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From the President



Happy New Year!

I'd like to sincerely thank our outgoing president, Johanna, as well as our other officers for the great job they've done over the last 2 years. I'm honored to be the president again and looking forward to a fun-filled year with the club. Hopefully it will be a year filled with great meetings, a successful club show in April and some good rock hunting trips for all.

I want to remind everyone about the great educational opportunity awaiting two lucky club members with our Rockhound Scholarship drawing. For those who are newer to the club, this is an opportunity to win a scholarship valued up to \$500 to finance a workshop/class of their choice in the spirit of the hobby (e.g., lapidary art, geology class, etc.). The award winner will be selected by a lottery drawing (tickets are \$5/each) and you can purchase as many tickets as you like, but we need a minimum of 25 tickets to hold the drawing for at least one scholarship. To date, we've sold 12 tickets, so there are still opportunities to participate. You can refer to the September, 2017 Newsletter for the full details or ask any of our officers. Tickets can be purchased from Johanna.

I'd like to get more suggestions and ideas for other club activities and potential community volunteer activities where we can spread the knowledge of this great hobby to more people. See everyone at the January meeting!

June Epp

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- Our next Meeting will be held this Saturday, January 6th at 7:30 pm, in the Munhall Borough Building.
- Bret will be showing a DVD presentation from the 2015 Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium. The title is "Darkest Copper: Classic and Contemporary Copper Minerals". It covers several famous African copper mining areas known for mineral specimens.
- January's show-and-tell mineral of the month is fossils, or if anyone would prefer it would be great to follow-up Bret's presentation with some of the minerals from those African copper mines.
- Hosts for the January Snacks will be Frank & Carol and Gwen.

General Information

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Mission Statement

To promote, among its members and the general public, an interest in collection of minerals, fossils, and associated items. • To promote their use in lapidary work. • To promote the study and classification of minerals, gem stones and other items of such nature.

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Meeting Location

Munhall Borough Building
 20th Ave. & West Street
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We normally meet the first Saturday of every month from September through June at 7:30 pm, in the Munhall Borough Building for a presentation, business meeting and a chance to socialize. There is a major focus on the younger members of our club with portions of the meeting specifically for school aged children. Our February regular meeting will be February 3, 2018.

This month's regular meeting will be replaced held this Saturday January 6, 2018.

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Deadline: The editor welcomes any and all contributions to the newsletter. Please provide articles and any other submissions for publication **at least 2 weeks prior to the upcoming meeting** to be considered for inclusion in that month's issue.

Dues are Due!

It is that time again that means that memberships need to be renewed. Dues are \$10 for an individual, and \$20 for families. Please bring your check to the next regular meeting.

If you joined after July, your membership is valid through 2018.

Some Holiday Party Pictures

