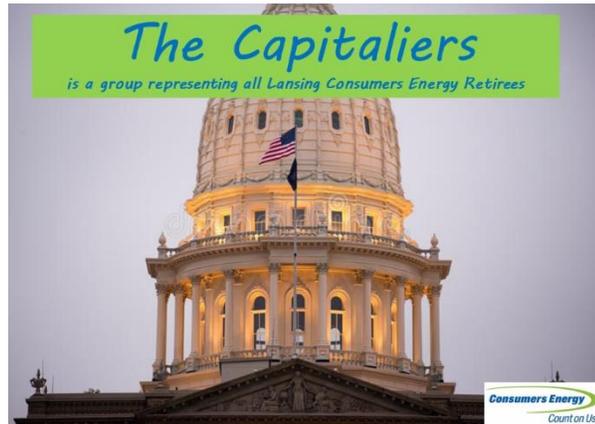


# THE CAPITALIERS

## LANSING CONSUMERS ENERGY RETIREES



### DATE:

06/14/23

### TIME:

11:00am-2:00pm

### LOCATION:

Tony M's 3420 S Creyts rd, Lansing  
48917

\$15.12 per meal includes tax/tip.

Options were Chicken Caesar salad  
or Club sandwich with fries or chips.

### BOARD

Mia Keefer-President, Cyndi  
Puffenberger-Vice President, Marilyn  
Burns-Treasurer, Sherry Sinko-Secretary,  
Amanda Brooks-Event Coordinator and  
Paula Thomas-Community Outreach

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from May 2023

### AGENDA

11-1130 Welcome, Order Lunch

1130, CPCU Updates

1130-1230 Lunch

1230-200 Capitaliers Updates

## BUDGET

Our current account has \$892.00 as of May 31.

CPCU deposits \$5.00 into our account for every attendee. Members do not have to belong to CPCU for this added benefit.

The cost to join Capitaliers is \$5.00 per person. Dues are good from 1/1 to 12/31 of each year, no matter when you join.

50/50 drawing was held. This month's winner was Anita Rios. \$42.50 went to the new Hope Rescue and \$42.50 to Anita. Congratulations.

## NEW BUSINESS

During Lunch Dave and Marie visited from CPCU to provide updates. Federal Reserve Meeting on 6/14. Anticipate a ¼ percent increase in interest rate. Lansing CPCU office is NOT closing, this is a rumor. A merger taking place. CPCU welcomes a Saginaw Credit Union to the family. After merge CPCU will be in the 140 million range. The merge is taking place at the end of the month. The system may be down July 1 to combine. We should see no changes to how we log in or access online. There are no changes to existing CPCU processes. Offices in Lansing, Battle Creek, Eaton Rapids and Saginaw. With the new merge comes two new offerings: Diamond Money Fund. This is a change for the better. Previously it was a minimum of \$5000, will now be \$2500. Also ACH on demand. Ability for members to go in their account and deposit sooner so you have access to your dollars if needed. There is a fee. This was something Saginaw offered so CPCU will now offer as an added benefit. New offering with CDS. CPCU is offering an 11-month CE at 5%APR. Minimum of \$1000 with a quarterly dividend. Dave is still contemplating retirement on 12/31/23.

Recognition of officers who have served the Capitaliers: Susan Garland-President, Clarence Hill-Vice President, Marilyn Burns-Treasurer, and acting Secretary, Larry Jones-Board of Directors. Each was presented a Thank You mug and some chocolates for their service to the Capitaliers.

New Officers were introduced: Mia Keefer-President, Cyndi Puffenberger-Vice President, Marilyn Burns-Treasurer, Sherry Sinko-Secretary, Amanda Brooks-Events Coordinator and Paula Thomas-Community Outreach.

Location updates: Cyndi did some checking on Jimmy's Pub. They have a side room, no charge for room. Will hold 45-50 people. Can order anything off the menu. Will look at this room as a potential for our September mering.

