



PRESQUE ISLE COMMUNITY MEN'S CLUB NEWS, DECEMBER, 2007

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DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Year End Tax Strategies & Other Tax Tidbits

Bernie Lamp, Partner- Straley, Isley, & Lamp Accounting

9:00 A. M. Thursday, December 6, 2007

Presque Isle Harbor Assn Clubhouse

6424 Kauffman Rd

(Guests are welcome)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The Club donated \$1,000 to the new Presque Isle Library for a flagpole.
- The Club also approved a \$1,000 donation to the Hospice of Presque Isle to assist their ministry to the seriously ill.

CUTTER MACKINAW TOUR

Several club members and their families traveled to Cheboygan on Wednesday October 17 and toured the Coast Guard new ice breaker ship, the Cutter Mackinaw. What an impressive boat! It can break up ice 5 to 7 feet thick! We plan to have photos and videos of the ship in operation at one of our Spring meetings.

A NEW MICHIGAN VIDEO

The Club had an informal get-together on Tuesday, December 13. Members brainstormed ideas for improving the Club, and then watched a video, "A New Agenda For A New Michigan." Some of the conclusions of the study were:

- Globalization and technology are transforming the workplace, wiping out middle class jobs for people with low skill levels.
- Successful communities in the US and world focus on knowledge industries, like information, finance, insurance, corporate headquarters, and professional/technical.
- Michigan needs to train and attract college graduates, with a culture that focuses on learning, entrepreneurial spirit, and a welcoming environment
- Our Metro regions need to have vibrant central neighborhoods that attract families.
- Cutting taxes doesn't work. The most successful communities actually have higher taxes.

4-H PROGRAMS IN PRESQUE ISLE

Kathy Karsten updated us on 4-H programs at our November meeting. 4-H is no longer about cows and pigs. Its new focus is training children in environmental education, healthy lifestyles, leadership, and citizenship. Some of the programs available at this time include teen/grade school mentoring on environmental issues, archery, muzzle loading, soccer, summer recreation, tee ball, bowling, other

small group activities, youth camp, and international travel. 4-H needs volunteers to help in our area. Call Kathy at 989-734-2168.

THE LES NICHOLS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Last year the Men's Club decided to set up an award to honor Les Nichols, who was a tireless volunteer in Presque Isle. Les was famous for getting things done in the community. We have worked with the PI Township and the Township "citizen of the year award" will now be named after Les. A permanent plaque will be on display at the Township hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark down this event on your calendar.

- January meeting. Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 9:00 Am at the Clubhouse. Bring a friend and introduce him to the Club.

Other activities under discussion include hiking, show shoeing, cross country skiing, dinner theatre, a sink hole tour, and a visit to the Alpena Shipwreck museum.

WEB SITE & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Presque Isle Community Men's Club focuses on fellowship and community service. Membership is only \$12 per year. For additional information, see the web site (www.mensclubpi.org) or contact Chuck Austin at 989-595-6216.