

Forerunners Expressing Gratitude for Service

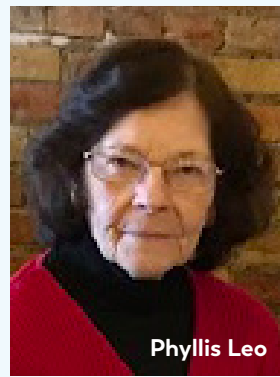


CLARENCE SCHWARTZ, affectionately known as C.J., retired from the J.R. Whiting plant in 1989. He worked there as an operator and later as a shift supervisor. He and

Marilyn McClain, who retired at the same time, decided it would be a good idea to get retirees together for a monthly breakfast. And so started the beginning of the Southeasterners Chapter of the Forerunners. He was the president, and Marilyn was the secretary/treasurer.

C.J. has a unique ability to bring people together, always treating everyone with respect and kindness. It never matters if you are union or management; you are always welcome at the meetings. His mission is to keep members apprised regarding information and changes occurring with CMS Energy and to maintain the friendships formed over the years at J.R. Whiting. Now, C.J. has decided that it is time to take a break and let new leadership step in.

Members of the Southeasterners express their appreciation to C.J. for his many years of commitment to the Chapter and wish him the very best. We know we will continue to see him at meetings where he can come and enjoy the company!

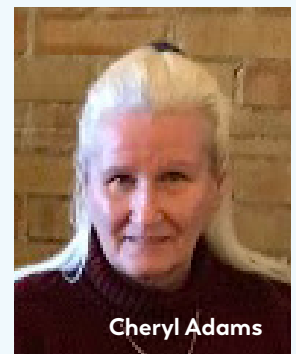


PHYLLIS LEO will retire as President of the Metro Pioneers in December 2019. She has held this position since December 2011 and I've worked with her during this time along with our Board, Deb Dodd and other staff members from Consumers Energy. It's been a pleasure working with her;

she is always willing to take on a challenge with a smiling face and positive attitude.

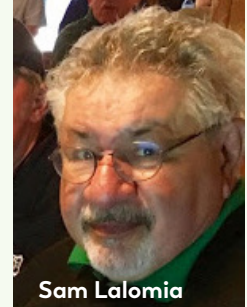
Phyllis works hard keeping our chapter updated with new/old business and all the programs affiliated with the Retiree Chapters, i.e., the Scholarship Fund and volunteer grants. She stepped up to the plate and negotiated a new contract with the venue where we hold our meetings, and due to her efforts, we were able to stay. She looks for new ideas from our chapter members where we can improve our declining membership, i.e., getting different speakers.

We are going to miss Phyllis. However, we hope she will continue to participate with her ideas and positive attitude as she passes the "baton" of the presidency to Cheryl Adams. The Metro Pioneers are looking forward to welcoming **CHERYL ADAMS** as our new President for 2019. We will do our best to support her in her new position.



Forerunners Expressing Gratitude for Service (cont'd.)

SAM LALOMIA is retiring at the end of his term as Forerunners Vice President. He has held that position for five years. He and wife, Berta, will be enjoying warmer weather in Naples, Florida much of their time. Sam has been very active with the success of our reunion, managing to get a computer donation for the last five years from Dell as well as other monetary donations. We want to express our appreciation for his years of service to this organization. He has been an asset to the statewide chapters. I am sure we will see him at our golf outings in the future! Thank you, Sam, for your dedication to the Forerunners.



New Forerunner Chapter “MGS/Gas P&T/Gas T&S”

**MY NAME
IS DAVE
ARMSTRONG.**

I worked for almost 29 years as a Senior Field Technician based out of the Pontiac Headquarters until my retirement in 2014.



I now represent the “**MGS / Gas P&T / Gas T&S**” Retirees group, unaffiliated with the Forerunners group. Our group is open to all retirees that had been a part of either of the Michigan Gas Storage, Gas P&T, or Gas T&S groups during their careers. Our group has been concerned about the possibility that we could be overlooked by the company when HR/Benefits tries to communicate with retiree groups (Health Care Plan coverage changes, for example), since we were not part of the official “Forerunners” chapters. To ensure

that our group is included in future Consumers Energy-to-retirees communications, we thought it best that we should become a chapter of the Forerunners organization. We have no “set location” or area, and although annual meetings had always been held in Mt. Pleasant, we are considering rotating our meetings to locations around the State to accommodate those who live in areas far from Mt. Pleasant or Jackson.

