

## **FORMER TRONANS CLUB**

May 2018

2018 has come fast, hasn't it? It doesn't seem like two years since our last get-together. This year the Picnic will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. That's the second weekend in October. The Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Show will also be at that same time, so be sure to walk through and see some of our local artists and their presentations.

We would appreciate hearing from you whether or not you plan to attend. Let us know how you and your family are doing and be sure to verify your address, phone number and email address (if you have one). Thank you to all who made donations to cover our expenses last time!

### **TIME AND PLACE**

Our Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 AM at our usual meeting place, the Trona Elementary School (the Round School) on Athol Street.

### **FOOD**

Sack lunches (sandwich, chips, fruit cup, dessert) are available for \$10 each. Please include payment with your response as these lunches must be pre-ordered. Beverages will be provided by the club.

As some of you may have heard, the Trona Community Church had to close its doors but a pancake breakfast will still be offered by the same folks who always come through. Cost is \$6 and \$4 for kids under 12. A group is trying to raise funds to rehab it into a community center, so be sure to go by if you can.

Not sure about the Elks BBQ yet. See the Gem Show flyer for more information. Food is also available at the Trails Drive-in and at Esparza's Family Restaurant (old Theater) on Main Street, in addition to the food at the Gem Show

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

The Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society will be celebrating their 77<sup>th</sup> annual Gem-O-Rama on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Free Plant Tours by bus at 10:40, 11:45, 12:55, and 1:40 on Saturday only. For additional information, please refer to the flier included in this letter.

The museums of the Searles Valley Historical Society – Old Guest House, History House, and the Trona Railway, will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Fire Museum will only be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **LODGING**

Clarion Inn  
901 N. China Lake Blvd.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(760) 446-7910

Comfort Inn  
507 S. China Lake Blvd  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(760) 375-9731

Hampton Inn & Suites  
104 E. Sydnor Ave.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(760) 446-1968

Spring Hill Suites (Marriott)  
113 E. Sydnor Ave  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(800) 741-5072

Heritage Inn & Suites  
1050 N. Norma  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
(800) 843-0693

Best Western China Lake Inn  
400 S. China Lake Blvd  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
760 371-2300

Camping is available at Valley Wells for a nominal fee (only for the weekend).

This year we are not sending out the rosters, but they will be available at the picnic. For those of you who can't make it, please let us know if you would like us to mail one to you after the Picnic.

We're looking forward to seeing all our friends. Please let us know by returning the enclosed attendance form.

See you at the Picnic!

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