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Please join us on January 12th for the next meeting. An optional social hour begins at 8:00 AM, followed by the monthly educational program at 9:00 AM, and ends with the monthly business meeting.



Articles or news to be included in the *Cutting Remarks* should be emailed to your Editor, Wayne Klement (wayneklem@aol.com), or feel free to call him at 520-954-6298. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Thanks!

THE OLD & NEW PREZ SEZ

.....By Ron Davidson & Bill Carmody



Happy New Year! Both Ron Davidson and I extend our best wishes for this coming year to be a good one for you individually and for the OPLC. Ron Davidson and I decided to combine our comments for this month's newsletter. (I am paraphrasing his vocal comments.)

Ron:

I want to extend a heart felt **thank you** to all the members who supported and encouraged me over the past year. The Board of Directors, which includes the Officers, did a great job! Period! They filled in for me, kept me informed of Club activities, and even came down to the VA while I was in the hospital to hold Board meetings. As I look back over my year as President, I am truly amazed at all of our accomplishments in spite of my hospitalizations. These included installing a system to manage our shop's (silver smith room, lapidary lab, casting room, faceting room, and saw room) effluence, checking and upgrading our shop's electrical wiring system (including installing GFI circuitry), establishing with Pima County that OPLC has no requirement to pay real estate

taxes for 2007, replacing the ceiling fans in the club house, replacing our big refrigerator, replacing an A/C unit in the casting room, securing a new microphone and speakers for the PA system, washing and waxing the club house floors to get ready for the new year and the Hob Nob, installed an exhaust fan in the saw room, cleaned out and organized the storage rooms, closets, and trailer, disposed of several tons of unwanted material generated by that clean up, and refurbished the shop building restroom. We accomplished all these projects, plus many lesser ones which are too numerous to mention here. All in all, I have to say this past year was probably the most productive year of any in my 36-year tenure in the club.

Bill:

Here I am again: President. I think my tragic flaw is that I can't keep my mouth shut. I am not sure where this flaw first emerged. I think it might have started when I was watching my daughters playing soccer. I developed an overwhelming compulsion to "flap my yap" with advice. Since I couldn't put a "lid on it", I thought it was best to

get legitimized and became a coach. So, here I am again. I have got to learn to shut up. I want to thank Ron for all of his work as President -- he did all the right things. One good thing to remember is that we won't lose Ron's input. He will continue on as a Board of Directors advisor and he says he will continue on as Building, Grounds, and Equipment Chairman.

Bill and Ron:

Hopefully, we won't have any major projects during 2008. However, we will have other things on the table. Just to name a few: We need to check roofs on both buildings and do repairs as required. We noticed several holes and some sections that have the audacity to flap in the breeze. We should try to recover county real estate taxes that the club paid in previous years. We should look to see if we can develop an air exhausting system for the silver room and see if we need a bigger fan in the casting room. We expect to hear from other club members about other

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things that should be done.

Bill:

One of the things I have learned over the years is that I get more out of an activity if I get more immersed in it. For an example: I participated in the Club's demonstrations at the fairgrounds, TCC, and Beaudry's Gem and Mineral Show. I had fun meeting new people and I felt more related to our Club as I talked with them. I wanted our club to meet their needs and expectations if they joined. It made me want the Club to be the best it can be. Without really getting involved in Club's activities, one tends to look at it as an outsider might: "I figure that the club is running okay. It is getting along just fine

without my input".

What needs to change: We need the people that are currently doing everything to start figuring out how to share these responsibilities to ease their burdens and give other members a chance to get involved. And, other members need to probe to see where they can augment ongoing projects and activities. Plus, everyone needs to be thinking of other projects and activities that the Club should be doing. I feel that our Club facilities are being utilized at less than probably *30%. We can do more if we want to.

Bill and Ron:

The TGMS Gem and Mineral Show at the Tucson Convention Center will be our next

demonstration -- February 14 - 17, 2008. This represents one of two opportunities this year to interact directly with the public. The second is the demonstration in April at the fairgrounds. These demonstrations are the two biggest chances we have to carry out our mission to increase public knowledge and foster awareness of minerals and the lapidary sciences, plus recruit new members. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets on the back table in the club house.

* -- figure extracted from an aft located data bank.

