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Chapter Meeting: December 16, 2012

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S. E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER...



JANUARY 2013

**CLUB BANQUET
DOOR PRIZES
GOOD FOOD
AND COMPANY**

Our next meeting

Remember at every Chapter meeting we have the Food Drive – Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket – up to five tickets only

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the 2nd Friday of each month (Dec it's the 7th).



From the President's Desk

Welcome to the 1 new person who came to our meeting last month. I hope to see you all this month.

A reminder our Annual Banquet is coming up fast, just over a month away. Please let us know if you are coming and how many adults and children will be coming with you. Also please one dish for one adult and two dishes for two adults (main dish + side or dessert).

This year we are going to start something *new with the food drive at the banquet this year*; a raffle for a nugget. You will get one ticket for any number cans of food you bring. We are doing it this way to give everyone an equal chance to win the nugget no matter how much they may have in their checkbook.

Remember to bring canned food for our food drive. You will receive a \$1.00 raffle ticket for every 2 cans with a maximum of 5 tickets.

Be safe, stay well and may the bottom of your pan be covered with gold!

**Sincerely
Richard Ruth**

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report November 18, 2012
Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie
Or

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Robert Burns at 1:30pm.

Motion made and seconded to accept Secretary's report as written in newsletter was approved.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion was approved.

48 members in attendance to today's meeting; with 1 new visitor in attendance.

Outings / Club Claims - Dave Chiara

- The club continues to keep its eyes open for gold claims with good prospect. Available claims in the local area are limited.
- For existing club claims, the annual paperwork on TYROY was submitted for proof of claim and the club has received the receipt.
- Club continued discussion of day trip opportunities for next year. Beverly Beach option came up again. The club will look to finalize details as we enter the New Year.

Newsletter: The Club apologizes for the late publishing of the previous month's newsletter. However, it did get out and is available for all those on e-mail distribution list or those who go directly to the website. 10 copies of the Club newsletter will be brought to all meetings. (First come, first served). It can be mailed via US Mail monthly for a \$15 fee (per year).

Safety: It's always good to have a partner with you when gold prospecting. Accidents can happen and a buddy can be the difference between serious injury or worse. Additionally, a partner can be used as a pack mule to help you carry your equipment to the dig site. With cold weather approaching, it is even more important to take precautions. Always pack a spare set of clothes and rain coat in Oregon. A map of the area is a good idea as well. Some people carry GPS's with them, but we have all heard of fatal instances where GPS's have led people down path's that should never have been driven. A map is a great back up device. Finally, remember to tell someone where you are going.

GPAA claims: Robert Rasey – The gold show has been scheduled for Late March of 2013. It will be held on Friday / Saturday this year due to the Easter Sunday Holiday.

Equipment: - Blind auctions started this month to begin clearing out the equipment in storage. For the November meeting, three high bankers were open for bidding and two

“Sleuth's”. All funds from blind auctions will go directly to the Club funds.

Library: The Club library was available this month. Club librarian is still looking for someone to take over their role. If you are interested, please contact any of the Club Board members.

Club Elections were held in November. This year, the Secretary and Vice President roles were up for re-election as well as the ‘Board Member at Large’ role. Jerry Johns was the only candidate submitted for the club Secretary role and was elected for the next two year term. Robert Burns was re-elected in the role of Vice President. In addition to this, the Club re-elected some of the previous ‘Board Members at Large’ members as well as added a few new ones to fill out the full complements of six available positions.

Fundraising: The Club continues to collect Flav-R-Rac labels. The Club turns these in for money. Additionally, a raffle is available at meetings. The profit from the raffle goes to the Club funds. Other fundraising activities in process are: raffling off a 10oz silver bar and silent auctions.

Food bank: The Club is still collecting canned food for the food bank. If you turn in canned food at the Club meeting, you receive free raffle tickets (10 cans = 5 tickets).

(Respectfully submitted by Jerry Johns, Secretary)

SAFETY REPORT By Jim Dorning

Many areas of the county have experienced severe weather that left citizens without basic shelter, services or clean food. Even our mild northwest winters can see severe weather that results in major traffic hazards and/or power outages.

Be ready for winter weather before it happens. Building a three-day emergency supplies kit is an important step to be ready. Keep the items in a backpack, duffel bag or other rugged container. Keep smaller versions in the trunk of your car. If you become stranded or are not able to return home, having some items will help you be more comfortable until help arrives.

