

# DRYWASHER'S GAZETTE

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Next Meeting – Dec 3, 2022 @ Pinon Hills Community Center

## Mission and Code of Ethics

Valley Prospectors Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated

“To Promote Gold Prospecting as a healthy family activity.”

You're invited to be our guest at the General membership meetings that are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Elks Lodge at 2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, Ca.

The Board of Directors meeting will be at 5 pm before the General At the Elks Lodge. – Join in for Tasty Tuesday in their dining room.



## “A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION”

Remember that all prospectors may be judged by the example “You set.” Leave flora and fauna as you found it. “Do Not Destroy Any property, public or private!” “Obey all laws”. Please do not litter.

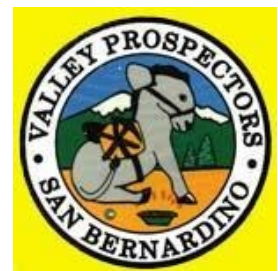
\*Each member of Valley Prospectors should strive to set a good example for others.\*

## Valley Prospectors Officers and Members-at-Large 2022

Executive Officers		Chairpersons			
President	Garry Devlin	951-768-0880	Apparel	Rosie Duysings	951-237-8051
Vice President	Tommy Purscelley	909-820-1898	Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Secretary	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535	Budget	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Treasurer	Lorraine Frost (Life Member)	760-868-6564	CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
			Courtesy	Susan Birrell Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
Board of Directors			Editor	Coreena Ross	530-274-1838
Susan Birrell	760-954-1915		Asst. Editor	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
John Bonson (Life Member)	909-794-4401		Finds/Month	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
Larry Kennedy	909-574-0863		Lady Luck	Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Bural La Rue (Life Member)	909-874-5664		50/50	Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090
Stu Luce	909-560-0474		Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Jill Molson	909-887-8024		Historian	Stu Luce	909-560-0474
Mike Muir	909-882-9052		Librarian	Mark Lash	909-239-6944
Albert Naki	909-733-6473		Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441		Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Diane Railsback	760-954-1915		Programs	Tommy Purscelley	909-820-1898
Bruce Sherman	951-780-7115		Refreshments	Michelle O'Brien	
Ernie Tovar	909-492-4479		Claims	Bob Dudley	480-225-5013
Alternates			Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Joe Chavez (1)	909-553-1722		Wagon Master	Varies by Outing	
Mark Lash (3)	909-792-4473				
Coreena Ross (2) (Life member)	530-274-1838				

## CLAIMS

**The 2 Burro's Placer Claims** 20 acres  
**Coolgardie Placer Claim Harvey's Oro Rico** 120 acres  
**Gold Venture & Pickett #3 Placer Claims,** 20 acres ea.  
**Hungry Man 1, 2, 3, 4 and Chunker Placer Claims** 550 total acres  
**Indian Gulch and Indian Flat Placer Claim** 60 acres  
**Jackass 1, Placer Claim** 160 acres  
**Miner's Folly Placer Claim** 60 acres  
**Moriah Placer Claim** 15 acres  
**Pickett #2 Placer Claim** 30 acres  
**(Cajon Pass) VP Summit Placer Claim** 60 acres



# Valley Prospectors Presidents Message

## December 2022 PREZ SAYS Garry Devlin

Just a few days ago I came back from my van to find out everyone had nominated me to be your President, and that was last December, and here we are again in December. I said no, no, no. but you all wouldn't let me go. Then again this year, unless you vote for someone else. I am here, because of the multitude that voted.

I look forward to our December get-together. This year I have made arrangements with the California Highway Patrol to hand out at their toy giveaway, Toys for Tots. One officer mentioned that diapers are needed more than anything else, but these guys were so thrilled that we were going to help out this year. So don't forget about bringing a toy along with some diapers, because I would love for the children to have a clean booty and something to play with if I were a child. Come to the Christmas Party even if you can't bring anything. This is Valley Prospectors celebration.

Before I forget, our calendar planning meeting will be held in Colton, Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building at 250 East Laurel Street. It is on the corner of La Cadena and Laurel. It will be held in the Cultural Hall (Basketball court) inside the building. Food will be provided like in the past. 11:00 a.m. is the social hour, and lunch is at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will begin after eating lunch., The audit of the financial books will also take place. The 2023 budget will be developed also. (that will include a slush fund, for the President?) he, he, he.

