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The Grand Rapids Mineral Society is a Non-Profit Corporation affiliated with the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Main Building. Summer meetings at various parks as announced.

Membership dues are \$3.00 per year for a family, \$2.00 for single adult, and \$1.00 for students under 18 years of age. Dues are payable to Treasuere-year is from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

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September 13-Wednesday 8:00 PM. Regular monthly meeting at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Main Auditorium. As usual our beloved Mary Jane Dockery will be the speaker for the evening. She has a program and slides called "Local Resources Down the Drain." That is the use and misuse of our natural resources in our local area. As you well know she puts on a very interesting and worth while program. See you there.

September 18-Monday. 8:00 PM Board of Control Meeting at the home of the new President Don Crabbs, 1827 Millbrook SE. All you new officers and Board Members plan to attend to help get the new year rolling.

September 9-10. Hancock County Geological Society is having a show and silent auction at Hancock County fairgrounds in Findlay, Ohio. There will also be dealers there. Free camping is provided. Findlay is located a little way straight south of Toledo.

There will be no Lapidary meeting or Mineral Study group meeting for the month of September.

We wish to thank Richard Van Beck on his wonderful slides and narration of the Wisconsin Dells. Also to Henry Tchozeski on his slides of his trip west year. They were all very interesting and colorful. Ten to one there are a lot of you fellow rock hounds with lots more interesting and colorful slides of your various trips. Lets see them at some meeting sometime.

**PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**

The Sept. meeting with Mary Jane Dockery as speaker will be a large and successful one. Mary Jane will always be a favorite.

Hope you've all had happy hunting this summer. Our three field trips to Grand Ledge for tree fossils, Sylvania for trilobites, and Pugh Quarry for calcite X L 's gained some fine specimens for our collections as well as swapping material for the future but we were disappointed in the very few persons showing up for the two Ohio trips. I haven't been on any distant field trips since Marion and I used to go with the Atwells, and this summer I learned how easily and quickly these quarries can be reached on our new highways - driving down and back in one day with plenty of hunting time. Participating in these jaunts is one of the chief joys of belonging to the G.R. M. S. and it's a shame more members don't take advantage of such opportunities.

This past year has passed so quickly, in spite of hectic moments. I've thoroughly enjoyed being your president. May I take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to all my helpful Board. Then with best wishes turn this president's corner over to Don Crabbs who will make a very fine leader for our club.

Nellie E Mead

WELCOME BACK

Here we go again---off to another year of fun-fun-fun on the study, finding and collecting of those wonderful rocks and minerals from all over the world. Hope all of you had a wonderful time on vacations and did some real nice collecting and swapping. Remember our silent auction is coming up real fast in November. Now is the time to start rounding up those specimens for the auction. Every year we try to make it better than ever.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new year with our new officers. Their names and telephone numbers are on the back of the DRIFTER cover.

By the way if anyone has a nice suggestion for a regular monthly meeting, please contact Jim Van Vuren. It will be more than appreciated.

FIELD TRIP

There will be a field trip to Brown County to look for Geodes. The date is set for Saturday, September 23. Meet at the Court House in Nashville, Indiana, at 10:00 AM. Nashville is approximately 45 miles south of Indianapolis. Marie Spielmaker is field trip chairman for this trip. If you have any more questions, call her.

According to Mr. & Mrs. Max Ross who handle the raffle and door prizes at the meetings, they could use some more door prizes.

Do you remember when there used to be a table of assorted rocks and minerals for sale at the meeting, well this is back again and Henry Tchozeski will be in charge of this and is looking for some specimens for the table or else bring them to the meeting.

According to the August issue of the Gems and Minerals magazine there will be a new and interesting television series called "THE ROCKHOUND". This will be on for a half hour in color and there are thirteen epsisodes. It will cover all the phases of the hobby. Plans call for distribution to networks throughout the United States. We will have to watch our local TV listings for this interesting program.

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Nuts & Nodules

LL. L O W A CONVENTION

The Midwest Federation Convention and show at the Rock Island Armory in Rock Island, Illinois was just out of this world. (rock world that is) The displays were just marvelous. There were many types of rocks and minerals that we had never seen before and would surely like to add to our collection. In the center of the armory were four cases. In one of the cases was a beautiful turquoise nugget/ In another was a gold nugget found in California weighing 82 ozs. Figure that up at thirty-five dollars an ounce. Also in another case was the Kimberly diamond worth a quarter of a million dollars. Also some smaller diamonds around it. Last but not least the most beautiful Star Sapphire necklace valued at sixty thousand dollars. There were just so many beautiful displays just too enormous to mention. Those from our club that were there will agree.

