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2024 Sponsorship Day

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 20, 2024 9am – 12pm

ASFI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am

WHO: The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

WHAT: AFSI Fall Kick Off! We will advocate, learn, and build community together. Sponsorship day is a **special** annual membership meeting where we invite the faithful sponsors of the Advocates for Senior Issues to come and share information with us, senior fair style! We are excited for you to get to know the organizations, agencies, companies and individuals who support the advocacy work we are doing to improve the quality of life of our local seniors. It will be a fun morning! **Be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

WHEN: September 20, 2024 9am-12pm

WHERE: Frederick Meijer Garden
Huizenga Grand Room & Atrium
1000 E Beltline Ave NE,
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

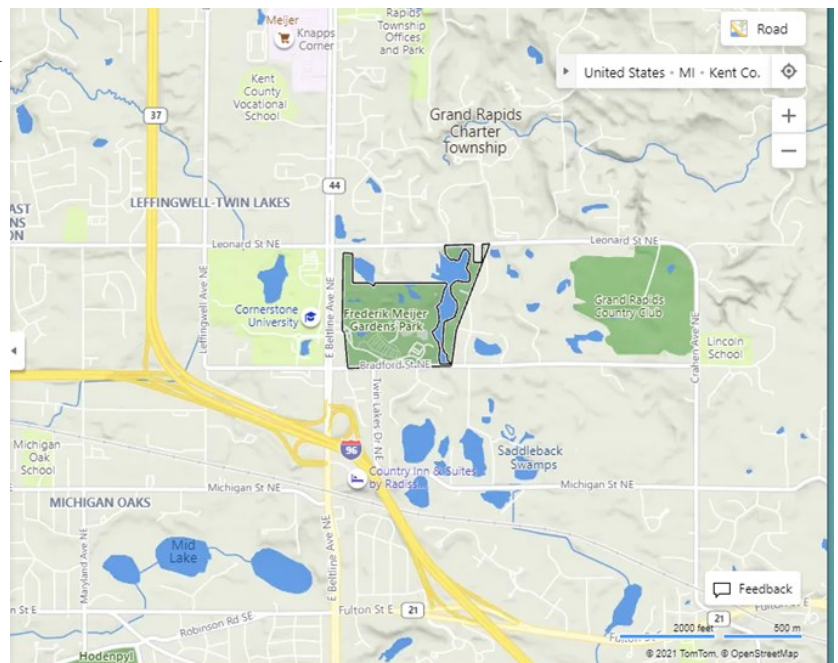
Questions?

Please contact Advocacy Director
Sheri Harris

SheriH@aaawm.org | 616-222-7015

or ASFI Sponsorship Chair,
Phil France

pfrance61@gmail.com



Back by popular demand the LUNCH VOUCHERS are available once again! Enjoy lunch after the meeting at the Café located at Frederick Meijer Garden.

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WHEN

Friday, Sept 20, 2024 @ 10 am

WHERE

Frederick Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park
1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President

Legislative Presentation

Lisa Posthumus-Lyons

Lisa Posthumus Lyons is a life-long resident of Kent County where she is serving in her second term as County Clerk/Register of Deeds. Prior to her election as Clerk/Register, Lisa served as state Representative for the 86th District, representing portions of Kent and Ionia Counties in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2011 through 2016. A strong voice for our West Michigan values, Lisa's worked to successfully reform and modernize government, making it more accessible for those she serves. Lisa will be talking about what to expect in the coming election and answering our questions on all things related to elections. Come prepared with questions!

Program Presentation

"All Things Educational from A to Z"

Dr. Bill Pink, President of Ferris University, will bring us up to speed on many of the issues in today's educational landscape. From the use of artificial intelligence and apprenticeships to exploring the zenith of the nontraditional student including continuing education for seniors.

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ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues

July 29, 2024

Dear AFSI Veteran, AFSI Member, and Veteran Advocates!

The Advocates For Senior Issues Committee is pleased to invite you to a **special Veterans Program** for our November 15, 2024 meeting!

In honor of Veterans Day, we will have a “Veterans Pinning Ceremony” recognizing, honoring, and thanking our AFSI members who are Veterans! We will also Honor & Remember those who never returned home with a special POW/MIA Ceremony.

In addition, we encourage our AFSI Members to invite a Veteran they may know, so **they** can be honored on this special occasion!

Attached you will find a Veteran Biography Form. Veterans are encouraged to complete this form with information they are “comfortable sharing”.

During the formal ceremony, the information provided will be condensed and read aloud as each Veteran is individually honored by a fellow Veteran/Veteran Service Organization Member. Each Veteran will be “Pinned” and will receive a “Certificate of Thanks” for their service on behalf of the AFSI.

To ALL Veterans, know that regardless of your time of service, or place of service, **YOU served**, and we would be privileged to Honor & Thank you!

Should you have any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Margaret Howard, AFSI Secretary at 616.330.8881.

On behalf of the AFSI Committee, we look forward to you joining us at this special meeting as we Honor & Remember those who served!

With gratitude,

Margaret Howard
AFSI Secretary
616.330.8881

Biographical Data Form

To ensure inclusion in the Veterans History Project, this form must accompany each submission. **Please use reverse or additional sheet if service was in more than one war or conflict.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Veteran Civilian _____
first middle last maiden name

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) - _____ Email _____
month/day/year

Place of Birth _____ Birth Date _____

Race/Ethnicity (optional) _____ Male Female

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity _____

Commissioned Enlisted Drafted Service dates _____ to _____

Highest Rank _____

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) _____

War, operation, or conflict served in _____

Locations of military or civilian service _____

Battles/campaigns (please name) _____

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): _____

Special duties/highlights/achievements _____

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes No

Interviewer (if applicable) _____

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