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Message from the Chair

As I write this message, it is still cold and the possibility of snow is still with us. January through March is the longest part of the year for me. I am really having a case of “cabin fever.” But since there are lots of issues and events that need our attention, let’s get started.

There are lots of questions in our retired community. What do you think is happening with the stock price of Lumen? Will this impact retirement arrangements? Should I be concerned? As the economy tightens, de-risking or selling pension plans to insurance companies are gaining momentum. Will my retirement benefits stay safe? Should I consider a Medicare Advantage Plan? How do I make my concerns known to the company and legislators?

As I mentioned last month, the board has started planning for our annual meeting. At this point it appears that another video or Zoom call makes the most sense. It allows a more flexible schedule as well as reducing costs for everyone. September looks like the best time for the program. The board is striving to get some super presenters. This may include current senior leaders as well as past leaders that can shed some light on the future of the company from their perspectives. Remember, if you cannot attend the meeting, it will always be available to you for review via the website.

Our membership remains over 1,900 people. *The Retiree Guardian* is our most effective tool in helping us manage and understand all the elements impacting retirement. In the past few weeks, Clyde Just has made a huge effort to make sure everyone is receiving the quarterly issues of *The Guardian*. If you have questions regarding the newsletter, don’t hesitate to contact him for assistance. We don’t just send out the newsletter and assume everyone gets it. We check frequently to make sure you are receiving and opening your issue of *The Retiree Guardian*.

Our retiree association remains a great way to manage and protect our benefits. It is also a great way to continue friendships made during our TELCO working days. Pass the word to your “coffee” groups and all of the retirees you know in all of our communities. Keep sending those photos to Clyde’s challenge. They really help each issue and add fun to the reading. As always, do not hesitate to contact one of the Retiree Advocates if you have problems that cannot be solved with the Lumen benefits website and helpline. Thanks for reading this *Retiree Guardian*. Enjoy your retirement and let us know how to make your association better!

Gerold “Jerry” Weldon

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Our Mission: To preserve and protect the pension and benefits we earned