- Water, one gallon per person per day, for cooking and sanitation
- Food, ready to eat, non-perishable, high-protein, high-calorie foods (peanut butter, canned meats, energy bars, canned fruit, etc.)
- First aid kit
- Portable battery-operated radio and spare batteries
- Flashlights and spare batteries
- List of emergency contacts, insurance co, relatives, medical, utility company
- Blankets, extra clothing, sturdy shoes and gloves
- Can opener (non-electric)
- Three day supply of critical medications, extra eyeglasses, copies of important documents, and comfort items such as toys, books, games

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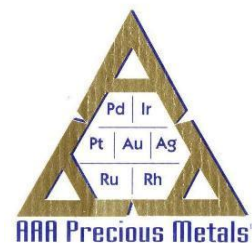
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Here's a link to more info

http://westernminingalliance.org/?page_id=626



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Outings – 2012 & 2013

At our November meeting let's discuss where we'd like outings/sites and dates for 2013. If you have suggestions see an officer or Dave Chiara with your ideas.

FOR SALE
 LOST DUTCHMAN MINING ASSOC. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
 ASKING \$3,200.00
 MAINTENANCE DUES ARE PAID FOR 2012
 PLEASE MAKE INQUIRIES BETWEEN 2PM & 8PM
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 CELL 541-399-4947.

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	1 Year w/o mining guide
Buzzard Special	1,365	1,820	2,730	
GPAA Membership Renewal	1,365	1,820	2,730	1,365
Gold Life Membership		Paid in Full 22,750		Payment Plan @ Sign-up 2,275
LDMA Membership		68,250		18,275
Alaska Expedition			Once Expedition is Paid-in-Full 22,750	

WHEN RENEWING, PLEASE WRITE A NOTE OR BY PHONE SAY YOU BELONG TO THE PORTLAND, OR GPAA CHAPTER TO REQUEST THE CLUB CREDITS.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know.

All members note:

Our club earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you're a Portland Gold Prospector member.



**PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS INC. PRESENTS:
ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER
JANUARY 20, 2013- 12 NOON
at Chapter Grange Hall**

- ❖ There will be a short general meeting and then . . . the festivities will begin
- ❖ Please bring potluck items to share: couples bring two items (main dish + side or dessert); singles bring one item- label items that contain nuts
- ❖ Club will provide meat, mashed potatoes and beverages.
- ❖ Please don't bring your own table settings; the club will provide plates, cups, silverware, and napkins.
- ❖ There will be Door Prize drawings!
- ❖ Special Raffle: Enter to win a gold nugget by making a donation of canned foods- one entry per adult with 2 or more canned food items.
- ❖ In order to plan for the event, please sign up in advance at the next meeting or by contacting Gene Dietzen at 360/834-9230 or gene.dietzen@gmail.com. Let Gene know how many plan to attend & what potluck item(s) you plan to bring (don't forget the kid!).
- ❖ Please send pictures of club events, meetings, and outings to Gene- send digital images to his email account or give pictures to him at the next meeting.
- ❖ Volunteer opportunities will be available---look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting or email Gene.

Hope y'all can come!

Come enjoy your club: eat, visit and enjoy a 'golden' time

SAFETY REPORT By Jim Dorning (continued)

- Food and water for pets
- Map of local area in case evacuation is necessary
 - Crescent wrench for utility shut-off
- Duct tape and plastic sheeting or large plastic garbage bags for sheltering-in-place
- Extra cash and coins for emergency purchases and coin operated machines/phones

Information provided by American Red Cross "Together We Prepare Oregon"

Do you know the Portland Gold Prospectors Inc Code of Conduct and Claim Permit?

1. Carry your Membership Card & Claim Permit At All Times.
2. Member Agrees To Obey All Local, State & Federal Regulations Applicable To Their Activities.
3. Member Assumes Personal Responsibility For Obtaining All Permits Required for Their Activities.
4. Member Is Responsible For Maintaining Claims, Markers, Trash Removal & Keeping Claims Safe For Animals and People.
5. Pets Must Be Under the Control of Their Owners At All Times. Clean Up After Pets in Camping Areas.
6. Member Will be Courteous To All Members and Campers
7. Member Will Show Their Membership Card Upon Request.

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