



# THE KETTLE KRIER

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The Kettle Moraine Geological Society (**KMGS**) was organized in 1960 for the purpose of gathering and disseminating knowledge of geology and the earth sciences

Our meetings are held at the Pewaukee Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Guests are always welcome. Persons interested in becoming members can obtain an application form from any of the officers.

Visit our website at [www.kmgsrocks.com](http://www.kmgsrocks.com) and like us on facebook.

The Kettle Krier is the official publication of **KMGS** and is published each month. Articles for publication must be submitted no later than the second weekend of the month prior to publication.

**KMGS** is a member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Society and the American Federation of Geological Societies.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of long time member Allan Hanson, who died on Feb 16, 2018. Al was a member of KMGS since 1965. Among the many contributions he made to our club Al held the posts of president and secretary at various times. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

March is the month of our "BIG SHOW", and I wish to thank John Rettler and the rest of the committee for all the work they did to get ready for this year's extravaganza. And a big thank you to all the member exhibitors who work so hard to make their presentations so good looking and educational. Without these great exhibits, the show would be just another vendor venue.

Tony Ilecki

**AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS BORN IN THIS MONTH**  
**Gate Comdohr - March 14 Charles Cooksey - March 16**  
**Maureen Gross - March 29**

**Our next meeting is on March 21, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Public Library**

## ***February 21st, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting***

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:34 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 32 Members and Guests in attendance.

New Member: Doug Liepin was welcomed back after an extended absence, along with Joe & Laura Fisher.

Guests Included Ali Khan of Show Piece Gemstones & James Morgan.

A memorial & Tribute for the loss of long-time member Al Hanson was presented by Janet Schmitt & Debbie Nettlesheim. Al & Gene were important members of the KMGS, as they pioneered everything from the Annual Show to Field trips and were always involved in expanding the hobby and determined to provide education and enjoyment to everybody they met. They will be missed, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their contributions to our club. Details of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Funeral will be provided.

We welcome Janet Schmitt and Gerry & Jeanie Adams from their recuperation from illness, and are glad to have them back.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the January Meeting. Dave Elftman made motion to accept as read. Second by Milt Wilson. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treas. Carol Ward. Motion by Debbie Elftman to accept as read. Second by Winnie Mading. Motion Carried.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that we are looking good for the upcoming show. We have over 7000 flyers in distribution. All members should be distributing flyers and posters, and using Social Media for inviting people to attend the show and spread the word.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. New 2018 Roster has been distributed. Richard had Megan McDonald updated the Web Page and revamped how the show is displayed, and the results are terrific.

Sunshine Committee: - Flowers will be sent to the Al Hanson Funeral, on a Brighter note: Winnie Mading and Doug Lipein both have Birthdays today! And Garret Schumacher also has a February Birthday.

***(Old Business)***

The separation of the Club Bylaws and the Constitution and the updates to both have been reviewed for several months and presented to the member's ship as required. A motion to accept the changes was made by Ed Sanford. Seconded by Gail Perrin. Motion Carried. Copies of the updated documents will be available at the next meeting.

***(New Business)***

President Ilecki created a "Program Committee" responsible for our monthly Programs and Named Carol Ward as Chair-woman. The Chair-woman will seek out and arrange for each member to participate and present to the group each month, something about our hobby, business, or personal explorations.

The March Program will be our Founding Member and KMGS Pioneer Bernice McCloskey who will speak on the beginning of the KMGS and the Mid-West Federation as she has served in several offices with them in the past.

Janet Schmitt is considering bringing a Microscope to the April or May meeting to view specimens.

Janet Schmitt noted that she arranged for a "Mini-Show" at the Hartland Community Center on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

New members who wish to order a name tag for \$10 should contact Debbie Elftman if you want them before the show.

Doug Lipein and Janet Schmitt donated some fine specimens for door prizes.

Goodie Detail for March is Cate Comdore & Megan McDonald.

