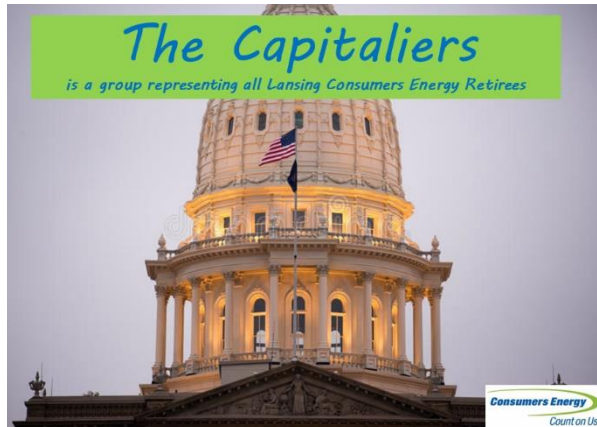


THE CAPITALIERS

LANSING CONSUMERS ENERGY RETIREES



DATE:

05/09/23

TIME:

11:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION:

Delhi Café, 4625 Willoughby Rd Holt

BOARD

Susan Garland-President, Clarence Hill-Vice President, Marilyn Burns-Treasurer and Acting Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from April 2023 Meeting

AGENDA

11-1130 Welcome, Order Lunch

1130-1230 Lunch

1230-200 Capitaliers Updates

BUDGET

\$160.00 was collected in dues at the meeting

50/50 was held. Dolares Spitzley won \$37.00, and \$37.00 went to the Capitaliers fund.

CPCU will gift \$5.00 for every member who attends the meeting. If you haven't notified Marilyn Burns that you are member, please do so. These dollars are automatically entered into the Capitaliers account at the credit union.

NEW BUSINESS

Revisited the meeting dates. Although a set date seems ideal it may limit us on those who can attend. It was decided at this meeting to test hosting the **next meeting on Wednesday June 14**, so future meetings will be **alternating the second Tuesday or Wednesday of each month**.

Historically the Capitaliers meet in the months of April, May, June, October, November and December and there is no meeting in September due to the annual event hosted by The Forerunners. There was discussion at today's meeting to add September. Will need to review this with the group for certainty at the next meeting.

No decision made yet on a permanent meeting location. Continue to look for a more centralized location or alternating locations to accommodate those members who live outside of the Lansing area. In April these locations were discussed: One North-West Side, Reno's East-East Lansing, Royal Scott-Northwest Lansing, Tony M's Southwest Lansing and Flap Jack-Dewitt. The location needs to include a private area for lunch/meeting. Enough to accommodate approximately 30, depending on future turn out and be able to provide a couple lunch options. As of today's meeting, awaiting a call back from Tony's Ms. Flapjack in Dewitt has a small room which may not be sizeable for a larger group. Dewitt VFW was discussed; however, they charge for the room and do not provide meals. For now, Delhi Café will be the next location for June unless we can secure another option.

This month's meal options were a Gyro with choice of fruit or fries or attendees could choose a Chef salad. The lunch was \$15.00 a person and includes drink and tip.

Helen Riendeau shared information regarding The Forerunners. She collected \$10.00 membership dues and provided an update on the scholarships. There are 7 \$1000 and 2 \$800 scholarships. Your membership secures an invitation for the annual September event which will be on Wednesday September 13. You are responsible for the price of your meal. To learn more about the company retirement groups, visit: www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement.

Currently working to create a Capitaliers Facebook page. This is taking longer to ensure a private group is created to avoid SPAM sales.

Mia Keefer will create a FB event for the June meeting.

Mia Keefer contacted Angie Bodell at CE. She is available to attend the June meeting to discuss insurance benefits, however the group decided waiting until the fall may be better suited, just before annual enrollment. Mia Keefer will reach out to Angie and secure.

An activity was held towards the end of the meeting to gather and collect ideas from our members on three categories of interest; types of speakers or special guests, activities and field trips, and organizations to support through volunteerism. These are the results for the board to consider as part of our planning efforts.

- Outings: Casino Trip-Mt Pleasant, Uncle John's Cider Mill, REO Museum, Michigan Attraction locations, Summit Picnic, Humane Society, Firekeepers, Shipshewana, Turkeyville Dinner Theater, Frankenmuth, Wine Tour, Winery, Tulip Festival, Biking Trails, Potter Park Zoo,
- Community Outreach: Food Bank or Pantry, Highway Clean up, Community Collections (Food, Blankets, Collars/Leash, Toys), Capital Area Community

Service, Themes at Capitalier meetings to collect for those in need (Food, Shoes, Parental needs, etc)

- Guest Speakers: Insurance discussions for Medicare and Aetna, Attorney General Office-Fraud discussion, Tri-county office on aging, Nutrition, Fall Prevention, Landscaping, Trails, Angie Bodell-CE Benefits, Linda Desorcie-CE Benefits, Blue Cross, YMCA,

Ideas/Suggestions from the April Meeting

- Themes for special guest speakers: AARP, Open Market Insurance, VIA Benefits, CE Benefits, Tri-County Office on Aging, Jan Mayhew (jamayhew@comcast.net), Financial Planner-Okemos
- Outside activities might include Exercise Class, Winery Trips

An election was held for new officers. The group made the decision to continue with voting for officer positions even though new board members were not identified. It was agreed the new officers will determine if there is a need for additional board members. The officers are also tasked with reviewing the Bi-laws and updating for future use. Ballots were handed out and voting took place for the following:

- President (Susan Garland, **Mia Keefer**)
- Vice President (**Cyndi Puffenberger**)
- Treasurer (**Marilyn Burns**, Paula Donaldson)
- Secretary (**Sherry Sinko**)
- Event Planning Chair (**Amanda Brooks**)
- Community Outreach Chair (**Paula Thomas**)

Those who are **bolded and in blue** were the newly elected officers.

Results were tabulated by Helen Riendeau, Jack VanderMaas and Mia Keefer.

• ANANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marilyn and Bob Burns celebrating 53 years of marriage.
- Rodney Russell celebrating a birthday on May 29
- Rodne and Elaine Russell celebrating a wedding anniversary on June 8

COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

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ATTENDEES

Donna Bowman, Ann Hutchinson, Linda Cremer, Karen Thelen, Bob & Marilyn Burns, Paula Thomas, Clarence & Alice Hill, Theresaa Stieve, Rosanne Peskey, Dale & Edna Burgess, Pamela Smith, Rodney & Elaine Russell, Cindy Beaufore, Cyndi Puffenberger, Paula Donaldson, Dawn Fonger, Sharon Charron, Sue Gillies, Amanda Brooks, Lu Darr, Penny Furniss, Denise Greene, Helen Riendeau, Ronald Wilson, Gladys Rademacher, Dolares and Bob Spitzley, Larry and Joyce Jones, Jack VanderMaas, and Mia Keefer.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesday, June 14, 11:00-2pm Delhi Café 4625 Willoughby Rd Holt

The June meeting will be held on Flag Day, we encourage everyone to wear **Red/White/Blue**.

Please RSVP to mmkeef@sbcglobal.net or accept the Face Book Event. This helps us prepare the restaurant for wait staff and lunch.

Next month: Group Picture

Pictures Compliments of **Paula Thomas**

