

## **THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS**

Meeting of November 6, 2019 held at Imperial Garden

President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

42 people were in attendance. The meal was served family style with 5 Chinese entrees, egg roll, tea, rice and fortune cookies for \$17 (included tax, gratuity and a contribution to ARC 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.

### New Members and Guests

Mike Netzer was attending his second meeting and was unanimously voted in.

### "Frank-n-Miller Report"

Ed Frank reported on returns as of the end of September and he said that the Core fund us up 14%, Variable 17%. October returns not available yet, but that looks favorable, too. December needs to be up or likely will be a take back. What is happening in China and the UK have an impact on the international trade market, so watch the news for countries outside the US as their economics also affect our returns.

### Old Business

none

### New Business

Our holiday party is coming up on December 4 at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. Online registration is open now. Sheree VandeBrink is organizing the raffle to benefit Second Harvest Foodbank again this year. It has been very successful in the past in terms of the substantial donation we have been able to make to this non-profit. Email or call Sheree to let her know if you are bringing a donation so she can arrange for enough table space and bags for tickets. Notification by November 24 gets you a free raffle ticket!

NER holding their holiday luncheon December 5 at Rock Garden in Green Bay – if you're interested, text or call Peggy Beaumier at (920) 680-9876 or email her at [pegbeaumier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pegbeaumier@sbcglobal.net)

### Deaths and Illnesses

Deaths of DNR retirees or their spouses:

Doug Morrissette - October 16

Barbara Klepinger (wife of Kent Klepinger) - October 21

Shirley Chizek (wife of Jim Chizek) - September 25

Gary "Garbe" Dahmen (husband of Jeri Dahmen) - October 30

## Trips

Tom Thoresen spent a month traveling to the west coast, and camping in a number of National Parks; Yosemite, Point Reyes, Washoe to name a few.

Rick Wojciak rode his bike from Vancouver to "the Wall" in San Diego. The 6 week trip down the west coast was just ahead of the many fires threatening California.

Dale Morey made a bittersweet trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, a favorite place of his and his late wife Mary.

Barb Wolf traveled through Croatia for 2 weeks, mostly along the Adriatic Coast. She did make a side trip inland to visit the small village her grandparents immigrated from.

Gerry Dorscheid has been a long time member of a professional conservation engineers group, keeping active even in retirement. He attended their annual conference in Gulf Shores Alabama recently.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.