

Association of Retired Conservationists December 2017

A brief meeting was held at the Holiday Party, December 6, 2017 at Rex's Innkeeper. 117 members and guests enjoyed a meal of roast chicken, roast sliced prime rib, macaroni salad, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and fruit salad. Cost of the meal including gratuity and \$2 for Treasury was \$19.00.

Ed Frank gave a report on the current state of the pension fund. There was a rally in stocks after the November election and retirees may see an increase. It won't be a big percentage, Ed cautioned, but at least it's not a take away!

We are looking for candidates to take over the Board positions in January. Please consider volunteering for a one year stint! The Board is happy to talk with you about the various duties.

Attending his first meeting, retiree Robert Rolley.

The 2018 meeting schedule is available at the registration table and on the ARC website. The Second Harvest Foodbank fundraising raffle was great success, with many quality items on display that drove up the ticket sales. A total of \$881.00 was given to Second Harvest. This amount came from raffle ticket sales and direct contributions of \$95 were also donated. The ARC check was dropped off at Alliant Energy Center on December 6 during NBC 15's "Share Your Holidays" event.

Several of the venues where we hold our monthly meetings at gave us a good deal on the gift cards we purchased to be used as door prizes. Thanks to Imperial Garden, Rex's Innkeeper, Maple Tree Supper Club, and New Glarus Hotel.

Again, there were many nice donations - a night's lodging (including breakfast and dinner credit) at Chalet Landhaus and gift certificates. bottles of spirits, holiday decorations, jewelry, and lots of homemade, canned or gathered treats like walnut pie, baked goods, maple syrup, canned sauerkraut, a framed wildlife photo and quilted holiday table runners to name just a few of the "priceless" items. ARC minutes November 2017

Thanks to the following individuals who donated items for the Second Harvest Foodbank raffle: Janet Kernan, Nancy Diebold, Kurt Welke. If your name is not mentioned please let us know so we can add you to our permanent record.