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GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



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The Trump Family Fortune

(This is not a political post.)

Long before Donald J. Trump's presidency ... a century before The Art of the Deal and The Apprentice ... a young German man named Freidrich Trump immigrated to America. The 16-year-old Freidrich — a barber's apprentice — left in 1885, just before reaching conscription age. He took a steamship to New York and moved in with an older sister and her husband, working as a barber. He was too ambitious to cut hair for long.

In 1891 the young man went west to Seattle, where he bought and rebranded a restaurant. The eatery in the heart of Seattle's red-light district also advertised "Rooms for Ladies," a euphemism for prostitution. It was a business formula Trump returned to later when he decided to join the Klondike Gold Rush. Washington state was also where the young Trump made his first foray into real estate before leaving for Yukon. In an emerging mining town called Monte Cristo, Trump filed a

mineral claim at a prime location and then built a hotel — on land he didn't own.

Monte Cristo went bust but Trump was already gone, having moved back to Seattle shortly after the Portland steamed in with its golden load. Trump headed north and in May 1898, opened the Arctic restaurant and hotel in Bennett, a raw frontier town on the route from Skagway to the Klondike goldfields. He made a small fortune providing stampeders with food (including fresh horse meat), drink and women. As a Yukon Sun writer put it, "For single men the Arctic has excellent accommodations as well as the best restaurant in Bennett, but I would not advise respectable women to go there to sleep as they are liable to hear that which would be repugnant to their feelings — and uttered, too, by the depraved of their own sex."

The new Skagway to Whitehorse railroad bypassed Bennett, so Fred Trump took down his restaurant and shipped the wood to the railway terminus of Whitehorse, where he opened an even larger restaurant and inn. Trump stuck with his tried-and-true formula — food, wine and women — and added gambling. After a falling-out with his business partner, and ahead of a looming crackdown on prostitution, Trump took a fortune out of the Yukon and returned to his native Germany, before returning to America. Family ties to the Yukon endure to this day — the U.S. president's son, Donald Trump Jr., has travelled to the Northern Territory several times on hunting trips.



Secretary's Report December 15, 2019

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President Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:30 and then led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 36 attendees and 5 guests were present.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the December newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report for December. The motion was approved by the members present.

Audit - The yearly Audit is coming up again so we asked for a couple volunteers to participate in this. Larry Sharp, Cliff Whalen and Beverly Parker will be meeting at the Bomber Restaurant on January 19th. 2019 around noon and get this done.

Membership - It only takes 3 meetings and/or outings in a year to be a member of our chapter. There is no charge to join. New membership cards will be handed out in February.

Guest Speaker - President Mike is checking into having someone come out in the near future from the Red Cross and give us a First Aid class and possibly get us certified. This would be really beneficial to our chapter because you never know when someone may have

a medical emergency.

GPAA Membership - For anyone interested in joining the GPAA it costs \$84.50 for a years membership. They will send you a membership kit with lots of goodies like a hat, patch, sticker, pan and mining guide when you join. The LDMA is much more expensive to join but if you are a member of the GPAA you can go to up to 2 outings a year at a discounted rate at either the Blue Bucket or the Burnt River outings which are located in Eastern Oregon.

Banquet - The theme for our upcoming Banquet is "Volunteers will make us a better chapter". The chapter will be providing the turkey, ham, meatballs, rolls, coffee, bottled water and punch. Get signed up on the list to let us know who all is coming and what you are bringing. Make sure you grab the flyer about the events we will be doing. We still need some volunteers to help with decorating, working in the kitchen and cleaning up afterwards. Hope to see you there!

Gold and Treasure Show 2020 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner and like usual we need alot of volunteers to make this show a huge success. If anyone is interested in going to the next planning meeting it will be on January 4th at the Elmers Restaurant on 101st and Sandy Blvd. at 1:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 in advance that you can get from

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Jerry. He also has vendor packets available for anyone interested, If you volunteer you get free admission and a free tshirt but you will have to pay for parking.

Tyroy - Our events schedule is not done yet for 2020 but the tentative dates for Tyroy is possibly May 30th through June 14th. This is a little earlier than usual but I think it might be better because we will have alot of water in the ponds and the weather won't be as hot. Our member Morris Sawyer from Union Oregon will be here at our January meeting and he will be bringing around 24 buckets of dirt from our claim. For anyone who wants to get a bucket from him just make sure that you bring him an empty bucket to trade him. This is so nice of him to do this again for us!

