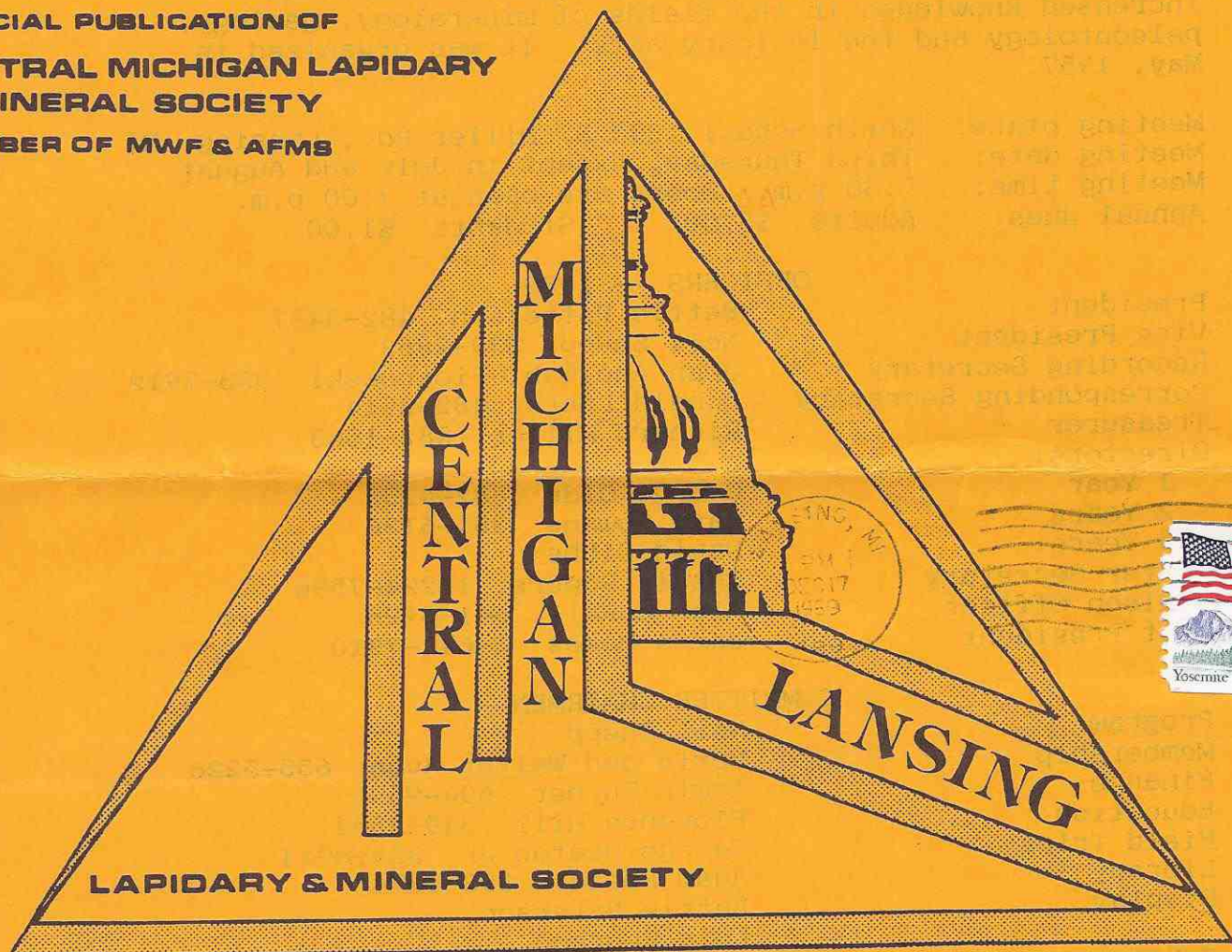


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NEIL'S NOTES

Approximately 27 members and one guest braved the weather for the November meeting. Due to the lack of a quorum no business was transacted. Thus, both an election of officers and installation will be done at the December meeting.

