

# “CUTTING REMARKS”

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Please join us December 10th. at 10AM for the monthly meeting. There will be a brief meeting, then the Christmas luncheon followed by the raffle.

Visitors are always welcome.

## Membership Chairperson

Janet Keisler 333-3398



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

# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Victoria Fila, President

Hello everyone

This coming meeting on 12/10/22 we have our Christmas party. We will have a lot of great food. This is our first traditional Christmas party since the pandemic. It will be great to just get together to socialize and have fun.

Prior to the meal we will have a brief meeting and elections and approve the 2023 budget. If you are unable to make the meeting to vote, you can fill out the Proxy on Page 5 to cast your vote.

After everyone has eaten we will have the raffle. For new members at the December meeting everyone receives a raffle ticket and everyone's a winner.

Hope to see a lot of you there. Until then stay safe and healthy

Victoria Fila

OPLC President



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**John & Lee Aat Dehnert  
Raizel Liebowitz**

**Pat & Bob Owsley  
Rick Boudreau**

## DONATIONS

**Thanks to those that have made donations to help keep this club running! We welcome donations so if you have lapidary related items, please contact Dan Harmsen at (520) 721-8452 to arrange a pickup or drop-off. Recent donations: Pat Cox -Polishing unit, silver tools, flux, bench vise, 4" saw, and a butane light.**

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Minutes of OPLC Membership Meeting  
November 12, 2022, 9:00 AM at OPLC  
William Penrose, Secretary, wrp0143@comcast.net

The talk was given by Jan Rasmussen, on her new book “Minerals of Arizona”, followed by a sale and signing.

The business meeting was brought to order at 10:00. A quorum of the membership was present. The minutes of last month’s meeting were accepted by the members present.

Wayne Klement brought the refreshments. Thank you, Wayne. Members who volunteer to supply refreshments can be reimbursed up to \$60. Contact Wayne.

Membership – report sent by Janet Keisler – Currently 396 members in good standing. Members were encouraged to sign up for 2023. New members and visitors were introduced.

Treasurer’s Report – sent by Mark Davidson, read by Dave Richardson – The silent auction earned \$9982, a record, thanks to hard work by Danny Harmsen and Dave Richardson. A donation was made by Helen Serras-Herman and Andy Herman to support junior members who want to learn faceting. Financial position of the club is positive. Specific figures will be disclosed to members on request.

Silent Auction – Danny Harmsen – Successful, resulting in record income for the club.

Field Trips – Victoria Fila – At present, nothing is scheduled.

Holiday celebration – To be held on the usual general meeting date, December 10, but at 11 am rather than 9. Voting for the new Board and Executive will happen at that time. Ham, turkey and brisket will be provided, but side dishes are needed. Please coordinate with Victoria 520-664-0302 or victoriafila673@gmail.com

TGMS is having a sale on December 3, 10 am to 3 pm. They are located at 3727 E. Blackledge Drive., Tucson, less than a mile from OPLC.

The TGMS Show is on February 9, 2023 at the Tucson Convention Center. We will be asking members to volunteer to man the booth during hours the TCC is open. Wendy Huber is coordinating the TGMS booth. Display items are solicited. Tag them with your name and photograph them prior to submitting.

The Faceters’ Guild will meet at OPLC February 2-4.

The door prize was won by David Stitt. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

## OPLC PROXY

I \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club of Tucson, Arizona, cast my vote for those candidates, and/or those specific items listed below and in my absence, do hereby tender by proxy to the Board of Directors or, (indicate a specific member, if so desired) \_\_\_\_\_ to represent me and to vote as they deem in the best interest of the club and on any other business which may be considered at the meeting to be held on December 10th, 2022. In the event I do not vote my preference for those candidates and/or those specific items listed below, I also tender my proxy to the entity indicated above to vote those items as they deem in the best interest of the club.

### **(Vote for one for each Officer Position)**

President:

- Victoria Fila
- \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President:

- Dave Richardson
- \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:

- Mark Davidson
- \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:

- Bill Penrose
- \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – Two-year term: VOTE FOR 2

- David Schulte
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Donovan Wagner
- \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director – One year term: VOTE FOR 1

- Elizabeth Boccoardo
- \_\_\_\_\_

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Here is the latest list for our upcoming speakers.

December – no speaker, holiday party

January 14, 2023 - Helen Serras-Herman –  
**The Mitchell & Merrick Silver Mine and  
9 Canyons on Navajo Land**

March 11, 2023, Chris Osterman – **His recent  
Mining trip to Portugal, Romania, and  
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Friday No Labs scheduled currently.  
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6pm-9pm Bill Cascio (520) 343-9927  
Friday 9am-3pm Giac D'Acquisto (520) 444-4143  
Saturday 9am-12pm David Schulte (520) 945-8554  
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**Minutes of November 29, 2022 OPLC Board Meeting**  
**5.30 pm, W Penrose, wrp0143@comcast.net**

Present: Victoria Fila presiding, Dave Richardson, Mark Davidson, Bill Penrose, David Schulte, John Poole, Wayne Klement, Twink Monrad, Mike Tucker, Pete Peterson, Ted Rupp, Elizabeth Boccardo, Donovan Wagner, Chuck Lundstrom, Janet Keisler, Pete Peterson, Brian Peterson, Sandra Penrose.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Davidson –Financial status remains positive and healthy. (Exact figures available to members on request.)

Membership - Janet Keisler– 408 members in good standing

Field Trips – Victoria Fila – none planned at this time

Labs status:

Cab lab – The order for the new trim saw has been canceled. A 10” saw has been ordered from Highland Park

Faceting - Dave Richardson – Consumables are being restocked.

Casting – Chuck Lundstrom – lab supplied are okay. Classes are being held every to months; the next is in January. A member is interested in becoming a monitor.

Silver – John Poole – A new session begun at 10 to 1 on Mondays.

Saw room – Mike Tucker, Pete Peterson – A 24” saw is down but a new blade is on order.

Refreshment status –Wayne will continue for now. Reminder that reimbursement limit for refreshments be increased from \$40 to \$60.

Christmas luncheon is on track (Victoria).

New Business –

Our rental policy has been codified into a document and has been passed by the board.

Education Outreach - Dave Richardson had an assortment of small books suitable for elementary school use. It was suggested that we stock some to use for our junior members and to distribute at TGMS and County Fair. Moved and passed that we order 100 copies of each of two books, Minerals of Arizona and Mineralogical Dictionary.

Hob Nob – Dave R. wants to add a third contest, which means a new 22”x24” case. He is planning for 70 people, increasing budget from \$1K to \$2K. Admission tickets are \$15.

Ballots – Bill P will collect and count ballots.

Membership chairperson Janet Keisler will be having surgery and will be out for a month. Someone needs to reply to emails, maintain the membership list, and mail the newsletter.

Our experience with Pueblo Mechanical will be written up and sent to BBB. Moved and passed.

Renewal of sales tax license. David Schulte will take care of it.

Budget for 2023. There was a line-item debate over the 2023 budget. New budget for 2023 is \$52,990. New budget to be presented to members at December general meeting.

Next Board meeting will be January 3 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourned 6:45 pm

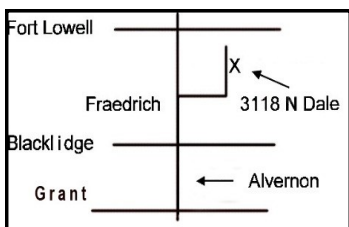
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The Business Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except for December. A pre-meeting social hour is at 8:00 a.m., followed by an educational program, and ends with the monthly meeting. Visitors are most welcome.