

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of September 3, 2014 held at Benvenuto's Italian Grill, Middleton.

ARC President Sheree Vande Brink called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

37 people were in attendance. For \$15.00, attendees had the choice of either a casserole style lasagna made with sausage, beef, cheese and marinara sauce, or a casserole style lasagna made with fresh spinach, mushrooms, Alfredo sauce, and cheese. Both were served with a slice of garlic bread and mixed green salad, and included coffee.

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 August minutes were read and approved. A few typos noted, corrections made.

Financial Report:

Paid \$518.00 to Benvenuto's for meals, tax and gratuity (out of cash collected at the door.)

Opening balance for Savings is \$223.19 and Checking is \$719.67
Dividend on Savings account September was \$.02.

Activity on Checking account:

DEPOSITS: \$22.00 proceeds from lunch.

EXPENDITURES: none

Closing balance on October 1 for Savings is \$223.21 and Checking is \$741.67.

"Frank-n-Miller Report:"

Ed Frank reported that the Dow and Nasdaq were up. He said the 5 year averaging is to our benefit. ETF says that if raw Core increase is around 7% that would translate to a 3% dividend, and even if it's 0%, you can expect 1-2%.

Old Business:

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the meeting venues. Feel free to add comments, we read them!

Women Retirees no longer hold their twice yearly luncheons so if you know someone who was part of that group, encourage them to join ARC.

Correspondence received from Natural Resources Foundation acknowledging the donation in memory of William Sayles.

Correspondence received from retired wildlife manager Sam A. Moore (via Dave Gjestson.) He is interested in hearing from friends and coworkers. Says that he's feeling great, does a lot of grouse hunting. If you would like to contact Sam: 11865 Leonard School Road, Apt. 1, Cable, WI 54821, 715-798-3522. (He doesn't have an e-mail address.)

New Business:

It was brought to our attention that sometimes members are reluctant to attend a meeting because the menu includes items they wouldn't be able to eat due to allergies or medical dietary restrictions, e.g., sodium, gluten content. If that is ever the case, please let us know in advance that you have special dietary needs and Linda Netzer can work with the restaurant to arrange an alternate meal. Restaurants are usually very accommodating.

We will have a presentation next month by John and Brenda Hagman with highlights of their trip to South America – Peru, Machu Picchu, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and more!

President Vande Brink asked about interest in having presentations from members who are involved in volunteer activities. Tell us about what you do, whether more volunteer workers are needed for the organization, what does it take to participate, etc. Group agreed that would be interesting. Barb Wolf will send around a template that people can use so the information conveyed is consistent. We can later post a "volunteer opportunities" list on the website.

Deaths and Illnesses:

Rose Scanlan is undergoing chemo treatments. She would be most happy to receive cards, letters or e-mails but asks that we hold our telephone calls for the time being. Her address is: 5700 Ambrosia Terrace, McFarland, WI 53558 and her e-mail address is rmscanlan@charter.net. Please keep Rose in your thoughts and prayers.

Please add Joanne Christensen to your thoughts and prayers. She has been battling inoperable lymphoma since January. After 6 treatments, they thought it was gone, but the cancer has metastasized and she is now undergoing radiation treatment. Cards can be sent to 123 Cell Court, Oregon, WI 53575 and her e-mail address is jobabe@litewire.net.

Jack J. Cychosz of Black River Falls passed away September 1. Jack was employed by the Wisconsin Conservation Department originally as a state trapper until promoted to Forest Ranger and then District Forest Ranger at Black River Falls. He retired in 1983 after 30 years with the State, then he worked part-time for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) giving him a total of 52 years of government service.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Lots of birthdays this month! Doug Fendry turns 57, John Hagman 62, Mike Lutz 63, Roy Lembcke 71, Gerry Dorsheid 77, Ron Poff 80.

Celebrated in September - Kermit and Beth Traska's 40th anniversary, and Doug and Mary Fendry's 33rd anniversary.

Congrats and best wishes to all!

Trips:

Tom Thoresen traveled west to Yosemite for a camping trip, and then to Sonoma County's wine country, leaving just before the earthquake hit northern California! He said the low water levels really impacted the waterfalls in Yosemite, and some roads were closed due to fire.

Cheryl Krull was in Iceland, very spectacular scenery.

Roy Lembcke was in Texas, attended the Badger Game, visited Austin and Galveston. August is not the time of year to be in Texas – way too hot and humid.

Linda Netzer just got back from Brooklyn (in New York, not Dane County) where she was visiting with her granddaughter.

Jokes:

Jim Miller, Roy Lembcke and Eric Thompson shared jokes, some groaners!

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.