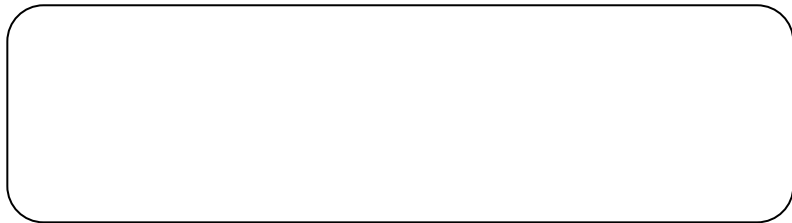


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Next Meeting – Jan 3, 2023, @ San Bernardino Elks Lodge
2055 Elks Dr, San Bernardino, CA

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 Christmas Party & 2022 Honorees



2022 Treasurer of the Year
Susan Birrell



2022 Man of the Year
2022 Prospector of the Year
Joe Dixon



2022 Woman of the Year
Stacey Dixon

We had a great crowd at the annual Valley Prospectors Christmas Party on December 3rd. Thank you to Susan, Diane, Dwayne, Rufina, Calvin, and Lorraine for the setup of the event. The tables were beautifully decorated creating a welcoming setting to gather in the holiday spirit. The main dishes, turkey and ham, were delicious. There were some great sides along with the desserts. Everyone outdid themselves. Garry and Lorraine handed out the year-end awards to the outgoing officers, board members, and committee chairs. We also recognized the winners of the Finds of the Month - 2022 Prospector of the year – Joe Dixon and 2022 Treasurer of the Year – Susan Birrell. As a special tribute to all their work throughout the year, Joe and Stacey Dixon were recognized as 2022 Man and 2022 Women of the year respectively.

The collection of Toys for Tots will delight the many children who receive them. Thank you to the members for being so generous.

***Wishing you all a Merry
Christmas, Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year.***



***Look out 2023, Valley
Prospectors are ready to
find more gold and
treasures.***

Valley Prospectors Presidents Message January 2023 PREZ SAYS

January 3, 2023, At the Elks Lodge, we will be holding our first meeting of the year. I want to Thank each of you for giving your support for myself and all the other officers that you elected for the 2023 year. It was awesome, if you did not attend the October meeting when we nominated, and all positions were filled that month. November, we opened up nominations again to keep with the Valley Prospectors by-laws.

Our December our appreciation dinner was well attended, and the food was outstanding. Enough to feed our total membership. I was able to take all the toys, gift cards, and baby diapers over to the California Highway Patrol office. Officer Ivan Sandoval the Public Information Officer and the other two officers were elated to have their tree with toys under it. You would think they just woke up on Christmas Day. They said they couldn't wait to see the faces of all the children. It's all about the Kid. and they thanked our Organization for thinking about the Highway Patrol Toys for Tots program and all that we do.



At this time, I like to thank all of our officers that served the 2022 year, for some it was a tough year, all around, your service has been noticed and was appreciated and we lost a few of our Members this year, please bring your thoughts about how we want to make our year ahead of us the best ever.

There will be a Planning Meeting for all Officers on January 7, 2023. The time of the meeting is 11:00 a.m. For all others, please let me know if you want to come so there will be enough food.

On January 7, 2023, we will audit our books, plan out our calendar for the year. The location of the meeting will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building in Colton, 250 E. Laurel Ave. Colton, CA. 92324. La Cadena Dr. and Laurel where the two streets come to a point, the building is in the middle of the point between the two streets. There will be a light lunch of Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Fritos.

I picked this location to keep the driving distance down, and a plus for our members, the sidewalk is close to the building.

And the most importance message to all our members is Happy New Year, and may this year be the best and most rewarding year in our lives and at our claims.

Garry Devlin
President 2023



January
Happy
BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all of our January revelers. Your fellow club members wish you a wonderful year filled with discovery and adventure.

