

## President's Forum



**Matt Burke, CPCU  
Chapter President**

### Motivated

I'm still inspired by and reflecting on Phil Zeller's discussion last month at our chapter meeting, and I hope you were too. Whether you're in a leadership role now or will be in the future, his comments on leadership, empathy, failure and work ethic are invaluable. If you couldn't attend or would like to learn more about (from) him, I recommend considering his Dale Carnegie Training program.

In lieu of a monthly speaker for May, we switched gears to consider volunteer opportunities or community-based events over the next few months before we return to in-person meetings in the fall. Our summer in-person break will still be June through August.

The idea of being more active and giving back is something we've discussed for a while. I'm excited to see it start, and for its potential. Kudos and thank you to John Schmidt (2021 chapter president), whose emphasis on getting back to "community" has resonated well. A special thank you to Lacey Payne (Good Works chairperson), as well for her spearheading efforts and original idea(s) to bring us back together and have fun in the process. Both have been motivating, and we look forward to following your lead, Lacey.

If you know of a volunteer opportunity or community event that could use some help from our chapter, please let Lacey, Mike Giancotti or me know and we'll be happy to consider it.

I look forward to seeing you soon, whether at a volunteer event, our annual golf outing or at a monthly meeting in the fall. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## Your 2022 Chapter Board

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## Chapter News

### Mid-Michigan Chapter Earns Platinum

#### Circle of Excellence Status for 2021

Good news! We were one of 38 chapters nationwide to earn Platinum status, the highest rating for calendar year 2021, from the CPCU Society.

The CPCU Society's Circle of Excellence recognition program awards each chapter for its efforts to achieve benchmarks in chapter performance. The program provides chapter leaders – and committee and task force chairs – with structure and guidance to achieve strategic, chapter and member goals. Chapters can earn Platinum, Gold or Silver recognition by achieving key initiatives of the Society's strategic plan.

The Society awarded 35 chapters with Gold status, and 13 earned Silver status.

Thank you and congratulations to our volunteers and active members. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated and do not go unnoticed.



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The submission  
deadline for the  
September newsletter is  
**Sept. 6**

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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

Nov. 10-12, 2022: San Francisco

#### Future Chapter Meeting Dates

September: TBA

Connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn at Mid-Michigan CPCU Society



## Chapter News Cont.

### Chapter Members Help Clean Up East Lansing Park

Around 20 volunteers, including chapter members, attended the Volunteer Work Days event with the City of East Lansing on Saturday, May 14.

Work consisted of removing invasive buckthorn and garlic mustard at Harrison Meadows Park. Volunteers included professionals (and families) from the Mid-Michigan CPCU Chapter, Delta Dental Insurance, and local residents. Chapter members consisted of Lacey Payne, Libby Fox, Blake Ryan, Mike Giacotti (and kids) and Matt Burke.



### Communications Stuck in Quarantine or Spam Folder

It has come to our attention some email correspondence or invitations may end up in either your spam or quarantine folder. We have requested and been granted **some** access; however, we aren't the final gate-keeper.

We understand and respect the need to be careful with company emails. Please check your spam folders for possible messages related to upcoming events, including our annual golf outing, luncheons and volunteer activities.

If you'd like your email address updated for future communications regarding our chapter, please contact Matt Burke at [mburke@mimillers.com](mailto:mburke@mimillers.com).

## Make plans to join us for the 2022 CPCU / CMUA Golf Outing!

Our annual golf outing for the Mid-Michigan and Greater Detroit CPCU Chapters along with the Central Michigan Underwriters Association is scheduled for Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This 4-person scramble is fun for golfers of all ability levels! Each foursome is required to use at least two drives AND two putts from each golfer in their group.

When: **Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
10:00 AM Registration  
10:30 AM Shotgun Start  
*(note earlier start time this year)*  
4:00 PM Prizes and Dinner

Where: **Wheatfield Valley Golf Club**  
1600 Linn Rd, Williamston, MI 48895



Cost: **\$63 per person –**  
Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, drink tickets, steak and pasta buffet dinner  
Hole, score, and participation prizes too!  
*(\$48 per person without dinner)*

Participants may pay \$3 additional to use the driving range prior to the start of the event.

Guests are welcome! Participants are not required to be a member of the CPCU or CMUA organizations.

To register, please provide the following information via email to Heather Fishel (Fishel.Heather@aoins.com):

Team Contact Person  
Team Members  
Company  
Phone Number  
Email Address  
Number including dinner (\$63 per person)  
Number without dinner (\$48 per person)

Payments can be made on the day of the event. Cash, Check, or Credit card accepted by Wheatfield Valley. Please make checks payable to Wheatfield Valley Golf Club.

Space is limited so register today. Registration will close on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> or when spaces are filled.