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# THE PREZ SEZ ..... by Ron Davidson, President

If you haven't guessed it yet, it is summer and it has been darn hot. Ron has been fighting an infection in his left knee. This is the leg that received a total knee replacement in January 2006. This tenacious infection has necessitated the removal of the implants and he is basically operating without a knee joint - he has a wad of "cement" impregnated with antibiotic in the knee compartment to further treat the infection and maintain the joint spacing.

I must say that it is good to have Ron out of the hospital. However, he is scheduled to go back in mid-August to have the prosthesis replaced into his knee.

Since he has just gotten out of the hospital and is still getting up to speed, I am writing this month's comments.

As usual, club utilization is down here at the club for the summer. However, construction activity is bustling with ongoing projects. First the bathroom in the shop: As you probably already know, Sylvia Czayo donated a nice, big-fat \$1,000 check for remodeling the shop bathroom. We bought a new toilet, vanity, mirror, and light fixture. As I write this, a ceramic-tile floor is being installed and we should be able to get a picture of the bathroom into this newsletter (see page 9). Contributing the majority of the work during this project were Wayne Klement, Donna Pugh, and I. Donna, Ron, and I will be installing the toilet, vanity, and

mirror once the floor is completed.

Also going on at this same time, under the lights, on the saw dust, in the center ring in the Big Top is remediation plumbing to tie our drains from all the rooms into a silt trap which is now in place and hooked into the septic line. Yahoo!

Late in July, we got good news in the mail. Donna Pugh took the initiative to once again launch an assault on our annual county taxes seeking an exemption based on our educational mission and not for profit corporation status. In the history of the Club, this had attempted in vain at least twice. Wayne Klement agreed to do the filing for Donna who was heavily enrolled in classes. Wayne researched the filing requirements, made contact with the assessor's office, and submitted the required paperwork. Danny Harmsen and I through a stroke of good luck arrived at the club one day at the same time as Grace Gutierra and her colleague, Kevin, from the county assessor's office. They had come to inspect the facility as part of their evaluation. They said that usually their inspection is through the perimeter fence at this type of facility. They were enjoyably interested in everything that we do which made it a pleasure for Danny and me to show them around and explain our operation. The bottom line: Our request for tax exemption has been approved for tax year 2007. This

represents a savings in our budget of \$2,000+. A huge



Jim Baker has volunteered to become a sawer of rocks for the club. He is planning Thursday as his cutting day. Thank you, Jim.

The nominating committee is looking for a few officers to keep the club going and improving. Donna has taken the treasurer's job to a level of organization and efficiency only dreamed of and written about in text books. It is perfectly set up and is ready to be transferred to another club member. It is so well organized that whoever takes it over will find it a pleasure to do.

Diana Hara has brilliantly defined and established the secretarial responsibilities and procedures in first rate order. I just have to sit back in awe when I think about all the loose ends she got under control and marvel at her initiative in defining what had to be done and then masterfully bring these things under control.

My first inclination is to try to keep them in these positions forever. However, they have given so much of their time and efforts already and have other responsibilities to attend – we have to let them forge on in other areas. Are they great adies or what?

Also we need someone to

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### .....Prez Sez Comments cont'd from prior page ......

step forward to be president this right - it will probably be you." next year. There are approximately 250 members in the club. We have the talent amongst us. I want you to contact me and soon. When I was in Basic Navy Jet Training, I had a marine captain as a navigation instructor who told us that if we flew for a twenty-year

career, one out of three of us would be dead - and he said, "Don't look left and don't look During this call for a president I don't want you looking left or right. I want you to step up to the responsibility. Being President isn't a death sentence. It is demanding and time consuming, and it is a heck of a lot of fun. You'll be working with a good group of people.

Speaking from experience, I can assure you it is a worthwhile opportunity.

Come on. Either volunteer or I am coming over at supper time to badger you into the jobs. Either step up or put two pork chops into the refrigerator and wait in dread.

Bill Carmody

### .....AND THE PLUMBING WORK BEGINS

Ed Wright, Tucson Plumbing, made hooking up the waste pipe and installing a sediment trap make the job look easy.



