

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



Welcoming **ALL Forerunner Chapters** to Oktoberfest at Chateau Aeronautique Winery & Blue Skies Brewery Tuesday, October 17, 2023



The Jacksonians would like to invite **ALL Forerunner Chapters** to "Oktoberfest" at Chateau Aeronautique Winery & Blue Skies Brewery located at 12000 Pentecost Hwy, Onsted, Michigan, in the Irish Hills. Join us for lunch and beer or wine tasting. October is a perfect time for a fall tour of the Irish Hills and then stopping off for lunch!

Cost \$25 for Jacksonians & \$30 for Forerunners Chapters includes: Beer or Wine Tasting with Pretzel Bites and Beer Cheese & Lunch of Bratwurst w/bun, with German Cucumber Salad.

Cost \$15 for Jacksonians & \$20 for Forerunners Chapters for just Wine or Beer Tasting along with Pretzel bites with beer cheese. **Registration** begins at 11:30am,

with Lunch served at Noon. **Prizes** will be awarded for the best dressed der Mann & die Frau. So, wear your lederhosen or dirndl dress or other German attire. **"Prost" Enjoy the afternoon meeting retirees from all over Michigan!**

Registration Deadline October 9, 2023 QR code for directions.



Christmas Luncheon at Country Club of Jackson December 6, 2023

Join your fellow Jacksonians at our Annual Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 6th at the Country Club of Jackson.



Menu: Garden Fresh Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette & Rolls.

Choice of: Beef Tips Teriyaki or Salmon with Boursin Cream Sauce

Served with: Herb Roasted Redskins and Sautee of Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Peppermint Ice Cream with Hot Fudge

Cost: \$32.00 a person Registration begins at 11:30 with lunch served at noon.

We are excited about our entertainment for the afternoon. *Come see the **ABC Sisters**; an Andrews Sisters Tribute Act. Performing in the Midwest, they bring the old favorite scat classics home with perfect three-part harmony, 40's dancing style, and sisterly fun, making audiences laugh, cry, clap and sing along. Ayla, Bailey and Carly are real-life sisters and have always enjoyed singing the oldies together, and are now excited to be bringing their love of music to you! Visit their website: abcsisterssing.com*



Deadline for registrations November 27, 2023 - We would appreciate early registrations!

Insurance Meeting Cancelled - Message from Linda Desorcie - Benefits Operations

We are in the process of completing our Annual Enrollment mailings, which we anticipate will be mailed out in late September (or early October at the latest), ahead of the 2024 annual enrollment period that runs from Oct 18-Nov 1. * We are certain the materials will give everyone the information they need for the annual enrollment season. Those enrolled through Via Benefits will receive an update on the 2024 HRA amounts, which are increasing 2% again this year. * Anyone whose Medicare plans (including Part D prescription drugs) are changing will receive updates directly from the carriers. * At this time, we have not been informed of any anticipated changes, but that doesn't mean there aren't any so watching for mailings is important. * As in the past, we encourage everyone to review their prescription drug coverage just in case needs have changed during the current year and they may find a more efficient Part D plan for 2024. * We are also planning a set of virtual "age-in" meetings on October 24, like we've offered in the past, to invite those turning age 65 soon (December 2023-December 2024) to learn about the Via Benefits enrollment process. * There will be a recording of that meeting, and last year's recording available online now also. Visit: My.ViaBenefits.com/cmsenergy

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17 - Oktoberfest at Chateau Aeronautique—Blue Skies Brewery, Irish Hills **NEW** Inviting **ALL Forerunner Chapters**

October 24 - Jacksonian Board Meeting

November - **CANCELLED** Insurance Meeting. No new changes in 2024!

December 6 - Christmas Luncheon at Country Club of Jackson

Website for retiree information: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree
New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters



Sympathy & Anniversaries

Sympathy to the Families of:

- * William "Bill" Bivins (ret. 2002)
- * Hilda VanVorst (ret. 1991)
- * James Bernard Post (ret. 1987)
- * Charles Joseph Sauter (ret. 1969)
- * Jon Robinson (ret. 2014)
- * Paul E. Geiger (ret. 1997)

Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:

- * Ron Oechsle (ret. 1991) wife, Helen Oechsle

- * Karen Kurzynowski (ret. 2012) husband
Larry Kurzynowski
- * Stephanie Heyden (ret. 2016) brother-in-law
Larry Kurzynowski
- * Mark McCarrell (ret. 2011) mother, Maxine McCarrell
- * Willard "Bill" Romoser (ret. 1989) wife
Anne Elizabeth Romoser
- * Lorraine Varner (ret. 1996) brother-in-law
Charles Joseph Sauter (ret. 1969)

Contact our Sunshine Committee Chair Jan Riede (contact info on the sidebar) with information you'd like included in the Jacksonian: **Congratulations - Sympathy - Special Event - Wedding Anniversary** (clarifying landmark anniversary dates: 25th - 50th - 55th - 60th and every year after 60).

Legislative Report

by: LeRoy Reiss

Michigan currently relies on a per gallon fuel tax to fund roadway projects and maintenance. With electric, hybrid and fuel-efficient vehicles become more prevalent on Michigan roads, the traditional method of funding roadways is becoming less effective. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is considering a road usage tax based on the miles driven to replace the gas tax. This fall, MDOT plans to conduct a survey of 20,000 residents to gauge the acceptance of a road usage tax. You may comment on the proposed road usage tax via MDOT Public Outreach website - [Public Outreach \(michigan.gov\)](http://PublicOutreach.michigan.gov) [michigan.gov].

Registration for Christmas Luncheon - December 6, 2023

 Name (Print)

 Name of Spouse/Guest

 (_____) _____
 Code Phone Number Email Address (Print) Area

Beef Tips Teriyaki _____ **Salmon with Boursin Cream Sauce** _____

Reservations at **\$32.00** each: _____

I would also like to renew my Forerunner/Jacksonians Membership for 2024 = \$17.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Check# _____ Date: _____

Deadline for paid registrations is November 27, 2023
We would appreciate early registrations! Thank you



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Oktoberfest at Chateau Aeronautique—Blue Skies Brewery, Irish Hills Inviting ALL Forerunner Chapters - October 17, 2023

 Your Name (Print) Name of Spouse/Guest
 (_____) _____
 Area Code Phone Number Email Address (Print)



Lunch: Brats & Cucumber Salad + Beer or Wine Four Tastings with Pretzel bites & Cheese

First Names: _____ Beer _____ or First Names: _____ Wine _____

Jacksonians Cost \$25 each: _____ Your Chapter Name: _____

Forerunners Chapter Cost \$30 _____

Just Beer or Wine Four Tastings with Pretzel bites & Cheese



First Names: _____ Beer _____ or First Names: _____ Wine _____

Jacksonians Cost \$15: _____ Your Chapter Name: _____

Forerunners Chapter Cost \$20 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Your Check# _____ Date of Check: _____

Deadline for payment is October 9, 2023

Make your check payable to: **CP Jacksonians** and mail completed form with check to:
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