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Meeting Location:
(See Directions & Hyperlink)

Lakeview Club
Kaiser Building, 28th Floor
300 Lakeside Drive
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 271-4115

JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, January 12, 2000

AN OVERVIEW OF U.S. PUMICE MINE IN MONO COUNTY

by
John Miles, President
United States Pumice Company

This month's presentation features an exciting discussion on an operating mine in Nevada. We are pleased to have Mr. John Miles, President of United States Pumice Company, visit our section to discuss his company's mine. US Pumice Company mines block pumice from its mine in Mono County, Nevada. The mine, located in the Mono Craters area south of Mono Lake, has been operating for nearly 60 years. Mr. Miles will present a brief overview of the mine, including a history of the mine, current operations, and end use of the products.

Biography

John Miles is the president of the United States Pumice Company. He is past president of the California Mining Association (CMA) and of the Building Stone Institute. He currently serves on the executive committees of the CMA and the California Mineral Education Foundation. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Please note that this meeting will be held at our traditional location, the *Lakeview Club*, located in downtown Oakland. Please see the attached map (or HyperLink) for the location. Please call in your reservation to the SME voice mail at (415) 675-9930 by 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2000. SME gladly accepts personal checks or cash, but is not set up to handle credit cards. *We hope to see you there!*

Social Time / Cocktails	5:30 PM	Local Members	\$32.00
Dinner	6:30 PM	Nonmembers/Guests	\$35.00
US Pumice Presentation	7:00 PM	Students	\$13.00

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A Message from the Chairman

Happy New Year everyone! Let's hope this year will be a prosperous one for our entire industry.

Last month's meeting was a great success. We had one of our largest turnouts with over 40 people at the meeting. Ken Sutliff presented an exciting and informative speech on the modernization of Southern Peru Copper Corporation's operations in Ilo, Peru. We learned about the environmental goals of the project from its inception to its recent transition to its new owner, Grupo Mexico. Many thanks to Ken. We wish all the best to him and his entire project team.

This month's meeting will also be on a topic that several of our members should be interested in. We know many of you like to hear about modern-day operations at active mines. Thus, we are pleased to have Mr. John Miles discuss his company's operations at its pumice mine in Nevada. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Field Trip to U.S. Borax Mine, February 12-13, 2000

All SME members, friends and teachers, K-12, are invited to travel on a two-day field trip to the U.S. Borax Mine, Boron, California, by air conditioned bus. This is an educational field trip with emphasis on family participation and should be an exciting learning experience for all.

The transportation costs of this round-trip excursion are just \$25 for each participant. All meals and overnight lodging will be the responsibility of each individual.

Tentative plans are as follows:

Depart on February 12th at 8:00 AM from the Caltrain Station at 4th and Townsend in San Francisco. There will be an additional pick-up at the Kaiser Building, 300 Lakeside Drive in Oakland. Another stop will be made in Stockton, California to pick-up SME-Sierra Nevada Section members, friends, and teachers.

We should arrive in the late afternoon in Tehachapi, California for an overnight stay. Preliminary estimates for lodging are approximately \$53, with a queen bed and other amenities.

We plan to depart Tehachapi the next morning (Feb 13th) at 8:00 AM for Boron, California for a guided tour of the U.S. Borax Mine. During the tour, visitors will be allowed to take several mineral specimens home with them! U.S. Borax will provide all safety items such as hard hats and safety glasses.

We will then leave the mine by 12 noon and return to the Bay Area in the evening.

For planning purposes, a personal check or money order made to "Joe Hanzel" in the amount of \$25 must be received by February 7, 2000. Send your check to Joe Hanzel, P.O. Box 60765, Palo Alto, California 94306. For further information about the field trip, contact Joe Hanzel at (650) 604-0265.

Section Dinner Location, Lakeview Club, Oakland (510-271-4115)

Where is it?

A map of the Lakeview Club can be found at this Yahoo! Website. The club is located on the 28th floor of the Kaiser Building at 300 Lakeside Drive (near Lake Merritt), in downtown Oakland, 94612. The building's parking structure (which charges a fee) is located immediately adjacent to the Kaiser building.

Click here (or visit this website) for a Map:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/pmap.py?Pyt=Tmap&YY=2549&addr=300%20lakeside%20drive&city=Oakland&state=CA&slt=37.8093&sln=-122.2631&zip=94612&mag=7&cs=9>

How to Get to the Lakeview Club:

From San Jose (or the Oakland Airport):

- Travel North on I-880 to downtown Oakland;
- Take the Oak Street Exit towards Lakeside Drive;
- Turn Right onto Oak Street (travel north on Oak Street);
- Oak Street merges into Lakeside Drive (Lake Merritt will be on your right);
- Lakeside Drive becomes Lakeside Drive/Harrison Street;
- Turn Left onto 21st Street (the Kaiser Building and parking is immediately on your right).

From San Francisco:

- Travel East on the Bay Bridge;
- Take I-580 East;
- Take the Harrison Street / Oakland Avenue Exit;
- Keep Right at the Fork in the Ramp;
- Merge onto Harrison Street (travel south on Harrison Street);
- Turn Right onto 21st Street (the Kaiser Building and parking is immediately on your right).

From Walnut Creek:

- Take Hwy-24 West;
- Merge onto I- 580 East;
- Take the Harrison Street / Oakland Avenue Exit;
- Keep Right at the Fork in the Ramp;
- Merge onto Harrison Street (travel south on Harrison Street);
- Turn right onto 21st Street (the Kaiser Building and parking is immediately on your right).

Upcoming Program Speakers

Please make note of and plan for our upcoming programs. We encourage you to invite other SME members and (non-members too!) to these meetings!

Scheduled SME SF Section Programs, FY 1999-2000

Meeting Date	Speaker / Subject	Meeting Location
January 12, 2000 (Wednesday)	John Miles, U.S. Pumice / Mono County Pumice Mine	Lakeview Club, Oakland
February 9, 2000 (Wednesday)	Student Night Project Experiences of our Overseas Travel Award Winners	Lakeview Club, Oakland
March 8, 2000 (Wednesday)	Peter Kukielski, Compania Minera Antamina The Antamina Cu-Zn Project in Peru	Lakeview Club, Oakland
April 12, 2000 (Wednesday)	Presentation of the Bancroft Oral History Series for Mining	Lakeview Club, Oakland
May 10, 2000 (Wednesday)	TBA	Lakeview Club, Oakland

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