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Our January Chips and Chatter, like our August Chips and Chatter, is simply a meeting reminder. Our December meeting was our annual Christmas potluck dinner and Christmas party gift exchange. No official club business was transacted at the meeting.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 2026. We will start at 6:00 PM. We will meet at the Knights of Columbus, Council 6402 Hall, 3722 Cavalier Drive, Garland, TX 75042

For our presentation, we will be mining our breakfast cereal for Iron. Please bring about a cup of your favorite breakfast cereal in a quart-sized zip-lock or other sealable clear plastic bag. Just in case, the club will also provide a selection of breakfast cereals and extra quart-size plastic bags. You will need to crush your cereal into a fine powder. If you could bring in a rolling pin, a large spoon, or a blender to crush the cereal, that would be great. To separate the Iron from the cereal, you will need a strong magnet. The club will have at least 5 strong neodymium magnets; if you don't have one, you can use one of the club's. Be on time as the project will take about an hour, split into two 30-minute segments — one at the start of the meeting and another at the end of the meeting. We will conduct our business meeting between the two segments.

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PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB of DALLAS



Meetings

First Thursday of each month. Please check website, www.pogmc.org, for updates.

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 that involve the art of cutting and polishing gemstones, the science of gems, minerals, and metal crafts, and related fields. Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is a not-for-profit organization.

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