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The purpose of the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and the lapidary arts, and to share lapidary knowledge and techniques. General meetings are usually held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at,

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S. 29th St.,
South Bend, IN.
Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



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Please note that all items for a given issue of the *Rockfinder* are due to the **Editor** no later than the 5th day of the previous month. This means that the due date for the March Issue will be February 5th. Advance items are appreciated. Material may be e-mailed to hefner_family@hotmail.com or submitted via the U.S. Mail.

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MGMS 2020 Slate of Officers

 by Jason Hefner, editor

Normally we start the new year with new club officers. That was delayed this year and the current officers have graciously agreed to hand in there until the January meeting. Below is the slate of officers for 2020. We will vote (Yes or No) and install the new officers at the January meeting.

President – Jason Hefner
Vice President – Josh Klosinski
Secretary – Diane Gram
Treasurer – Lyn Zeiger
Liaison – Holly Kraftor

If you would like to volunteer for 1 of these spots, please make sure you attend the meeting and make your voice heard.

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: January 26, 2020

Doors open 1:30 pm
Meeting starts at 2:00 pm

Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
29th & Wall
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

Program: Prep for Science Alive held at Notre Dame

Hospitality: Kathy said no one signed up for snacks. Let's impress her with the amount of snacks "no one" can bring!

Board of Directors

President: Bill Foreman
574-233-9178

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269-465-5814

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Treasurer:

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574-233-7352

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Lizzadro Museum Field Trip by Kathy Miller, past president

I was able to get in contact with the new Lizzadro Museum. They couldn't take visitors until this month. I have booked our group for going on Saturday, March 7th. Lizzadro is giving us a discount group rate if we have 50 or more folks. It will be \$7.00 per person, instead of \$10.

We are going to take a Bus and we will departure at 9:30am, getting us there at 12 pm (which is 11 am their time).

There will be a sign up at the January meeting.

If you have never been you need to see this collection! The Lizzadro Museum displays gemstone treasures, antiques to modern, with a blending of earth science exhibits including



[Images from the Lizzadro Website](#)

AFMS - Past President

by Doug True, AFMS Past President excerpted from [A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 72, Number 9 – December 2019](#)



It is hard to believe where the year has gone. It seems that our journey had just begun. As we traveled around the country, we met new friends and visited others that we have met before. What a great experience. We would like to thank everyone for welcoming us throughout the different federations and for showing us your beautiful states and sharing what is going on in your federation, or clubs. I would do it again in a minute.

It is important that we work hard to keep our hobby strong and vibrant, that means putting that extra effort in to our youth; it means working to keep open our public lands for collecting; it means sharing your time and knowledge to help advance our hobby.

I'm sure that my journey is not complete, just going in another direction. I am sure I will see many of you down the road in the future.

Thank you for a great year

Rock Hound of the Year

Steve Shimatzkim, Chair excerpted from [MWF News December 2019 - Issue No. 587](#)

The Rockhound of the Year is an award that a club may bestow upon a club member for a number of reasons. It's presented to a member who is or has been helpful or instrumental to the club, now or in the past. You may now be wondering HOW do you nominate someone for Rockhound of the Year" (ROTY)? There are a few guidelines that were handed down to me and I think they will serve us all well, so when your club has a nomination for ROTY, please send me the following information by email (Subject: MWF Rockhound of the Year) or regular mail so that we can process it properly:

1. The person's name.
2. Accomplishments that warrant the nomination. (How you would like it to read in the MWF News announcement.) Please try and limit it to 100-125 words or less.
3. Name, phone number, and address of where the award is to be sent, not necessarily the recipient if you plan to present it to the recipient at a club event. Send that information to me by email or U.S. mail. The mailing address is:

MWF Rockhound of the Year
c/o Stephen Shimatzki
4295 County Road 16
Woodville, OH 43469

My email address is sjs132@gmail.com, and my cell phone number is 567-868-8794. Feel free to call or text if that is easier for you..

Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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