Also this year: please come prepared with ideas and solutions so that we can have a more productive meeting ahead of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Legend of St. Nicholas: The Real Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas was believed to be the first Santa Claus: he was born in 280 A.D. In a little town in Turkey Myra was next to Patara where most claim he was born. It is said he gave away most of the wealth that he had inherited. It was said he had traveled the whole country helping all that was poor and in need. Also sick. He saved three sisters from being sold into slavery by their own father and gave them a dowry so that they could be married.

Over time he became well-known as the protector of children and sailors. His feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, December 6, and is considered a lucky day to make large purchases or get married.

So don't forget to set out the cookies and milk for dear old Santa Claus, the Man in Red.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays, for all of the rest of the year and I include everyone.

President Garry Devlin

## **Valley Prospectors November 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Garry Devlin. Fourteen board members were present, with 5 absences. The November board minutes as printed in the Newsletter were accepted. Lorraine provided the treasurer report as well as a report on membership and the Revendzvous budget versus actual income and expenditures. Coreena asked for all articles for the Gazette to be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Susan provided details on the upcoming VP Christmas party. Garry indicated that any toys donated would be given to the Highway Patrol for the Toys for Tots campaign. Rosie brought club apparel for purchase. Lorraine and Steve provided more details on the success of Rendezvous 2022. Bural shared information on the 2023 CFMS show to be held in Lodi, CA. Steve made a motion to donate \$250 to the CFMS Endowment Fund. Pat outlined how these funds support the CFMS operations. Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed and will be forwarded to the general membership for approval before any expenditure is authorized. Blood Drive donations were made by Susan, Gene, Judy and Art this past month. Both Lady Luck and Finds of the Month programs are available tonight. Garry shared that the 2023 planning VP Board meeting would be held Saturday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Colton. The board meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. Submitted by Steve Schubert

## **Valley Prospectors November 1, 2022, General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm. Garry led the Pledge of Allegiance. He shared a story about how California was the 31<sup>st</sup> state of the union and that 31 people were in attendance. Courtesy welcomed guests and shared details on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Christmas Party. Members were asked to consider donated gifts for older children as well. It was noted that the minutes of the last general meeting in November should reflect that Joe Chavez won the 50/50, not Joe Dixon. The minutes were accepted as revised. Lorraine gave the treasurer report with a more detailed report on the income and expenses related to Rendezvous 2022. The upcoming event was outlined, Coolgardie on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both 50/50 and Lady Luck were available, there was no special raffle tonight. Refreshments were provided and Lorraine shared that 2 membership renewals had been received at the October Rendezvous. Lorraine and Mary gave an update on the success of the Rendezvous. Mary shared the names of all the helpers and thanks to all the clubs and members who joined that weekend. Thanks to Horst, Everett, Joe, Stacey, Lorraine, Gene, Rafina, Dwayne, Steve, and Mary for setting up the area. Bural gave out the awards for past Finds of the Month winners: Ernie, Susan, and Joe. The editor requested any article by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve made a motion to donate \$250 to the CFMS Endowment Fund, seconded by Art. The motion was discussed and passed by the general membership present. The CFMS 2023 show is scheduled to be held in Lodi, CA, June 23-25, 2023. Randy Lund provided information on his Find of the Month. After the refreshment break, Officer and Board member nominations were reopened. The updated slate of officers and members-at-large will be mailed to all members. Ballots need to be returned no later than Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Garry provided information on the January planning Board meeting at 11 am. The Door prize was won by Stacey Dixon, Badge by Mark Lash. Finds of the month winners were Treasure 1<sup>st</sup> place, Joe Dixon, and 2<sup>nd</sup> was Joe Chavez. Metal Detecting winners were 1<sup>st</sup>, Ernie Tovar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Teeling, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Chavez. Mark Lash won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. Submitted by Steve Schubert

## **December Birthday Wishes**

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all of our December birthday revelers. Know that your fellow club members are wishing you a wonderful year ahead.

## Valley Prospectors Christmas Party – Dec 3, 2022

Hello, Fellow Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino!

Just a reminder for our Christmas-Holiday party this year. We are requiring a \$5.00 deposit to attend the party this year and in return, you will get \$10.00 of Lady Luck tickets when you attend. We REALLY need a head count and would like to know what you plan on bringing to the potluck dinner. The \$5.00 will allow us to plan how many folks will be there AND not to overbuy dinnerware supplies and set up.

