



# Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination

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## **Dr. Kathryn Savoie to be the Keynote Speaker at CACC's General Membership Meeting, Presenting her informative Slideshow on Global Warming based on *An Inconvenient Truth***

The Board of Directors of Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination (CACC) invites you to join us Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1pm at Magdalena's Tea House, 2006 E. Michigan, Lansing, for our General Membership Meeting (GMM). A map to Magdalena's can be found at their website: [www.magdalenasteahouse.com/](http://www.magdalenasteahouse.com/)

Dr. Kathryn Savoie, Environmental Program Director of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, (ACCESS) will be Keynote Speaker, presenting a slideshow at CACC's GMM documenting the global warming crisis. Kathryn trained with former Vice President Al Gore and his team of scientists and educators to develop her version of Mr. Gore's presentation on the global warming crisis, documented in the film and book, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Dr. Savoie, an ecologist who has worked in the environmental field for more than twenty years, was one of fifty persons chosen from over one thousand applicants to attend the first training in September of 2006. This unprecedented grassroots training was implemented by Mr. Gore in response to the global warming crisis - to actively promote presentations to educate and energize the public to take action on global warming solutions. CACC is proud to host Dr. Savoie's timely presentation. We urge our members and the general public to attend and learn how each of us can be part of the critically-needed solution to climate change.

### **CACC's General Membership Meeting (GMM)**

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 on the second page. CACC will present ECO Awards to individuals who have given above and beyond in their efforts to help CACC protect our environment. A potluck will be held after the slideshow presentation. You are invited to attend the potluck and bring a dish to pass! CACC will also conduct our Silent Auction, one of our favorite "Fun"draisers. Bring your old or new treasures to donate, make your bids on something you'd like to take home - and later, enjoy the action - as Stas, CACC's "Pinconning auctioneer", entertains us - all to raise money for a good cause! We're betting you'll find some unique treasures. Victor McManemy, Great Lakes songwriter, activist and troubadour, brings a clear vision and hope to our gathering, with his music that is rooted in his love of the Earth and her Peoples.

In place of the annual Backyard Eco Conference, the CACC Board elected to focus on building the organization - hiring a part-time administrator, promoting new programs, developing a strategic plan, and collaborating with other organizations to plan activities and events.

Carey Pauquette-Schalm, CACC's new and versatile administrator brings both enthusiasm and ideas for programs. She is a biologist and is focusing her efforts on education on the misuse of pesticides in schools. Carey is editor of the [CACC News](#), sits on the education committee, and serves as liaison to the CACC website.

Pam Warren continues as CACC webmaster and has recently redesigned the entire website. The website also serves as repository for hundreds of photos that tell the history of CACC.

These are critical times. Global warming, due to overuse of petrochemicals and ozone-depleting chemicals, the selling of our waters, persistent toxins, genetically modified plants, smog and air pollution, the disappearance of phytoplankton in both fresh and salt water - all this and much more endangers the health of our Great Lakes and all who reside therein. To survive, we must work together as community. We can choose lifestyles that minimize our "footstep" on the Earth. We can choose to slow down and appreciate Life and each other on this fragile, Blue Water planet. Water is Life!

We invite you to join us in this crucial work to protect the health of our waters and our communities. If you have not considered joining our efforts before and learning what one person can do, one step at a time, to protect the air or water in your community, please consider it now. Future generations depend on the leadership of people like us for their very survival.

**Proposed Agenda for CACC General Membership Meeting:**

**Introductions**

**Reports**

Treasurer’s Report

Administrators Report

Report from HEAL (Handout)

**New Business**

Election of a new CACC Board of Directors

Call for Motions

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 bottom of 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.

**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 Anishinabek – 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.

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**CACC Member Endorsement Ballot for 2007-2008 CACC Board of Directors**

You may vote once – by mail - or at the General Membership Meeting, 1pm Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Magdalena’s Tea House, 2006 E. Michigan, Lansing, Michigan. **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.