Outside of the armory was one huge tent for those that wished to do some swapping and believe me there was plenty of people out there swapping. It was interesting, educational and well worth while to see.

By the way while we were doing some swapping we happen to run into an old member of the club. His name is Mr. Denny Donnell M.D. He was a member of the club up until 1960 when he moved from Grand Rapids to Columbia, Missouri. In case some of you might be interested his address is:

Denny Donnell M.D.
1403 St. Christopher
Columbia, Missouri 65201

The Muskegon club held their annual potluck at Fruitport on Sunday August 20th. Everyone that went had a real nice time, swapping, buying rocks at the auction and eating plenty of food. We all had more than our share to eat. There were nineteen people from our club that came which was the most from any club represented there. This sure makes a person feel good to see so many there from our club.

THE GRAND RAPIDS MINERAL SOCIETY - FINANCIAL REPORT
1966-1967

BALANCE IN BANK SEPT. 1, 1966 \$320.09

RECEIPTS SEPT 1, 1966 THROUGH AUG. 31, 1967

Memberships	\$275.00
Advertising in Glacial Drifter	45.00
Silent Auction	266.32
Sale of Chances	99.25
Sale of Emblems	1.50
Sale of Subscriptions	3.55
Mimeograph Services	<u>37.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$736.62

RECEIPTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 1967 \$1,056.71

DISBURSEMENTS SEPT. 1, 1966 THROUGH AUG. 31, 1967

Glacial Drifter	\$297.18
Annual Rental	138.00
Annual Show	69.80
Midwest Dues	26.75
Program Expense	19.31
1966 Conservation Scholarship	36.00
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Mich. Corp. & Securities Com. filing fee	5.00
Junior Rock Hounds	16.35
Miscellaneous	<u>128.10</u>

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THE 1967 CONVENTION AND SHOW Reported by Katharine Steinbrenner

Another successful Midwest Federation Convention held in conjunction with the Illowa Gem and Mineral Society Show in Dav-
enport, Iowa and Rock Island, Illinois on July 27-30 is now history but we shall long remember the beautiful displays at the show and the greeting and visiting with our friends at both the Federation meetings and at the show who were there from all parts of the country.

The Illowa Gem and Mineral Society members are to be congratulated for their great hospitality and for the way they carried out their well made plans. The long hours they spent in planning and the many weeks of hard work really paid off for them in a grand way. The fabulous publicity given them by all the Tri-Cities newspapers brought crowds of people to the Armory in Rock Island from the time the show opened on Thursday morning until closing time on Sunday at 6 P.M.

Some of the requirements of a good show are crowds of people; good competitive, educational and special displays; interesting programs; representative dealers, good swapping area; and smiles for everyone. The 1967 Convention and Show had all of these and more.

All of the displays were great, but some of those that stand out in my memory at this time are: the carved flowers by Leonard Hires; Tolson Radloffs crosses; rock paintings by the Strangbergs; the handcrafted jewelry by Gwen Swanson and the solderless jewelry by Doris Kemp and the fabulous miniature crystals from the Smithsonian.

The perfect planning and organization of the Illowa Gem and Mineral Club was evidenced in that all the judging was completed on Thursday and all ribbons and scores were on the competitive

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displays before 5:00 P.M. on Thursday.

The swap area in the open tent was one of the busiest places at the show. Everyone enjoys this and swapping is becoming increasingly more important to our shows. Did overhear some people wishing that swapping could be arranged closer to their cars - perhaps in a reserved section of the parking area similar to the way that swapping was done at the Hibbing show parking lot.

The Midwest Executive meeting and breakfast on Friday morning at the Blackhawk Hotel in Dav-
enport, Iowa was very well attended as was the Editors breakfast there on Saturday morning.

The Midwest Council meeting on Saturday at the Blackhawk Hotel was about one of the largest in the history of our Federation with practically every chair in the room occupied.

Mr. W. H. deNeui and Mary and Earl Cornwell were elected to Honorary Membership at this meeting and the following officers were elected to begin their terms on November 1st. Mr. Ellis Courter, president; Mrs. June Zeitner, Vice President; Miss Jean Reynolds, secretary; Mr. Jerry Huber, treasurer; Mr. Russell MacFall, historian.