Washington Gold and Fish Pamphlet - Just a reminder that the new pamphlet came out in November for prospecting in Washington. You can call them and they will mail you one or you can download it off the website (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa/types/prospecting>). You will need it if you will be using any type of equipment while prospecting in Washington like when you go to our Cape Disappointment outings.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Virgil Wilson was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget. Sandy Lausche won the Gold Bag. Respectfully submitted by Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



PRESIDENT'S BLOG **January, 2020**

Hello, fellow prospectors!

Well, it's a **NEW YEAR** and that means the January, 2020 Chapter Meeting doubles as the Chapter's **ANNUAL POTLUCK/BANQUET!**

We have some volunteers for set-up and take-down and decorations – however, any additional help would be appreciated. Those volunteering should arrive at the Grange by **11:30AM**.

We will need help setting up and taking down approximately 16 tables and the chairs needed at the tables, as well as decorating the tables, and setting out the food, etc. Additional help will be needed to take down the tables and chairs and to make sure the Grange is left clean and tidy.

Page 4 has more information about the banquet and the drawings that will take place.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

As stated in last month's Blog, the 2020 GPAA Gold and Treasure Show will be in March, 2020, at the Clark County Event Center in Ridgefield, WA. Since the 2020 show is in Washington, the Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors has the primary job of organizing the show, in conjunction with the Mid-Valley Gold Prospectors, our Chapter and the GPAA. Jerry Johns will be coordinating our Chapter's participation in the show. For those of you who want to volunteer to help with the show, there will be a sign-up sheet at our monthly Chapter meetings. Please remember this is a major project for our Chapter and also a primary source of income for the Chapter.

We are working on an outings calendar and hope to have it available at the April meeting. We have some members gathering information on possible new locations – which is very helpful! Thank you!

Happy Prospecting!

Mike

Mike Lewis, President
Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.



VOLUNTEERS HELP MAKE US A BETTER CHAPTER

Please Join Us!
PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS INC.
PRESENTS ITS
ANNUAL POTLUCK BANQUET
JANUARY 19, 2020 at 1:30pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

- **There will be a short general meeting and then...the festivities begin!**
- All Members, Guests and Families Welcome
- Please bring potluck food to share: One dish per family –
- Please label foods that contain nuts.
- The Chapter will provide turkey, stuffing, gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, coffee, bottled water, rolls.
- **If you don't have a favorite dish you are dying to bring, we recommend you follow the guide below based off of your last name:**
 - A-D: Salad (Ideas: Green, pasta, fruit, etc)
 - E-J: Dessert (Ideas: If it's sweet – it's a dessert!)
 - K-Q: Side Dishes (Ideas: Vegetables, stuffing, mini-meatballs, etc)
 - R-Z: Appetizers (Ideas: Chips, Cheese, dips, etc)
- No need to bring your own table settings; the Chapter is providing plates, cups, silverware and napkins
- There will be Door Prizes. These will be provided free from the Chapter. If you have anything you would like to donate to the door prizes, please let Mike Lewis know in advance for planning purposes: 503-413-9283 or gmlewis238@msn.com
- Special Raffle: Enter to win a Gold nugget or other Gold by making a donation of canned/boxed food. One entry per adult only. Bring 2 or more canned/boxed food items. If you forget the canned/boxed food, you can get a ticket for a \$5.00 donation. 1 ticket per each adult, 18 & over.
- Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up.

Plan to come for good food & great friendship

**PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC.
EVENTS CALENDAR - 2020**

JANUARY 19TH – CHAPTER MEETING/BANQUET – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

FEBRUARY 16TH - CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

MARCH 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

MARCH 20TH – 22ND GPAA GOLD & TREASURE SHOW
CLARK COUNTY EVENT CENTER

APRIL 19TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

MAY 17TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

– TYROY CLAIM OUTING (2 WEEKS) DATES TO BE DETERMINED

JUNE 21ST – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

JULY 19TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

AUGUST 16TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

SEPTEMBER 20TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

OCTOBER 18TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

NOVEMBER 15TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

DECEMBER 20TH – CHAPTER MEETING – 1:30pm – MILWAUKIE GRANGE HALL

**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUTINGS ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES**

The new **Washington Gold and Fish** pamphlet is now available. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

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