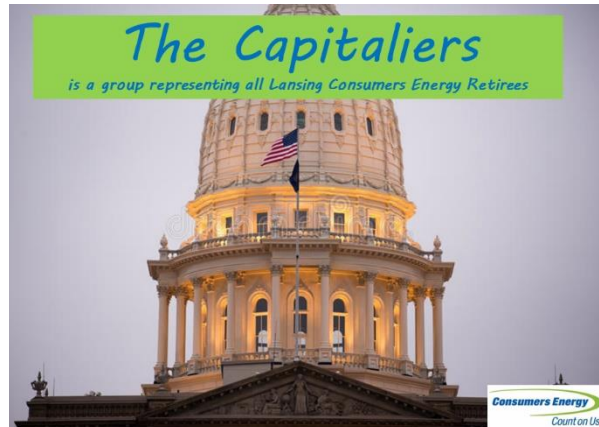


THE CAPITALIERS

LANSING CONSUMERS ENERGY RETIREES



DATE:

09/19/23

TIME:

11:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION:

Delhi Café, 2275 Willoughby Rd, Holt
\$15.00 per meal includes tax/tip.
Options were Club Croissant or Chef Salad.

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 June 2023

AGENDA

11-12:15 Welcome, Lunch

12:15 Robin Ross, The Davies Project

12:30 Chris Thelen and Island of Deceptions Book Signing

1:15: Capitaliers Updates: Budget Update, Retiree Spotlight, Any additional Updates

BUDGET

Our current account has \$1144.59 as of July 2023.

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 Suzanne Wright. \$28.27 was the split. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

Pam Riley Miklavcic, Founder and Robin Ross, Director of Development from the Davies Project shared information on how our retirees can become volunteers to drive children and expectants mothers to critical doctor appointments. Most transportation is to local hospitals and on occasion to Grand Rapids/Detroit. If anyone is interested in helping you can visit www.THEDAVIESPROJECT.ORG for further information. There is a 2023 Driving Change Breakfast on October 25, 2023 from 730-9 at the MSUFCU Headquarters Building 2 Community room, 3899 Coolidge Rd, East Lansing for anyone who would be interested in learning more. This meeting is to help raise funds for the project. Robin's phone is 517.214.3327

Chris Thelen, Community Services-Lansing Retiree shared his amazing story on how his journey to get his book published. The book was published in April and it is titled Islands of Deception. Chris retired in 2019. We had a great visit and we were able to purchase a signed book on site. His book can be found at the Lansing Barnes and Noble or on Amazon. <https://chrisgthelen.com/books/> Thanks Chris.

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

Updated retiree lists have been received. We will go through the lists and identify Lansing retirees. For those addresses where we have access to email, we will send a mass email. For those with no email address we will create a newsletter and mail a Newsletter. Some ideas: Contact Nora Bryzinski for a scrubbed retiree list. Marilyn Burns has envelopes. More to come.

Amanda Brooks discussed locations for the December Christmas party. The date is December 13. Location: TBD. We discussed using some of our budget to offset costs for each retiree. Spouses are invited to attend. Additional ideas included: Sponsor a family, a food drive. A white elephant auction-everyone brings a gift, decorate/wraps for the holiday and we hold an auction. Funds go to our retiree fund.

The board is meeting on October 6 to continue planning out 2023 and to work on creating an updated bi-laws document.

Helen Riendeau was enjoying an amazing Alaskan vacation in Alaska so we have no Forerunners update this month.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations Don Anderson. His granddaughter received a \$1000 Forerunners Building for the Future scholarship award.
- Amanda Brooks, 39 yrs. of marriage
- Mia Keefer, 33 yrs. of marriage
- Jenine Smith, birthday
- Cyndi Puffenberger, birthday
- Sandy Morris, birthday
- Suzanne Wright, birthday
- Sherry Sinko, Oct birthday

COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Amanda: Working on upcoming casino trips where we can carpool and caravan to Soaring Eagle or Firekeepers. Details will be provided as available.

Update: This is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, please reach out to Amanda for any questions.

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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 **Amanda Brooks** *shared her story*



Amanda started with the company in the Central Mail Remittance (CMR) center. She also served the company and our customers in Customer Service, Dispatch and IT. Amanda had 41 years with the company. Amanda recently celebrated her wedding Anniversary with her husband Ray. They have 5 children 28-38 yrs. of age, 13 grandchildren with 2 sets of twins. They have an RV and are involved in motorcycle racing.

We are looking for an October volunteer. Reach out to Mia Keefer if you are interested in sharing your story.

ATTENDEES

Paula Donaldson, Dawn Fonger, Pam Harke, Marilyn and Bob Burns, Sandy Morris, Frank Manning, Clarence and Alice Hill, Penny Wells, Sharon Charron, Amanda Brooks, Larry and Joyce Jones, Suzanne Wright, Sherry Sinko, Sue Phelps, Jenine Smith, Jacki Brown, Cyndi Puffenberger, Penny Furniss, Lu Darr, Donna Bowman, Chris Thelen and Mia Keefer.

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

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

October 11, 11a-2p, Jimmy's Pub East Lansing

- We are able to order directly from the menu, so there are no lunch specials.
- Don't forget to support your favorite sports team by wearing your favorite sports team gear!

November 14, 11a-2p, Jimmy's Pub East Lansing

December 13, Christmas Party, more details to come

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