

# CRYSTAL LINES

Official Newsletter of the Peoria Academy of Science Geology Section for January 2008

Regular Meetings: 4th Tues. of the month 7 p.m. Next regular meeting - February 26, 2008

Location: Ameren Cilco Bldg. 8420 N. University, Peoria, IL

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**Dues (\$10 single- \$16 family) are now requested for 2008 membership**

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## Annual holiday party and Rock Bingo

A message from the president **Ted Mlotek**, It is going to be a great honor to serve as PAS Geology divisions president for 08. My rock houndedness started when I was a child. My grandfather was a science teacher and was active in his geology club in Michigan. Whenever he visited Peoria, he would research some place in the area to take us out to for a field trip. I have fond memories of him letting me pick rocks, from his overflowing stash, to cut in his slab saw. I remember the smell of the oil and waiting for what seemed like eternity for them to finish cutting. It was like waiting for Christmas morning to finally come. After he passed away I would occasionally go to the places we had collected and when the bug started to seriously itch as I got older, I remembered a rock shop he had found in Peoria on one of his visits and the husband and wife who ran it. I called upon the Tudors and began to bombard them with questions and buy equipment and supplies and over time, I found myself with a set of surrogate grandparents, friends and guides to replace the one I had lost. It took me awhile to join the club. I was gone from Peoria for 4 years to become a chiropractor and when I returned I began teaching Capoeira ( an afro-brazilian martial art) classes on the night the club met in addition to starting my practice. When my class schedule changed I joined the club and wished it wouldn't have taken me so long. The last 2 years, I have served as "Dick Cheney" (without shooting anyone in our club) under the wise leadership of Mary Bodell. I have also served as one of the many field trip coordinators. I look forward to serving our club over the next year with the help from our outstanding board elect; Georgia Hoggatt (VP), Kathy Travis (Secretary), Dave Fitch (Treasurer) and of course all of our motivated members and the many things you do to keep this running. We all make this club great and if there is anything I would like to accomplish this new year is get even more members enthused and involved.

Warm Regards, Wm. Ted Mlotek D.C.



On Jan. 22, the club held its annual holiday dinner and provided chicken as the main dish. Club members brought a variety of dishes to share.