

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

Meeting of June 6, 2018 held at Nitty Gritty, 1021 N. Gammon Road, Madison

ARC President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm.

45 people were in attendance. There were 4 luncheon items offered (# ordered): Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap (5), Grilled Salmon Fillet Sandwich (21), Gritty Burger (8), Chicken Caesar Salad (11). The cost of the meal was \$15.00 (included tax, gratuity and a contribution to ARC treasury.)

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the memorial donation jar, \$7 collected this month.

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 reading of minutes and financial report is deferred until next meeting to expedite business meeting and allow more time for our speaker. Available on website.

New Members and Guests

Linda Wills retired in November 2016 after 35 years of service. She worked in Central Office as a program assistant in Enterprise Technology.

Sue Josheff wrapped up a 36 year career in 2017. She was an engineer in Floodplain Management and Dam Safety, later she held the position of Basin Supervisor for the Lower Rock River Basin.

Steve Greb retired in February 2018. He had a long career with Research (later Science Services) in the field of water quality, worked internationally and now consulting with UW.

"Frank-n-Miller Report"

No report.

Old Business

Picnic is being held August 8. Sign-ups will start around July 1.

New Business

Jerry Dorscheid brought along copies of the schedule for Voyageur canoe trips on the Lower Wisconsin Riverway. Trips are June 28, 29, July 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. Various times and meeting locations, but all trips are 4 hours in length. For further info or to make a reservation: 608-739-3188. See posting on ARC website.

Laurel Steffes welcomed Kathy Kahler who distributed copies of the spring issue of the Natural Resources Magazine and gave a brief presentation on the current status. The magazine survived budget cuts but number of issues has been decreased from 6 to 4. Only 1 position was maintained, that of editor. All other work done by free lance writers. She said that the focus of the issues in 2018 will be to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the DNR. She asked for contributions from retirees. Any story of an event, a tribute to a co-worker or a property they work on. She would like stories to be from 100-200 words, photos

are welcome. Deadline for the fall issue is June 25. Kathy's contact information is on the ARC website.

Deaths and Illnesses

Nothing to report, good news!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June was a popular wedding month it seems! Congrats on anniversary celebrations to all of these couples: Jim and Jan Miller, Gerry and Margaret Dorscheid, Paul and Bonnie Didier, Dave and LaVonne O'Malley, Sheree and Tom VandeBrink, Lloyd and Shirley Luechow, Jim and Billie March, and Dean and Lois Tvedt who celebrated 67 years.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Laurel Steffes was able to arrange for a speaker who could address Medicare questions. Our speaker is Leilani J. Amundson, an attorney and Elder Benefit Specialist for the Dane County Area Agency on Aging. She also holds a co-chair position with the Legislative Committee within the Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists.

Ms. Amundson provided a number of handouts detailing the types of Medicare coverage, how state health care escrow can be used as supplemental, when to sign up (enrollment periods), and a list of local resources for further questions. Literature will be referenced from original sources and made available on ARC website.