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Seasons Greetings from your Forerunners' Chapter Boards!

Forerunners' Chapter Board Meeting Held November 6, 2019

Ten of the eighteen chapters were represented at this board meeting.

The topic for discussion was the future of the Forerunners organization. Kathy Gabriel has agreed to serve as acting President along with her current role as Treasurer at this time.

The organization will be looking into committee options to assist the president in the future.

An executive committee has been formed to revise the Forerunner's By-Laws to reflect the new committee run options.

Possible committees are Scholarship, Membership, Reunion Luncheon, Golf Outing, Communications, and Finance.

If you would be interested in serving on a committee please contact Kathy at kathleengabrier@att.net.

Forerunners' Annual Golf Outing - September 17

Photos by Joann Davis

We had another successful year for the Forerunner's golf outing. The day began with cooler weather and the smell of coffee and donuts. Kathy Gabriel and crew along with Vonda Belanger were ready for the teams with information and a mulligan or two if needed.

Shotgun start for one-hundred and seven players. The course was challenging.

And the grounds were beautifully landscaped. Hot dogs served at the turn, and each team's spirits were high.

Lunch was served after the completion of golf. Awards were handed out, and 50/50 drawing for the Forerunners Scholarship fund drawn.

The biggest winners were all who attended a day of friendships renewed, and new friendships made all and all a perfect day! See you all next year!

[*Golf results on next page*](#)



Forerunners' Annual Reunion Luncheon September 18

Over sixty members attend our annual luncheon at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Howell on Wednesday, September 18.

Crystal Gardens was the perfect setting for our awards banquet and lunch. This year's scholarship recipient's grandparents were in attendance to show their appreciation and accept their grandchildren's awards. Representatives from Richmond Brothers and Flynn Wealth Partners were on hand to present their \$1,000 scholarships.

After lunch, we enjoyed music from Scottie Alexander and the "Atomic Donuts." A variety of music for the "young at heart" was played and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Vonda Belanger, our Forerunner president, for all her efforts to make this day delightful.

Forerunners \$800 scholarship winner was awarded to Alexandra Schultz, whose grandparents were not in attendance.

Linda Brzezinski won a computer. Many attendees won gift cards and baskets. Consumers Energy representatives, Kathryn Burkholder and Deb Dodd, gave away five bags along with a CE key chain to everyone attending.

After our luncheon, we were invited to visit the CE/CMS/Utility Works Union of America Memorial Wall.



September Golf Outing Results

Longest Drive: Ted Sanger and Diane Moyer

Longest Putt: Terry Bates and Pat Hadden

Closest to the Pin: Ted Sanger and Susie Kelley

Men's Team:

First Place - Score 59

Steve Kranz, Rod Eldrige, Dan Ruble, Fred Jerome

Second Place - Score 61

Manny Jimenez, Ron Jean, Glenn Wentzel, Dennis Butzin

Third Place - Score 62

Bob Gluszewski, Mike Beck, Mark Sinko, Jim Szymusiak

Women's Team:

First Place - Score 78

Kathy Gabriel, Julie Miller, Diane Moyer, Nora Brzezinski

50/50 Drawing Winners:

Denny Berens & Kathy Sterett and the Scholarship Fund!



Richmond Brothers \$1,000 Scholarship winner: grandmother, Sandra Avery recipient: Mackenzie Finley



Forerunners \$800 Scholarship winner was accepted by Tom Bollman, President of Easterners for Connie Fry, grandmother of recipient Nolan Day.



Flynn Wealth Partners \$1,000 Scholarship winner: grandfather John Schaub recipient: Jamie Rand



Forerunners \$1,000 Building for the Future Fund Scholarship: grandfather Norman Daniels, recipient: Alexandra Daniels



Never Forget

In Remembrance of Our Fallen Co-workers. Honoring the Past and Ensuring Safety for the Future.

Losing two co-workers in 2018 after six years of world-class safety performance sent shock waves through our company.

As we mourned, we recognized the need to continue to learn from those losses and take meaningful steps to ensure we never experience such tragedy again.

In May 2019, we united as one – Consumers Energy, CMS Enterprises, and the Utility Workers Union of America to dedicate this traveling wall memorial to honor the 208 co-workers who didn't make it home to their loved ones.

This was not a day of celebration – but rather remembrance. On this day, we shared our hearts with family, friends, and co-workers whom we've lost on the job.

Nothing can replace the lives that were taken too soon. However, remembering our co-workers, reflecting on their lives, and continuing to recommit to safety will help us prevent another tragic loss.

Let this wall be a reminder for us to never forget their souls.

Memorial Wall 2020 Schedule

Jan. 13 – Feb. 28: OEP

March 2 – 16: Parnall

March 17 – 31: Jackson Service Center

April 1 – 15: Adrian

April 16 – 30: Marshall

May 1 – 15: Kalamazoo

May 18 – June 1: Battle Creek

June 2 – 9: White Pigeon

June 10 – 24: Coldwater

June 25 – July 9: Hastings

July 10 – 24: Hamilton

July 27 – Aug. 10: Grand Rapids

Aug. 11 – 25: Campbell

Aug. 26 – Sept. 9: Norton Shores

Sept. 10 – 24: Filer City



Choose Clean. Watch Michigan's Future Grow!

