

Nampa, ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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Presidential Nuggets

Hi, Everyone! Hope you have all had a good holiday season and have dealt with the snow safely! As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, some of our members and families are having life issues. Please take a moment and let them know that you are thinking of them. Offer to help - even if it is just to talk.

As you know, this next meeting will be time for nominations of officers. I think you will agree with me: the current officers have done a good job of building up the funds in the Club's account - thanks to all of you who have contributed along the way! It couldn't have been done without each of us doing our part. The next generation of officers will need to continue this growth so that we can have lots of gold-bearing claims. It is time for each of you to step up and envision what you can do to make this club a fun, educational, sharing, honest organization. All officer positions are going to be available. If each position were difficult, there wouldn't have been volunteers in the past! So step up and take the reigns! New officers will be voted on and sworn in at March's meeting. Those officers will also need to be National GPAA members by that time. Come prepared to volunteer and/or make nominations!

See you at the February 5th meeting!

Karin Hunter
President

GPAA Meeting

Tuesday

5 February 2008

7 pm

Snake River
Elementary
500 Stampede Dr.,
Nampa

See you there!

February is nomination time for officers - all positions are available. Be thinking of how you can **volunteer!**

Happy January

| Birthday |

John Aldrich, Don Barnhill,
Robert Moss, Tom Ashworth,
Sally York, Diane Anderson,

We wish you the best of good times and excellent prospecting for the coming year

To all who do not wish to divulge their birthday -

A Very Merry Unbirthday!

Nampa GPAA Club Officials

President - Karin Hunter, 585-2190
Karin1223@aol.com

Vice Pres. - Jim Jencks, 250-0287

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Outings Dir. - Larry Steele, 322-0623

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K. Hunter, 9th Street Crossing,
Nampa School Dist.
January Check to Copies Plus

Financial info will be posted
at meeting

Nampa Chapter GPAA

meeting minutes for 4 December 2007

9th Street Crossing Christmas get-together

This meeting was our Christmas get-together at 9th Street Crossing. It was a tasty turkey dinner with all the fixings. Russell Grau unfortunately swallowed a small turkey bone and had to leave for the hospital emergency room.

There were 46 folks who attended this evening dinner and raffle. Three door prizes were drawn. Atoya Mauck won a gold nugget. Mariann Mauck won a classifier and Rob Forbes won a new gold pan. Ray Bixler won the 50/50 drawing.

Larry Steele told about a trip he took to an old mining town near Warren, ID. This could possibly be a future overnight field trip for the club. Our next meeting falls on 1 January 2008. Snake River Elementary is on Winter Break at that time so there will not be a meeting for the month of January. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 February 2008. See you then.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Member Notes:

Rose Coleman is doing better now after having her gall bladder removed 30 November.

Darrell Larsen's wife, **Mary**, has had both of her hands operated on for Carpal Tunnel - she is recuperating as well as she can with Darrell's help.

Bob Allen lost his wife, **Jude**, to cancer on 3 December.

A Message from Russell Grau dated 25 Dec 2007

Elaine, Karen and the rest of the Nampa GPAA Club....

Tina (my better half) and I had planned on announcing our move from Nampa to Portland at the Christmas dinner.

Man, the food was really good and I was enjoying the conversation. Then, IT happened. Ended up in the Caldwell ER with a bone lodged in my throat. Short and simple is that I waited an hour for a physician's assistant to numb my throat and pull a sliver of turkey bone that was embedded into the soft tissues, out of my throat.

So all's well that ends well. EXCEPT that by the time I got out of the ER, the party was over and the restaurant boarded up. So, we didn't get to say good-bye the way we wanted to.

This move has happened in a hurry and Tina

and I have been just blown away at how fast things have moved. For those that don't know I have been working as a contractor at the HP Boise site for the past 6+ years. I have also been attempting to find a job in the Boise/Nampa area for the past 2 to 3 years. I have a LOT of experience using and managing databases on UNIX/Linux systems as well as on Windows systems. But, it has been a challenge to find a position in the area.

After so long, we decided in October that we needed to expand our focus to other areas. I placed 4 resumes at companies in the Portland area as well as several in the Seattle area. Long and short, by the end of November I had a job offer in Hillsboro, Oregon. So, we are moving. To tell you how fast some of this has moved, I started work at this new company on December 17th. I am writing this email as I sit in our pop-up tent trailer in an RV park in Portland on Christmas Day. It's been snowing for the past hour (it'll melt by night fall) but it's great to have a white Christmas.

I cannot tell you how much Tina, my boys and myself have appreciated the Nampa club. We have LOVED the outings this past year and definitely want to keep in touch and come to more outings as we can. I will also keep up the Idaho GPAA website so you won't have to find another webmaster. But, what I do need from you are pictures when you have special meetings or outings.

Keep us in your prayers and send emails when you can. You can reach me at

russellphoto@gmail.com

Best regards and thanks,

Russell, Tina, Joel and Duncan

For Sale:

Hose Reel - holds 200' of 2" hose.

Classifier - on legs

Panning Troughs - 3 sizes available

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Please call Darrell Larsen at 454-2167 for more information

**Jim Tom "JP" Jencks and
Veva Edith Tucker Longstroth**
invites each of you to attend our
wedding on
Saturday, January 26, 2008 7:00 pm
At Greenleaf Friends Church
Greenleaf, Idaho
The only gift we desire is
the present of your presence.