Helen Riendieu provided an update on behalf of the Forerunners. September 13 is the annual meeting at Cascades manor. Golf outing in Howell on 9/12. Scholarship submittal closed on June 16. Scholarships open to children and grandchildren of retirees. This year seven \$1000 and two \$800 scholarships are being awarded.

The officers met on June 6 at Panera to discuss the June agenda and to begin revising the Capitaliers bi-laws. Drafts of the bi-laws will be shared with the members once a draft is complete.

A new Facebook page (Lansing Capitaliers) has been created to help keep our members updated via social media. All the officers are administrators of the site and

can approve any requests to be added. In order to be added to the FB page you must be a CE retiree. The Capitaliers invite any member to bring a guest along to a monthly meeting, however they must be a retiree to join the FB page or become a Capitaliers member. Any retiree from Consumers Energy can join the Capitaliers and must pay the annual membership fee. The link to join the FB page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/capitaliers/>

Ideas for fall meetings: September: [Chris Thelen](#), author of Islands of Deceptions.

October: Employee Benefits, November, Fall Prevention and how to save ourselves or help others, December: Christmas Party

- Update: Mia sent a request to Chris Thelen in regards to attending the meeting, sharing his story and potential book signing. As of
- Cyndi: Checking on Office on Aging as a guest for Fall Prevention
- Update: Mia sent an email to employee benefits to attend October Meeting and they were on board to attend. **Latest Update Received on August 14: For this year, we are not able to meet with the retirees this fall. There are minimal changes to the plans and they will be communicated in the mailings that come out in October. We would like to plan to meet with the retirees in late spring, possibly May of 2024.**

#### • ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mark your calendar for upcoming fall meetings: September 19, October 11, November 14 and December 13. Locations are TBD
- Penny Furniss, 54 yrs of marriage
- Anita Rios Birthday and 41 yrs of marriage
- Spring Health replaces Guidance Resources. Retirees received a flyer in the mail to communicate the changes.

#### • COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- Amanda: Currently there is a wait list for Indian Trails and Dean Transportation. Some ideas for field trips include: Tiger Game, Casino, Lugnuts, Frankenmuth, Museums, Fox Theater, Michigan Historical Museum. May need some local trips for now. There is a driver shortage. Travel starts at \$1200
- Paula: Some ideas for future outreach include Angel Tree, Adopt a family. Various donated items to bring to meetings. Schools for tutoring. This month's 50/50 went to the New Hope Rescue in Charlotte.

#### RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

To help us get to know everyone better, each meeting we will recognize a retiree who is willing to share their story so that we all can get to know each other a little better. This month **Marilyn Burns** volunteered to kick it off.



Marilyn started in Battle Creek in 1968. She married her husband Bob and moved to Lansing. She celebrated 35 years with the company and retired in November 2003. Marilyn and Bob enjoy doing things together in their community. They have been heavily involved in the Williamston Jubilee Beer and Food tents. They belong to the Lions club and have helped do projects for 30+ years. They have been involved with the American Red Cross helping in the canteen area for about 20 years.

Our September Retiree Spotlight will be **Amanda Brooks**.

### ATTENDEES

Amanda Brooks, Anita Rios, Bob Spitzley, Clarence (Alice) Hill, Cyndi Puffenberger, Dale (Edna) Burgess, Dee Vaneste, Dennis (Margie) Thelen, Dolores Spitzley, Don Anderson, Donna Bowman, Frank Manning, Gladys Rademacher, Helen Riendeau, Karen/Ed Thelen, Kathy Wilson, Larry (Joyce) Jones, Lu Darr, Marilyn (Bob) Burns, Mia Keefer, Paula Thomas, Paulette Crippen, Penny Furniss, Ronald Wilson, Sandy Morris, Sharon Charron, Sue Gillies, Susan Garland, Tammy Lynn Baird.

If we missed someone, please let us know so we may correct our records.

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

We are off for the summer. We will see you September 19. Mark your calendar. We will update you on location once known. Be well. Be safe.

### SMILE! YOU ARE ON CAMERA



