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Upcoming Meeting

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President's Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

Hi Everyone,

September is here and we are at the beginning of what I hope will be another very good year for the Calumet region photo club. If planning has anything to do with it, I can assure you that your board has been working diligently toward a very positive experience for everyone this year.

I am happy to report that our very good friend Tom Zmi-grocki is home and recovering nicely. I talk with him regularly and he continues to sound upbeat and positive about his recovery. He has reported to me that he hopes to be in attendance at our next meeting, at least for a brief period of time. It would certainly be great to see him.

Our first program meeting will be next Tuesday, September 12, 2017. It is very important to attend as we will be teaching/coaching our members on how to be good judges of photography. There will be two presentations. The first one will be a brief presentation and discussion on what makes a good image, and the second one will include information regarding CACCA's scoring guidelines. The purpose of this presentation is to familiarize and educate our membership on what it takes to be a good judge in image competition. After the presentation, we will break out into small groups and you will be given images to judge both individually and collectively as practice. So please remember to bring pen and paper so that you can record your scores and those of your group as well. This will be followed by an open review and discussion of your group's experience.

I recently contacted The Morton Arboretum and they advised that the last Friday in September would be the better of our two selected dates to travel there. The color will likely be more intense and widespread at that time that it would

be a week earlier. So Friday, September 29, 2017 is our first field trip. I am asking that those in attendance at our September 12 meeting please indicate their intent to go on the field trip by signing the field trip form that will be on the table at the point of entry. Otherwise please email me of your wish to attend. I am recommending that we meet at the church at 2:15 PM on Friday. We will depart at 2:30 PM sharp so don't be late. We will be carpooling, so please compensate your driver with some money for his gasoline and tolls. Thanks.

Our first competition meeting will be on September 26, 2017. The judges will be coming from the Forrester's Camera Club. We have had judges from this club previously and they have always done an outstanding job so have your images ready. I want to remind everybody of our first mentoring group meeting for the year which will occur on September 19, 2017. As you may recall, Dave issued a photography challenge to shoot reflections and shadows and/or negative space. We encourage you to bring three or four of your best images so that we may offer comment and constructive critique.

Our October field trip will be to Hamstra's Gardens. It will be on October 21, 2017. More information will follow in the near future.

I hope to see everyone at our September meeting. Happy image making to everyone.