

President's Forum



Matt Lennox, CPCU
Chapter President

Volunteer Spotlight



This month Matt Burke, our chapter's golf outing coordinator and Industry Day co-chair, is our volunteer in the spotlight!

Matt, a commercial underwriter with Farm Bureau Insurance, is the kind of guy that is willing to help with anything that is needed. After attaining his CPCU designation in 2016, he jumped at the opportunity to be our 2017 golf outing coordinator, maybe for the love of the game or maybe for the love of helping out. Personally, I think it's a little of both.

This will be Matt's second year running the outing, and he also stepped up to the tee and took on being our 2018 I-Day co-chair. Both volunteer positions take quite a bit of time and effort. There is a lot of coordinating and behind-the-scenes work that we don't see and, frankly, take for granted.

"I live in Lansing with my fiancée, Amanda, and dog, Barley," Matt said. "We're getting married later this month, so any words of advice or encouragement are appreciated!"

"I'm fortunate to volunteer and appreciate the relationships made. I was approached by Dan Briggs from Farm Bureau to help out with the golf outing several years ago, as we participated in the same bowling league. The experience has paid numerous dividends.

"I met Matt Lennox in 2011 and admired his management style and work ethic, so taking on a larger role with the Chapter was easy. I wouldn't be in the insurance industry if not for meeting Candace Trumble (Scholarship chair) at Michigan State when she was a recruiter (in 2011). And I've gotten to know Andy Flanagan (Newsletter chair) at a local fitness center after work.

"I often reflect on those moments and relationships, as they are fortuitous. I look forward to growing more relationships and moments professionally, both inside and outside of the Chapter."

Matt, thank you for your time and dedication to our chapter. Next time you see Matt, please be sure to thank him for his commitment!

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Past Meeting Highlights



Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth gestures during his presentation at the Chapter's May meeting. Sheriff Wriggelsworth discussed the importance of having a plan of action if you are confronted with an active-shooter situation.

Chapter News



PLATINUM EXCELLENCE! By Josh Martin, Education/Circle of Excellence Chair

The Mid-Michigan CPCU Society Chapter has qualified for the platinum level of the Society's 2017 Circle of Excellence recognition program. This is the first year the platinum level is being awarded, and we are one of 59 chapters to earn this new top award.

The CPCU Society's Circle of Excellence Recognition Program awards chapters for their hard work, innovative ideas and accomplishments toward achieving key initiatives. Benchmarks are used to measure success toward the goals of providing relevant knowledge to members, empowering professionals to succeed and engaging future generations of leaders.

Each year we submit a report of our achievements, and points are awarded based on criteria such as retention rate of members, number of chapter events held per year and inclusion of key educational topics at meetings. Platinum, gold and silver levels of recognition are awarded based on the total number of points earned for the chapter's activities. Earning the highest level recognizes the hard work and achievements of our chapter.

Congratulations! Your membership and participation in our chapter helped us attain this recognition.

Chapter Member Earns MBA

Congratulations to Erin Bye for earning her Master of Business Administration degree from Olivet College. She graduated in the fall of 2017 with a 4.0 GPA.

Erin is the manager of commercial underwriting at Farm Bureau Insurance. She attained her CPCU designation in 2015 and joined the Mid-Michigan Chapter shortly thereafter. Erin remains active in the Chapter, chairing previous I-Day events and attending monthly meetings and social functions.

She resides in Grand Ledge with her husband, Spencer, and puppy, Seamus. Congrats, Erin!

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deadline for the
September newsletter is
August 28

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
2021 Orlando, FL Sept. 25-28

Future Chapter Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 12

Golf, anyone? Time to drag out those clubs and hack away!

Join us for the 2018 Mid-Michigan CPCU/CMUA Golf Outing!

Our annual year-end outing with the **Central Michigan Underwriters Association** is fast approaching. This is always a great time! The format will again be a 4-person scramble.

When: **Thursday, June 14, 2018**

11 AM Registration
12 PM Shotgun start
Dinner around 5:30 PM

Where: **Wheatfield Valley Golf Club**

1600 Linn Rd., Williamston, MI 48895

Cost: **\$55.00 per person**

Includes: 18 holes w/cart, box lunch at the turn, drink tickets, steak and pasta buffet dinner and lots of prizes.



Guests are always welcome! Why not bring a friend/co-worker?

Email or Phone your reservations to:

Matt Burke

- Email: mburke@fbinsmi.com
- Phone: 517.980.3579

Payment can be made the day of the event. Please make checks out to: Wheatfield Valley Golf Club

- Please provide all of the following information when making your reservation:

Contact Person: _____ Company: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Number for lunch, golf, ½ cart and dinner @ \$55.00 each: _____

Number for lunch, golf, ½ cart (no dinner) @ \$45.00 each: _____

Number for dinner only (no lunch, golf or cart) @ \$25.00 each: _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Names of golfers in your group: Dinner No dinner

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY JUNE 8TH, 2018