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## What's Rockin' at Rockhound for January/February 2017

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**JANUARY WEEDING WEDNESDAY**...Brrrr! Too cold....We'll start next month.

**JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING**...Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM at the Visitor Center...What's going on in the Floridas? Ibex hunter Cecil Haas will let us know.

**FEBRUARY WEEDING WEDNESDAY**...February 15<sup>th</sup>....9 AM in the Native Garden.

**FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING**...Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM...Friends' birthday (G. Washington's, too!) and annual election today...don't miss it...you may get nominated!

**Our annual Luminarias Night** at the park last month was magical...the weather was perfect, the Deming 4-H'ers got the candles lit in record time, Santa was a big hit (as well as the delicious biscochito cookies), and the Toys for Tots Marines went away with more than \$50 in donations and TWO boxes filled with toys! Many thanks to all who made the night a big success.

**2017: A Year of Change**...I don't know about you, but I am so very glad the year 2016 is well behind us. However, we do have an election on the horizon (Oh no! Another one?!) for our Friends of Rockhound group. As some of you know, our hard-working board secretary, **Veronika Barnes** and her husband, **Charles** are making the **move to Mesilla** this month. She will be stepping down from her position as secretary, as well as Music at Rockhound chairman. Her absence is going to leave a massive vacancy in this organization: therefore, our board has decided to put **the Music at Rockhound summer program on hiatus for 2017**. This is also due to the fact that during the spring and summer, there are already many music venues around the Deming area, such as the Friday night music program all summer long at the St. Clair Winery, as well as the Luna Rossa Winery/Totsie Slover sponsored Cowboy music events some Thursday evenings. Morgan Hall is also, once again, in the swing of things music-wise.

**It's going to be tough to fill Veronika's shoes! We are going to miss you, Miss V!**

**\*\*\* BESIDES A SECRETARY FOR FRIENDS, WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF:**

**A PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND PUBLICITY PERSON. \*\*\***

Please don't forget to go to our wonderful website for information about our club

[www.friendsofrochound.org/](http://www.friendsofrochound.org/)

We're on Facebook, too! Facebook/Friends of Rockhound State Park

*Here's to 2017!..... Gratefully, Sally Allen*