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To our Members and Friends,

Welcome to CACC's General Membership Meeting (GMM) 2008

This year CACC's General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be held June 8th at the Grand Banquet Center, 660 West Hampton Road, in Essexville, (Bay City) at noon. It will be a short meeting as we will break at 1 pm to celebrate CACC and Lone Tree Council's 30th Anniversary. We encourage folks to stay for the anniversary celebration, if possible. Admission to the GMM is free. Tickets to the Celebration are \$20 and can be obtained from Gretchen Michaels, 2430 Indian Lake Road, Oxford, MI 48370 - Ph. (248) 628-7463.

Held annually, the GMM is open to all. Members may vote. The agenda and a slate of candidates for the CACC board of Directors are listed below. Victor McManemy, Great Lakes songwriter, activist and troubadour, will open the meeting with song.

Pam Warren continues as CACC webmaster and has added an ECO-Calendar to the site. The website also serves as repository for hundreds of photos that tell the history of CACC.

The CACC and Lone Tree Council's 30th Anniversary Celebration begins at 1 pm. A buffet luncheon will be followed by noted Great Lakes advocate and author, Dave Dempsey, who will speak to the roots of Michigan's current environmental problems and propose key steps to change in his address: "The Road Not Taken: Freeing Michigan's Environment and Economy from Corporate Control."

Victor McManemy and Tim Joseph, Great Lakes songwriters and musicians will perform. There will be a cash bar. Join us in reunion and celebration as we reaffirm our commitment to our place we call home – the Great Lakes watershed.

Proposed Agenda for CACC General Membership Meeting:

Introductions

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Report from HEAL (Handout)

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency grant

Big Rock Point campaign

New Business

Election of a new CACC Board of Directors

Call for Resolutions

Wheatland

Announcement of Next Meeting

Proposed Slate of CACC Board of Director Candidates – 2007-2008

Enclosed is a ballot with the proposed slate of candidates for board of Directors for CACC. We seek your endorsement for this slate of candidates. Nominations for the board will also be accepted from the floor at the General Membership Meeting. Write-in candidates may also be nominated by ballot, with a brief description of why you think this person is qualified for the CACC Board of Directors.

Ballot follows at the bottom of the second page.

Ann Hunt - Annie is the current Treasurer for the CACC Board and has served as the former Executive Director. - As a founding member of CACC, I believe strongly in the mission of the organization. I believe that only through empowerment of citizens to take action themselves on issues of concern to them will we mobilize our collective energies to bring about change. My goal for CACC is to see it continue to grow in both membership and strength, eventually to staffing the CACC office on a regular basis so its resources are available to members and the public.

Gretchen Michaels is a painter, organic gardener and traveler. She is a woman who has lived in the country most all of her life. Married nearly 40 years, her husband Gary and she live on a treasured 10 acre parcel of land in Oxford. They spend time in their gardens, making art, protecting habitats, hiking and paying attention to contemporary politics and environmental dilemmas as much as possible.

Gretchen taught art in Utica public schools for 35 years, specializing in integrating the Fine Arts back into curriculum through the Natural Sciences and Language Arts. She sees conservation and returning to the "human scale" as a way towards sustainability. She doesn't have a computer, cell phone, ipod or microwave – but she has a full pantry, and exciting studio and a great compost pile.

John Witucki - (John is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors.)

- I have been active with CACC for almost 20 years - much more so in the last 6 years, especially regarding the Wheatland Music Festival. I have worked as a social worker for the State for almost 25 years, am a native of Bay City and have been active in environmental and peace and justice issues for most of my life.

Joseph Badura - (Joseph is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors.)

- Joseph is an electronics communications specialist who has been primarily responsible for CACC's entry into the world of cyberspace. A long-time environmental and human rights activist, Joseph has worked for several organizations. He directs the canvass for CACC in the Lansing area.

Lucia Campbell - (Lucia is the Secretary on the current Board of Directors. She has been a staunch CACC volunteer at Wheatland for many years.) - I have been a member of CACC since I discovered I could contribute through the United Way drive in my office, and influenced others in my work area to donate to CACC through the United Way, too.

My primary interest as a CACC member is in preserving Michigan's environmental quality. An area of concern is the shortsightedness of dumping ANYTHING in the midst of the largest reserve of fresh water on the planet. I believe producers of products should be responsible for any contribution their processes make to the waste stream in any form.

Phill Hunt is a founding member of CACC, the source of many of CACC's most successful fund raising opportunities, and is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors. Phill has been a volunteer at the Wheatland Food Concession since CACC started serving food there! He's also one the inspirations for the Backyard ECO Conference and a firm believer that you can only hear so much depressing news...then you have to dance! He is a licensed contractor and both the designer and builder of CACC's Wheatland food building – the hardshell CACC tent.

Victor McManemy - (Victor is a current member of the CACC Board of Directors.) Victor is a songwriter, troubadour, historian and advocate of the Great Lakes and the Anishinaabek – indeed, of all indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes Region. He is an excellent cook, and a tremendous inspiration to us. He has been a stalwart volunteer for CACC's fundraising efforts at the Wheatland Festival for over a decade, and his songs have been a feature of the Backyard Eco Conference since 1983.

Kay Cumbow - (Kay is chairperson of the current CACC Board of Directors.)

- I have worked many decades for sustainable energy and am an anti-nuclear activist. I feel CACC has a duty to help protect life and health in the Great Lakes Basin. I'd like to see CACC continue to advocate sustainable lifestyles and draw more youth into our leadership. I would also like to see our office staffed, and operating throughout the year. I am a certified respiratory technician.

CACC Member Endorsement Ballot for 2008-2009 CACC Board of Directors – Ballots due by Thursday, June 5th, 2008

You may vote once – by mail - or at the General Membership Meeting, 12 Noon, Sunday, June 8th, 2008 at the Grand Banquet Center, 660W. Hampton Road, Essexville (Bay City). **Mail to: CACC, 8735 Maple Grove Road, Lake, MI 48632-9511**

I endorse the above slate of proposed candidates for the CACC Board of Directors for 2007-2008.

Yes No

(Optional) Write in nomination for CACC board of directors. _____

On a separate piece of paper, please give your reasons why this person is qualified to be on the CACC board of directors.

