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*Pictures left to right: front row: Don Hilton, Sr., Supervisor, Gaines Chrtr. Twp., Marvin Besteman, Clerk, Kinross Chrtr. Twp., Pat Mead, Clerk, Benzonia Twp. Barbara Stevenson, Clerk, Roscommon Twp.; back row: William Bamber, Supervisor, Oceola Twp., Ronald Reid, Trustee, Kalamazoo Chrtr. Twp., Jon Sherwood, Trustee, Beaverton Twp., William Walters, Council Member, City of Brown City.*

## MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN SEATS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The annual business meeting of the Michigan Township Participating Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 13, 2012 at the Park Place Hotel in Grand Traverse, Michigan. Present at the meeting were the Par Plan Board of Directors, Par Plan Service Providers, and special guest, Willem Renn, President of the MTA.

Detailed annual reports highlighting activities over the past year and goals for the 2013 year were presented by the Plan's service providers; David Kensler, Rita Evans-Administrators; Rita Evans, Risk Control; Sharon Linenfelser, HCC Claims Service, Inc.; Pat Gregory, UHY Accounting; Stephanie Fick, Guy Carpenter and Roger Irie, City of Manistique, Chairman of the Par Plan Law Enforcement and EMS committees.

In addition, the following Board Committee Chairpersons gave their annual reports to the board and membership present.

- Executive/Insurance Committee – William Bamber
- Election/By-laws Committee – William Walters
- Budget/Finance Committee – Paul Lehto
- Newsletter Committee – Pat Mead
- Convention/Annual Meeting Committee – Marvin Besteman, Jr.

The following Directors were seated as officers: William Bamber, Chairman; Don Hilton, Vice Chairman and Ron Reid, Secretary.

As Michigan's largest PA 138 entity, with membership exceeding 1300 members, we continue to encourage our Membership to attend our quarterly and annual meetings. Our member elected board of directors are public officials just like you and will continue to provide the best quality of service and coverage for everyone in the membership.

## Par Plan Membership elects new Zone 4 Director

On July 1, 2012, Barbara Stevenson, Clerk of Roscommon Township, Roscommon County took office as the newest member of the Par Plan Board of Directors.

Born and raised in Houghton Lake, Michigan halfway through the last century, she has roots so deep in her community that, as she says, "I can't get my feet out of the ground". Her husband, Randy, would agree. They have been married 42 years and have two grown children. RJ, married to Heather, is the city financial director for Liberty Lake, Washington. Two boys and a girl round out that family. Andy, married to Michelle, recently came back to Michigan with his family of two girls, from 12 years in the USAF.

After her first 22 year career as a nursing home administrator for a local long-term care facility, she received an introduction to local politics via her employment at the Roscommon County Clerk's office. So she ran for Roscommon Township Clerk, successfully winning that office November 2000. Now, twelve years later, she still loves the local scene. "I found another niche", she says, "I thought serving my community through geriatrics was my best fit, and then I met public service on a different level, through Township Government. I absolutely adore the entire scope of my job."

Barb was recently appointed to the Houghton Lake Ambulance Authority Board drawing on her experience as an EMT. She is also the representative member from Roscommon Townships Association on the Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) for Roscommon County. "The EOC has been an eye-opener for me. Their intensity toward emergency and disaster preparations makes for a high degree of personal confidence for me and a true sense of security in knowing how proactive they are in defense of our County's well-being."

Having fun in her role as an Accredited Election Administrator, she enjoys hiring and training high school students as Inspectors. "Kids are technologically savvy and I foresee more electronic involvement in elections, not less. Plus they receive a "front row seat" education about grass-roots government." Along with that theme, she likes educating the general public about Township Government. "I will admit to some complacency and ignorance of local issues before taking office. Now I see how complex and vital our services are to the well-being of our township. The general public won't know unless they are shown through the actions of the Township Board by demonstrating strong fiscal management while still providing parks, cemeteries, fire protection, and a myriad of other benefits".

"How proud I am to be elected to the Par Plan Board. I see this as another way of meeting the needs of Michigan residents living, working, playing and building our unique way of life. I've watched the Par Plan's innovations over the years, appreciate their close relationship with public entities, and am now excited to be a more integral part of the whole program and its processes".

## BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS JULY 2012 – JUNE 2013

### EXECUTIVE - PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

William Bamber, Chairman  
Don Hilton, Sr. Vice Chairman  
Ronald Reid, Secretary

### ELECTION POLICY & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

William Walters, Chairman  
Barbara Stevenson  
William Bamber  
Don Hilton, Alternate

### ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Jon Sherwood, Chairperson  
Marvin Besteman  
Barbara Stevenson

### CONVENTION & ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Marvin Besteman, Chairperson  
Don Hilton, Sr.  
William Walters

### BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul Lehto, Chairperson  
William Bamber  
Don Hilton  
Marvin Besteman, Alternate

### FIRE \ EMS COMMITTEE

William Walters, Board Liaison  
Ronald Reid, Alternate Board Liaison

### LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Ronald Reid, Board Liaison  
William Walters, Alternate Board Liaison

## Patricia Mead Retires From Par Plan Board



Pat Mead, long time Par Plan Board of Director retired July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 after a 28 year career with the Michigan Township Participating Plan. We extend to Pat our appreciation for her involvement and leadership she provided in helping make the Par Plan the largest Public Act 138 program in existence today.

Coming from the school of hard work reaps rewards, Pat held various positions with the board from Chairman to Secretary, and also sat on many board committees.

After spending 28 years in public office as Clerk of Benzonia Township and a Par Plan director, Pat said, *"I have enjoyed my time being a public servant and voice for the people but now it's time for someone else to take over and I can spend lingering mornings with my cup of coffee"*.



### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Notice of MTPP Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The next scheduled Par Plan Board of Directors meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI in the Oak Room. The Treetops Resort is located at 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, Michigan.

**All Par Plan members are encouraged to attend**

The next RRGp grant cycle begins:  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

TO: ALL PAR PLAN MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR PAR PLAN  
WEBSITE FOR THE NEXT RISK REDUCTION  
GRANT CYCLE...BE SURE TO SUBMIT A  
COMPLETE APPLICATION.

THE PAR PLAN BOARD

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Kinross Charter Township  
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**Zone 3**

Open

**Zone 4**

Barbara Stevenson  
Roscommon Township  
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**Zone 5**

Don Hilton, Sr., Vice Chairman  
Gaines Charter Township  
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**Zone 6**

Jon Sherwood  
Beaverton Township  
(989) 465-9176

**Zone 7**

William Walters  
City of Brown City  
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**Zone 8**

Ronald Reid, Secretary  
Kalamazoo Charter Township  
(269) 330-0321

**Zone 9**

William Bamber, Chairman  
Oceola Township  
(517) 546-3259

# Michigan Township Participating Plan's January Conference Ticker

January will be here before you know it and the MTA's 60th Annual Educational Conference & Expo is right around the corner. The MTPP Board of Directors and service providers are looking forward to the opportunity of seeing public officials that we know and meeting new incoming public officials.

- **Be sure to stop by our booth and meet with your regional risk manager.**  
Find out what new Par Plan coverage enhancements are coming your way. You can't miss us, just look for the big umbrella and ice cream cart!

- **The MTPP Risk Control Services will be presenting a Business Solutions session on:**



**Liabilities issues affecting Fire Service today.**  
Is your Township ready to defend its liability in the area known as the big "Failure To...?" Areas that will be address are; training, personnel issues, maintaining Township owned emergency equipment, buildings and the ability to defend driving records for personnel authorized to operate emergency vehicles.



In attending this seminar you will walk away with tips on how to keep your fire department, and your township, from getting burned as we examine the top liability issues facing Michigan township fire departments. *Presented by Michigan Township Participating Risk Control Representatives Jerry Adair and Michael Gombos.*

## Par Plan Fun Night- Always a great time!

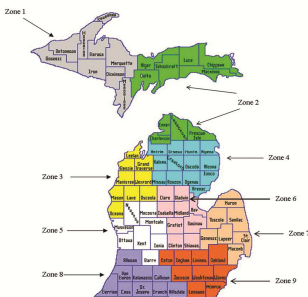
**Join us at "Club Par Plan"** a 1920's inspired speak easy. We will travel back to one of the most infamous periods in our countries history. Only the who's who of public officials and those in the know will be lucky enough to gain entrance. Once inside you will be treated to an unforgettable evening of fun casino games, great music, and swing dancing along with special appearances by some of the period's most famous personalities. So arrive early and remember to "Speak Easy" we don't want the feds getting wind of this.

**PROHIBITION SWEEPS THE STATE!**



Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-9 pm. Renaissance Ballroom, Detroit Marriott

*Costumes are encouraged but not required*



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