Introducing 2023 Board & Committee Members

We are proud to introduce VP's team of newly elected officers and dedicated committee volunteers for the new year.



2023 Board of Directors

Executive Officers

President

Garry Devlin	951-768-0880
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Vice President

Susan Birrell	760-954-1915
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Secretary

Diane Railsback	760-954-1915
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Treasurer

Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
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Board of Directors

Joe Chavez	909-553-1722
Stacey Dixon	909-272-4144
Art Duysings	951-237-8051
Rosie Duysings	951-237-8051
Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090
Dwayne Lowrey	909-854-3867
Albert Naki	909-733-6473
Katherine Naki	909-733-6441
Coreena Ross	530-274-1838
Mike Ryan	909-210-0855
Mindy Ryan	909-210-0855
Ernie Tovar	909-492-4479

Alternates

Randy Lunn (1)	949-212-9292
John Bonson (2)	909-794-4401
John Howell (3)	951-247-1037

Chairpersons

Apparel	Rosie Duysings	951-237-8051
Blood Bank	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Budget	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
CFMS	Bural LaRue	909-874-5664
Courtesy	Sherry Livingston	909-875-2090
Co-Editor	Michelle O'Brien	310-975-4131
Co-Editor	Coreena Ross	530-274-1838
Finds/Month	Everett Miller	909-557-3061
Lady Luck	Stacey Dixon	909-272-4144
50/50	Sherri Livingston	909-875-2090
Gold Sales	Art Fairchild	951-897-5433
Historian	Stu Luce	909-560-0474
Librarian	Mark Lash	909-239-6944
Membership	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Name Tags	Andrea Frost	760-868-6564
Programs	Susan Birrell	760-954-1915
Refreshments		
Claims	Lorraine Frost	760-868-6564
Show & School Rep.	Steve Schubert	951-943-0535
Wagon Master	Varies by Outing	

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

2023 Membership Renewal Time

*Dues Need to be Paid No Later
than January 31, 2023*

It's that time of year again. Renewals are \$40 and need to be paid by January 31, 2023.

It's easy to quickly pay online with options like Zelle available. Just use the club's e-mail address and don't forget to add your name and membership number in the notes.

Zelle send payments to:
valleyprospectors49@gmail.com

You can also use the VP website online form to get an electronic invoice sent to your email. It's easy pay with PayPal from there.

For additional details, see the website - [Membership Renewal – Valley Prospectors](#)



Blood Bank News – Lstream.org

Donating blood is critical for people who experience traumatic events like car accidents, hiking accidents, or even surgery and need supplemental blood infusions. 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.

Every Drop Counts.

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

Courtesy Report

Lifetime member Dale Ross is having carpal tunnel surgery in December. He is also having a plate removed from his wrist. Get well soon and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Valley Prospectors December 2022 - General Meeting Minutes

Valley Prospectors members gathered on December 3, 2022, to celebrate the end of the year and the holidays at the Pinon Hills Community Center. President Garry Devlin called the December general meeting to order at 11:05 am. After the potluck and recognition of the 2022 officers, members-at-large, and committee chairs, the results of the elections were announced. Congratulations to our 2022 Prospector of the year – Joe Dixon, 2022 Treasurer of the Year – Susan Birrell, 2022 Man of the Year – Joe Dixon, and 2022 Woman of the Year – Stacey Dixon. A special tribute was given on the passing of Larry Kennedy. The outgoing officers for 2022 were President – Garry Devlin, Vice-President – Tommy Purscelley, Secretary – Steve Schubert, and Treasurer – Lorraine Frost.

The newly elected officers and board for 2023 are as follows: Garry Devlin, President; Susan Birrell, Vice President; Diane Railsback, Secretary; Lorraine Frost, Treasurer. The members-at-large elected are Joe Chavez, Stacey Dixon, Art Duysings, Rosie Duysings, Sherry Livingston, Dwayne Lowrey, Albert Naki, Katherine Naki, Coreena Ross, Mike Ryan, Mindy Ryan, and Ernie Tovar. The three members-at-large alternates in order are Randy Lunn, 1st alternate; John Bonson, 2nd alternate; John Howell, 3rd alternate. Thank you to our counters, Joe C., Koa N., and Gary E. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.