# THE RENNOVATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

Sylvia must have been wondering when the restoration of the 'facilities' in the Shop was going to begin. Well.....it has.....





Bill painting

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Brandon Baughn laying tile

Last chance! ───► ─── Ta Da … A job well done!

Tile work performed by: ----



Wayne chipping up tile





# JULY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES ...... By Diana Hara

The meeting came to order at estimates we have been given.

10:00 AM. A quorum was present.

The club had a special visitor this month: Chuck Peters, a former OPLC President! We also had some new members to welcome. Lorraine Costello, who spends her time in New York and Tucson, and Jerry Payne, who recently moved to Tucson from Casa Grande.

We had two July birthdays to celebrate this month: Murray Hiller and Diana Hara.

Thank you to Rob Driver, Diana Hara, and Paul and Dorothy Head for refreshments this month!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Davidson said he was back from the hospital and would be resuming his Tuesday and Saturday open shops until he goes back to the hospital on August 15th. Welcome back, Ron!

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Ron mentioned that another estimate for the plumbing project came in. The board will be meeting to consider the Skip Barkley made a motion to approve the minutes for June and they were approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jenny Coniglio said that she is planning two new bead classes for the fall. One is 'Fun with Beads' and will focus on stringing beads with different stringing materials. The other is called 'Itty-Bitty Beads' and will focus on stringing with very small beads. If you are interested please put your name on the sign-up sheet or contact Jenny at 546-3684.

Chuck Lundstrom said that he has put sign-up sheets out for more casting classes. There is a class starting this Wednesday evening, 7/18, from 6-9pm. This course spans four Wednesdays and two Saturdays. Sign-up sheets are also available on the board for September and October sessions.

Tom Miller asked about future wire-wrapping classes. Ron said that there are none planned until the fall. Donna Pugh mentioned that the shop bathroom



update has begun. Sylvia Czayo graciously donated \$1000 to remodel and update the restroom. Donna said that the toilet had to be special ordered, but it should be here in August. The vanity is in the hallway waiting to be installed, and the flooring has to be decided upon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

July's program presenter was Shipherd Reed speaking on the Arizona Miner's Project. This was a very interesting and informative presentation on the oral history that is being collected and saved for future generations on the history of mining in Arizona.

The door prize this month was a beautiful faceted spinal donated by Paul Head. The winner was Ginny Peterson.

There were no entries in the jewelry contest this month.

# **QUOTES FROM MARK TWAIN**

- It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them.
- Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company.
- Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.

# THE JULY PRESENTER— SHIPHERD REED

Shipherd's slide presentation consisted of highlights of the Miner's Story Project. He talked

about how the oral history from the mines is collected. This collection consists of stories about mines and mining towns in Arizona and New Mexico from miners and their families. Their contributions preserve the history and heritage of mining in the American Southwest.

The history comes to life at the UA Mineral Museum through a digital oral history archive and by sharing these unique stories on the radio and on the internet.

If you happen to see a copper-clad tear drop trailer, with 'Miners Story Project' and picture of a miner on the side, take a second look.

You can see additional happenings by going to the website at: <u>www.minersstory.org</u>. If you have any stories to share, you may contact Shipherd at (520) 626-2034 or e-mail at: <u>shipherd@email.arizona.edu</u>. You may write to him at:



Shipherd Reed Miners' Story Project Coordinator Flandrau Science Center 1601 E. University Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85721-0091

### GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

- Diana Hara will be filling in for Phil Babcock, (our temporary Librarian), while he takes the rest of the summer off. Diana can be reached at 572-0339 should you need to check out a book from the Library.
- The OPLC history is now available for viewing on the club's website as well as in the Library in the Club. A huge thank you to Sylvia Czayo for taking charge of this effort!
- Members are encouraged, especially the new members, to check out the Library. Diana Hara opened it up after the last business meeting and started browsing. That attracted people over and she wound up checking out 3-4 books! There are books on silversmithing, treasure hunting, rock hounding, faceting, jewelry design, minerals, and so on. Lots of good books and some VHS tapes too.
- We still have several master keys in the \*unknown\* whereabouts status. So please check one more time to see if you might have a key that should be turned in.