To that end, I attended the Forerunners November board meeting in Howell. I introduced myself (and our group) desire to become a Forerunner chapter, and a motion to allow us to join was put forward and approved. Our group wants an “All-Business” name, and we chose “MGS/ Gas P&T/ Gas T&S.” Anyone that would like to join us, or transfer their primary chapter to ours, please contact me at dtnk00@yahoo.com or 248-391-4329.

Annual Golf Outing at the Medalist Golf Course in Marshall

OUR GOLF OUTING at the Medalist Golf Course had 120 people participate. The day was spent enjoying seeing old friends, golf and good food. More pictures from the event are available on the Consumers Energy retiree website. Thank you to Kathy Gabriel and her team for all their hard work on the golf outing. **First Place Men:** Bob Gluszewski, Mike Beck, Mark Sinko and Jim Szymusiak. **Second Place Men:** Denny Depra, Ted Sanger, Lynn

Frederick and Ron Rasmussen. **Third Place Men:** Jerry Lemmon, Dave Brown, Dick Stuart, Denny Leutz. **First Place Women:** Julie Miller, Diane Moyer, Nora Brzezinski, Kathy Gabriel. **Men's Closest to the Pin:** Jack Weirich. **Men's Longest Drive:** Doug Drogosch. **Men's Longest Putt:** Jim Hayes. **Women's Closest to the Pin:** Kitty Foster. **Women's Longest Drive:** Ellen Wissmueller. **Women's Longest Putt:** Kay Drogosch. Pictures are from the outing.



Reunion Luncheon & Show in Turkeyville, USA

WE HAD 125 PEOPLE come to Cornwell's Turkeyville USA for scholarship presentations, lunch and a performance of Nunsense. All enjoyed lunch and a fantastic play.

Thank you also to the Forerunner president, Vonda Belanger, for all her work on events for the past nine years. Grateful grandparents Dick and Patricia Valk were in

attendance at the meeting and expressed their gratitude on behalf of their grandchild's scholarship award.

President Belanger thanked the scholarship sponsors, Flynn Wealth Management Partners and Richmond Brothers for their support, and CP Federal Credit Union, Dell computers, and the local chapters for their donations of door prizes. Cheryl Lantinga (Metro Pioneers) won a Dell laptop computer. There were many other prize winners!





SEPTEMBER 2018

Baltimore, Harry E., Jackson
 Bromley Daniel L., Howell
 Ciesielski, Lonny J., Flushing
 Fitton, Paul D., South Haven
 Gallagher, John D., Bay City
 Glaspie, Debra A., Jackson
 Goble, Tracy A., Harbor Springs
 Hicks, Theron J., Charlotte
 Johnson, Colleen R., Wyoming
 Leonard, Charles A., Rochester Hills
 Maxwell, Michael D., Jackson
 Mikesell, Gregory G., Holland
 Partridge, Michelle K., Delton
 Rein, Jennifer A., Saline
 Sanders, Hollis M. Jr., Jackson
 Swihart, Earl K., Jackson
 Wallbaum, Timothy W., Jackson
 Winer, Timothy A., Corunna

AUGUST 2018

Bartkus, Anne C., Jackson
 Benjamin, Dennis J., Lansing
 Bokhart, Daniel J., Essexville
 Borton, Debra A., Jackson
 Darnell, Valerie R., Phoenix, AZ
 Davis, Patrick J., Owosso
 Fobes, Lori A., Jackson

Johansen, Duane G., Rodney
 Johnson, Gary D., Brooklyn
 Klooster, Marvin J., Plainwell
 Light, David A., Saginaw
 Lothrop, Earl M., Scottville
 Narlock, Kellie O., Bay City
 Okoniewski, Thomas J., Jackson
 Papke, David D., Mt Clemens
 Prindle, Kirk M., Jenison
 Richert, James R., Cadillac
 Roulo, Frank A., East Tawas
 Rupp, Ranall J., Jerome
 Sherman, John E., Jackson
 Storm, Wayne M., Honor

