Facebook page and other means. Some will try to attend a Halloween event at Kopernik Observatory as well.

One very important item of discussion at our meeting was paying the 2023 club dues. They are due before December 31 of this year. Family membership is \$12 per year. Membership form is on the club website and should be mailed to the club treasurer, Trish Benish. I think

our membership is a bargain. We do not do fundraising but encourage our members to participate in the club show on March 25 and 26.

We talked about the fact, how hard it is now to find places to go on fieldtrips vs how it was years ago. I will be trying to line some field trips to nearby places for spring. We hope to be able to go to Crystal Grove as a group. Our field trip person, Dave Millis, mainly goes to upstate NY and the St. Lawrence Club's field trip places. He is club president for a PA club in the coal region and said these club members are not sharing locations with him. I find that very few rockhounds these days are willing to share information. Perhaps, they are afraid these places will be shut down too because so many folks are abusing collecting privileges.

We looked at geological maps and explained to the kids why these things are an important tool to find rocks. I tried to use my Rockd app, but couldn't remember my password. Didn't see the "skip login" choice. This app will tell you the formation you are standing on and how old it is and so much more. Told the kids that we are standing on Devonian age rocks, around 380 million years old. They were duly impressed.

Most of the kids like shark's teeth and have gone to the beaches in the Carolinas to find some as well as other gifts from the ancient oceans.

I try to have door prizes that are of interest the kids have at the moment. Let me know what they are into these days and I will have stuff they will like for their holiday party. I like to fill up the door prize box with items they will enjoy.

We learned a bit about the rock formations of the NorthEast of the US. I handed out the rock samples from the Adirondacks that Bruce Oldfield donated to the kids. They also received some black uvite tourmaline from Bower Powers and some minerals from the pegmatites of Maine and N. H. We made some fairy jars with stuff from liquid in glow sticks.

Hoping to have a field trip to a local museum in December.
Inga

Minutes:

- reviewing the by-laws was started before the regular meeting.
- a short meeting was held before the auction began
- last month's Minutes were read and approved

- the price of the Christmas party was reviewed. \$5 for members active over 6 months, \$15 for members less than 6 months and family and friends. It is your choice if you would like to donate your refund money to the Methodist Church food pantry. Money and reservations need to be to Trish Benish by November 22nd.
- annual dues need to be paid by 1/1/23.
- The Milligans and Remaleys attended the Federation convention in Harrisburg. John Milligan was our representative to the convention. The by-laws were reviewed, there were a few changes, mostly in wording. Hazel Remaley has completed her duties to the Federation.
- Joanne gave the Sunshine report
- Dave Milles is working on making a light house out of mica for display. Dave also stated that the Bower Power site is being sold. The current owner's daughter is buying the site. You will still be able to go there and dig but you will need to pay and register before you start.

Meeting adjourned

-Auction:

Dave Millis was the auctioneer for the evening

Trish and Jeff Benish did the paper work for the items sold.

Items were sold a bargain basement prices.

Mary

Reminder: get you reservations and money for the Christmas party to Trish Benish by

November 22nd 2022

Club dues need to Trish Benish by January 1st 2023

Happy
Thanksgiving

