

# **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

**Meeting of January 9th, 2013**

**At: The Maple Tree, McFarland WI**

**ARC President Doris Rusch called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.**

**61 paid members and guests were present.**

**The meal was \$13.00.**

**A moment of silence was observed for friends and family who have passed and for our troops who are serving in harm's way.**

**The minutes of the November meeting were read, and approved.**

## **Financial Report:**

**The opening balance for Savings was: \$1461.69 & for Checking was: \$6.21.**

**We collected \$424.00 from the raffle for Second Harvest. Thank you to all the people who donated items for sale.**

**We collected \$61.00 from the lunch proceeds. Dividend for December was \$.12.**

**We paid \$10.00 for COA dues to Ed Frank.**

**We paid \$140.00 to Dominick Mangardi for rental of picnic shelter plus deposit.**

**Closing balance for Savings is \$1222.69 & for Checking is \$156.21.**

## **Guests:**

**Terry Mace and Doug Fendry were guests who attended their first meeting.**

## **"Frank-n-Miller Report" :**

**Ed Frank lost his hearing in right ear. He had mostly good news for us. At the end of 5<sup>th</sup> year of the BIG loss of 2008. Final numbers were not in, but SWIB had no big change. Core will be up 13-13.5%. Variable up 14.7% in November and 16.9% in December.**

**ETF projected 13-15% up overall.**

**There should be 12-13% take back from those who get take back and 0-12% for new retirees. Final should be available by the end of January. Declaration at the end of February.**

**Gain should be 8% Variable and 12% Core.**

**DOW is up 7.26%, NASDAQ up 15.9% and S&P up 13.4%. Our checks will change 5/1/13. There have been 5 years of positive dividends.**

**Old Business:**

NRF is looking for Field Trip ideas and leaders. ARC retirees may have a special knowledge to share and a willingness to organize and lead a field trip. Some examples might be fly-fishing, orienteering, timber harvesting, mushroom diversity; or anything related to the natural world. There is more information on the ARC website, or you can call Christine Tanzer, 264-8548 or email [Christine.tanzer@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Christine.tanzer@wisconsin.gov).

New officers were voted in—John Hagman President

Sheree Vande Brink Vice President and Barb Wolf Secretary/Treasurer.

**New Business:**

Renewed Coalition of Annuitants dues of \$10.00 and voted Ed & Jim to continue as representatives.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon at The Maple Tree was voted to be changed to July 10<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday.

**Deaths and Illnesses:**

Lynne Bartels from the Women Retiree group passed away after a long battle with Leukemia.

Lyman Lang, Don Wegner, Chip Krohn and Mike Cunningham's wife also passed away. Check website for Obituaries.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:**

Gen Bancroft turned 82 and Ed Frank turned 80 and also had his 59 year wedding anniversary!

**Trips:**

Floyd Becraft went to Colorado to hunt pheasant & elk. He also went on an 8 day cruise on a river between Zurich, Switzerland and Germany.

Jim Leverance showed a nice picture of an elk shot with his bow in New Mexico.

**Jokes:**

Dean Tvedt and Jim Miller shared some really funny jokes.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 1:35 pm.