Our Clean Energy Plan will meet Michigan's needs for decades to come — but we need your help!

Join the movement.

When you sign up, we'll plant a tree in your honor.

Sign up to partner with us at **MICleanEnergy.com**

Our Clean Energy Plan at a Glance

90% Clean Energy Resources

550 megawatts of additional wind generation and 6,000 megawatts of solar energy will help us meet 90% of your energy needs with clean resources.

More Energy Solutions

Energy Efficiency programs, battery storage and creative energy management programs will save you energy and money.

Transition to Zero Coal

Coal plants will be retired, resulting in cleaner air and protecting the environment for our kids and grandkids.



2020 Forerunner Membership Renew or Join Today!

ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree

Dues collections for many chapters in 2020 will be received directly from the Forerunners during the first quarter of the year.



New Mailing Notice

Due to the cost of printing and postage, we will be emailing the RetireeLine to all members in good standing with an email address on file. We will continue, for now to mail a hard copy to members without an email address. If you have an email address or need to update your address, please email jedavis22@gmail.com. **Thank you**



Retirements

September 2019

Carni, William D., Saline
Faulk, Bruce A., Luddington
Freeman, Lynda K., Petoskey
Fuller, Amy F., Middleville
Gwizdala, Ronald J., Bay City
Johnson, Marda S., Brooklyn
Kosinski, Jack J., Canton
Kukan, Kim M., Dearborn Heights
Norri, John C., Grand Rapids
Phillips, Kathy J., Six Lakes
Reynolds, Craig L., West Bloomfield
Scott, Ryan W., Muskegon
Smith, Nancy H., Jackson
Stieve, Theresa M., Lansing
Tenney, James K., Jackson
Twenter, Brenda A., Eagle
Walker, Barbara, B., Bay City

August 2019

Aranjo, Richard B., Midland
Baga, Mark J., Battle Creek
Betke, Craig A., Howell
Boylan, Carlean D., Michigan Ctr.
Brown, Derek G., Southfield
Carr, Thomas R., Battle Creek
Dunham, Dirk R., Kalamazoo
Foster, Daniel S., Grand Haven
Hawkins, Jerry L., Clarkston
Jahn, Bruce R., Saginaw
Karas, Kimberly A., Grand Haven
Kotlarz, Michael P., Graden City
Laurer, Herman L., Mt. Pleasant
Owen, Keth M., Owosso
Rasouli, Max, Ann Arbor
Reiber, Timothy G., Essexville
Shaefer, Michael A., Essexville
Tamboer, Douglas M., Cadillac
Tassiello, Michael J., Rochester Hls.
Unterbrink, Lewis J., Marshall

July 2019

Albright Robert A., Quincy
Allen, Thomas J., Saginaw
Bartosz, John C., Manistee
Bruff, Charles J., Chesaning
Charbonneau, Donald J., Essexville
Croad, Tracey M., Jackson
Cruz, Luis L., Marshall
Denning, Donald L., Cadillac
Diefenbach, Terrence A., Saline
Easley, Jeffrey P., Jackson
Ebelt, David C., Mason
Ferens, Mary C., Beulah
Geisenhaver, Kurt A., Otisville
Gladyness, Lorie C., Columbia, SC
Grimm, Debra L., Metamora
Gundy, Gregory C., Michigan Ctr.
Henige, Randal A., Chesaning
Horton, Virginia L., Brethren
Keel, James M., Saginaw
King, Kay Lynn, Salt Lake City, UT
King, Kristy J., Midland
Kramer, Michael G., Grayling
Krueger Debra A., Walker
Kucharek, Dawn E., Midland
Leppek, Michael D., Drummond Island
Leverenz, Richard B., Manchester
Martin, James, Saugatuck
Martinez, Theresa K., Lansing
Paretti, Frank T., Mt Pleasant
Pratt, Richard D., Houghton Lk.



Congratulations!

Pretzer, Michael D., Midland
 Radvansky, Andrew P., Allendale
 Spagnuolo, Delora M., Lansing
 Stickley, Terry L., Dorr
 Stypula, Janice M., Wyoming
 Thelen, Chris G., Frankfort
 Thomas, M Paula, Lansing
 Thomas, Brenda L., Michigan Ctr.
 Vanek Jr., Martin K., Eaton Rapids
 Warren Jr., Crable, Auburn Hills