Regional News

CFMS News

Regional Show Announced for June 23-25, 2023

CFMS announced that they will finally be holding a no-host show on June 23-25, 2023. The event will take place in Lodi, CA at the Grape Festival and Harvest Fair. A no-host show doesn't have a pool of CFMS club members to handle all the tasks involved with the general running of the event, so they are asking for local volunteers to assist with show tasks such as location set up, security, admissions, and demonstrations. The hope is for clubs to encounter potential new members. Additional details will be released in their future newsletters.

Summary of Article
Submitted to CFMS
by Pat LaRue
2023 Show Registrar

From AFMS

Lifetime Public Lands Pass for Veterans & Gold Star Families

Starting on Veterans Day (Nov. 11, 2022), veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and Gold Star Families can now obtain a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. More information is available here:

[DOI Press Release on Lifetime Passes](#)

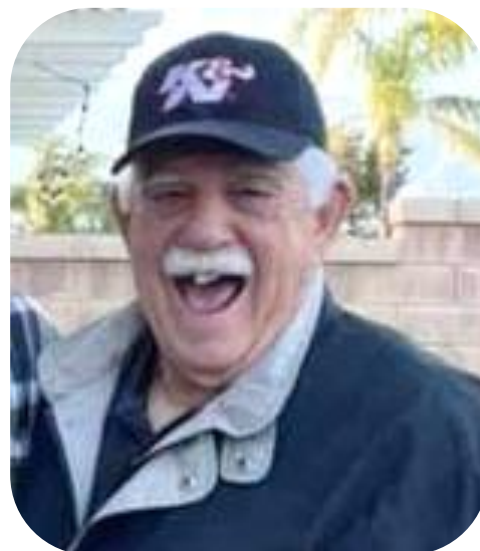
2022 Newsletter & Bulletin Contest

Winners of the newsletter contest were announced with entries from across the country categories include original articles & original poetry for both adults and for juniors under 12 years old.

The articles are submitted by club members with a passion to share history and knowledge for the benefit of the club.

***Valley Prospectors is looking for article submissions every month! We encourage members to reach out to the newsletter staff if you have any ideas or would like to submit material.*

In Memoriam Larry Kennedy



September 26, 1942- September 27, 2022

We lost a dear friend and Valley Prospector Member-at-Large last September. His wife, Kyle, reached out to us to give us the sad news. Lorraine will have his Celebration of Life card at the January 3, 2023, general meeting. Please take a moment to sign it for the family.

He so loved gold prospecting and Kyle will miss the many camping trips throughout the years. A small tribute for his contributions to the club was shared at the Valley Prospectors Christmas Party. Please keep Kyle and Larry's family in your prayers. We miss him already.

Lorraine Frost

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for more details on placing ads*



Under Construction

You May Have Noticed a New Look

The Drywasher's Gazette is Making Some Changes & Updates

Looking forward to 2023 and beyond the Newsletter Crew are working hard to improve the layout and add additional content to the Valley Prospector Monthly Newsletter. We will be reaching out to members to share memories of the history of the club and claim areas, knowledge of the local geology, and general tips for reading the landscape of Southern California gold country.

Here's wishing everyone a year full of being knee deep in rich pay dirt and digging under bright blue skies.

-The Newsletter Crew

Editors Michelle O'Brien & Coreena Ross

A Little Humor

Why is Dirt always a Villian? Because it plays Dirty!

-Evan O'Brien, Age 7

What's a Prospector's favorite food?

Nuggets

-Anonymous

Upcoming...

Next month, we will be releasing a calendar of events and outings for 2023.