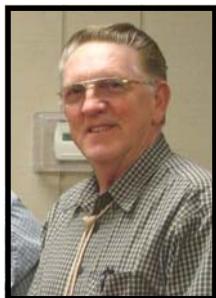


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Dvorak

Elections came and went, and you all have decided to keep me on as President for one more year. I don't know if that is good or bad, but I will do my best to lead the club in 2016!



We had a whopping good time at the club Christmas party this past Sunday. Good food, great friends, and Rock Bingo - who could ask for more?

I want to remind you all that the Mid-Winter Swap will be on January 23, 2016 at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Room setup will begin around 11:30, but NO ONE will be allowed to take in their swap items until 12:00 noon. The doors will open to the public at 1:00 p.m. Club members are asked to bring cookies, crackers, and finger foods for the afternoon. If you have any questions about the Swap, contact Jayne Beer (contact info is on page 1 of this newsletter).

I will see you at the Swap. Until then, stay warm, stay safe, and have a very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.



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## NOVEMBER ROCK PARTY

by Jayne Beer

The evening of November 14, 2015 was the Rock Party at the Jewelry Connection. We were happy to host the gathering. One of the nice things about hosting a rock party is that it encourages us to clean up the shop and spiff up some of the equipment. In this case, I was inspired to hang several display cases with Roger Pabian's lapidary work. I have been wanting to get this done for quite a while, and it just worked out that Brian's brother, Al, was willing and able to get it done.

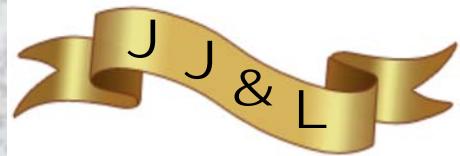


photos by Jayne Beer



Our food theme was soup. There were many types of soup and sides that made for a delicious evening of food. We had a great turnout of rock friends; I will try to list as many as I can remember (I hope I don't forget anyone). There was me, Brian, Corey, and Jazeil, and Judith hosting our little get together. The folks we had stop by were Jim and Sharon Marburger; Carolyn and Paul Ashmore; Sharon Schleiger and Brooklyn; Eddie Ridge; Wooly and Jackie; Susy McMahan, Ian, and Elayna; Judy Anson; and special guest appearances from Howell Pabian and Linda Plock.

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We, of course, sat down and ate as our first order of business. After that there were several people who brought items to show and tell, and do minor repairs and cleaning. With several kiddos there, it was difficult to get into the rock polishing room since that is where they chose to get away from us boring adults. As far as I know, Eddie was the only one to brave the rock grinding equipment. My grandson is apparently not quite ready to sit and be interested in anything down there yet. He was rather ..... ummm .... loud.

It seemed as though everyone enjoyed themselves and got a good fill of all the wonderful homemade food.

We got a lot of compliments on our new wall of rocks. I think it really brightens up the room and I just love to look at it and appreciate the labor of love that went into all those cabochons.

Thank you to all of the rock friends that showed up and chilled with us for the evening.

## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Sharon Marburger

The club Christmas Party was held the evening of December 6. It was a night full of activities.

We began at 5:00 with the Mineral Monkeys' Future Rockhounds of America badge project of "Reaching Across Generations." The junior members and their partnered senior member met to make sand bottles that they exchanged with one another. There was a lot of talking and laughing with this project. Each team selected different colored sands to use, but as the evening wore on, we learned another lesson: Sharing. Those sitting at the same table were soon exchanging their cups of sand for colors not previously selected. Not only was it fun, it contained a life lesson.

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## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

by Jayne Beer

I would like to say thank you to whoever nominated me for ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR and to those who voted for me. What an unexpected honor! There are so many people more deserving than me.

I am enjoying everything about the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. We are so fortunate to have so many years of experience in the club. I hear stories of issues in the past, but I don't see any of that now. Whenever I talk to someone who has quit the club because of issues, I tell them to come back, because we have a fantastic group of enthusiastic, rock loving people, young and old. It's true, I am among the "old" group, although I have only been a member for a short 6 or 7 years.

Even though the length of my membership is short, I have been "around" for many years. The first gem and mineral show I attended was in the early 1980s. There was a terrible snow storm. I drove to the show as a new driver, getting stuck many times. I thought I'd be there for maybe an hour, but I spent the entire day. I was HOOKED! and I haven't missed a show since. Thanks to Roger Pabian and Judy Anson for talking me into joining the club. I joined because of my interest and because my son, Corey, was quickly becoming addicted to ROCKS. I stayed because of the people and all the rock activities that happen.

Again, I thank you for the honor. I look forward to the many rock addicted years to come.



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