

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --

It was great to see so many members at the last meeting. It really says a lot about how great a club we have. I hope to see you all at the banquet, it promises to be a fun night.

We've had a change in the person in charge of the All American Club award. Thank you, Bettie Patterson for taking care of it in the last year and thank you, Marie Lewis for taking care of it for upcoming year. If you represent the club in the community, please send a note to Marie so that she will be able to include your activity in next year's application.

This year's banquet speaker, Dane Alexander, will be giving a slide presentation about "Geology and the National Parks." Mr. Alexander teaches a class at Western Michigan University about this subject. I'm sure we are not going to get the entire ten week course in an evening, but we will see some of the highlights and some beautiful slides. I hope to see you there.

Larry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CLUB BANQUET-- Ed Drown

The Banquet will be held on May 21, 1998 at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos, the Social Hour starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Marie Lewis (349-2263) will be handling ticket sales starting at the April general meeting, the **deadline for purchasing tickets is May 16**. The menu will be fried chicken, tossed salad, and corn.

We are planning to have displays as usual, if you are interested please contact Grit Turner at 694-9596. If you have specimens or other hobby-related items that would like to donate as door prizes, you can bring it wrapped to the banquet.

Our speaker will be Dane Alexander on the topic of "Geology and the National Parks." As always, you are welcome to come hear the talk, even if you are unable to join us for the meal. Just show up around 7:30.

LOOKING AHEAD: The June program will be about DISPLAY

Numerous good displays make the entry fee to a show worth while. We need to beef up our display area for the October show and hope that more of our members will ring exhibits. Remember, since overcrowding of cases is a frequent problem, it is not necessary to have a large number of items. During our June meeting, Bettie Patterson will present a program that will be helpful to regular exhibitors as well s novices. Come with a possible case in mind and a resolve to enter it in our show this fall!

Many thanks to Joe Manina for his fine April program on faceting. The exceptionally large attendance count attests to its popularity.

See you at the banquet on May 21.

Connie Snapp, Vice President

MEMORIAL -- Connie Snepp

Life member George Heaton Sr. passed away on April 11 after a long illness. Many of us remember when he and his dog were able to join field trips with the club. Our sympathy is extended to George Jr. and the family.

NOTES FROM THE ROSTER ROOSTER-- Wayne Zittel

The 1998 club directory is completed, PLEASE be sure to pick up your copy at the banquet. When you get one please make the following corrections:

Caldwell, Bets	e-mail address should be CALDWEL7@pilot.msu.edu
Kirkby, Clarence	change address to 600 Harper Lane, Midland MI 48640-7323
Morgan, Hazel	cross out R #3 and change telephone area code to 248

MEMBERSHIP -- Florence Hill

We extend a welcome to the following new members who were accepted at the May board meeting:

Angela Whitaker, age 5, and Raymond Whitaker, age 7, daughter & son of member Raymond Whitaker!

Patrick Fields a botanist at MSU who is also interested in fossils.
2920 Treedy Lane
Lansing MI 48910-3758
fieldspa@pilot.msu.edu
393-3222

Jason Glenn is interested in geology, mineralogy, fossils, and faceting.
33550 Nancy
Livonia, MI 48150
734-422-5645

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 4/16/98 -- Mary Kay Bean

George Heaton, Sr., passed within the month. I apologize for his family's probable tardy Society card. I was away on a holiday and received word on Tuesday last. Our condolences go out to George Jr. and other members of the family.

Whilst Lindsey and I were vacationing in Mexico, Lindsey was attacked by a lion sustaining several bite wounds (on her backside!) She is currently undergoing treatment for rabies on a near daily basis.

This afternoon I spoke serendipitously with Jude Miller who conveyed how much she misses our meetings, however her obligations to MSU, Kali's Cottons and her family in New Mexico prevent her from attending. She sends her best wishes to us all.

MAY FIELDTRIP --Melissa Tuchowski

Due to the long weekend, the unavailability of quarries and someone to chair our May trip (I am in the middle of a move / upcoming August wedding) I have opted not to schedule rather than have a no show/disgruntled quarry waiting to open its gates (our April trip Jean Ann and David chaired, George was the only other member to attend). You are more than welcome to fieldtrip at my apartment though - I am downsizing my collection and there is quite a diversity of specimens.

CLUB CALENDAR

May 21 Club Banquet. Advanced tickets only. Social hour 5:30, dinner at 6:30 SHARP.

Program aprox. 7:30: Dane Alexander, "Geology and the National Parks"

June 4 Board Meeting, 7:30 Meridian Twp. Service Center

June 18 Regular Meeting, 7:30, Meridian Twp. Service Center, program: Display Hints

June 27-28 Field trip to Bloomington IN swap

Oct. 23-25 OUR SHOW: "Gem*Stone Journey"

SHOW CALENDAR

May 22-23	Falls of the Ohio St. Park, Clarksville IN. Symposium & fieldtrip \$45 including bus & lunches "The Recent History of the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District." Jean Ann has more info or http://www.cismall.com/fallsoftheohio/symposium.html
June 26-28	Lawrence County IN show/swap. Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN Fri. 10-7, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4. Camping \$6.00 per night. Free admission.
June 27-28	MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor \$10.00 per day, advance \$8.00 per day. See Grit & Alice Turner for more information.
July 17-19	16th Annual Show. Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, Ontario. CA Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
Aug. 8	Ishpeming Swap, Field trips Aug. 7 & 9 Negaunee MI
Aug. 11-15	MWF/AFMS Show, Convention & Red Metal Retreat. Houghton MI www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrnc/ or see Jean Ann or Dave Piotrowski for info.
Oct. 9-11	Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.
Oct. 23-25	Lansing Show. Marshall St. Armory, Marshall St. between Michigan and Saginaw, Lansing. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adults \$2.00 Teens .50

