

President's Forum



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Wow, it's 2015! Doesn't that have a futuristic feel to it? Yet here we are, dating our checks (perhaps digitally now) with 2015. It's incredible to usher in a New Year, reflect upon the previous year, and think of all we wish to do (and to improve!) in the year to come.

For some of us we will set some personal goals, the kind we all strive for: better health, finances and relationships. All of us will want to do our very best in our careers and have certain aspirations that will help us to succeed.

As our CPCU chapter is a "dynamic community of professionals dedicated to helping each other achieve career success," I would suggest that service to our chapter can assist with this goal. You may be asking, How can I get involved?

I got involved in my second year by assisting with the New Designee committee. I wanted to help welcome other new members like I myself had been welcomed. However, something else happened, too: As I started meeting others, I expanded my network of trusted professionals.

Over time I was asked to help serve in other capacities, which helped in rounding out my teamwork skills. I still have a lot of room to grow, but I'm excited about what I've learned so far.

Therefore, as you're considering the goals you set for 2015, I implore you to look at what you can offer to our chapter. In January and February we'll have our "one small thing" campaign and will ask for additional ways you may serve the chapter. Please consider this opportunity to serve our chapter.

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Meetings

January Speaker Spotlight

Rick Jones

Michigan State Senator



State Sen. Rick Jones was elected to the Michigan Senate in November 2010 to represent the residents of the 24th District, which comprises Allegan, Barry and Eaton counties. He was re-elected this past November. He will serve as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Jones began service in the Legislature after being elected in 2004 to the Michigan House of Representatives, representing residents of Eaton County in the 71st District. He was re-elected in 2006 and 2008.

Prior to his election to the House, Sen. Jones worked 33 years in law enforcement, serving more than 30 years with the Eaton County Sheriff Department. He started as a deputy and worked his way up through the ranks as sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before being elected sheriff in 2000.

Sen. Jones received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and Executive Leadership Training from Central Michigan University. He received further training from the FBI (Executive Leadership Training), the U.S. Department of Treasury (Crisis Management Training), and the U.S. Department of Justice (Correctional Leadership Training).

He has been married for 40 years to Charlene. They have two children, Kate and Charlie, and four grandchildren. They live in Grand Ledge, where they are active members of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church.

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The submission
deadline for the
February newsletter is
Feb. 2, 2015

If you know of promotions
or other noteworthy ac-
complishments involving
CPCUs, please send them
to the editor using any of
the contact methods
listed above.

Reserve Your Seat

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015

Where: The Crowne Plaza
Lansing West
Ballrooms E & F

Time: 11:30AM

Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna
or
Beef Broccoli Stir Fry

Contact: email Bud Lawson at
lawson.bud@aoins.com **no later
than 4:30PM Thursday,
Jan. 8.**

Future CPCU Annual Meeting Sites

2015 Indianapolis Oct 3-6
2016 Honolulu Sept. 17-20
2017 Nashville Oct. 7-10

Good Works

Over \$2,000 raised for EVE's Place

Nancy Bates, community development director, EVE's Place, gave an enlightening presentation at our December chapter meeting. Nancy described the services provided by EVE's Place for victims of domestic violence. They include food, clothing, shelter, legal assistance and many other services for members of the Lansing community.

EVE's operates on charitable funding, and I am grateful to announce that our Chapter raised **\$2,156** for EVE's Place at the December meeting.

Thank you for your generous donations to support this important commu-
nity service.

Lisa Martin, Good Works Chair



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meeting and at
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News to Know

Don't Miss Out on Your Complementary Institutes Course

The CPCU Society is offering complimentary access to a select Institutes online course each quarter.

You have an opportunity to enroll in this quarter's *Risk Management Fundamentals* course, which will allow you to build your knowledge of the risk management process, risk control techniques and more.

To take advantage of this complimentary course, log in to your CPCU Society account and select "Member Benefits" in your dashboard.

December Meeting Highlights



Nancy Bates, Community Development Director for EVE's Place, addressed the membership during the annual Good Works meeting.