Bill Carmody
In-coming President

Ron Davidson
Outgoing President

We have a new advertiser on Page 6, Tucson Store Fixtures located at 500 W Grant, for displays, show cases, and show fixtures. Stop by and see what they have and mention that you saw their ad in our newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS ON BOARD

- We have had 18 new members join the Club in the last month. Their names are listed on page 7.
- If you see them around, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

JANUARY - - Our own Abe Lackow will give a program on the fascinating art of silversmithing.

FEBRUARY - - No meeting due to Gem Show activities.

Back in the days when Paul Revere's silver shop was not heated, his apprentices and helpers, like most people of that period, donned their winter underwear at the first fall chill and neither removed nor washed it until it was too hot to stand it. Over this time the daily dust of silver accumulated in the fibers of the material. In the spring, the now-heavy underwear was burned, for many reasons, and the silver was reclaimed - this is how we got the term "Long John Silver"!

Source: *Rock Chips*, November 2007
A Bicentennial Vignette, By Ted Marikos

DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Diana Hara, Secretary (Lame Duck)



The meeting came to order at 9:40 AM. A quorum was present.

Minutes from November were approved.

There were no guests this month. The Club welcomed new members Theresa Liberty, Sam Greenleaf, Val and Beatrika Rach.

A special thank you to Sheila Powell for organizing our potluck and much thanks to everyone who brought goodies in and/or helped setup and cleanup!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harrison Yokum announced his new field trips are available for sign-up through Pima County Community College. The first field trip starts on Ground Hog day!

Tom Miller has volunteer sign-up sheets for our booth at the Pima County Fair in April. Please consider signing up to volunteer and show off your lapidary, silversmithing, or faceting skills to the public and help promote our Club. Or just go and enjoy talking and answering questions. The fair runs from April 17th – 27th.

Contact Tom with any questions.

Gretchen Arnaiz took the floor and gave the Club an overview of the things she does for junior education.

Rim announced that he needs volunteers with SUVs (4WD not required, just high clearance vehicles) to assist driving Club members on field trips. If you want to go on a field trip, and can provide a ride, please let Rim know.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Witwer took the floor and did a re-cap of the year's accomplishments. The board corrected plumbing issues, completed an electrical upgrade, added new lights and air conditioner in the casting room, installed new lights in the shop hallways, and a new exhaust fan in the saw room. They also purchased new fans in the Club, bought a new refrigerator for the kitchen, and bought two new microphones for the Club. New speakers will be purchased before the year is out to complete the sound system upgrade. And last but not least, a big thanks to Sylvia Czayo for her \$1000 donation to the Club to remodel the bathroom in the shop!

Wayne Klement reiterated the changes made to the membership dues structure.

Renewal dues will now be due on January 1st for all members.

New members will pay dues on a prorated schedule based on the month that they joined the Club. If you have any questions about the dues you owe, please contact Wayne.

Donna Pugh went over the 2007 year-to-date actuals and the projected 2008 budget. The members unanimously approved the 2008 budget.

Bill Carmody took the floor and discussed the need for a new laptop. Instead of worrying about the transfer of the Club's software and data when we have a new Treasurer, the Board would like to just pass the laptop to the new officer with the software and data intact. There were several questions and concerns. Bill Carmody, Wayne Klement, and Murray Hiller explained that the Board has been researching both hardware and software requirements for several weeks now. The Board developed a spreadsheet with requirements and has done a hardware, software, and price comparison. Bill asked the membership to

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approve an expenditure of \$1200 maximum for the new laptop and software needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill also told the membership that we need volunteers to man the OPLC booth at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society's gem show in February. Please be thinking about signing up during the show. This is another opportunity to educate the public about our Club and bring in new members. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the

January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Davidson presided over the election process. There were no write-ins on the proxies that were mailed in. The membership unanimously elected all of the candidates on the election roster. Your new Board for 2008 is:

President – Bill Carmod
Vice-President – Bob O'Donnell
Secretary – Jenny Coniglio
Treasurer – Melinda Thompson
Board of Directors:
Tom Miller
Murray Hiller

Skip Barkley
Dan Harmsen
Pete Peterson

Congratulations to all!

Since we had our potluck, there was no jewelry contest or door prize winner.

Personal note from Diana (Secretary): I want to thank all of you for a wonderful experience this last year and a half. I feel like I've grown as a person, made many new friends, and had way too much fun while I was Secretary. I hope Jenny has as much fun as I have had! Happy Holidays everyone!

