

THE CAPITALIERS

LANSING CONSUMERS ENERGY RETIREES



DATE:

11/14/23

TIME:

11:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION:

Jimmy's Pub, 16830 Chandler Rd,
East Lansing. Retirees order from
the regular meeting.

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 October
2023

AGENDA

11-11:30 Welcome

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15 Guests: CPCU and the Tri County Office on Aging, Christine Histed, Matter of
Balance

1:00: October Meeting Minutes, Treasurer Report, 50/50, December Holiday Party,
Retiree Spotlight, Community Outreach, Good News to Share

BUDGET

Our current account has \$ \$1393.73

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 Paula Thomas. \$ 26.00 was the split. Congratulations Paula.

NEW BUSINESS

While waiting for lunch we broke into teams and played Thanksgiving Trivia. 8 questions were answered. The winners were Amana, Roxy, Helen, Donna, and Dawn.

Terry Garrison was present to share CPCU updates. Terry will be the new CEO for CPCU beginning January. The Credit Union has an entry in the Lansing Electric Light Parade on November 17.

Christine Histed from the Tri County Office on Aging provided information on evidence-based programs that help with independence and quality of life. The programs are offered in Eaton, Ingham and Clinton counties. Some programs are offered online. Programs include Diabetes, Walk with Ease, two Caregiver programs that include Dementia and Powerful Tools. **Check out our FB page to see copies of the brochures left as resources. You can also locate multiple resources at TCOA.org**

This winter we will do a mass mailing to Lansing CE retirees to invite them to join us in person at our April meeting or to update email so they may receive meeting minutes.

Treasury Report was provided by Marilyn Burns, see the [Budget](#) section

Helen Riendeau provided a Forerunners update. The Forerunners is looking for suggestions for the 2024 annual meeting and golf outing. There is an increase for scholarship for next year. There will be 7 scholarships. Applications are available in January. Minimum of 2.5 GPA. Must be attending a college or trade school. Received feedback that current Forerunners newsletter was difficult to follow.

Amanda Brooks provided an update to the Holiday Party. The December Holiday party will be December 11 from 12-2p at Buddy's in Holt. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The Capitaliers fund will cover the difference. The group voted on an Italian Buffet for lunch. It includes a salad and beverage. There is a bar should someone want to get a cocktail or beer. This is not included in the price of lunch and the retiree is responsible for their own drink. The board will provide a dessert. date has been changed to December 11.

Paula Thomas provided an update on Community Outreach. Thank you to Paula and Sharon who supported the November 11 distribution of shoes to Veterans at the Footprints of Michigan event. 217 pairs of shoes were provided for our local Veterans.

To support Footprints of Michigan our Retirees brought in 47 pairs of shoes to donate. See picture below, provided by Paula Thomas to show just some of the shoes donated.

In anticipation of our Holiday party, we were able to select an Angel to support 45 residents at the Grace Haven Assisted Living in St Johns. If you were not able to obtain an Angel, please reach out to Paula Thomas to see how you can help. Items will be collected at the December Holiday Party.

Cards were left on the table asking retirees what they would like to see in 2024. Here are the responses: Theater or Concerts at Wharton, MSU Planetarium, Summer Picnic, Continue with Speakers at each meeting, another Casino trip-this time Firekeepers, Lunch on the Princess Boat, Update on Consumers Solar/Wind projects, a lunch date during the winter break for those who are not snow birds, meeting for lunch and playing cards.

Suggestions: Use microphone for all speakers. Makes it much easier to hear. Keep up the Excellent work!

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday: Larry Jones, November 1
- Birthday: Roxy Pesky, November 10
- Birthday: Marilyn Burns, November 26
- Jerry Nemeyer, former CE Coworker passed November 10

COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

See Above

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 **Clarence Hill** shared his story.

Clarence Hill also known as Chill, was born in 1941 in St. Ste Marie Michigan. He was almost born in a barn weighing in at 3 ½ pounds. He graduated from Brimley HS in 1961 with a graduating class of 36. He was drafted into the Army at 22 years old. Chill was part of the first All Helicopter Unit in the US. He went to Vietnam in 1965. He was part of a major battle called the Battle of Idrang which later became part of a book and a movie. The book is titled **We were soldiers once and young**. After Vietnam, Chill didn't want to live in the UP so he went to work for the State Hwy and helped build Hw 696. In July Chill started working at Consumers Energy. Chill work in gas and ended up working in Cathodic protection and worked for Roxanne Pesky. He retired in 2001 and in 2003 was diagnosed with ALS. He and his wife, Alice have also lead ALS support groups for 10+years.



Thank you, Clarence, for your service!

ATTENDEES

Amanda Brooks, Gladys Rademacher, Lu Darr, Bob and Marilyn Burns, Suzanne Wright, Larry and Joyce Jones, Helen Riendeau, Denise Green, Sharon Charron, Paula Donaldson, Donna Bowman, Dawn Fonger, Jacki Brown, Jenine Smith, Roxy Peskey, Karen Thelen, Dale and Edna Burgess, Clarence and Alice Hill, Paula Thomasa and Mia Keefer.

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

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Tentative Dates for 2024. Calendar invites will be placed on our FB page.

- April 16
- May 15
- June 11

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