

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of October 5, 2016 held at New Glarus Hotel, New Glarus

ARC Vice President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

54 people were in attendance. The cost of the meal was \$16.00 for plated weinerschnitzel and green beans, rosti and spatzlie served family style, along with house salad, rolls, beverages and ice cream. The cost included tax, gratuity and a contribution to ARC's treasury.

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 September minutes were read and approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

Opening balance on October 1 for Savings is \$223.69 and Checking is \$757.21.
Dividend on Savings account September is \$.02.

Activity on Checking account for October:

DEPOSITS: \$888.00 (includes proceeds from lunch, member dues and \$15 donations for memorials)
EXPENDITURES: Paid \$783 to New Glarus Hotel for meals, tax, gratuity; \$115 to Dominic Mangardi to reimburse him for the reservation at Lakeview Park for the 2017 picnic; \$40 to New Glarus Hotel for Holiday party gift cards; \$75 to Natural Resources Foundation as memorial for Carl Blabaum.

Closing balance on November 1 for Savings is \$223.71 and Checking is \$632.21.

Guests and New Members:

Chuck Pils introduced his guest, Bob Elkins, a retired veterinarian.

Recent retiree Mary Jane Ziegler was introduced by Ruth Ann Raftery. Mary Jane retired in July 2106 after 28 years of service. She worked first as an LTE and project position in Wastewater, and became a permanent employee in 1987 spending her last 11 years in Customer Service.

Sue Meyer attended her second meeting. She was introduced by Ruth Ann Raftery. Sue retired in June 2015 with 37 years of service, working 10 years in the mailroom and 27 years in Customer Service and Licensing!

Candy Schrank and Greg Matthews attended their second meeting as well, they were introduced at previous meetings. Vice President Steffes moved that Sue, Greg, and Candy be voted in as members and they were unanimously approved. Welcome!

"Frank-n-Miller Report:"

Open enrollment for health care a/k/a It's Your Choice, runs October 17 through November 11. Long Term Board on Aging can help you select the best plan, considering many factors like benefits, cost individual needs anticipated for services you desire, and whether or not you will use prescription drugs.

If you are on Medicare and have sick leave escrow, you must be enrolled in a state health care plan to use it. If no escrow, military insurance is an option, worth investigating.

Old Business:

New Business:

Second Harvest Foodbank listed ARC in their annual report. We were recognized for donating 4,074 meals. Remember to bring along a nice item for the holiday party raffle, proceeds from the raffle is where the majority of our donation comes from. The 2016 Share Your Holidays drive ends December 8 so we will get our donation in after the party.

The online sign-up for the Holiday Party will be active in late October. Rick Wojciak will send an announcement and flyers will be sent to those without e-mail.

Check the "what's new" section of ARC website for Pyrare Square photos. Have any good stories about working there? Email to Rick, he will post.

Legislative update:
none

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Jerry Dorscheid celebrates his 79th birthday this month.

Trips:

Brian and Mary Ann Buenzow spent a week in Alaska, visited Sitka. Tom and Kim Thoresen canoed on the Green River, near Moab. Said it was a great trip. Tom also said, closer to home, they visited Heidi Fest in New Glarus, one of 3 big annual Swiss events in this town. People come from all over, worth going!

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm, program followed.

If you missed the meeting, you missed Tim Eisele's very interesting presentation on Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling. Darling was born in Michigan and moved to Iowa as a youth. He attended Beloit College, but didn't stay long since his critical cartoons, published in the school newspaper, drew the ire of the administration. He had a career as a reporter and political cartoonist for several newspapers, among them the New York Herald Tribune and Des Moines Register, receiving a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning while with the Register. His conservation cartoons brought him to the attention of President Franklin Roosevelt, and eventually Darling (he signed his art work with the abbreviation "D'ing" and the name stuck) was appointed head of the agency that was the forerunner of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Darling understood the importance of habitat protection and sketched the first duck stamp as a means of raising funds for the strapped agency. He was very forward thinking on matters of conservation.

Tim has done considerable research and unearthed many of Darling's cartoons which he included in his presentation. Thanks to Tim for an informative talk.