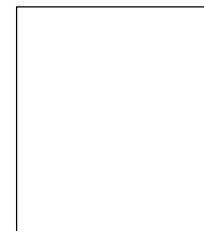


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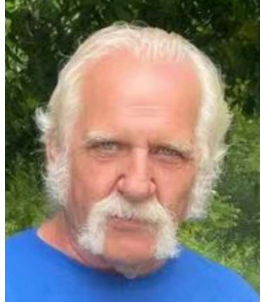
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Bruce Benish

President's Message

by Bruce Benish

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

The Christmas party was fun. The food was good, most everybody took part in the games and many participated in the gift exchange. The ugly sweater contest was a hit also. There have been some ideas how to make it better such as categories to judge and who should be the judges. Any suggestions are welcome.

The next meeting is January 10th. As it is an odd month there will be a board meeting at 6:00 with the regular meeting at 6:30, assuming the weather cooperates.

I finally finished my shopping yesterday, at least I think I'm done. I usually have to run out on Christmas eve for something.

Bruce

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO:

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THANK YOU.

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**NEXT MEETING IS AT ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH ON
JANUARY 10TH AT 6:30PM. BOARD MEETING AT 6PM.**

Photo by JoAnn McGuire



Bob McGuire

VP NEWS

By Bob McGuire

A nice sized group of rockhounds enjoyed our 2023 Che-Hanna Christmas Party. Food - Fun - Games - and friendly banter was the course of the afternoon. Some participated in the gift swap and all enjoyed watching members unroll a huge saranwrap ball that released presents as it was unrolled. Nice work Mary. All had the opportunity to take home a cute tree ornament that Mary made. A great time was had by all. Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and have a healthy Happy New Year.

See you on January 10, 2024 for our next meeting. Board will meet at 6:30 and program with Joe Shepler will follow. This will be a very interesting trip. Our regular meeting will then follow.



C.Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report by JoAnn McGuire

What a lovely time we all had at the Christmas party. Was a good turn out and nice to visit with everyone. Food was excellent. Mary and Lucy had some games for us to play and that was really fun.

Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family, friends, whoever. Special time of the year to get together.



Get well to Bob McGuire who has Lyme disease again. Got bitten by a tick a while ago and now is feeling the side effects. Hoping the antibiotic will work and he'll be back to his "normal" self soon.

Get well to anyone who's not quite up to snuff. There are crazy viruses going around and seem to hit anyone randomly. Hope you all feel better soon.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and hope 2024 will be a good year for you. Take care and see you in January.

JoAnn
Lady Sunshine



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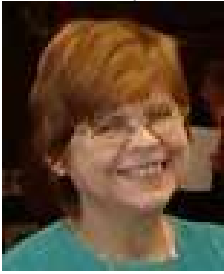
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- 29 – Peggy Huffman



January Anniversaries

- 5 – Duane & Inga Wells

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**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds / Pebble Pups News

By Inga Wells

The Che-Hanna Pebble Pups family will have a Holiday party on Sunday, January 21, at 1:00 P.M. at the Athens United Methodist Church, 118 S. Main St. Please use the ramp door in back on the building.

We will have pizza and ice cream and cookies, water and root beer to drink. We will play a few games and make plans for the coming year. We have extended an invitation to our outreach group that meets at the Ulster Rec Center to join us for the party.

We will meet at the church on the 3rd Sunday through April. Hoping to set up an outdoor teaching event at the South Waverly Community pavilion for May.

I hope everyone enjoyed a nice Christmas. Best Wishes for a fun 2024.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU DOM!!!

HOPE YOU'RE DOING WELL. 😊



December Club Meeting Minutes

by Mary Walter

December 10th was our yearly Christmas party, held at the Wildfire restaurant in Wysox.

There were 24 members in attendance.

The restaurant did a very nice job. The room was festive and the food was delicious.

Tony Demarco said a prayer before the meal. There was a gift exchange for those wanting to participate. New club tee shirts were handed out to those in attendance. We also had some games to play, with prizes. In memory of Sandy Keener we had an ugly sweater contest. John and Susan Mulligan and Janet Andrus were the winners.

Everyone had a nice time.

Gift bags were sent out to 3 shut-in members: Helen Tracy, Gloria Dick and Gerald Keener. Each bag contained various items and a poinsettia.

Help Wanted:

It's time to be thinking about our March 2024 show. We can use any help with set, days of the show and clean up. Any time you can lend a hand would be greatly appreciated. The new club tee shirts will be available for sale at our show in March.

Mary Walter
Secretary

Upcoming Shows & Events

From: <https://www.rockandmineralshows.com/location/mineral-shows/pennsylvania>

March 2024

23-24: Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club – Annual Rock & Mineral Show