

MOROKS

Newsletter of the Monrovia Rockhounds, Monrovia CA

December 2015



Imagine

*Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...*

*Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...*

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one*

*Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...*

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one.*

JOHN LENNON

December Dinner Meeting at Mimi's Café!

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MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS



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BOARD

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Custodian-Jim Lloyd	Membership-Denise Davis
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Programs-Michele Silcock	Education-Janie Duncan
Fellowship-Linda Doran	

Mission Statement : Our Purpose is to promote popular interest & education in the earth sciences, including geology, mineralogy, paleontology, the lapidary arts, & related subjects. We also support promoting & ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational rock hunting & the use of public & private lands for educational & recreational purposes related to the earth sciences. We are a registered 501 (c)(3) education non profit organization.

Membership: Dues are \$20.00 per member per year due by January 1st each year and \$10.00 per each additional member at the same address. Initiation Fee is \$10.00 per name per new member and includes a membership packet and MOROK name badge.

Meetings: Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month except December, at 7:00 pm in the basement of the United Methodist Church of Monrovia, located at 140 E. Palm Ave. Monrovia CA 91016. The building is on Palm Ave near Ivy St. We use the door where there is handicapped access in the alley on the west side of the building. Do not try to enter from the front of the building. Guests are welcome at our General Meetings. Please come and share our love of rocks.

**Mailing Address: Monrovia Rockhounds,
PO Box 553 , Monrovia CA 91016-0553**

2015-16 MULTI-CLUB FIELD TRIPS

As always, you should to contact the field trip leader ahead of time because: 1. Sometimes field trips are canceled or changed for various reasons including inclement weather or areas being closed. 2. If we don't know you are coming we won't wait for you and you may not find out the planned camp site was moved until too late. For up-to-date information on these field trips and how to join the trip please see Kevin Doran, our club's field trip leader or call him at (626) 775-4185.

DEC 12: SALTON SEA - YUHA Fossil Beds, Tour Geothermal Power Plant, Mud Volcano Field.

JAN 24-25: QUARTZSITE ARIZONA

President Cal Matthews chose not to submit an article this month.

A Message from Michele: Michele is recovering from surgery. (Yes, she really was in the hospital.) She reminds us of the Dinner Meeting December 17th. You are expected to purchase food at this venue . You are not required to bring a gift, the Club is providing gifts for members this year. See the back page for full address of Mimi's Café. Plan to arrive at 6PM. You can order as you arrive and be served as soon as your meal is ready. They will provide separate checks. Please bring cash or credit card, NO CHECKS. For those who drink alcohol Mimi's serves beer and wine. A short meeting will follow dinner for the election of the Board & festivities will follow including the distribution of the gifts.

Newsletter info. For those who have only heard it thru the rumor mill, I volunteered as newsletter editor when Janie Duncan abruptly quit due to budget restrictions. I was assigned to do the newsletter for no more than \$250 for the year. If you prefer to be mathematically impaired, don't read any further. Results:

May	20 copies	17 mailed	10 pages	\$10.00 & \$9.80 postage
June	20 copies	17 mailed	8 pages	\$8.00 & postage donated
July	15 copies	12 mailed	8 pages	\$6.00 & postage donated
August	15 copies	12 mailed	8 pages	\$6.00 & postage donated
September	15 copies	12 mailed	8 pages	\$6.00 & postage donated
October	15 copies	12 mailed	10 pages	\$7.50 & postage donated
November	15 copies	11 mailed	10 pages	\$7.50 & postage donated
December	15 copies	11 mailed	4 pages	\$3.00 & postage \$5.39

Actual 2015: \$54 in copying cost, \$15.19 postage for 8 issues, average \$8.65 per month. Annual based on average : \$103.80 per year
Total with Club paid postage: \$54 in copies and \$ 51.00 in postage, average \$13.12/month. Annual cost based on average with Club paid postage: \$160.00 per year.

NOVEMBER 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS BOARD MEETING

Date: November 5, 2015. Location: Hastings Ranch Public Library, 3325 East Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena. Meeting Called to Order at 7 PM

Present: Board of Directors: Cal Matthews – President, Denise Davis – Secretary, Jim Lloyd – Treasurer. Auditor - Kevin Doran., Michele Silcock - Vice President.

Chairs: Custodian-Jim Lloyd, Newsletter/Membership- Denise Davis, Field Trips-Kevin Doran, Show/Webmaster-Jo Anna Ritchey. Education-Janie Duncan. Representatives & Members: Representative-Ray Ritchey. Members Present: Em Matthews. Minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer's Report: Jim stated income of \$90 for October Silent Auction. Paid Members: 33.