***(Announcements)***

The KMGS Show will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Janesville Lapidary Show will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Sat 10-5 & Sun 10-4

Motion to adjourn by Dave Elftman. Second by Gail Perrin at 7:23 pm. Motion Carried.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

## Sunshine Committee

The sunshine committee gives many thanks to Janet Schmitt and Mary Nettesheim for their memorial tribute to Allan Hanson, a member since 1965, who passed on February.16, 2018. For many years Al was the "GO TO" member who always was willing to help get things done and share his knowledge with newer members. He will be greatly missed by all of our members.

## Program Committee

Our program committee has been busy trying to set up the programs for our monthly meetings. The announced program for March will be a presentation by charter member Bernice McCloskey on the history of our club and the affiliation of KMGS with the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (MWF). Bernice is one of the founding members of KMGS and has held many positions with both KMGS and MWF and is a wealth of knowledge about both organizations and the hobby in general.

## Tech Committee

Richard Rosenberger has reported that the website is being updated by Megan McDonald with assistance from Richard. The changes made to the "events" page include the drone video from last years show and are really impressive. Go to our website at [www.kmgsrocks.com](http://www.kmgsrocks.com) to check it out.

## HOW I GOT STARTED

I used to think a rock was just a rock. The rock collecting husband of a friend change that. He cut and polished rock and every time we would visit my friend her husband would bring out his polished rocks to show. They were beautiful. That was the beginning of my love of "rocks". Tony and I went to the KMGS show and met some great people. So we decided to join the club and to learn more about rocks. Of course I had to take this new obsession (that's what it has become) one more step. I started to wire wrap some of those beautiful "rocks".

Marlene Ilecki

**We are just days away from the opening of our 56th annual Rock, Mineral, Gem and Earth Science Show at the Washington County Fairgrounds.**

Not yet time to panic, but final preparations and the arrangements of displays are accelerating as the time nears. I look forward to seeing what our members and vendors are bringing to the table this year. Those of you who have the time are invited to join us at the fairgrounds at 8:00AM on Friday for the final setup and skirting of the tables in preparation for the exhibit and vendor setup which starts at 1:00PM.



**Kettle Moraine Geological Society**  
2018 56th Annual  
**Rock, Mineral, Gem & Earth Science Show**

**Saturday, March 10th**  
10 am to 5 pm

**Sunday, March 11th**  
10am to 4pm

**"In The Heart of the Kettle Moraine!"**  
**Washington County Fair Park & Convention Center Pavilion**

Exit 25 off Hwy 45 - 2009 Hwy 99 West Bend WI / Exit 25 entrance north of Milwaukee / Just N Block East of Hwy 45 / 1.5 Miles North of Hwy 80 / 8 Miles South of Hwy 33

Just \$3.00 Admission - Kids under 12, Scouts & 4-H Members in Millions Free!

Come See, Learn and Experience: Agates, Minerals, Gem Stones, Fossils, Jewelry, Lapidary, Wire Wrapping, Goodstone & "Casting", Fluorescent Minerals, Native American Artifacts, Flint Knapping, Geological and Earth History Displays, Educational Speakers & Demonstrations, Club Sales, Mineral, Jewelry and Gem Dealers and More! Fun & Education for the entire Family!

We give back to local Community Groups - HELP SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS!

For more information go to our website: [kmgsrocks.com](http://kmgsrocks.com)

## The Last Word

St. Patrick's day is just around the corner. Time for corned beef and cabbage and "green" beer. (Actually I prefer a regular lager.) This is also the beginning of the big thaw in our area. Mother nature is starting to heave some more of the buried rocks to the surface for the sharp eye to see and the quick hand to collect. So make sure you look down while walking through the mud.

Meanwhile, I am still looking for articles, or ideas for articles, that I can use in the Krier, including the "How I Got Started as a Rockhound" stories that I requested last month. A little help please! Send your ideas and/or comments to me at [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com), or phone me at (414)881-3411.

"May your pockets be heavy with many fine specimens and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morning and night."

Tony Ilecki  
Editor



The KMGS leprechaun guarding his pot of Wisconsin Moonstone

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**SEE YOU ALL THERE**