



# KETTLE KRIER

President: Tony Ilecki      Vice President: Richard Hamann  
Secretary: John Rettler      Treasurer: Carol Ward

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**Our next meeting will be on December 20, 2017 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee  
This is our Christmas special, so bring a sample of your best Christmas treats.**

## A Message From the President

First, I would like to thank all of you for having confidence in me and electing me to another term as president of KMGS. Let's all work together to make the next year a great one.

For those who have not yet heard, November had a sad note to it as long time member Bob Cook passed away. He will be missed by all.

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and have recovered enough to get ready for the Christmas holiday season. Since not much is happening in the world of rocks at this time there should be plenty of time to set up the tree and light up the neighborhood with plenty of outdoor lights. And it is a good time to give some thought to what KMGS wants to accomplish in the coming year. Most of us have ideas of what would be a good field trip for the group, or possibly an event that KMGS could participate in as a group. Bring your ideas to a meeting and let's try to make 2018 a busy and productive season.

There is still time for members to "consign" surplus and/or unwanted specimens, rocks, slabs, equipment, etc. for sale at the KMGS club sales table at the March show. Contact Debbi Elftman at [dlelftman@charter.net](mailto:dlelftman@charter.net) or Tony Ilecki at [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com) (phone (414)881-3411) for more information. Also if any member wishes to display his/her collection at our show, contact John Rettler at [johnrettler@gmail.com](mailto:johnrettler@gmail.com).

**A reminder that club dues are due in December for all who have not yet paid.**

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very joyous Christmas season.

## Recap of November Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:42 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 23 Members and Guests in attendance.

Three Guest in Attendance: Megan McDonald.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the October Meeting. Gail Perrin made motion to accept as

read. Second by Debbie Elftman. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Carol Ward. Motion by Toni Schumacher to accept as read. Second by Dave Elftman Motion Carried.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. Requested that any posts to Facebook be made "Public" to share by checking it on your page when posting.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that 90% of the Vendors have returned contracts and deposits for the show. The "Early Bird Discount has expired. We will mail a final reminder and those not responding, and on December 1<sup>st</sup>, will be replaced and lose their reservation. Flyers are available and have been sent to Vendors.

Debbie Elftman added that any "Consignments "for Club Sales be entered on a sign-up sheet she passed around the room.

Sunshine Committee: Bob Cook passed away and a card was being circulated. Also get your DOB to the Tech Chairman so it can be included on the roster for the Sunshine Committee to keep track of. .

The Community Resource Committee: The wording is still under review and is tabled until the next meeting before it will be adopted and put on the Website.

### ***Old Business***

Amazon Smile is active, and available to the public. It is encouraged that all members use and promote its use to increase Club Revenues.

President Tony Ilecki announced again (as required by the Bylaws) proposed changes to the By-laws that need some adjustment. And the separation from the Constitution from the Bylaws to better preserve and protect the Clubs Mission and allow easier adjustments when needed without affecting or calling into question the mission. Copies were available and circulated to all in attendance

### ***New Business:***

Garret Schumacher noted that The National Parks Senior Pass is going up in price at the end of the month, and ends at the end of the year. He also suggested a continuation and expansion of the monthly "Show and Tell:" at the meetings and brought some coloring books for use at the "Kids Corner at the show.

### ***Announcements:***

The 2018 Dues are due, and due to the cost of mailing an additional \$5 annually per address “if” the Post Card is desired. Otherwise it remains at \$10 per Individual and \$15 for family membership.

Liz & Russ Fuhrer made a \$200 donation to the Howland Fluorescent Light Fund,

The Madison Show is at the Alliant Energy Arena on November 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. \$3 admission, and \$7 parking.

The December Meeting is December 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Program will be the Annual Christmas party, and Sherri

Zahn will play guitar and have a Sing-a-long if she is available.

The Meeting was turned over to Peter Graetz & the Nominating Committee for the Elections of Officers.

There were no Nominations from the floor. A Unanimous Ballot was called for, a Motion received, Seconded, and passed for each Officer position.

Officer Positions & Board of Directors for 2018 shall remain:	President –Tony Ilecki
	Vice President- Richard Hamman
	Secretary – John Rettler
	Treasurer – Carol Ward
	Former President - Peter Graetz

November Program was Peter Graetz on his travels and DVD The National Parks near his CO. Home. Debbie Elftman reported the 2018 “Goodie Detail” sign-up sheet is circulating (So far in January it is Just “Winnie”)

Ed McCullach has some materials for the show to be displayed

Motion to adjourn by Dave Elftman, Second by Winnie Mading Motion Carried at 7:55 pm.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

**The next meeting will be on December 20, 2017 at the Pewaukee Public Library at 6:30PM  
This is the annual Christmas bash, so come with food and goodies to share.**

## Another way to help support KMGS

Most, if not all of us, will be buying something from Amazon during the next year or so, and thanks to John Rettler we can now benefit KMGS while doing so. If a purchase is made using “Amazon Smile”, a small portion of the purchase price will be

donated to club. To do so go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). This will get you to the Amazon site. From here you need to set your preferred charity to KMGS, make your purchase and that's it. All proceeds generated by this site will be going to the education/scholarship fund.

Tony Ilecki

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December and January are quiet months for rock shows and rock swap meets in the area. Short of traveling to the warm climes, there no events to show other than:

**DEC 20, 2017:** KMGS monthly meeting held at the Pewaukee Public Library starting at 6:30PM. This is the annual Christmas social with lots of Christmas cookies and cheer. Don't miss it.

And further on down the calendar we have; **MARCH 10 and 11, 2018: KMGS Rock, Mineral, Gem, and Earth Science Show.** Details to be announced in next months Krier.

## THE LAST WORD

The Christmas season has begun. It's time to trim the house with boughs of holly, light the holiday lights, and decorate the house in a festive manner (**Please**, no inflatable snowmen or santas.). It is also time to make a list for Santa. Just remember that rocks are heavy and Santa and the reindeer do have weight limit for the sleigh.

With that in mind, I wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

Until next time, happy rockhounding!!

TONY ILECKI

Editor