Ten of our past presidents were at the meeting and banquet. The banquet on Saturday evening was excellent and well attended as it is the climax of the show and convention when the trophies are presented. Our new Honorary Members were present at a special table and were all presented with their Certificates of Honorary Membership. Representatives of clubs receiving Merit Award Certificates were also seated at special tables as were past presidents and their wives and husbands. Mr. Kemp presented the Midwest 100% Plaque to Katharine Steinbrenner, Midwest Scholarship Chairman, who then presented it to our Historian Russell MacFall and Midwest president Verne Montgomery so that it may be displayed at future Midwest shows.

AMERICAN FEDERATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Our sincere thanks to our many Midwest clubs that helped us attain our 100% goal so that we could receive our 100% Plaque at the American Federation Convention in Washington, D. C. in June at the banquet at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

We regret the omission of the name of the Michigan Mineralogical Society on the pink sheet in our Directory listing of the Midwest 100%ers. They were among the first of our 100% clubs.

With 82 100% clubs the Midwest leads all of the other Federations in the number of 100%ers. Oklahoma of the Rocky Mountain Federation was the very first 100% state. Of course our only two Midwest clubs in Arkansas are 100% but which one of our Midwest states will be the first to have all clubs 100%? Several are approaching that goal so it may well be a tie.

Since our last article in the June Newsletter the following clubs have received their 100% certificates.

Lawrence County Rock Club
Niles-Buchanan R. & Min. Club
North Iowa Rock Club
Charles City Rock & Gem Soc.
Williston Rock & Min. Club
Fort Smith Rock Club
Cornbelt Lapidary Society
Ozark Earth Science Club
Kentucky Lake Rockhounds
Earth Science Club of Mo.
Chanute Gem & Min. Soc.
Dallas Co. Rock Club
Kettle Moraine Geol. Soc.
Cincinnati Mineral Soc.
Austin Gem Crafters
Ames Rock and Mineral Soc.
Cedar Valey Rock & Min. Soc.
Illinois Valley Rockhounds
Muskegon Co. R. & Min. Soc.
Jrs. of Mich. Gem & Min. Soc.
Badlands Sandhills E. Sc. Club
Lapeer Co. Gem & Min. Soc.

The Following Clubs have advanced their standing as follows: Central Illinois Rockhounds, 200%; Black Hawk Gem & Min. Club of Waterloo, 200%; East Ohio Lapidary Club, 300%; Tri-County R. & Min. of Michigan 200%; Chicago Rocks and Minerals 200%; Chicago Lapidary Society, 300%; Tri-State Gem & Min. of Dubuque, 200%; Independence Gem & Mineral 200%; Midwest Mineralogical Soc. of Dearborn, 200%; Peru Y.M.C.A. Club, 400%.

Congratulations to all of you and Many Thanks for your loyal support. Keep those Betty Crocker Coupons and your monthly collections on their way to us so that we will soon have several Midwest states that are 100%.

MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS - 1967
Reported by June Zeitner

The following clubs have received their Merit Award Certificates for 1967:

Bloomington Mineral Club (Minn.)
Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (Ill.)
Columbus Rock and Mineral Society (Ohio)
Lakeland Gem Club (Wis.)
Michigan Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, Mich.)
Michigan Mineralogical Society (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.)
Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society (Dearborn, Mich.)
Minnesota Mineral Club (St. Paul)

OUR ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT IN MICHIGAN

Richard Matych, assistant state Vice President of Michigan has every essential qualification to help new clubs.

He not only helped organize, but was also a charter member of the Muskegon County Rock and Mineral Association, Muskegon, Michigan. His stewardship included, Treasurer, Vice President, plus first editor of their Bulletin "The Prospector".

With the State Line Gem and Mineral Society, Tecumsh, Michigan he had much to do with launching this successful club - founder and first editor of their bulletin "Rock Trails", President twice.

Presently Dick is a member of an important AFMS committee, International Relations.

His hobby is "Thumbnails" and "Micromounts" which have earned him blue ribbons at several Federation shows.

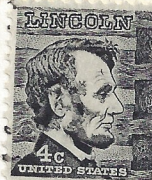
Best of all he likes to share his experiences by giving talks on subjects such as "Quartz Family Minerals", "Collecting, Cataloging, and Exhibiting Minerals", and "Lapidary Demonstrations".

Richard Matych lives at 2155 Greenview Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221. There are many clubs that wished he lived near them so they too could enjoy his fascinating programs.

BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF BUSINESS

George Bullock, who has so ably directed the MWF in Minnesota for the past several years had to resign. B. A. Dahlberg has had many years experience in many facets of our hobby. Therefore, MWF is indeed happy that he has accepted the position of your state Vice President.

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