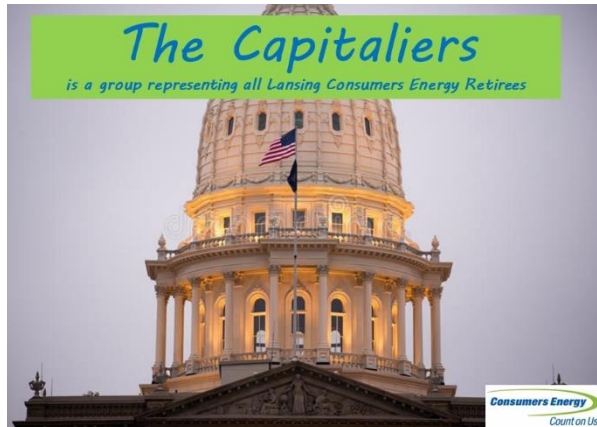


# THE CAPITALIERS

## LANSING CONSUMERS ENERGY RETIREES



### DATE:

04/16/24

### TIME:

11:00am-2:00pm

### LOCATION:

Reno's North, 16460 S Old US  
27Lansing, MI 48906

### 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

First meeting of 2024

### AGENDA

11-12:15 Welcome and Lunch

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15 CPCU

12:30 -2:00 What's in Store for 2024

- Treasurer Report and 50/50 Drawing
- Forerunners Update
- Outreach to retirees, 90-100 letters sent, 13 received back, 5 returned unopened
- May Meeting Location, June Meeting Location-Delta Twp Sharp Park
- Upcoming Events: Amanda Brooks
- Community Outreach: Paula Thomas
- Future Speaker: AARP Fraud and Scams
- Good News

## BUDGET

Our current account has \$ 1000.00 plus. Marilyn didn't have current report on hand.

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

We collected membership dues for Capitaliers and Forerunners. We will send a check to Forerunners for all the paid membership dues.

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: Chuck Rahall who donated his winnings back to the Capitaliers. Thank you Chuck!

The winner received/donated: \$30.00

## NEW BUSINESS

Terry Garrison and Blair Moore shared CPCU News. Annual Meeting is Apr 23. Will be supporting May 17-18 517 event. Check out recent focus on new/younger members vi CPCU FB page.

Over the winter break, letters were sent to over 100 Lansing Retirees using an existing list to promote the momentum with the Lansing Capitaliers. To date we have received responses back from 15 retirees who have shared their email and FB addresses. Three of those individuals attended our April Meeting. Welcome John and Glenda Sutfin and Chuck Rahall.

Forerunners: Mia attended April meeting.

- Annual Luncheon will be at University Club in East Lansing on September 11. May need support from Lansing Capitaliers. If you are interested, please let Mia know.
- Don Anderson and Frank Manning are looking for locations for the golf outing.
- Jacksonians invited the Lansing Capitaliers to join them in November at their Turkeyville outing. \$50.00 covers each dinner and show (Million Dollar Quarter). Please see Mia if interested.
- If you are a member of the Capitaliers, you must also become a member of the Forerunners which is the governing retiree group. If you are a member you qualify for the annual scholarships, should you have grandchild who is graduating high school and entering college or a trade school. This year there are 7 scholarships available.
  - \$1,000 Scholarship from **Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors in Jackson.**
  - \$1,000 Scholarship from **Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing**
  - \$1,000 Scholarship from **the Forerunners Annual Events**
  - \$1,000 Scholarship from the **Forerunners Building for the Future (3)**
  - \$1,000 Scholarship from the **Jacksonians.**
  - Recipients will be selected and notified in late July or early August.
  - Completed applications w/ required attachments must be postmarked no later than 06/14/24

Our community outreach this month was Capital Area Humane Society. Our group provided towels, blankets, food and pet essentials. Thank You Capitaliers!

Next month we hope to bring in an AARP Spokesperson to talk about technology with our group. Thank you, Frank, for also bringing us an idea for smart phone technology.

Our June meeting will be a Summer Picnic at Sharp Park in Delta Township. We will provide the burgers and dogs and fixings. We will have bottled water and paper products. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. The pavilion is covered in case of unfavorable weather. Should we experience severe weather we will reschedule. Keep your fingers crossed. More details to come at next month's meeting. We hope you will bring your significant other and join us for a relaxing and fun afternoon.

We had penciled in the idea to bring in a Consumers Energy HR person in May to talk about insurance/benefits however they declined indicating no changes in 2024. Pre Medicare retirees received a letter indicating that in 2025 they will enroll using Via Benefits, and BCBS will no longer will be an employee option.

Date was selected for our December Holiday Gathering. It will be on 12/17 at Buddies in Holt. Mark your calendar.

#### • **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Donna Bowman, Birthday
- Sue Gillies, Birthday
- Dawn Fonger, Wedding Anniversary
- Clarence/Alice Hill 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

- Next months Community Outreach will be Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Bring in any unused yard or pick up a skein at your local hobby store to donate for the RSVP group to knit and crochet hats, mittens, scarfs, blankets and baby hats for those in need.
- We will look at hosting a July Lugnuts Game during the week.
- Identifying a date/location for a Happy Hour Get Together

#### **RETIREE SPOTLIGHT**

*We will get back on track for this monthly feature in May!*

#### **ATTENDEES**

We had three new attendees this month: Glenda and John Sutfin and Chuck Rahall. Returning members were: Robert Spitzley, Gladys Rademacher, Karen Thelen, Cyndi Puffenberger, Sharon Charron, Shery Sinko, Paula Thomas, Roxanne Peskey, Lu Darr, Penny Furniss, Donna Bowman, Dawn Fonger, Sue Gillies, Larry Jones, Joyce Jones, Paula Donaldson, Frank Manning, Marilyn Burns, Bob Burns, Clarence Hill, Alice Hill, Amanda Brooks, Cindy Beaufore, 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.

- May 15, Jimmy's Pub, 16830 Chandler Rd East Lansing, MI 4882
- June 11, Sharp Park Pavilion, Delta Township 1401 Elmwood, Lansing MI 48917
- December 17, Christmas Party-Buddies in Holt

## SMILE! YOU ARE ON CAMERA



Dropping off items at the Humane Society

