

RETIREELINE

SPRING /SUMMER 2023

Consumers Energy

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Annual Reunion Luncheon

Wed., Sept. 13 at the
Cascades Manor House, Jackson

OUR LUNCHEON will take place at the elegant Cascades Manor House nestled in the beautiful Cascades Falls Park in the “Meyers” room overlooking scenic grounds and unique bridges. It is the perfect setting for our annual luncheon, with its stunning surroundings, impeccable service, and delicious cuisine.

Event Details:

- Registration will begin at 11:15 am
- Parking is just a short walk to the Manor House entrance
- Buffet-style luncheon
 - \$28 per person
- Musician Bob Skon will be providing the entertainment
 - You can listen to his music at bobskon.com/music



Menu Includes:

- Main dishes are Parmesan crusted chicken, and baked ziti, served with salad, rolls, vegetable mix, potatoes, and dessert
- Coffee, tea, lemonade
- Alcoholic beverages are available at your cost

After lunch, a Forerunners meeting will be held to present the scholarships awarded this year. Grandparents will be on hand to accept the scholarship on behalf of their grandchildren.

Keep an eye out for your registration form in our July Forerunners Newsletter



2023 Forerunners Annual Golf Outing TBA - Sept. 12

OUR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023. We are working on finalizing the perfect golf course. Emails will be sent to team captains when we have the specifics.

Check the Retiree website for updates on the course and cost of this event.

Calling All Members - In need of Chapter Leadership

ON THE back page of this newsletter, you will see a list of all the local chapters that make up the Forerunners and will notice that there are vacant leadership positions.

Local chapters were formed to enable Consumers Energy retirees to stay connected. For 20-plus years, it has been YOU, the members, who have volunteered to be leaders within each chapter and the overall leadership positions.

We want to thank ALL those who have been leaders in our chapters, both past and present. But now, we need retirees to step up again to help keep our chapters going.

If you would be interested in setting up some get-togethers during the year with people in your area, please email me at kathleengabrier@att.net. I can send you a list of members in your chapter, making it easy to get in touch. Thank you for considering keeping your chapters connected.

2023 Forerunners Scholarship Information

THE FORERUNNERS, an association of retirees from CMS-affiliated companies, has established a scholarship award program for current year graduating high school seniors. The award can be used for tuition, books, or educational expenses. Scholarship recipients are randomly selected for one of the awards below.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Children, stepchildren and legal dependents
- Grandchildren and step-grandchildren of Forerunners members
- Applicant needs to be a graduating high school senior with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above and plan to follow a full-time first-year student program at a college, university, post-secondary, or trade school
- Only one scholarship per year can be awarded to a Forerunner member
- Forerunners membership dues payment must be current

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Recipients will be selected and notified in late July or early August, with the awards presented at the Forerunners Annual Meeting in September.

We will be awarding seven scholarships in 2023.

- 1,000 Scholarship from Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors in Jackson
- \$1,000 Scholarship from Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing

- \$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Building for the Future
- \$1,000 Scholarship from the Jacksonians
- \$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Annual Golf Outing

In addition, the Forerunners will also be offering two \$800 scholarships in 2023. Forerunners scholarships are made possible through membership dues contributions and donations from Forerunners members.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS:

Applications are available from your local chapter presidents, the Forerunners Office in Jackson, or the Consumer Energy retiree website at www.consumersenergy.com/retiree/advantage.

Completed applications, along with required attachments, must be postmarked by no later than June 16, 2023.

Forerunner Chapters News

SOUTHEASTERNERS CHAPTER

J.R. Whiting Plant, Monroe County



Monthly meetings are held at the Monroe Bar and Grill on Mondays at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be on May 1, 2023, with Angela Bodell, a senior representative from CMS VIA Benefits.

Email Linda Homolka at lhomolka@bex.net or Harry Redford, President, at hredford@charter.net, if you are interested in attending.

We would like to welcome back our President, Harry Redford, after undergoing successful open-heart surgery.

JACKSONIANS

Our Christmas Luncheon was held on December 7, 2022. Being "Pearl Harbor Day," we honored our retirees and presented them with a commemorative medal, which Damien Wetzel from Consumers Energy Veterans Council handed out.