Membership: No new members. Visitors at last Meeting: 2. Members at Meeting: 13.

Custodian: Kevin stated he researched other options for the garage since rent was going to \$200 & he said he found nothing less expensive. Jim had the dimensions drawn up.

Newsletter: Eleven (11) copies were mailed at a cost of \$7.50 and Nancy Hamrick donated postage again.

New Business:

Janie Duncan-Nominating Committee: Despite phone calls and emails to everyone in the Club, no full Board was found. Janie recommended dissolving the Club vs merge with Pasadena Lapidary. A roundtable vote was taken & it was agreed to attempt a merge. The motion was made to cancel the show, motion was passed & Jo Anna was requested to call the vendors & notify them. The merge is to be discussed at the General Meeting. Cal was to set up a meeting with Pasadena Lap & request 2016 membership for Monrovia Rockhound members. There was again debate about the 2015 show income. Janie brought up club property which will be further discussed with the membership. It was noted that no inventory has ever been done despite multiple requests by the Board. The Board agreed to supply the gifts for members at the December meeting.

NOVEMBER 2015 MONROVIA ROCKHOUNDS GENERAL MEETING

7PM Call to Order & Pledge . President Cal Matthews welcomed the members. Snacks were provided by Cal & Em Matthews, (both paid members).

The Program was done first by Dick & Mary Pat Weber. Members again enjoyed their slides and specimens.

Previous minutes were approved with motions by Michele and Kevin with correction of the Board Meeting date.

VP Report: Michele Silcock–Absent. Next month's meeting will be a dinner meeting at Mimi's Café on Huntington in Monrovia. It features a full menu, separate checks. Dinner will be ordered as you arrive with festivities to follow. Everyone is expected to purchase food.

Fellowship: Linda Doran: 1. Guests:-three guests were present including Ray Audette & Holly Galluzzo. 2. Only Michele was listed on sick call & a card was supposed to be passed for signatures. Birthdays were announced.

Treasurer report– Jim stated there was approx \$12,000 including \$4,000 in funds from Vendors for the 2016 show.

Previous Business: Nominations for 2016 Board: Janie Duncan took the floor & presented to the members present (15) that despite calls and emails there was not a full Board for 2016. Janie felt the Club wasn't fun anymore & she said she was not willing to be President & do all the work she had been doing previously as president. She noted the number of active members as 10 & said she supported a merge with Pasadena Lap, noting that Pasadena Lap had much to offer Moroks. Those volunteering for the Board were Kevin Doran, Auditor, Jim Lloyd as Treasurer & Jo Anna Ritchey as Secretary or Treasurer. Janie also pointed out that there were not enough active members to produce a show in 2016. Janie stated additional members were leaving the Club and that the Show was cancelled per agreement at the November Board meeting. The discussion with the members started with Thomas Witt again criticizing the current Board for past actions, blaming them for poor attendance at meetings, loss of membership. Additional members Colleen Chestnut and RoxAnn Sanchez chimed in with more criticisms. Cal Matthews gave the floor to visitors Ray & Holly who continued to criticize the Club. Members from the Garden Club including Gail Koons and Roxann Sanchez supported continuation of the Club but neither volunteered to be on the Board. The Board continued to attempt to focus the members on their need for a full Board. Further discussion resulted in the self nominations of a full board: President: Jo Anna Ritchey, VP: Thomas Witt, Secretary Colleen Chestnut, Treasurer: Jim Lloyd, Auditor: Kevin Doran. Jo Anna said she would do the Newsletter. Cal stated the vote would take place at the December meeting at the Dinner. As the meeting was being adjourned Jo Anna called for an immediate gathering of her new Board.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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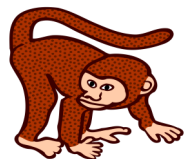
**Board Meeting, December 3,
2015, Hastings Ranch Library**



**December 17, 2015,
Dinner, 6 PM, Mimi's Café.**



December 25th, Christmas



January 1, 2016, New Year

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

Thursday December 17, 2015, 6 PM

Mimi's Restaurant

500 W. Huntington Dr, Monrovia CA

Please purchase food.

Separate checks, Full Menu

including American Comfort Menu.

You are responsible for your own tip.

Cash or credit card only.

Please RSVP to Michelle immediately at

(626) 260-1132 Leave voicemail please.