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Southern California Mining Section

NEWSLETTER – December 2011

SME MEETING –CHRISTMAS DINNER! Tuesday December 13 @ 5:45 p.m.
Pomona Valley Mining Co Restaurant. 1777 Gillette Road Pomona, CA 91768
5:45 pm SOCIAL; 6:30 pm DINNER @ \$25(free to student members); 7:15 pm PROGRAM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

EMAIL SEPOR (lucy@sepor.com) or call (310) 830-6601

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PRESENTATION

The Christmas dinner will be held at the Pomona Valley Mining Co Restaurant at 1777 Gillette Road. Starting at 5:45pm will be the social followed by the dinner at 6:30pm. The program will start at 7:15. Please email Lucy@Sepcor.com for reservations. Dinner is \$25 per person, Students free!

An invitation to the event and description of the presentation by Lynn Gref is attached to the newsletter.
Note: RSVP is still open for additional guests.

Upcoming Field Trip:

Field Trip: Saturday January 28, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
Site: Current Boron Mine
Location: Borax visitor center, Boron, CA
<http://www.borax.com/visitorcenter-map.html>

GEM Program

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME), Inc. is an association organized to promote the education of its members and the public with respect to mining and the mineral sciences. Individual Members of the Society share a collective sense of responsibility to assure information and expertise in mining and minerals that are made available to benefit society. The SME Society, through its elected officers, may on occasion act on certain issues that affect the public health and safety on the mineral resources community, and establish policy positions consistent with results from a poll of its members. Because of the volume of proposals for legislation and governmental agency regulations each year, it is impractical and counterproductive for SME to attempt to address every public issue that has implications for mining and mineral sciences. The Society finds it more productive to review the merits of pending issues, prioritize in order of significance, and concentrate its efforts on those policies of greatest impact. Inherent in this policy is the Society's obligation to avoid issues that are not Society-wide, that speak only to narrow geographic, sectional or even divisional problems. In addition, SME encourages its Members to exercise their personal sense of responsibility and values in individually addressing current public issues involving the mineral resources community.

The National GEM Committee is to be the SME public education leader, assisting efforts to educate the public regarding the importance of mining and minerals to society. This effort is nationwide and interactive to ensure that successes in all regions become shared information and that programs are coordinated. The support and assistance provided by the GEM Committee will be unrestricted and will include cooperation with all stakeholders in the mining and mineral education process to help all concerned achieve their highest possible efficiency and effectiveness.

If you are interested in donating to the GEM program, please contact Owen Long @ owenlong@longnsons.com for more information.

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) The annual SME Local Section dues of \$15 for Professional & Registered Members for the current year 2011-2012 are due beginning in September. The dues can be paid at the meeting or by sending a check to our treasurer, Patricia Colville, whose address is listed on the following page.

(2) Space is available for business advertisers on the last page of our Newsletter at a cost of \$50 per column inch per year. Please contact Edward Harrison, Newsletter & Email Administrator, for details regarding insertion of your ad. The annual renewal cost for the business ads are due beginning in September should be forwarded to our Treasurer, Pat Colville, whose address is listed on the following page.

(3) Beginning in September, student memberships in SME (which cost \$31 per year) will be offered FREE to any full-time college student (undergraduate or graduate) majoring in Geology or mining related curriculum by our Southern California Mining Section. In order to qualify, interested students must attend an upcoming SME meeting at the Pomona Valley Mining Co. Restaurant and demonstrate a continuing interest in joining SME. Students will be required to complete a SME Student Membership Application and will receive full benefits as a Student Member of SME. Students are always welcome at our monthly meetings and field trips. The student cost for dinner at our regular meetings is \$10.

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