"Thank you for your Service"

Damien Wetzel from CE Veterans Council, presented a commemorative coin to honor our Veterans:

Robert Sexton (Navy), Dave Kloack (Navy), Don Frohm (Navy), Jim Schneider (National Guard Army), Phil Bickel (National Guard), Ernie Hopson (Army), Tom Heikkinen (Army), Neil Childs (Army), Ron Bulthuis (Army), Frank Zimmerman (Air Force), Sherman Smith (Air Force) & Jim Campbell (Army). Absent: Harry Rhines (Army), Paul Lynch (Coast Guard) Herb Elfring (Army).



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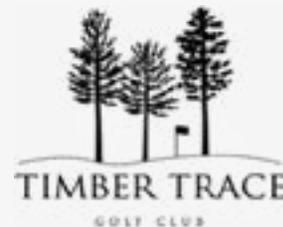
If you have a change of address or email, contact Helen Riendeau at helen10riendeau@gmail.com.

Remember to also notify **Fidelity Benefits** at **800-260-4015** of any contact info changes.



RETIREE WEBSITE UPDATE

Visit our website for updates on Deaths, Retirements, Discounts, Benefits, 2023 Scholarship information, and newsletter listings at consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news



2022 Forerunners Annual Golf Outing Timber Trace Golf Course, Pinckney

ONE HUNDRED and twenty people participated in this annual event. The course was as perfect as the weather! View more event pictures on the retiree's website, "Retiree Events."



PRIZES WERE AWARDED FOR:

MEN'S

1st Place - Don Anderson with 58 (-14)

2nd Place - Tim Stiles 58 (-14)

3rd Place - Jim Snedeker 61 (-11)

WOMEN'S

1st Place - Kathy Gabriel 76 +4

MIX TEAM WINNERS

Team #24 Kay Drogosch 63 (-9)

Women's Longest Putt - Nora Brzesinski

Longest Drive- Julie Miller

Closest to the Pin - Diane Moyer

Men's Longest Putt - Frank Manning

Longest Drive- Leonard Waclawik

Closest to the Pin - Trevor Reyher

2022 Forerunners Annual Reunion - Sept. 14 Luncheon at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel

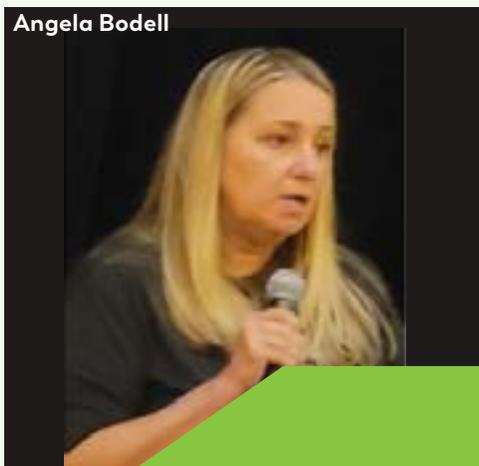
Carolyn Bloodworth from CE Corporate Giving explained the CE Volunteer Portal for donating or volunteering for a non-profit organization. Angela Bodell from CE VIA Benefits also walked us through healthcare service updates.

Retirees can email Volunteers@cmsenergy.com for login access and more information.

We then handed out some of our scholarship checks to the grandparents of our recipients and finished our session with Comedy Magician John Dudley. Lastly, FireKeepers Casino Hotel gave each participant a \$10 voucher to do a little gambling. It was a good day had by all and, with a little luck, profitable!!



Carolyn Bloodworth



Angela Bodell



John Dudley

Congratulations to Our 2022 Forerunners Scholarship Winners

FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP drawing was held on June 20th. Forerunners received twenty-three applications, and the winners are as follows:

- \$1,000 Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors of Jackson, Scholarship winner is Sarah Beth Russell (Kalamazoo area, attending MSU), granddaughter of Donna Peters.
- \$1,000 Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing, Scholarship winner is Alexia Anne Roush (Beachwood, Ohio, attending Kent State University), granddaughter of Richard Cottrell
- \$1,000 Forerunners Building for the Future Scholarship winner is Mackenzie C. Rosenau (Jackson, MI, attending Trine University), granddaughter of Charlene LaBumbard
- \$800 Forerunners Scholarship winner is Peter Florence (Ann Arbor, attending UofM), grandson of Robert Welsh
- \$800 Forerunners Scholarship winner is Jami Lynn Creque (Riga, MI, attending EMU), granddaughter of Alan Morgenthaler
- \$800 Forerunners Scholarship winner is Nicholas J Daniels (Howell, MI, attending EMU), grandson of Norm Daniels