JULY 2018

Alvarado, Joan H., Lansing
 Anguiano, Arnold C., Saginaw
 Burkhart, Katherine A., Clarkston
 Chick, Marilyn K., Leslie
 Conn, Marcey A., Goodrich
 Grays Smith, Doloris Y., Burton
 Herta, Martin A., Davison
 Hribek, Dana A., Pinconning
 Johnson, Thomas E., Traverse City
 Kammeraad, Dewayne M., Delton

Lauria, John A., Bay City
 Leidlein, Patrick J., Freeland
 Maddux, Kim S., Albion
 McLaughlin, Michael L., Riley
 Miracle, Paula J., Carleton
 Myers, Kurt J., Freesoil
 Pletcher, Doyle V., Millington
 Potter, Gerald D., St. Charles
 Ramirez, Clark, Elwell
 Rhea, Dyan M., Inman SC
 Richards, Linda J., Michigan Ctr.
 Riedlinger, Dale J., Bay City
 Schroeder, Frederick R., Midland
 Speer, Garry S., Grand Haven
 Tomczak, Barbara J., Bay City
 Trim, Patrick R., Bath
 Voss, Gary A., Auburn
 Ward, James R., Hudsonville
 Wilson, Michelle A., Zeeland

JUNE 2018

Allmon, Carolyn J., Munith
 Anderson, Diane K., West Olive
 Axon, Bruce W., Jackson
 Bates Jr, Terry L., Pontiac
 Beetley, Danny L., Merrill
 Begin, Thomas J., Fenton
 Brannick, Mark V., Rives Jct
 Broas, Mark D., West Olive
 Carlston, James A., Norton Shores
 Clark, Deborah A., Horton
 Clark, Rebecca R., Jerome
 Collins, Douglas B., Mancelona
 Davis, Gary M., Grass Lake
 Dickey, William P., Wyoming
 Erway, Richard J., Middleville
 Festa, Vincenzo J., Williamsburg
 Fouty, Jeffrey S., Jackson
 Fry, Annette M., New Baltimore
 Grashik, Debbie A., Eagle

Guigue, Jeffrey E., Eagle
Hagger, Steven W., Fennville
Hamacher, Dennis E., Muskegon
Hardow, Barry N., Farmington Hills
Herron, William J., Battle Creek
Hines, Toney A., Grand Blanc
Hollars, Marvin J., Delton
Houtz, Randy H., Bronson
Hudson, Kevin E., Spring Lake
Isles, Carol, Hanover
Johnson, Rodney, Waterford
Johnson, Valerie L., Clawson
Kellogg, Tammy L., Buckley
King, Brian L., Newaygo
Kirt-Kubesh, Jean M., Traverse City
Lesatz, David A., Saginaw
Lubahn, Jon K., W Bloomfield
Mahaffey, Lewis R., Kawkawlin
Matheson, David J., Fenton
McAndrews, Phillip J., Jackson
McCarthy, Paul E., Henderson
McFalls, Beth Ann, Jackson
Meyer, Lori A., Grand Rapids
Meyer, William E., Shepherd
Mitchell, Ron L., Flushing
O'Brien, Bret R., Stanton
Oliver, Sherry L., Kalamazoo
Parshall, Dennis L., Jackson
Radka, David W., Reese
Reamer, Gary A., Metamora
Rial, Douglas L., Ceresco
Romero, Ezequiel D., Jackson
Schuetz, David L., Jackson
Smith, Eddie L., Flint
Sniecinski, Alan D., Bay City
Stevens, Roy A., Linwood

Tennant, Duncan A., Sebewaing
Thomas, Annette W., Layton
Thornton, Mitchell A., Middleville
Van Duinen, Timothy S., Hudsonville
Vine, John G., Saline
Westrate, Barbara L., Grand Rapids
Wojcik Jr, Thaddeus J., Evart

MAY 2018

Battige, David S., Scottville
Delisi, Salvatore J., Columbiaville
Duplissis, James R., Muskegon
Ferguson, Patricia, Leslie
Haggerty, Terrance M., Grand Rapids
Hatfield Jr, Edward, Jackson
Hunt, John A., Grand Rapids
Kestner, Thomas J., Houghton
Leitch, Denis G., Jackson
Lowe, Margaret, Jackson
Meyer, Gregory J., Waterford
Miller, Jeff A., Jackson
Nelson, Donald S., Muskegon
Ott, Brian G., Saginaw
Sawyer, Robert J., Horton
Schmidt, Glenn A., Rose City
Schwerin, Robert E., Linden

