

# 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



**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Chateau Aeronautique Winery, Blue Skies Brewery & Mile High Distillery  
Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
1200 Pentecost Hwy, Onsted (Irish Hills)

What a better place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but in the Irish Hills! Please join your fellow retirees for lunch and spirit tastings. We are offering Wine or Beer tastings.

**Registration** begins at 12:00 noon and lunch and tasting start at 12:30pm.

**Contest** for the best "Irish" attire so, wear your green with pride! **Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day!**

**Cost:** \$30 for **lunch & Wine or Beer tasting** and Cheese & Pretzel bits.

**Cost:** \$15 for **just Wine or Beer** tasting and with Cheese & Pretzel bits.

**Lunch: Shepherds Pie (beef)** topped with mashed potatoes served in a large individual ramekin and served with an Arugula and Beet salad.

**Dessert: Joann's** Boozy Bailey Chocolate Trifle

Listed below are the wine, beer tastings that will be served.

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Sur Lie Chardonnay  
Naked Chardonnay  
Aviatrix Rouge  
Cabernet Sauvignon



Buddy Pass (green)  
Irish Red  
Amber Ale  
Chocolate Oatmeal Stout

For directions and more information, use your phone camera and scan QR Code



**Health & Safety Tips**

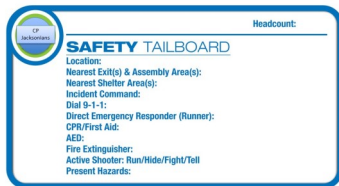
by: LeRoy Reiss

The Jacksonians added a "Safety Tailboard" to each of our events this year. Keeping our retirees safe and informed! **Thank you LeRoy!**

**Hello!** My name is LeRoy Reiss. I am your interim Health & Safety chairperson. I am certified in first aid, CPR (adult & child) and AED (adult & child). I have had fire extinguisher training with numerous practice exercises in putting out various types of fires. I have used the safety tailboard as a means of communicating what needs to be done and aligning resources during an emergency. Planning for an emergency eliminates confusion and saves time.

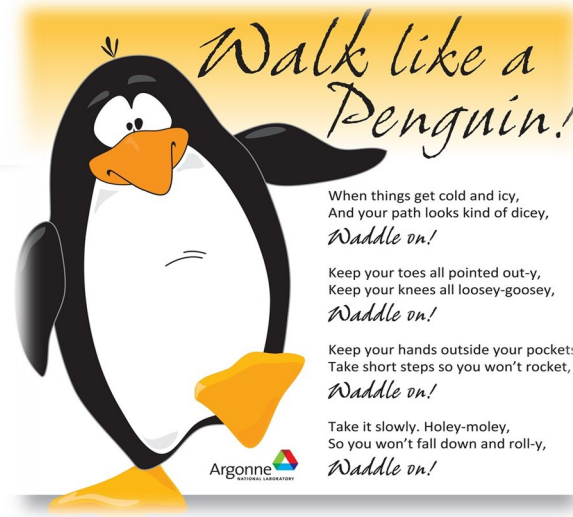


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**"Safety Tip on the Month"**

With the winter weather, we need to plan for the cold, ice and snow that we may encounter. If traveling by car, have the resources (cell phone, blanket, snack, etc.) available in case we get stuck in the snow or traffic. Be careful.



**Legislative Report**

by: LeRoy Reiss

On January 1, 2024, the Michigan income tax rate returned to 4.25%. The income tax rate will be reviewed later this year once the state revenues are established. The state constitution requires a balanced budget. In general, if the state revenues are not sufficient to cover the state budget, spending is reduced. If the revenues exceed the state budget requirements, the income tax rate may be lowered.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 7 - Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse
- February 27 - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00 am
- March 13 - St. Patrick's Day Lunch & Wine, Beer or Whiskey Tasting 12:00 noon
- March 26 - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00 am
- April 9 - Spring Luncheon at Country Club of Jackson 11:30 am
- May 15 - Lugnuts Game - Registration & information will be in March Newsletter.

Website for retiree information:

[www.consumersenergy.com/retiree](http://www.consumersenergy.com/retiree) or use your camera to take scan this QR Code ->

New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters



**Sympathy**

**2024 Forerunners Scholarship**

**Sympathy to the families of:**

- \* John Myers (ret. 1987)
- \* Donald Wetzel (ret. 1985)
- \* Laurelee Faulkner (ret. 1996)
- \* Frank Lovejoy (ret. 1998)

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

- \* Linda Brzezinski (ret. 2012) brother Ed Augustine
- \* Phyllis (ret. 2008) and Mike Trefry (ret. 2010) brother-in-law William R. Coppernoll
- \* Dennis Uhl (ret. 2012) wife, Rose Uhl
- \* Mark (ret. 2011) and Lisa McCarrell father Robert William McCarrell
- \* Richard Haller (ret. 2007) wife Rhonda Lynn Haller

2024 Forerunners Scholarship information is available on the retirees website.

Know a high school senior who could use financial assistance for the first year of post-high school study? The Forerunners have established a scholarship award, which may be used for tuition, books, fees, and other academic expenses. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school, and grandchildren or step-grandchildren of fully active, dues-paying members of the Forerunners.

Completed applications with required attachments must be postmarked no later than **June 14, 2024**.



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).



**March 13, 2024 - St. Patrick's Day Event!**

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

**Lunch: Shepherd's Pie (beef) & Salad + Four Tastings Beer or Wine with Pretzel bites & Cheese**

Beer \_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ or Wine \_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$30ea \_\_\_\_\_

**Just Four Tastings Beer or Wine with Pretzel bites & Cheese**

Beer \_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ or Wine \_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$15ea \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Check#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Check:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Forerunner/Jacksonian 2024 Membership & Scholarship Donation**



**Annual dues Forerunners = \$10.00**

**Annual dues Jacksonians = \$ 7.00**

NAME (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT.# \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
**Is your address above New? Circle NO YES Is your email address New? Circle NO Yes**  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winter Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Apt.# City State Zip

**2024 Membership Dues (\$10+\$7=\$17)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Forerunners Scholarship donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check your newsletter's envelope for the year your membership was last paid.**



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