Rhoda Tinkham presented to Norm Daniels



Rhoda Tinkham presented to Alan Morgenthaler



Rhoda Tinkham presented to Robert Welsh



Bill Flynn from Flynn Wealth Advisors presented to Richard Cottrell

FORERUNNERS MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2023

The Forerunners are again collecting dues from all Chapters except Jacksonians, who collect dues for us. An email notification was sent to all members for whom we have an email address. This notice is for all others and those who have not yet responded to the email notice. Your local Chapter will collect their dues from you directly. Your membership and dues payment are essential to us, and for only .83 cents a month, you are a member of our unique organization. So, please renew your membership and keep in touch with old friends and colleagues by sending your \$10.00 payment today. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

RETIREE NAME (Print) _____

SPOUSE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

2023 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____

2024 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____ (for your convenience you may pay dues ahead)

Scholarship Donation (Optional) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make your dues payable to: Forerunners and mail your completed form and check to:
Forerunners, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201



Complete Listing on our website.

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FEBRUARY 2023

Bridson, Todd S., Midland
Burke, David M., Goodrich
Curtis, Roger A., Onsted
Falasz, Jayne A., Saginaw
Greening, Mark David, Arcadia
Jacobson, Jeffrey T., Beulah
King, Andrew J., Battle Creek
Stephens, Terry S., Stanton

JANUARY 2023

Anderson, Bradley J., Ada
Barnard, Marvin W., Lowell
Bridson, Todd S., Midland
Huth, Karen M., Kalamazoo
Kastanis, William R., Manchester
Pulido, Anthony M., Copenish
Quellet, Thomas G., Zeeland
Sharber, Kevin W., Mt Clemens
Springgay, Bret A., Ann Arbor
Vernasco, Neil V., St Joseph

DECEMBER 2022

Lemon, Karen L., Metamora
Mccann, Karen L., Redford
Mills, Terry B., Vanceboro, NC

Packard, Guy C., Holland
Phipps, Brenda M., Grayling
Schmidt, Kimberly, Rose City
Sims, Bobby C., Manitou Beach
Somerfield, Jeffrey F., Greenville

NOVEMBER 2022

Benner, David B., Marshall
Delano, Gerald P., Burtchville
Dunlap, Cheryl A., New Hudson
Friend, Michael L., Whitehall
Geers, Parish D., Williamsburg
Humphrey, Richard A., Conklin
Johnson, Valerie L., Clawson
Jones, Jane E., Jackson
Lenius, Brian J., Muskegon
Moran, Kenneth A., Farwell
O'Boyle, Richard L., Lansing
Shebuski, Joseph, Dewitt
Walter, Kara L., Elsie

OCTOBER 2022

Deuling, Jeffery C., Montague
Fraga, James R., Jackson
Masud, Amy A., Frankenmuth
Mcdaid li, Edwin R., Alma
Patel, Ajitkumar J., Novi

SEPTEMBER 2022

Banwell, Robert A., Fountain
Bastian, Henry J., Marlette
Borowicz, Jeffery J., South Lyon
Deboe, Scott F., Portage
Fall, Barry D., Jackson
Fitch, Craig., Covert
Hassevoort, Paul R., South Haven
Hirsch, Stephen T., Pahoia, HI
Johnson, Alice M., Hanover
Marshall, Douglas C., Lansing
May, Carissa L., Byron Center
Nelson, Daniel J., Springport
O'Neil, Renee A., Grand Rapids
Patterson, Dena J., Jackson
Peatross, Kelley A., Saginaw
Peterson, Deborah A., Hanover
Riedel, William J., Charlotte
Rogers, Charles W., Jackson
Schuster, Paula R., Cadillac
Stafford, June., Jackson
Torvinen, Leo J., Muskegon
Vansumeren, Teri L., Horton

IN MEMORIAM

Complete Listing on our website.

