

# Exxon Mobil Retiree Club Newsletter

January 11, 2013



## November Dinner Meeting

What a great evening we had on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Chapin's East banquet facility in Minooka.

Our gift exchange was fun, as it always is. We



were entertained by a talented group of young madrigal singers from the Coal City high school vocal department. They performed music appropriate for the **holiday season**.

Club members Bruce Southcombe, Jerry Meredith, and Al Maes were elected to our club's Board of Directors. They will join existing board members Bob Faford, Jerry Frederick, Nick Hively, and Ron Tucker. A big **thank you** is extended to exiting board member Tim Neary. Thanks Tim, for helping to keep our club active and enjoyable.

## Board of Directors

Your new **Board of Directors**, named above, held their first meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Normal business was conducted including the election of officers for 2013. Al Maes has accepted a second term as our club president. Bob Faford remains our vice president, Nick Hively was elected treasurer, and Bruce Southcombe will become our secretary. Ron Tucker was unanimously voted Outstanding Board Member of 2012. The **Outstanding BM** is chosen, based mainly on leadership skills, enthusiasm, and overall good looks.

**Congratulations Ron!!**

## Membership

We ended 2012 with a membership count of 228. We are now pointing to year 2013. **You've paid your dues haven't you?** If not, a gentle reminder is enclosed, along with this newsletter. We need you in the club. **Please send in those dues as soon as possible!**

## Caribbean Cruise

Thirteen couples from our club will debark from Fort Lauderdale, FL on the twentieth of this month. They will be on a cruise that will include such **Ports of Call** as San Juan, Puerto Rico along with the islands of Saint Maarten and Saint Thomas. Beach fun, touring, golf, and of course



shopping is available at each of those Ports of Call. Our club sailors will be aboard Celebrity Cruise Line's **Silhouette**. This elegant ship is equipped with lounges, fitness center, swimming pool and spa. There will be shows, gambling, dancing, games, and of course **food, food!!!** The cruise ends back at Fort Lauderdale on January 27<sup>th</sup>. **Sailors, do not forget your passports!!!** **Bon Voyage** to our cruising club members!

## Alaskan Cruise

Is it too early to start thinking about another cruise? Our **Activities Committee** doesn't think so. They are investigating the various types and sizes of cruises that are available, to the beautiful state of **Alaska**. For timing they are thinking in terms of the summer of 2014. This might be your **"once in a lifetime chance"**

to see the incredible wildlife and scenery that **Alaska** has to offer. You can express your interest in this potential tour to any of our Activities



Committee members. Those members are Addie Blomquist, Ceil Frederick, Rick Ricciardi, Kay Sands, Mary Steffes, Annmarie Stewart, and Gerry Super. They are eager to learn of your interest in this potential outing.

**Have a Great 2013**





### Ladies Breakfasts

Have you heard about those breakfasts that our club members are enjoying? Several of our ladies are getting together for breakfast around 9:00 am and are having a great time. Nancy Davis is the go-to person for this activity. She says the breakfasts are at the **Crispy Waffle Restaurant** on route 59 in Shorewood. The ladies have named themselves **The Ladies Brew Crew** because their meals always include numerous cups of good old fresh brewed coffee. These gatherings usually happen on the last Monday of each month, however January 28th may be a washout since some of the usual attendees will be returning from Fort Lauderdale on that day. You "first timers" who are interested in this activity should give Nancy a call at 815-467-5458 or email her at:

[leeandnancy1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leeandnancy1@sbcglobal.net)

She can inform you as to the dates of future gatherings. Have a great time ladies, and enjoy those eggs and pancakes!!!

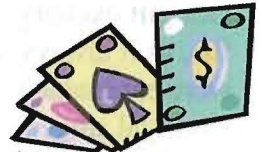
### Coal City Clothes Closet

Here is a great organization where club members can donate time and/or goods. The **Coal City Clothes Closet** is at 130 E. Blackstone in Coal City. They are a 501(c)3 charitable organization and they eagerly await your donations of gently used clothing, baby items, books, shoes, furniture, etc. They would also welcome a helping hand at their facility. The "**Closet**" is open on Mondays and Wednesdays every week. If you feel inclined to lend a hand or make a donation give their Cathy Milne a call at 815-370-7817. As an added benefit your volunteered hours would qualify for **ExxonMobil**'s VIP grants. Tim Rice (630-759-4269) can help lead you through the application process for those grants. **Volunteer/donate!!! It is a great way to start your 2013.**

### Activities In The Works

As usual our Activities Committee is actively looking at fun and interesting things to do. Here is a tentative listing of events being planned:

- We'll be playing cards and Bunco in February. Of course we can't play such strenuous games without eating, so food will be involved. You'll receive your invitation soon.
- March will see us traveling to **Starved Rock State Park**. We'll enjoy a meal and show along the **Saint Patrick's Day** theme. On this day we will all be Irish.
- We'll have a bowling party sometime in April. We've had these before, and the laughs abound. No matter how bad you think you bowl, you will fit in with this group just fine.
- In May we'll be bussing back to **Starved Rock State Park**. We'll enjoy a meal and show at the lodge. The show is a musical tribute to **Elvis** and is said to be **outstanding**. Good food, good entertainment, and good company. **You can't go wrong!!!**



Of course there are tentative plans for more fun activities later in 2013. We will be able to bring you more solid information in the next newsletter.

### Safety Reminder

The National Safety Council reminds all males over the age of 55 to be very mindful of the increased risk of heart attack when shoveling snow during cold weather. It is strongly suggested that the chore be performed only by the wives.

