



# KETTLE KRIER

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

**The next meeting of KMGS will be January 17, 2018 at the Pewaukee Public Library at 6:30 PM**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, and welcome to the year 2018.

2017 was a good year for KMGS. Starting with the presentation of the rockhounding hobby to the 4H group in Washington County, the 55th annual show, the display at the Germantown 4th of July celebration and various presentations to groups of students in the area, KMGS lived up to its mission statement of "disseminating knowledge of the earth sciences". I am hopeful that the new year will bring with it new opportunities to build upon our programs. I am also looking forward to a few field trips to some of the area's collecting sights and geological museums.

## DECEMBER MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:40 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 28 Members and Guests in attendance.

Three Guest in Attendance: Jovier Berilea & after a forty year absence Doug Liepins.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the November Meeting. Milt Wilson made motion to accept as read. Second by Russ Fuher. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Sec. John Rettler. Motion by Jeannie Lyons to accept as read. Second by Milk Wilson Motion Carried.

President Tony Ilecki read a thank you card was received from Donna Cook and Family

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger.

New 2018 Roster is being updated and will be sent out after the meeting. Web Page was updated with Show Vendors and Exhibitor. Members are encouraged to use Face Book to promote the show.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that 100% of the Vendors have returned contracts and deposits for the show. We have purchased an additional Banner and we will be promoting the show with flyers and the video of the 2017 show where ever we can.

Sunshine Committee – Reports that Janet Schmitt is back!

***Old Business***

Two UV Fluorescent lights have been purchased from Brian Zahn.

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. As is the pending changes to the Constitution And ByLaws.

Tim & Gail Perrin reported that the 4-H Program is progressing and the January 27<sup>th</sup> Event is set. 2018 Dues are due now.

***New Business:***

January Goodie detail is Winnie Mading & Donna Cook

At the January meeting bring show specimens to be identified for the show.

Janet Schmitt donated some fine specimens for door prizes.

Cherie Zahn played her guitar led the group in singing Christmas Carols, and her own rendition of her own American Serviceman's Tribute. It was the "kickoff" to the Christmas Celebration of food and fellowship.

Motion to adjourn by Marlene Ilecki. Second by Ed Sanford 7:18 pm. Motion Carried..

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish a very happy birthday to the following members born in the month of January:

Levi Sherman, Jan 2; Jeanette Adams, Jan 19

## DECEMBER SINGALONG

Many thanks to Cherie Zahn, who provided the music and led the Christmas singalong for our Christmas cookie party this year. Along with the traditional carols Cherie entertained us with a rockhounds version **Silver Bells** as seen below as well as a preview of song which she wrote.

On a rock pile, there were miners, excavating for gems  
 In the air there's a feeling of Christmas  
 Children laughing, people passing, scanning pile after pile  
 A bonanza we wish this year, then you'll hear those ..... (chorus)

## Chorus

Silver Bells (silver bells) Silver Bells (silver bells)  
 Its Christmas time in the city  
 Ring- a-ling (ring-a-ling) hear them ring (hear them ring)  
 Soon it will be Christmas day

Bits of calcite and some willemite blink a bright red and green  
 As the Rockhounds rush home with their treasures  
 Hear the rocks crunch, with a pick axe, it's a miner's big year  
 And above all this bustle you'll hear the clear sound of .... (chorus) by Cherie Zahn of KMGS

## JANUARY 4H PROGRAM

4-H Geological Studies Learning Day will be held on January 27, 2018 from 11-5pm at the Public agency building in West Bend. So far we have salt mine trip, wire wrapping, florescent rocks, how to split rocks, and classification of rocks. If you can show and/or explain anything related to rocks, from how and what to collect to what to do with the rocks you have, there is still time to participate in this year's event. Contact Tim or Gail Perrin at [timp@netwurx.net](mailto:timp@netwurx.net). Last year it was a fun day for all who attended and participated.

## THE LAST WORD

Happy New Year to all!!!

As the new year starts, we all have made many "resolutions" which will no doubt be broken by January 10th. Mine include updating the look of the Krier and revamp the playlist on my iPod (I really need new tunes to listen to while hunting for rocks.).

One resolution we should all make is to become more active in KMGS. One way would be to send articles to me for inclusion in the Kettle Krier. Tips on collecting, polishing, cabbing or display from those who have been doing this for a while would be welcome by our newer members. Send any submissions to me at: [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com). Any comments and/or critiques are also welcome.

Tony Ilecki

Editor