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FEBRUARY 2023

Brasseur, Robert R., Gladwin
Brown, Frederick P., Plymouth
Collins, Shirley A., Chesterfield
Dicea, Richard L., Oxford
Hafner, Kathleen J., St. Charles
Holmes, Dolores A., Livonia
Jacobi, Harry T., Davison
Johnson, Barbara J., Linden
Knickerbocker Robert L., Lansing
Pike, Viola M., Jackson
Rice, Betty M., Battle Creek

JANUARY 2023

Dafoe, Marjorie L., Burton
Ehinger, Gerald A., West Branch
Every, Willard J., Dansville
Folkema, Jack R., Hudsonville
Gizowski, Barbara A., Freeland
Harris, Gordon E., Jackson
Jakubiec, Ronald J., Livonia
Kinnear, Cynthia D., Midland
Kingry, Daniel T., Saginaw
Kinsey, Terrie E., Muskegon
Konkle, Marilyn R., Covert
Kremer, Gloria E., Royal Oak
Lyle, Lawrence V., Allendale
Molitor, William E., Saint Johns
Pixley, Jacqueline L., Muskegon
Postema, Herman G., Fremont
Slayton, Ruth E., Rives Junction
Spieler, Inger, Georgetown, TX
Streeter, Carol J., South Haven
Veeneman, Donald R., Coopersville
Villerman, Kenneth G., Charlevoix
Wells, Henry L., Marshall

DECEMBER 2022

Brady, Jim L., Muskegon
Byrd, James T., Battle Creek
Cutting, Patsy T., Jackson
Downer, Clyde I., Las Vegas, NV
Dunn, Richard L., Plainwell
Falahee, Virginia M., Portage
Gould, Annice, Clark Lake
Herbert, Laurie G., Bay City
Hollis, Myrna Lynn, Pontiac
Johnson, Kenneth M., Spring Lake
Lowe, Donna M., Owosso
Miller, Richard L., Belmont
Moxon, Milton R., Grand Rapids
Nash, Clair A., East Tawas
Pyle, Terry L., Spring Arbor
Sandy, Roland J., Metamora
Somervill, Betty M., Portland
Stephens, Lavern, Detroit
White, Kenneth G., Cedar Rapids, IA
Vinton, Richard D., Jackson

NOVEMBER 2022

Allerding, Vivian L., Hastings
Antushevich, Dolores R.,
 Washington
Cannon-Collison, Beulah M.,
 Saginaw
Chatterton, Kathleen M.,
 Roscommon
Clarke, Daniel A., Gladwin
Couturier, Hilda E., Waterford
Craig, Samuel W., South Haven
Goodrich, Wesley, Evert
Hansen, Ronald G., Portage
Harrison, Garry D., Bay City

Steffen, Margaret, Grand Haven
Knight, Doris E., Grnd Rapids
Kortryk, Louis F., Lealand, NC
Niederquell, Charlotte M., Freeland
Novak, Romaine L., Mission Viejo, CA
Randall, Charles B., Hesperia
Richardson, Bartolo R., Parma
Ruckman, Shelley J., Manchester
Sackrider, Freddie, Wolverine
Swenson, Carl E., Jackson
Wirsing, Janet F., Au Gres

OCTOBER 2022

Abel, Charles R., Mesick
Afton, Virginia M., Kent City
Bates, Robert G., Kalkaska
Beuker, David R., Grand Rapids
Biggs, Robert R., Chandler, AZ
Brandt, Robert D., San Diego, CA
Bruning, Delores V., Rogers City
Burnett, Sammy B., Ambia, In
Chapman, Kevin S., Marshall
Collins, Jeannine S., Jackson
Conley, Phyllis L., Jackson
Cooper, Ida M., Swartz Creek
Entsminger, Doretta E., Oxford
Ewing, Robert A., Traverse City
Galligan, Michael M., Traverse City
Guthrie, Maxine L., Bay City
Hausler, Leland M., Spring Arbor
Hindman, Charles R., Brethren
Kolb, Doris H., Monroe
Lively, Melvin R., Spring Arbor
Price, Genevieve A., Howell
Pysz, Rosemary D., Farmington



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Independents– **Various** – Vacant

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