

January 2018

President's Forum

2018



Matt Lennox, CPCU
Chapter President

Happy New Year!

Can you believe it? Another year is in the books!

It seems the older I get the faster the years go by, and this time of year helps me reflect and slow down a bit as we spend the holidays with friends and family. It's also the time many of us will set some personal and professional goals.

My personal goals typically include working out, eating healthier and spending more time with family and friends. I trust a lot of us will have similar professional development goals: communicate more effectively, increase performance metrics, earn a promotion or management position, develop stronger leadership skills, etc.

Obtaining our CPCU designation is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to professional development. Dues-paying members have access to a plethora of resources on "The Institutes" website, ranging from webinars to news articles. The webinars also count toward CPCU CE credits.

Getting involved with our chapter is also a great way to enhance your professional development and help you reach your goals. Did you know that our chapter is run solely by volunteers? If you have an interest in volunteering, please let me or a board member know. Also, look for our "One Small Thing" survey, coming in January, for ways you can assist our chapter. I am looking forward to serving as your president in 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas you have to enhance our chapter.

Going forward, we will have a new article in the newsletter. We have many gifted and dedicated volunteers serving on the board or as a committee chair. I would like for you to get to know them better and their role with our chapter, so upcoming newsletters will highlight volunteers and their activities.

Goals are dreams with deadlines.

-- Diana Scharf Hunt

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The submission
deadline for the
February newsletter is

January 26

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

Future CPCU Annual
Meeting Sites

2018 San Diego Oct. 13-16
2019 New Orleans Sept. 21-24
2020 Washington D.C. Oct. 3-6

January Speaker Spotlight



Tom Matt

Radio Talk Show Host & Fitness Columnist

Self-improvement has become Tom Matt's driver in life. Spending his first 20 years as an adult as a problem drinker and drug abuser, Tom is like many others in the world, walking the fine line of normalcy and dependency.

Being a single parent helped him realize that at the age of 38 the time had come for a radical lifestyle change. Sobriety and well-being now are his main drivers in life.

Tom is an author and a host of a local radio show, "Boomers Rock." He is also a certified personal trainer and a group fitness instructor at Michigan State University. He is a columnist for "Healthy & Fit" magazine.

Reserve Your Seat

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Where: The Crowne Plaza Lansing West

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Menu:

Roasted Rosemary Chicken
or
Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin

Contact: email Laura Wood at
wood.laura@aoins.com

Please RSVP no later than 4:30 p.m. January 3, 2018

Future Chapter Meeting Dates

- Monday, February 6, 2018



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Past Meeting Highlights



Deanna Arnett, executive director of Hannah's House in Lansing, talked about her organization's mission at the December meeting.



Bud Lawson (I) receives a certificate from Matt Lennox, vice president, for his years of volunteer work for the Chapter. Until recently, Bud, who works at Auto-Owners, organized the lunch invitations for the Chapter's monthly meetings.

Chapter News

Chapter Still Needs I-Day Co-Chair

Interested in helping our Chapter? How about volunteering to become the I-Day co-chair?

This person is responsible for organizing our I-Day event – setting the date, selecting a location, getting speakers – and is key to making it an attractive Chapter event.

Please contact either Laura Wood (Auto-Owners Insurance) or Matt Burke (Farm Bureau Insurance) for more details.

Good Works: Hannah's House

As is our holiday tradition, the December chapter meeting was filled with giving. Deanna Arnett, the executive director of Hannah's House, spoke about her organization and the good work that they do in our community, while our members opened their hearts and generously donated over \$2,000 to the foundation.

Hannah's House provides a home for expectant mothers that are homeless. While living at Hannah's House, these women are supported through their pregnancy and taught valuable life skills that help them when they transition to their forever home. Currently they have capacity for four women, but hope to expand this capacity to 12 women. Our chapter's generous donation will help them with this endeavor.

If you are interested in finding out more about Hannah's House, please visit their website: www.HannahHouseLansing.org.