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#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2022, the next new year for Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas. We are starting our 56<sup>th</sup> year as a club. We had our Christmas Party last month, a chance to relax, share a dinner, and talk. I thought the food was excellent, and despite the protest of one member that the icing on the Carrot Cake was store-bought rather than real so it had an inferior taste, I would disagree with that assessment. But just to be sure, I had a second piece and still found it had an excellent taste. But if the maker of that cake follows through with her threats to bring in a completely homemade carrot cake at a future meeting, I will not object!

After our meeting, we found out that the Garland Activities Building was going to be closed, renovated, and repurposed as office space. That means that it will not be available for our meetings. For the January meeting, we plan to meet at the Spring Creek BBQ, 270 N US 75-Central Expressway 1000, Richardson, TX. That is just north of the big Chase Bank Building. From the north take the Main Steet - Belt Line exit, follow the Uturn Lane to North Central Expressway to Spring Creek BBQ. From the south take the Main Steet - Belt Line exit, go through the light past the bank to the BBQ. From the east or west, turn northbound on Central Expressway to go north past the bank to Spring Creek BBQ.

We have some coupons for buy one dinner, get the same or lesser price dinner for free. Some of the coupons have passed their due date, but our experience is that they are honored anyway. We will meet at 7:00 PM in the lobby to pass out coupons, then join the line for some good food. After dinner, we need to discuss options for a temporary or full-time meeting place. DGMS has offered the free use of their training room as a temporary place. Other options may be meeting at a member's home, a community hospital, a library, a local college, a church, etc. All suggestions are welcome. We need to explore the options and decide how to proceed.

## **CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022**

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#### **Minutes**

There were no minutes from the December meeting. Instead, we had a potluck dinner. There was no business conducted at the December meeting. We will review the Treasures Report and past Minutes at the January meeting.

## **January 2022 Meeting**

The next club meeting will be on January 6, 2022. We will start at 7:00 PM. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START TIME! The meeting will be at the Spring Creek BBQ on Central Expressway (just north of Main Street/Belt Line Road in Richardson, TX. The next IGEM show is from January 21 to 23 at Market Hall (North Hall, smaller show).

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Meetings First Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM ????? ?????

Membership Single Adult: \$16.50, Junior: \$5.00, Family: \$27.50 (Plus badge fee for new members)

## PURPOSE

The Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is organized for charitable and educational purposes to promote interest in the various earth sciences, particularly those hobbies dealing with the art of cutting and polishing gemstones, the science of gems, minerals and metal crafts, as well as their related fields. Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is a Section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization

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Meetings: First Thursday of each month, usually at 7:30 PM, However, our next meeting will be **January 2**, **2022, starting at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson starting at 7:00 PM**