

FROM THE PFC ELDERS — MARCH 2014

The PFC Elders meet in the Cafe Verde each week. The courteous and friendly Cafe staff make sure that we are well cared for. From our discussions in our meetings about the Co-op, we have observed quite a few strengths in our Co-op as well as changes that make a difference in our shopping experience here and in our feeling good about being a member of this Cooperative. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the various components of the Co-op for their hard work. We would like to thank our Co-op Board member, Rebecca, and our general Manager, Leslie, for taking the time out of their very, very busy schedules to attend several of our meetings. Some great dialogue has occurred during these meetings. They have been responsive and willing to discuss with the Elders challenges within the Co-op.

The Co-op itself has gone through some wonderful changes due to the hard work of the General Manager and the staff at the Co-op. Our new food bar with so many tasty food options and the Co-op principles hanging above on the back wall has been a great addition to our Co-op. The remodeling of the Cafe coffee shop also has enhanced the atmosphere. Delicious Avalon blueberry muffins were also returned to the Cafe menu. Customer service has dramatically increased by the staff and management at the Co-op. The staff offered to help get groceries to the car and help in packing groceries. They have been helpful, friendly and warm. In response to the snow, ice, cold and parking challenges, the Co-op management has extended the Senior (Elder) discount day to include Sundays. This has benefited the elder folk shopping at the Co-op during the hard winter. Again, the PFC Elder's say, "Thank You."

A final note, if you are a 60-plus member of the Peoples' Food Co-op and are planning to attend the General Membership Meeting in April, before you partake of the delicious food samples from the co-op kitchen, drop by the Peoples' Food Co-op Elders' table. The Elders' are celebrating a first year anniversary as an active voice for Seniors/Elders in our Co-op. At the table, you can get some information about PFCE's activities and find out how a growing group of Elder Co-op members can promote "Co-op Values" within the store and in the Ann Arbor community. For information contact: Larry Horvath at horvath48104@yahoo.com