Scouten, Earl Rickie, Cement City
Workman, Dan R., Grand Haven

APRIL 2018

Austin, Mary F., Clark Lake
Deal, Bradley C., Big Rapids
Fisher, Randy S., St. Helen
McLeod, Susan K., Royal Oak
Schultz, Douglas A., Holland
Schultz, Lora A., Wheeler
Stiegemeier, Judith K., Owosso
Turner, Helen A., Kalamazoo
Vanneste, Cheryl S., Grand Ledge
Woodruff, Thomas E., Vassar

MARCH 2018

Bradford, James A., Eastlake
Bunnell, Carol A., Clark Lake
Carlson, Robert C., Holland
Casuccio, John, Jackson
Chapman, Ronald P., Flint
Doud, Wade A., Kerrville
Guenthardt, Susan M., Manistee
Knutson, Hans E., Holland
Rogus, Anne K., Jackson
Sharief, Irshad A., Portage
Snyder, Richard B., Linden

Happy Retirement!

DEATHS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Alberts, Mary E., Marion
Ball, Adeline A., Cadillac
Beauchamp, Raymond A., Escanaba
Coppes, Fredericka J., Vicksburg
Cornelius, Vivian M., Midland
Digon, Michael G., Hanover
Gross, Charles F., Jackson
Hank, Joyce L., Grand Blanc
Hayes, Thomas E., Clinton Township
Kovar, James L., Fayetteville, TX
Kujawa, Lawrence J., Jackson
Kyser, Mary G., Clio
Macek, Caroline M., St. Charles
Murphy, Virginia L., Kalamazoo
Perkins, Mary M., Jackson
Sharon, Russell E., Bay City
Wesholski, James H., Grand Rapids

AUGUST 2018

Bartkus, John R. Jr., Jackson
Blanchard, Kenneth J., White Castle LA
Blue, Diane B., Jackson
Brock, Leroy E., Snellville, GA
Caswell, Gerald L., Marcellus
Cline, Richard H., Muskegon
Cornell, Duane W., Manistee
Fitzgerald, Beverly A., Traverse City
Fuller, James F., Rockford
Gary, David R., Beaverton
Graham, Lois A., Bloomfield Hills
Hammond, Doris R., Zephyrhills, FL
Hoover, Vesta D., Greenville

Lundgren, Richard N., Clarkston
May, Dale R., Spring Arbor
Moss, Dorothy I., Jackson
Silence, Harry J., Jackson
Smith, Billy E., Jackson
Spain, Victoria, Toledo, OH
Tallman, Barbara J., Clio
Van Vliet, Harry D., Sterling Heights

JULY 2018

Boucher, Harold J., Jonesville
Buchanan, Robert D., Farmington Hills
Burgess, Mary L., Bloomfield Hls
Charron, Jr, Stanley M., Muskegon
Corder, Gerald D., Mesick
Davis, Donald O., Jackson
Dodge, Kathleen G., Bay City
Eschenburg, Patricia A., Jackson
Essex, Patricia R., Bay City
Gray, Constance H., Jackson
Johnston, James R., Burton
Kooistra, Sidney M., Jenison
Koop, Pauline V., Eastpointe
Koviack, Raymond M., Birch Run
Long, David B., Prescott, AZ
Loring, Cynthia A., Jackson
Luxton, Sidney L., Clawson
McDonald, Rita C., Sanford
Mino, Charles F. Jr., Spring Hill, FL
Moiles, Eugene M., Owosso
Morgan, Benny R., Mancelona
Muchler, Lynwood D., Oscoda
Niemi, James A., Jackson
Ockert, Bernard J., Allegan



Prevost, Paul M., Bay City
Ribble, Mildred I., Easley, SC
Roland, Ronald J., Ionia
Russell, Jacquelyn M., Yuma, AZ
Schreur, Arnold D., Hudsonville
Selby, John D., Des Moines, IA
Shafley, Harry K., Jackson
Ulrich, Betty J., Ionia
Wolgast, Nellie C., Traverse City
Zinz, Marcene M., Lupton

