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THE CONGLOMERATE

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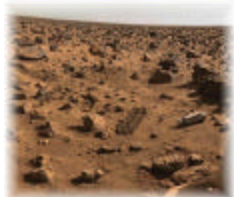
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This Meeting – December 18th

Chris Visco, a teacher of Earth Science, Astronomy and Advanced Placement Environmental Science in the Sachem School District, will speak on “the Geology of Mars”



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- Elaine Casani solicited volunteers for the show. From all indications, all slots were finally filled.
- Marty Besso reminded members to wear their Club shirts at the show.
- Marty Besso gave details of the Long Island Mineralogical and Geological Societies’ bus trip to the American Museum of Natural History. So far 24 members of LIMAGS have signed up. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting. Any attending member will receive a refund of \$10.00 for the trip when they board the bus.
- The Marty Besso led the group in polishing an amber specimen.

One-day Bus Trip to New York City

The LIMAGS are sponsoring a trip to the American Museum of Natural History on Saturday, January 13th to see the special gold exhibit. The cost will be \$42.00 (includes admission). Those interested must pay by December 19th. The bus will leave Riverhead at 8:00am, LIE Exit #63 at 8:30 pm, LIE Exit #53 at 8:45pm, and LIE Exit 49 at 9:00am

Last Meeting

- The slate of Officers for 2007 was presented:

President	- Martin Besso
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Secretary	- Nick Mercurio
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- Marty Besso reported that only 18 members had signed up so far for the Holiday Dinner and encouraged those attending the meeting to sign up as soon as possible since the Club needs a minimum of 35 people to attend.
- Marty Besso commented that the Club would spend \$200 for the purchase of items for the Silent and Chinese auctions.

Holiday Party

The event will be held at Papa Joe’s in Deer Park on Sunday, January 14, 2007 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The cost for members is \$13.00 (non-members \$26.00). A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the December meeting. Payment **MUST** be made to Roberta Besso by **December 19th**.



There will be both a silent and a Chinese auction. We would appreciate members submitting items to this activity. Call Marty Besso to volunteer any gem or mineral specimen.

Mark Your Calendars

January Meeting will be on the **22nd**.



February Meeting will be on the **26th**.

For Sale

After over 40 years of serving the needs of area rock hounds and naturalist, the Long Island and Lapidary Shop (aka Gemini Gems) in Bellmore will soon be closing its doors. Owners Rosalyn Katz and Mark Morgan feel it is time to retire. They are interested in entertaining bids for the entire business but will also consider offers for lots of inventory, which includes items from their former organization, the Long Island Natural History Museum. For further information, call Mark at (516) 785-6814 or e-mail LIRockShop@yahoo.com.

Science Open Nights



SUNY-SB holds free lectures on such topics as Astronomy, Physics, Ecology, Evolution, and Geology. Sessions are generally held each Friday evening during the month at the Earth and Space Sciences Building starting at 7:30 pm. Some lectures may be of interest to Club members.

On Friday, December 15th - David Krause will speak on "Digging Dinosaurs and Helping Children in Madagascar". For more information, go to: <http://life.bio.sunysb.edu/marinebio/livingworld/>.

On Friday, January 26th Gil Hanson will speak on "Environmental Threats to Long Island's Central Pine Barrens". For more information, go to: <http://pbisotopes.ess.sunysb.edu/openight/>.