Word was received just prior to the November meeting that President Bettie's son-in-law, Michael Hahn, had passed away. An offering from the members in attendance and the club was taken and the sum of \$55.00 was contributed to the American Cancer Society in Michael's memory. Please continue to keep Bettie, Pam and the family in your prayers during this time of recovery and adjustment.

1989 is rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a good club year (in my opinion) and I hope the hobby has been enjoyable to the membership. The board is planning for 1990 activities. I hope you will all attend the December meeting for election and a Christmas program. Remember also the annual meeting in January. Until next time, may the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you and yours throughout the year.

Neil



DECEMBER PROGRAM -- DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!!

The December program will consist of a quartet of graduate students from the MSU Chorale. They will present a seasonal program including audience participation. The business meeting will be kept as short as possible in order that we may enjoy the program and the social time of fellowship. Please make every effort to attend this program.

Also, the hospitality folks ask you to bring a plate of cookies or other Christmas goodies to share for refreshments.

We need your help! ↑

THANK YOU

Thanks to member David Slayton for the November program. David is with the DNR, and shared his expertise on environmental concerns in Michigan, particularly hazardous waste disposal. He illustrated his talk with slides and a display of equipment. Thanks, David, for an excellent program!

DUES ARE DUE!!!!

You can send the money to me in a check made out to CML&MS or pay me at the club meeting.

Bessie Rogers
2222 W. Marshall Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following persons have been nominated to serve the club in 1990. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, providing the nominee consents.

President:	Neil Snapp
Vice-President:	Irwin Turner
Recording Sec.:	Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski
Corresponding Sec:	Don Lohrer
Treasurer:	Richard Miller
2yr Director:	Joyce Kahres
3yr Director:	Cheryl Powers

NOTE TO OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS: If you are not continuing in your present assignment for 1990, please bring your folder and badge bar to the December meeting, to pass on to the incoming officers & chairs. Thank you.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Since our last meeting, get well wishes went to Richard Miller who was laid up at home for a day or two. Cards were also sent to Onie Seegar, Alice Gardiner and Milo Hillis. They all had surgery during the past month. Scott Powers received our best wishes also because of a broken elbow. We wish them all a very speedy recovery.

We also send our deepest condolences to Bettie Patterson and her daughter, Pamela Hahn. After a long and valiant struggle, Pamela's husband, Michael, succumbed to the ravages of cancer. We all share their sorrow at this time.

Once again it's the time to reaffirm our faith in the true meaning of the Christmas season. I want to wish you all a glorious Christmas and a wonderful New Year and new decade to come.

Respectfully,
Donald Lohrer

CLUB DEMONSTRATION NIGHT

The February 1990 meeting will be a demonstration night held in conjunction with Okemos community education. (This will be similar to the April 89 demonstration night in Haslett.) Start planning now to share your interests and skills with the public!

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE — FLORENCE HILL

The mineral for December study will be corundum, an aluminum oxide. David Piotrowski will give the talk. Specimens of corundum will make a very pretty showing for our Christmas meeting, so bring or wear yours!

The question was raised when David discussed pyrite and marcasite of how to preserve the latter. Here are some suggestions from an exchange bulletin. Try them out:

Mix one heaping tablespoon of baking soda in one quart of water. Let it effervesce and wash marcasite in it. Rinse well in clear water and dry. Then dip marcasite in medium weight mineral oil and drain.

Check the boxes in which marcasite specimens are stored, as they form sulphuric acid and can eat through the containers. Have also heard that they should not be stored on white paper due to agents used in making the paper.

EUREKA NEWS via ROCK RATTLER

Margaret Randolph writes that when she and Randy visited the Beagle School in Grand Ledge earlier this fall they talked to all six science classes (150 students.) Not only that, they returned the next week for another session with a smaller group on fossils! They received a very complimentary letter from the teacher, Mr. Cherry.

John and Wilma Hopkins hosted nine Webelos and four adults in their home to study their rock collection. They polished petoskey stones; and, John showed the boys how to carve.

