

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are looking at starting our board meetings, possibly in March. Due to covid-19 restrictions we will not be starting general meeting just yet. Hopefully soon!

There has been a lot of interest in our chapter and we are picking up 5 or 6 new people every month to add to our roster and distribution list. I am sure we will be adding lots of new folks when we can go back to meetings.

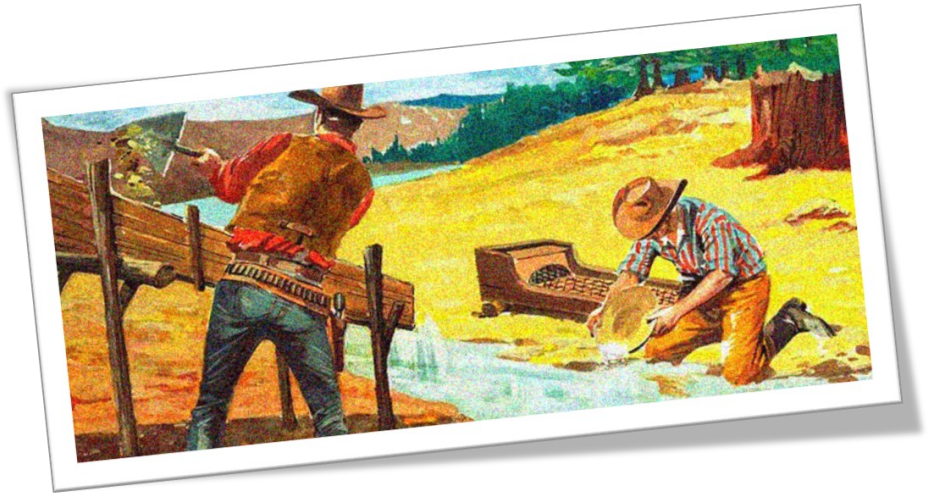
We have held off on putting the new banner up until we are able to meet again.

Your officers, board and committee chairs are hard at work taking care of chapter business.

As always if you have any comments or question please contact me.

Debbie W.

President SWWGP



### **CAMPING/PICNIC SHORTCUTS**

No one has submitted any shortcut suggestions to Debbie W. Jeanne G. and Debbie. We are running a contest for the best suggestions and there will be prizes awarded.

### **GRANTS**

As many of you are aware there are grants available to non-profit organizations. Mark is checking into the possibility of our chapter getting one. If you would like to help him please email or text him 360 609 6813

### **POINTS**

Our current total for points is 411,470. If you get or renew a membership be sure to let GPAA know that you want the points awarded to SWWGP. We can buy equipment etc. with them.



## **BOARD MEETING ONLY**

We will have a board meeting on March 14, 2021 at 1 o'clock at the grange. Masks and social distancing required. Board meetings are open to all but attendance limited due to covid.

## **NO GENERAL MEETING**

## **SPONSORS**

Please be sure to support our chapter sponsors as much as you are able too.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Preston and Debbie W are now working on scholarship information. Several meetings ago the chapter voted to set up a scholarship fund in honor of "Boo Coo". There was a member who volunteered to do the research and gather info on getting one set up. However, this person has not done anything and is not communicating with us so it has been necessary for us to take it over and do the work. Anyone who would like to work on this and help out please contact me at Debbie W. 360 695 3215 or email [ddwitcher@yahoo.com](mailto:ddwitcher@yahoo.com)

## **OPEN POSITIONS**

We have some open positions within our chapter that need to be filled.

Always prospect before you dig (sample, sample and sample some more)



Here is the winner of "Guess the weight of the GOLD" that was ran on the Clubs Facebook GROUP for "Members Only"

Jamie Louie, Gussed 2.8 Grams and the weight of the Gold was 3 grams

## **MEMBERS HEALTH UPDATE**

I have had several members inquire about other members who are having health issues. I have been in contact with the following folks and have their permission to publish their current health stand-ings. Dan Shelton is currently awaiting a ct scan but his cancer is not progressing and it appears that his treatments have helped. Pending the results of his scan they will decide the next steps to take.

Richard Pluff is back in the hospital as he got an infection in the knee surgery

Norm Erickson is scheduled for some more scans which will determine the treatment for his cancer Ann VanAntwerp who has had heart surgery and had several problems appears to be holding her own right now. She was is very good spirits when I spoke with her.

Dan Jones was having another treatment for his cancer, he is tired but holding his own.

If there is someone we should be giving an update on please let me know and I will contact them.

We have sent get well cards to everyone and I know you join me in wishing them a speedy recovery.

We want to give them as much encouragement and support as we can.

Wendy Houtz was admitted to the hospital this week for emergency surgery , she is currently in icu but is doing well and the prognosis is very good. I talked with Roy and he said they were getting her up and moving around. He was hoping to have her home soon.

Thanks, Debbie

## **ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP**

All officers and board members are elected by the membership at a general meeting. Anyone wanting to fill these positions must have been a member in good standing for at least 6 months and be willing to fill the job requirements. We have 2 open board positions.

## **APPOINTED BY THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

All committee leads, and committee members are appointed by the chapter President. We currently have 2 open positions.

1) We need someone to take charge of the raffle. This position was vacated by the passing of Jim Erickson. There is a committee in place. Some of the duties will include setting up raffles, securing prizes, tracking tickets and monies among other things. This is a vital part in supporting our chapter. The lead will report work with the Vice President (Jeff Wooldridge) and the President.

2) Facebook administrator: We need a face book administrator. Rick Beehler stepped down after 6 yrs. of service and did an excellent job. This is the Chapters official face book page and is how many folks get info. Shawndell volunteered to take the position but because of personal family issues was unable to do so. Currently we do not have an administrator. This position does require some computer knowledge and a passion for face book.

If we do not get someone to do the job in a reasonable amount of time we will have to shut the official face book page down.



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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

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