# MONTHLY MEETING PRESENTORS

# <u>AUGUST</u>

Anna Domitrovic will give a talk about the copper minerals of the Sonoran Desert region.

# **SEPTEMBER**

Debbie Colodner will speak about the Geology of the Gulf of California.

# <u>OCTOBER</u>

Jenny Coniglio will speak about having fun with beads.

### **MEET JIM BAKER**

Jim Baker has volunteered to supplement the current rock sawing crew consisting of Dave Arens and Ron Davidson. The increased hours of availability will make it easier to have rocks sawed



distributed. His days in the shop will be on Tuesdays

and

and Thursdays. See Shop schedule on Page 13 for hours of availability.

# MEET THE SUMMER CASTING CLASS



(I-r) Brian Nikkari, Alberto Calixtro, Chuck Lundstrom (Instructor), and Grace Payne



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# <u>AUGUST</u>

17-19--ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI: 15th annual show; Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs; Machinist Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.; Fri. 4-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes; contact Robert Morse, 135 Knox St., Troy, MO 63379, (636) 462-4423, or Willis Smith, (314) 521-8896.

17-19--TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA: Swap, show and sale; Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society; Tahlequah Community Bldg., 1st St. and College; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; demonstrations, children's booth, live auction; contact Sara Brasel, (918) 458-0801, or Maxine Woods, (918) 456-8198.

18-19--RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN: 11th annual show; Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society; University of Wisconsin, Barron County, Gym; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; contact Roy Wickman, (715) 357-3223, or Neil Sitenga, (715) 234-7684.

24-26--HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS: Show, "Hot Springs Bead, Gem & Jewelry Show"; AKS Gem Shows; Hot Springs Convention Center, 400 Convention Blvd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children free; beading classes, stone-cutting, wire-wrapping and cab-cutting demonstrations, jewelry repair bench; contact Kay Schabilion, 4532 Kawanee Ave., Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 455-6101; e-mail: info@aksshow.com; Web site: www.aksshow.com.

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24-26--SOUTH BEND, INDIANA: Annual show and sale; Michiana Gem & Mineral Society; St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds, 5177 S. Ironwood Rd., at Jackson Rd.; Fri. 2-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2.50, children 6-16 years \$1; dealers, gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, demonstrations, exhibits, Kid's Korner, silent auction; contact Diane Gram, 3921 Eastmont Dr., South Bend, IN 46628, (574) 272-6885; e-mail: dgram@nd.edu.

25-26--JASPER, TEXAS: Annual show; Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society; VFW Bldg., FM 2799 and FM 1747, 9 miles west of Jasper; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, students free; displays, dealers, jewelry, gemstones, rocks, fossils, minerals, polished and faceted stones, findings, jewelry, demonstrations, door prizes, silent auction; contact Sharon Kerr, (409) 384-3441 or (409) 489-0487; e-mail: seadigest@aol.com.

### **SEPTEMBER**

1-2--ARLINGTON, TEXAS: 50th annual show; Arlington Gem & Mineral Club; Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; gems, jewelry, beads, SCFMS convention, annual Rolling Rock meeting; contact Karen Cessna, (817) 860-5232, Rick Kupke, 2004 N. Meadow Way Cir., Arlington, TX 76015, (817) 465-5270; e-mail: rickkupke@nwiis.com; Web site: http://tses.org.

1-3--SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO: 24th annual show; Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society; Recreation Center, 11th St. and Gold St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; field trips, exhibits, more than 40 vendors, silent auctions, live demonstrations; contact Judy Allen, 16 McKinley St., Silver City, NM 88061, (505) 388-4054; e-mail: Show@stockmanfamily.net.



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# ANOTHER ACT OF GENEROSITY

Robert Alexander has again kept the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club in mind and generously donated additional lapidary paraphernalia and specimens to be utilized by the Club.

Once again, thank you Robert.

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# **DONATIONS**

You may contact one of the following individuals if you are interested in making a donation (rocks, equipment, etc.) to the Old Pueblo Lapidary Club. Please call:

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