JUNE 2018

Bidle, Valden O., Largo
Collins, David J., Adrian
Crandall, Frederick E., Ada
Duff, Robert B., East Jordan
Grimaldi, Samuel J., Saginaw
Hildenbrand, Roger, Hastings
Hoppe, Vivian L., Bay City
McIntyre, Theresa M., Jackson
Moore, Patrick D., Traverse City
Mulnix, Michael W., Jackson
Nickrent, Daniel W., Kalamazoo
Nielsen, Charles R., Ludington
Nutter, Robert E., Port Charlotte, FL
Peters, Helen R., Bay City
Pieczewski, Joseph F., Sanford
Purvis, George R., Highland
Robinson, Margaret, Northville
Stoner, Robert L., Midland
Terrell Jr, Harmon J., Pontiac
Tilley, Richard E., Bay City
Volkers, Dale W., Ravenna

Wright, Dorothy A., Climax
Yelen, Robert, Garden City
York, Phyllis A., Zeeland
Zak, Lyle E., Thompsonville

MAY 2018

Anderson, Karl A., Mt. Pleasant
Austin, Winifred, Flint
Austin, Edward, Wyoming
Benedick, Philip E., Sault Ste. Marie
Brandmair, Wilbur F., Bay City
Catrell, Eunice F., Rapid City
Collier, Esther M., Jackson
Connell, Jeanne M., Bloomfield Hills
David, Alan A., Simpsonville, SC
Derocher, Daniel J., Bay City
Dodd, Doyle E., Tucson, AZ
Edwards, William G., Horseshoe Bay, TX
Geiger, Joyce E., Richland
Holloway, Jr, W C., Otter Lake
Lott, Una W., Adrian
Lowe, Allan E., Cedar Key, FL
Lowrie, Pauline R., Perry
McCall, Jr, John C., Muskegon
McMahan, Gerald L., Midland
Mertz, Floyd E., Freeland
Miller, Dirk V., Jackson
Moss, Robert H., Memphis, TN
Nelson, Doris A., Council, NC
Poirier, Claire D., Fort Gratiot
Porter, Bernard C., Saginaw
Smith, Opal B., Owosso
Sterrett, Betty J., Jackson
Vanneste, Cheryl S., Grand Ledge

Wangelin, Earl W., Clinton Township
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APRIL 2018

Cowles, Beverly L., Muskegon
Cyrocki, Sophie B., Brooklyn
Densmore, Beverly M., Waterford
Engerer, Gene O., Bay City
English, Janice A., St Louis
Gainey Jr, Charlie N., Fruitport
Grauman, Alan R., Vicksburg
Haskins, Donald E., Jonesville
Herrington, James B., Flushing
Liechti, Robert J., Jackson
McGillis, Dorothy A., Lake
Nelson, Audrey R., Tawas City
Nelson, Reginald E., Jackson
Power, Iftenia, Roseville
Roberts, William R., Clearwater, FL
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Rogers, Anna M., Jackson
Schmitt, Neva B., Grand Ledge
Schovan, Josephine M., Berkley
Stork, Ronald, Durand
Strauch, Cassie M., Marion
Trumble, Richard K., Parma
Vanwinkle, Wilma V., Jackson

MARCH 2018

Beutler, Donna P., Lansing
Blair, Wanda M., Ann Arbor
Buikema, Robert A., Jenison
Campeau, Elsie H., Vermontville
Cox, Nancy J., Clinton Twp.
Dittmer, Elmer E., Tecumseh
Dutkiewicz, Eugene W., Bay City

Estey, Elmer B., Manitou Beach
Falahee, James B., Portage
Ferguson, Larry L., Pleasant Lake
Gort, David J., Mecosta
Hagstrom, Willamae R., Davison
Hammond, Harold L., Sun City, AZ
Hoffman, Richard H., Holland
Laduke, Donald E., St Augustine, FL
Lash, Robert H., Cass City
Long, Joyce W., Jackson
McKay, Doraetta K., Goodyear, AZ
Mitchell, Kem W., Marion
Ortiz, Conrado, Albion
Rittenhouse, Vivian E., Ankeny, IA
Sawicki, Dennis V., Livonia
Shuptar, Raymond, Grand Ledge
Smith, Richard W., Houston, TX
Spencer, Margaret G., Portage
Starkey, Gerald G., Flint
Steimel, Ralph A., Suttons Bay
Stoughton, Marian L., Otsego
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