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March 3, 2025 meeting.

<u>Attendees:</u> Harry Redford, Tony and Tim Kolb, Jim Abram, Ralph Luft, Steven Marshall, Eddie Weaver, David Harvey, Tom Cooper, Dan Ternes, Richard Myers, Clark Gallagher,

Roger Morris, Sylvester Duran, John Gose, Tony and Linda Homolka

We were happy to see Dan Ternes arriving on his new knee. We wish him continued good recovery. Also happy to see Toni Kolb feeling better.



The new 50/50 raffle of \$2 netted a win of \$14 for Jim Abram today.

Tony reports that the treasury holds \$60.00.

We wish Tom and Ev Cooper a Happy Anniversary. On March 23rd, they will have their 40th! Best wished to them.





Tom also sent some information of the Palisades plant. I copied some of it from the Toledo Blade article:

Holtec Int'l owner of the dormant Palisades nuclear plant, committed itself at a news conference last week to try having the country's first pair of mini reactors, known as small modular reactors, or SMRs, operating on the complex sometime in 2030. SMRs are defined....as advanced reactors that produce 300 megawatts or less of electricity...."The addition of 600 megawatts of safe and reliable baseload energy would further add enough electricity to power some 600,000 homes and help meet future demand" stated Nick Culp, senior manager at Holtec.

Palisades was shuttered in May 2022. Holtec has been working with the NRC on a plan to restart it this fall. This "re-commissioning" has never been done before. The U.S. Department of Energy has committed \$1.52 billion in loan guarantees and 300 million in grants from the state of Michigan for the historic restart.

Holtec said it has partnered with Hyundai Engineering and Construction to build a.... fleet of SMR-300s across North America in the 2030s beginning with the Palisades plant.

The plant's restart could help ensure electric reliability in Michigan. The plant's restart is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by 4.47 million tons per year.

Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 7th at the Monroe Grill. See you then!

If you know any retirees from Whiting, please invite them to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Homolka