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February 2023

News for and about Jackson-Area Retirees

Hurst Planetarium at Ella Sharp Museum - February 8, 2023

Due to overwhelming response to our Hurst Planetarium visit we have added an additional show. Jacksonians who have made reservations will be attending a 1:00pm or 2:30pm show at the Hurst Planetarium at Ella Sharp Museum, Located at 3225 4th Street, Jackson. Showing of the "Winter Night Sky & Auroras. Looking forward to seeing



you all there! Doors will open 15 minutes before event. You will receive an email reminder a week before the event.

> Wine Tasting Event at Chateau Aeronautique Winery, Irish Hills Wednesday, March 22, 2023



Looking forward to our third year of wine tasting at Chateau Aeronautique Winery. This winery is located in the heart of the Irish Hills with a unique outdoor heated Biergarten. Located at 12000 Pentecost Highway, Onsted. It can be 18F outside and the Biergarten is 74F.

Registration begins at 1:00pm We will be tasting from the Semi-Sweet Wine Flight. Seven different wines presented to you on a flight board along with cheese and crackers that are the perfect pairing with the wines presented. The last wine is a dessert wine, 2017 Riesling Ice Wine served with a dessert. Kitchen will be open at Noon for anyone wishing to have lunch before or after the event. Menu at: www.chateauaeronautiquewinery.com Jacksonians will cover a portion of this event.

Cost: \$15.00 a person. Registration form is available on the back of newsletter. Deadline for registrations is March 6, 2023.



Consumers Energy Fitness Centers

Consumers Energy has a Fitness Center located at both the Parnall Building and OEP that retirees can access by coming to the main entrance and checking in with the security guard on duty. Tell the security guard that you are a retiree, you will need to show your drivers license. You will then be given a contractor badge that needs to returned to the desk when you leave the fitness center. The center is equipped with three changing rooms with showers and bathrooms for both genders.

Thank you to Mike Wade and Carolyn Bloodworth for working out the kinks in the process!



Hurst Planetarium at Ella Sharp Museum "Night Sky" **RSVP** required!

Feb. 28 - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00am

March 22 -Wine Tasting at Chateau Aeronautique Winery - Irish Hills

April 11 - Spring Luncheon at Country Club of Jackson





UPDATED Website for retiree information: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree Online Directory password: Forerunners

Sympathy & Anniversaries

Sympathy to the families of:

- * Richard Dale Vinton (ret. 1991)
- * Dorothy J. Travilla (ret. 1998)
- * Patsy Cutting (ret. 1996)
- * Gordon Harris (ret. 1989)
- * Terry Lane Pyle (ret. 2013)

Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:

- * Glenda Childs (ret. 2009) granddaughter Delanie Claire Maute
- * Donald L. Harris (ret. 1995) brother

Gordon Harris (ret. 1989)

- * Sandie Yeager (ret. 2014) father Kenneth Yeager
- * Frank Berkemeier (ret. 2007) Mother-in-law Geraldine Gaydos

Happy Anniversary!

Ron (ret. 2009) and Lori Fobes (ret. 2018) 25th Wedding Anniversary Rhoda (ret. 1999) and Hank Tinkham 62nd Wedding Anniversary

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).

2023 Forerunners Scholarship—Available on

www.consumersenergy.com/retiree/advantage

Know a high school senior who could use financial assistance for the first year of post-graduate 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.

We will be awarding six 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.

(made by generous contributions from the Jacksonians over the years)

In addition, the Forerunners will also be offering two \$800 Scholarships in 2023.

Recipients will be selected and notified in late July or early August. Completed applications with required attachments must be postmarked no later than **June 16, 2023**.



Legislative Report

Michigan is currently estimated to have a 2022-2023 fiscal year budget surplus. This size of the estimated budget surplus would trigger a 2015 law requiring a reduction in the Michigan income tax rate from 4.25% to 4.05%. This reduction would automatically occur unless reversed by the Michigan legislature and governor.

Reporting from LeRoy Reiss, Jacksonians Legislative Rep. Welcome to the board LeRoy.

Wine Tasting Event at Chateau Aeronautique Winery, Irish Hills Wednesday, March 22, 2023			
Your Name	(Print)	Name of S	Spouse/Guest
() Area Code	Phone Number	Email Address (Print)	
Cost \$15 each for Wine Tasting: Were you thinking about having lunch (Winery opens at Noon) before or after the wine tasting? Before After			
I would also like to renew my membership to Forerunners & Jacksonians \$17.00yr			
Total Amount Enclosed:Your Check# Date of Check: Deadline for registrations is March 6, 2023			
You will be notified by email a week before the event.			

Make your check payable to: **CP Jacksonians** and mail completed form with check to: *CP Jacksonians*, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201