NEWS FROM THE SHOW

TABLE COVERING AND DECORATING — MARY CROSBY

Though we were unable to get real white plastic this year, the tables looked great decked out in green and sort-of-greyish-white. In fact, one jeweler complimented me on the off white as it looked more grey and she liked it. We continued the MSU theme with green footballs and white pom-poms. Some Halloween decorations were also included since the holiday was the following Tuesday.

I wish to thank Bessie Rogers for ordering the table plastic ahead of time. I also want to thank all who helped to cover the tables and hand up the decorations. I do not know all the people by name — so I'll just say "Thanks to everyone."

DISPLAYS -- JEAN ANN WAHL-PIOTROWSKI

With only days left before the show, it seemed that our display area would be awful empty. A thousand thanks to the club members who brought exhibits and "saved the show." By Saturday morning, we had approximately 60 cases as counted by Bill Rogers! Exhibitor break down was as follows:

CML&MS members -- 19 exhibitors with 44 cases

Other club members -- 11 exhibitors with 16 cases

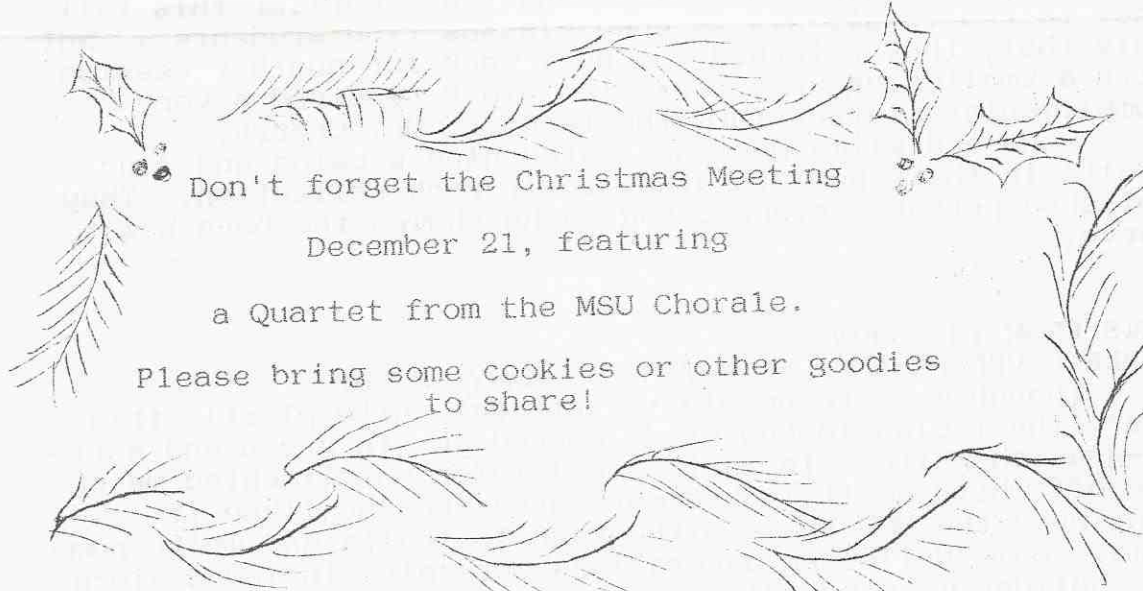
4-Hers and others -- 3 exhibitors with 3 cases

CML&MS club -- Memorial case, trophy case, educational exhibit.

Thanks again for your help and encouragement during my first year on the job. Jean Ann

IN THE HOSPITAL

Katie Hornbeck is receiving physical therapy following surgery for a brain tumor. She will therefore be at Sparrow Hospital for some time. Katie's room number is 630, if you would like to send a card or visit.



Don't forget the Christmas Meeting

December 21, featuring

a Quartet from the MSU Chorale.

Please bring some cookies or other goodies to share!

Merry Christmas
to all!