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Vice Pres.- Ronald Peppler, Peppler Insurance Agency

Treas.- Florence Nagy, retired, but not from CPCU!
Secretary- Aaron Lee, Ally
VP Education- Paul Anderson
VP Programs – Heidi Muglia, Ally
Social Media - Brandon Van Wormer, Crum & Forster
Joe Wicks- Immediate Past Pres, Accident Fund

**FROM THE PRESIDENT-
Renee VanderHagen**

**Congratulations to the new Chapter Officers and
Board for 2021!**

President Brandon Van Wormer- Crum & Forster
Vice President Aaron Lee- Ally
Treasurer Ronald Peppler- Peppler Insur. Agency
Secretary Brian Granger- Hanover
VP Programs John Bures- Venture Agency Holdings
VP Education Paul Anderson- Tokio Marine
New Designee Chair Johnathon Ott- Hanover
Immed. Past Pres. Renee VanderHagen- C&F

Thank you for all the time and talent given to the Chapter in 2020. Stay tuned as we move forward into 2021 and new possibilities for growth and innovation!

**GREATER DETROIT CPCU CHAPTER ADOPT-A-FAMILY
FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

We partnered with Volunteers Of America Michigan, and because of the generosity of our members, we were able to collect enough to support 2 families this year. A special shout-out to **Tamara Rice**, and her colleagues at AAA: Tony, Salena, Chris, Patsy and Gloria.



MAKING CONNECTIONS



Interact is an All Members Forum for discussions and idea-sharing with CPCUs from all over the country. **Go to Interact.cpcusociety.org to register.**

CPCUSOCIETY.ORG offers **MINDTOOLS** link under the Education Tab, giving you access to more than 2,000 leadership, management and career development resources, with new things added each week.

IRMI – Free Podcasts at IRMI.com

Have you checked out the CPCU Roadshows? Lots of great info, like: [How to join a CPCU Interest Group](#)



HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT

WE KNOW OUR MEMBERS HAVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO BRAG ABOUT, SO HERE'S YOUR CHANCE AND PLACE!

SEND AN EMAIL TO

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ABOUT YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR THOSE OF ANOTHER MEMBER THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH US, AND WE CAN POST THEM IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

2021 RESOLUTIONS for CPCU's

1. RENEW CPCU Membership
2. PARTICIPATE in more Chapter events
3. JOIN an Interest Group
4. VOLUNTEER
5. LEARN 3 new things
6. MENTOR someone

If you are involved in an insurance organization, and want to partner with our Chapter on future events, please contact:

VP Programs John Bures-
(JBures@alarmins.com) or

President Brandon Van Wormer
(Brandon.vanwormer@cfins.com)

Introducing

2020 New Designees

Peter Bottenhorn – State Farm

Matthew Burgess – Amica Mutual

Amy Chaban – Marsh Inc.

Brett Faustman – Arrowhead General

Brian Granger – Auto Club Group

Lindsay Greenfelder – Ally Financial

John Growney – Chubb Limited US

Andrew Harig – Ally Financial

Michael Kowalski – Marsh Inc.

Scott Moran – Ally Financial

Daniel Murphy – Ally Financial

Thomas Nowicki – Ally Financial

Malolan Raghavan – HCL America

Christal Smith – Marsh Inc.

Levi Wagner – Hantz Agency

Matthew Walton – Lafarge Holcim

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2020
DESIGNEES, AND TO ALL STUDENTS WHO
ARE STUDYING AND TESTING FOR THE
CPCU DESIGNATION IN 2021!**

FLORENCE NAGY CPCU + 13 Other Designations



FLORENCE was a stay at home mom for 11 years, then started at Burroughs in Detroit as a “Kelly Girl.” When a claims position opened up, her supervisor recommended that Florence try her hand at claims handling. Florence did that, and hasn’t looked back. In fact, she’s always looked forward to the next opportunity to learn and expand her experience in the industry.

She’s seen many different types of claims over the years at Johnson & Higgins/Marsh for 10 years, and MMRMA (16 years). She earned Associates and Bachelors degrees in Industrial Management, and 14 insurance-related designations. She’s been involved with several professional organizations, including our CPCU Chapter, as well as the Insurance Association of Metro Detroit (IAMD), and the Certified Claims Professional Accreditation Council (CCPAC).

