

# The Jacksonian



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This is a volunteer office. We are only in the office a couple times a month. Please email a board member.

News for and about Jackson-Area Retirees

## Christmas Luncheon at Country Club of Jackson

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 119 retirees attended an afternoon of good company, great food, and fantastic entertainment from the ABC Sisters. Our President, Joe Eckert, took the podium and discussed our "Year in Review" (listed below). Drawings were held, and prizes were awarded to Earl Poleski, David Wells, Kathy Gabriel, Julie Miller, Ann Cooper, Sharon Best, LeRoy Reiss, Julie Taylor, Sue O'Rourke, and Beverly Avery. Pictures of the event are on page 2. Thank you to all who made this event possible!

## 2023 Jacksonian Events

As 2023 comes to a close, I thought it would be fun to look back on the Jacksonians events' impact on our 422 members. We held two Planetarium showings with 83 people in attendance. Our Ye Old Carriage Shop tour and root beer float was a hit, with 56 people in attendance. 74 people attended our Spring Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson with entertainment by Dan Bickel. ClarkLake Picnic was successful, with 59 in attendance. Our Wine Tasting at Chateau Aeronautique Winery brought in 40 people. Our golf outing, "Kiple Open," had 50 people in attendance. The Forerunners Golf outing had 34 Jacksonian golfers attend, and the Forerunners luncheon at Cascades Manor House was attended by 43 Jacksonians. Our fall event "Oktoberfest at Chateau Aeronautique Blue Skies Brewery, was a perfect way to spend a fall day with 50 attending. Our Sunshine Committee, Jan Riede (working from Florida), sent 82 homemade sympathy cards and 21-anniversary cards out this year. We have also had attendance from our Jacksonians Trail Bikers and CE Exercise facility this year, thanks to Mike Wade. And this Christmas luncheon with entertainment from the ABC Sisters has over 119 in attendance. Ending our year with Christmas Gift Card to 8 members. Totaling over 710 members and spouses have attended one or more of these events. We have 422 Jacksonian members, and 175 members attended one or more events in 2023. Looking forward to 2024!

## Christmas Gift Cards Sent to Eight Jacksonians



The board decided to have a drawing for all the 422 current Jacksonians members. We chose eight members to receive a \$25 Gift Card. Members whose names were drawn are: Gerald Babcock, Linda Clark, Dave Fugere, Mary Gerding, Kenneth Meigh, George Richey, Nancy Pratt and Timothy Stiles. They will be receiving their gift card in the mail. Merry Christmas!

## Legislative Report

by: LeRoy Reiss

Watch for the "No Turn on Red" Signs: A permissible "Right Turn on Red" was introduced in the 1970s as a fuel savings measure but due to the increase in pedestrian injuries at traffic intersections, cities are increasing the number of intersections where there is "No Turn on Red". For example, Washington D. C. will end most right-on-red turns by 2025, the state of Hawaii has prohibited right-on-red turns in part of Honolulu and in Michigan, Ann Arbor has recently banned right-on-red turns at 50 downtown intersections. Watch for the "No Turn on Red" traffic signs. Michigan License Plates: Three vintage license plate designs from the 1970s and 1980s may soon be available. The legislature has overwhelmingly passed a bill to reintroduce three license plate designs from the 1970s and 1980s as specialty plates. The bill is waiting for the governor's approval.

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## Enjoy your - Fall/Winter Forerunners RetireeLine Newsletter

January 23 - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00  
February 7 - Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse  
February 27 - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00

Website for retiree information: [www.consumersenergy.com/retiree](http://www.consumersenergy.com/retiree)  
New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters



**Sympathy**

**Sympathy to the families of:**

- \* Steven Alan "Dudley" Dunlap (ret. 2007 )
- \* Roger Upham (ret. 1995)

**Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:**

- \* Bob (ret. 2020) and Melissa Callison (employee) sister-in-law Jane Callison



**Euchre & Lunch**  
at **Knights Steakhouse**

2125 Horton Road

**Wednesday, February 7**

**Time: 11:00am - 3:30pm**

Cost approx. \$15 for lunch. You will receive lunch options, with your confirmation email before the event. Cost for lunch will be your obligation.

**RSVP** jedavis22@gmail.com or call Joann Davis at 517-740-0293. **Deadline February 5th.**

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**Annual dues Jacksonians = \$ 7.00**

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