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Happy New Year!!!

Our next Club Activity will be at the TRI-COUNTY Group Picnic on Sunday January 22 in TY Park in Hollywood at Pavilion 9 – food, friends, fun! Mark it on your calendar – bring a side dish (the Clubs provide turkey, ham, and sloppy Joes). Brunching & Munching starts around 11 AM, and there's a lot of Show-and-Tell plus Swap-and-Sell of minerals, gems, jewelry, supplies – all followed by a raffle and bingo. Take Sheridan Street West (Exit 21) off I-95. *We hope to see you there!*

•A special note - our club will have one or more tables there with items (specimens, tools, supplies, equipment - that are excess to our needs) for SILENT AUCTION - meaning all bids will be in writing on bid sheets on the tables. Bidding will open at 11:30 AM and will close promptly at Noon. Cash or checks only! All items must be removed by purchasers by end of Picnic. Check back on our website (www.miamigemandmineral.com) one week before the picnic for an inventory list.

Also, please note that WE WILL NOT HAVE A SECOND SATURDAY SHOW-AND-TELL EVENT at St. John Church in Miami Shores during January – due to the close proximity to the TRI-COUNTY PICNIC.

Club News –

- Just as reminder: Our upcoming membership year starts January 1, 2017. Single membership is \$15.00 per year - Family membership is \$20.00 per year. Dues are payable either by cash or check (made out to MMLG). You may pay the dues in person at our meetings & events or by mail to MMLG, P.O. Box 460206, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33346-0206.

What are the advantages of membership? Dues-paid members are entitled to a number of benefits:

- participation at all club activities
- discounts on publications and outside educational activities
- access to club library, displays, and collections
- accidental injury insurance on field trips and at club activities
- discount access to club sponsored classes and workshops
- special interest groups within the club
- access to club swaps, raffles, auctions, and vendor activities
- voting rights at club elections, meetings, and referendums
- co-ordination with other clubs, groups, or associations

- We are now part of AmazonSmile, a way to financially support the Guild through purchases at Amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to MMLG. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. The link below will take people directly to the special *smile.amazon.com* web page that supports the MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD INC. You may also want to bookmark the page in your computer to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

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