

May 2023

## President's Forum



**Mike Giancotti, CPCU**  
Chapter President

## Vroom Vroom!

We are speeding through 2023 and it has been great to have our speakers share interesting and useful information with our chapter. We are excited to have one more speaker before the summer hiatus, and then we will come back with a full slate in the fall.

We are also excited that most of those meetings are set to occur in person at the LCC West Campus. During this summer, we may reach out to our membership and see if we can get a volunteer opportunity organized. I hope you will consider taking part if it fits into your schedule.

I hope your summer will be full of fun and family. For my part, I plan on taking advantage of my newly minted motorcycle endorsement. I don't know if it is mid-life age-related or not, but I bought a mini-motorcycle. The bike is small, with only 110 cubic centimeters, but it has just enough pop to ride around the city streets and commute to work on occasion.

In addition to the fun of riding, I tell myself that I am saving money on gas by getting 70-plus miles per gallon. Even though I am new to the community of motorcycle riders, I already can tell how careful and aware we need to be while out on the roads. I am happy to wear the helmet, jacket and gloves that would do a lot to protect me in an accident. I am also keen to give the cars plenty of space, because we can be difficult to see.

I love seeing the bumper stickers on cars that say to look twice to save a life. Now that I am a part of this rider community, I can say thank you to car drivers for looking out for motorcycles on the roads. Let's all have a safe summer, no matter how we choose to get where we're going.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and special events for the rest of the year.

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## Meetings

## May Speaker Spotlight

## Vanessa Blonshine, Manager, Auto-Owners Subrogation Claims



Vanessa Blonshine is the manager of the claims subrogation department for Auto-Owners Insurance Company. She has been with Auto-Owners for 24 years, holding many different positions, including: field claim representative, senior claim examiner and management roles within the claims division.

As a field claim representative, she handled property and liability claims in the Chicagoland area for approximately seven years before working in the home office as a senior claim examiner, overseeing large commercial property claims.

She held management positions in both the auto liability and motor carrier departments, working with defensive subrogation and supervising large motor carrier claims. She is now managing the subrogation department, where she leads offensive subrogation efforts and head up the company's arbitration initiatives.

She has been a member of NASP (National Association of Subrogation Professionals) since 2013, served as an arbitrator for NAMIC (National Association Mutual Insurance Companies) for six years, and has been the chairperson for one term.

Vanessa is married to Matthew, her husband of 24 years. They have a 19-year-old daughter, Maya, who is a sophomore at Michigan State University, and a 9-year-old son, Luke, a third grader at St. Gerard School. Her hobbies include traveling and spending time with family.

## May Meeting Information

**Date:** Tuesday, May 23

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Virtual

## Call-In Information:

- **Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84114374988?pwd=d1hzaW0yQTZGQXBrcmY1UUtaTisrQT09>

- **Meeting ID:** 841 1437 4988

- **Passcode:** 118911

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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

Oct. 5-7, 2023: Washington,  
D.C.

Future Chapter  
Meeting Dates

Sept.: TBD

## Make plans to join us for the 2023 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 29. 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 29, 2023**  
10:00 AM Registration  
10:30 AM Shotgun Start  
4:00 PM Prizes and Dinner

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

Cost: **\$65 per person –**  
Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch, drink tickets, steak and pasta buffet dinner  
Hole, score, and participation prizes too!  
*(\$50 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 Matt Burke (mburke@mimillers.com):

Team Contact Person  
Team Members  
Company  
Phone Number  
Email Address  
Number including dinner (\$65 per person)  
Number without dinner (\$50 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 to the first 12 teams to register, so register today. Registration will close on Tuesday, June 20, or when spaces are filled.