She credits Mike Ellis, her colleague at MMRMA, as an influential person and mentor in her career. Mike supported her all the way through her CPCU journey, encouraging her to complete the designation no matter how long it took. Afterward, Florence would attend CPCU meetings for Mike, where she learned what the CPCU Society was all about, and became one of the long-time leaders and volunteers of time and talent for our Chapter.

Her words of wisdom to those of us in the industry: “Never give up,” “Be a go-getter,” “Always look for ways to expand your knowledge and experience,” and “Keep your cool through adversity.” To attract more people to an insurance career, Florence would like to see more insurance classes offered as a part of other degree programs, expanding a reach to students studying engineering, business, law, and liberal arts.

When not talking about insurance, Florence and her husband are trying to set a record for playing the most consecutive games of the card game, Uno. They are up to 1,964! Thank you, Florence, for the great example you are for the insurance profession and especially the CPCU community.

The 70th Annual All Industry Day & 2020 Chapter Elections
a virtual success!

Wednesday, November 11th, we honored our 2020 CPCU New Designees and listened to a panel discussion on **Diversity & Inclusion** in the Insurance Industry.

Thank you to:

LeRoy Bostic, CPCU - President, Lewis-Thomson Agency

John Konechne, CPCU, ARM - President, Point Consulting, Shores Agency

Thomas Humphreys, CPCU, CLU, ChFC, CIC – Director of Risk Management and Insurance,
Olivet College

Thank you to **Nicole Smith**, CPCU, our Chapter Governor and 2020 Conferment Officer.

Thank you to **Ron Pepler** for organizing the event.

COMPANY OF THE YEAR Award to ALLY

in recognition for its outstanding effort to promote the CPCU designation among its employees across the Company. Wally Poirier accepted the award on behalf of ALLY.

PRESIDENTS AWARD to Joseph Perry

in recognition of all the time and talent he has given to our Chapter over the years.



Election Results are listed on Page One of the Newsletter

GREATER DETROIT CPCU CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP-
WINNERS FROM OLIVET COLLEGE

Our Chapter is funding a recurring Scholarship for students in Olivet College's insurance program. This year, there were several submissions that a committee of 3 professors read and ranked to arrive at the best submissions.

The Freshman/Sophomore winning essay was from freshman Kirsten Langmaack of Charlotte, MI. She wrote an essay on the Dairy Margin Coverage Program. Her introductory paragraph read: "The Dairy Margin Coverage Program more commonly known as DMC is quintessential to the dairy industry. The DMC offers revenue protection for the dairy producers when the margin falls below the dollar amount selected by the producer. This program is a voluntary risk management program, but the benefits outweigh the costs in the event of the margin falling or in the event of a catastrophe."

The Junior/Senior winning essay was from Delaney Peters of Olivet MI, who wrote an essay on Fighting Fraud: InsureTech & The Future of Insurance. The introductory paragraph read: "If 2020 has taught society anything, it is the need to quickly adapt to new and unforeseen situations. This past year has been full of obstacles and challenges, but individuals and companies have come together to present new technology to help society in these troubling times. InsureTech companies are helping the insurance industry by providing new and innovative technology for not only insurers but the insureds as well. One of the benefits of these InsureTech companies in the insurance industry is their ability to detect and combat fraud."

Your support through participation in our Chapter Events will fund these scholarships going forward. If you want to donate aside from our Chapter Events, please contact Ron Pepler, our treasurer, at (313) 265-2701.

SPEAKEASIES and SPIRITS in DETROIT-

virtual tour and tasting, and some insurance education, of course!



JOIN US: January 28, 2021

7 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday

**Join the Detroit Chapter of RIMS and the
Greater Detroit Chapter of the CPCU Society**

Cindy Smail from Marsh will update us on the Covid vaccine status locally.

Garrett from the Detroit City Distillery will give us a little history on Detroit speakeasies, introduce us to the Detroit City Distillery and the process of making spirits, and give us some tasting tips.

Buy your Detroit City Distillery spirits ahead of the event from detroitcitydistillery.com, at your local grocery store, or visit Detroit City Distillery in Eastern Market.

\$25 per person - All virtual (Zoom invite will be sent the day before the event)

A portion of the cost will support the college scholarships offered by our Chapters.

REGISTER BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE (SEE BELOW FOR LINK) TODAY!

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