If you plan on bringing a non-member, they will pay \$5.00 and get \$5.00 worth of tickets. WE REALLY NEED A COMMITMENT FROM YOU.

**The deadline for your RSVP is November 18.**

You can send cash or a check to S. Birrell POB 2828 Big Bear City, CA 92314 Please tell us how many adults will be attending, and what each person is bringing. If you need to use a charge card contact Lorraine Frost.

We are using the \$5.00 as the RSVP. So no money, no RSVP. We have had too many folks just not show up when they say they are coming and it gets expensive for the club to plan for no-shows. Thank you for understanding.

If you RSVP, Paid at the meeting, AND told us what you are bringing...you are already accounted for.

We have Ham, Turkey, and Stuffing already spoken for as well as Pies. Please plan on something other than those things.

VP Christmas Party – Dec 3, 2022 - 11 am – 2 pm – Piñon Hills Community Center, Off Highway 138 – 10433 Mountain Road, Piñon Hills, CA

**We are also collecting toys for Toys for Tots. Bring an unwrapped toy or gift for a special person.**

VP Courtesy Chairs

### **Blood Bank News – Lstream.org**

Donating blood is very important to people who are in accidents whether it be a car accident, a hiking accident, or even surgery. Let's help increase the number of Southern California donors - mention "MVP" as our group so you can be counted. Check out the local donation centers at <https://www.lstream.org/>. The need is constant, the process is simple, and the results are priceless. Valley Prospectors - Supporting our Community one donation at a time.

**Thank you to Susan, Judy, Gene, and Art for their recent donations.**

Lorraine Frost, Blood Bank Chairperson (760) 868-6564 <mailto:LFrost35@gmail.com>

## Valley Prospector Membership Renewal

### 2023 Dues should be paid no later than January 31, 2023

Don't forget to renew your VP membership, \$40, by January 31, 2023. Every member should have received a notification along with their 2023 Election Ballot. The ballots should be mailed no later than November 30, 2022, or bring them to the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party to be counted. The election results will be announced at the Christmas Party. I think I got the PayPal button fixed on the membership page. If it does not transfer you to the PayPal payment page, let me know ([valleyprospectors49@gmail.com](mailto:valleyprospectors49@gmail.com)). You can use PayPal, Zelle, or send a check.

Details on the website - [Membership Renewal – Valley Prospectors](#)

### Valley Prospector Rendezvous 2022 was a Big Success

Thank you to all who helped and came out to Rendezvous 2022. We had over 60 attendees, the porta potties were awesome (they were lost for a while, but Steve came to the rescue), and all of the other clubs who joined us had a great time. A **Big Thank You** to First Class Miners (FCM), they have been our close partners for many years and the Gold Panning Contest was a nail-biter. West Coasters and Hi-Desert Diggers were a new addition, and I think they enjoyed their time as well. Susan Birrell did an awesome job for Miner Minors with her Sniffer bottle, poke bag, and late-night rock talk. It was illuminating. Thanks also to Kent Bryant for setting up the kid's metal-detecting event. It was a great learning experience for each of them and they were all winners in the long run. Evan was the big winner of a metal detector.



#### Event Winners

VP Metal Detecting Hunt – Jon Carlson – Garrett ATX Metal Detector, Ralph Crowther – 1/10 oz Liberty Gold Coin, Lisa Cox – Garrett Pin Pointer Pro

FCM Gold Panning Contest – Greg Herring – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (18.65 sec), Kent Bryant – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (20.18 sec), Ernie Tovar – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (21.85 sec)



Trash Hunt-Ralph Crowther - \$10 Gold Bag

Lady Luck – Terry Waldron – Sluice, Susan Birrell – 1881 Silver Morgan Dollar, Mike Dunkerley – 1882 Silver Morgan Dollar, Rosie Duysings – E-Z Sluice

Chili Cookoff Winners – Diane Drake – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Terry Waldron – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Shawn O’Riley – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.



Jon Carlson did another awesome job of capturing the events. Check out the YouTube video he produced - [\(2451\) The Valley Prospectors Joint Gold Prospectors Rendezvous at Ord Mountain, CA on 10-22-2022 - YouTube](#)



## Prospectors getting ready for Rendezvous 2023

Planning for 2023 will begin soon. If you have some suggestions, just let Lorraine know. We will need more volunteers to help plan some of the events. Think about how you can help next year.