DECEMBER POT LUCK

The annual December Pot Luck was well attended and we were all treated to a great variety of culinary delights. All who contributed by bringing something in are to be congratulated for their outstanding effort. A huge thank you to Sheila Powell who coordinated the whole event.



Maria and Sheila effortlessly make sure the food was appropriately arranged.



A nice turn-out for the meeting. Rim - talking about field trips.



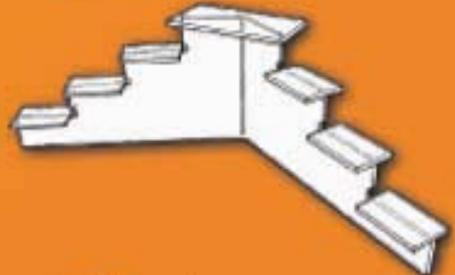
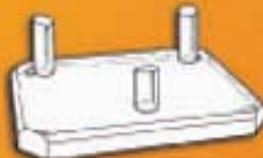
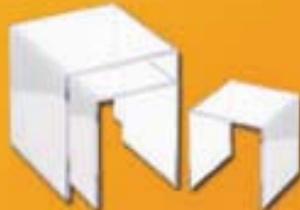
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- **Colorwright** - Amount of discount depends on item(s) being purchased
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DON'T FORGET

Please don't forget to bring in **YOUR** aluminum cans to the Club for recycling. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help add \$'s to the Club's treasury.

Thanks !!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to the significant increase in the price of name badges, it has become necessary to charge \$3.00 for members that need a replacement badge.



ADVANCED FACETOR'S CORNER

The December question of the month was: The angle of reflection is always equal to the angle of incidence. True or False?

The answer True

JANUARY QUESTION OF THE MONTH: A gem having high dispersion shows much 'fire'? True or False?
Come to the January meeting to hear the answer.



MONTHLY JEWELRY CONTESTS

In order for members to better plan for future monthly contests, here is the schedule for each category by month:

October - Pendant	January - Bolo Tie	April - Necklace	July - Charm
November - Bracelet	February - Earrings	May - Brooch	August - Faceted Stone
December - Ring	March - Belt Buckle	June - Cabochon	September - Chain

There were no entries for the bracelet contest in December.

DONATION

Robert H. Alexander had donated eleven flats of material for the Silent Auction. Robert has again kept our Club in mind with his generosity. Thank you Robert.



MORE CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

Murray is at it again, shown here installing replacement speakers for our sound system. The sound system works so well, I think an evening of karaoke might be a possibility Ed.

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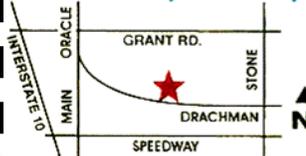
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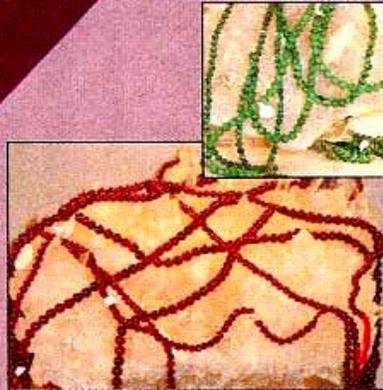
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Contact Charles Peters 574-2987

Mondays 1 - 4 PM

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facetors only. Contact Paul Head 296-0331
Silversmith Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Mondays 6 - 9 PM

Beginning Faceting - Class fee charged.
Contact Earl Zoeller 886-3518
~~Beginning Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Billy Bob Riley 668-1082 (TBD)~~

Tuesdays 9 AM – Noon

Open Cabbing - Class fee charged.
Contact Ron Davidson 749-3157
Silversmithing Lab - Fee charged.
Contact Lou Akerman 290-6968

Tuesdays 10AM - 1PM

Rock Sawing - Fee Charged
Monitor - Jim Baker 886-2126

Tuesdays 6 - 9 PM

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Contact Rob Driver 743-5152
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Wednesdays 6 - 9PM

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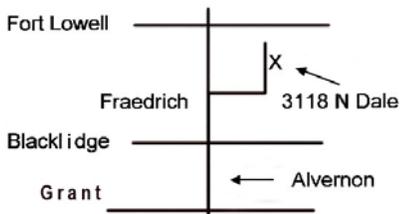
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Junior	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50

Mail to: Membership Chairperson, Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N. Dale, Tucson, AZ 85712



The Business Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A pre-meeting social hour (except for the December meeting) is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.