June 2019

Alfaro, Eugene R., Holland
 Andersen, Thomas N., Eaton Rapids
 Bossardet, Thomas A., Holland
 Caldwell, Mary M., Jackson
 Carlisi Jr., Joseph, St Clair
 Davaloz, Tomas R., St Louis
 Derosia, Keith R., South Haven
 Dunham, Kenneth F., Greenville
 Dunne, John P., Dearborn Hts.
 Durkee, Susan M., Kimball Twp.
 Edwards, Dennis S., Marion
 Fouty, Susan D., Jackson
 Fry Jr., Carl A. St Helen
 Gallagher, Murray E., Essexville
 Gentz, Lorie L., Colon
 Gillmore, Robert L., Houghton Lk.
 Gwizdala, Joseph J., Ludington
 Heinze, Mari Lue, Eaton Rapids
 Holiday, John G., Bay City
 Hudson, Shawn T., Grand Haven
 Jarman, Pamela A., Jackson
 Karaba, Derek M., Marshall
 Kauffman, Vance, Ionia
 Keilen, Ronald R., Dewitt
 Knapp, Teresa J., Jackson
 Long, Alan A., Lansing
 Macdonald, Jay, Ludington
 Marchewka, Shelden J., Jackson
 Maycroft, Mary B., Grandville
 McCurry, Michael G., Clawson
 Moore, Cynthia L., Ypsilanti

Mueller, Elmer J., Jackson
 Peskin Jr., Michael G., Grand Rapids
 Placer-Powel, Cindy S., Dewitt
 Raven, Todd M., Mayfield
 Reynolds, Catherine M., Jackson
 Rottiers, Lawren R., Davison
 Ryan, Edward T., Mattawan
 Santana, Maria, Jackson
 Sauer, Kip R., Alden
 Schang, James L., Lapeer
 Schlicht, Peggy M., Montrose
 Sharp, Michael D., Harrison
 Sharp, Terry L., Hope
 Shaughnessy, Janelle J., Commerce City, CO
 Smith, Michael A., Essexville
 Snuske, Patrick R., Davison
 Sofka, Steven M., Harrison
 Somers, Michael J., Laughlin, NV
 Spears, Scott E., Davison
 Sutton, Ellen N., Grand Rapids
 Swamba, Michael G., Romeo
 Uptegraff, David C., Davison
 Vanslooten, Steven, Holand
 Vantol, Randy V., Essexville
 Vargo, Chris C., Spring Lake
 Walker, Catherine E., Jackson
 Watters, Susan L., Jackson
 West, David A., Clio
 White Jr., Parmer M., Kalamazoo
 Wyse, Bruce R., Attica
 Van Antwerp, Sheila M., Grand Rapids

May 2019

Adair, Julie A., Brooklyn
 Andree, Michele K., Muskegon
 Arnold, Duane K., Grand Haven
 Beattie, Jeffery W., Ann Arbor
 Carrier, Jeffrey S., Muskegon
 Chrisman, Cindy L., Pleasant Lk.
 Croyle, Anette L., Jackson
 Devary, Donald D., Sparta
 France, Lori A., Jackson

Gray, Robert C, Jackson
 Hardy, Darryl W., Belleville
 Harworth, Paul E., Jackson
 Hazen, Marcy L., Eagle
 Jewell, Thomas A., Traverse City
 Johns, Marilyn H., Jackson
 Johnson, Gail A., Bath
 Klavon, Raymond A., Rives Jct.
 Kolbe, Karen L., Myrtle Beach, SC
 Larrabee Farris, Eileen A., West Valley, UT
 Lemier, Donna L., Brooklyn
 Lester, Loretta L., Jackson
 Nagel, Christopher J., Gaylord
 Novello, Linda A., Lansing
 Owens, William E., Midland
 Parrott, Victreen M., Parma
 Reynolds, Randall, Alto
 Smeltekop, Robert E., Huntington, Wds.
 Trowbridge, Robert F., Jackson
 Tucker, Linda K., Parma
 Tyler, Kenneth E., Spring Arbor
 Van Epps, Barbara C., Jackson
 Vanzelfden, Jan A., Holland
 Walker, Karen L., Jackson

April 2019

Bartley, Jean W., Caro
 Cobb, Richard J., Millington
 Collins, Allen R., Bay City
 Immen, John P., Clinton Twp.
 Jones, Judy A., Jackson
 Mannor, Jr., Theodore H., Jackson
 Pickens, Jodene M., Westland
 Robinson, Nancy L., Northville
 Semler, Lynette M., Temperance
 Swearingen, Jennifer L., Jackson
 Vaartjes, Andre, Reed City
 Wahl, Donald P., Shelby Twp.



DEATHS

September 2019

Boylan, Carlean D., Michigan Ctr.
Deuling, Mari A., Holton
Huss, Lawrence B., Reed City
Kerr, Kenneth R., Essexville
Layher, Dolores M., Lansing
Marr, Clair A., McKenney, TX
Parker, Evelyn L., Woodburn, KY
Rose, James F., Grand Rapids
Wigent, Sandra J., Pleasant Lake

August 2019

Bell, Carl W., Kalkaska
Carey, William M., Adrian
Carlisle, Doris M., Peoria, AZ
Coates, Maxine M., Traverse City
Fleser, James F., Williamston
Goodeman, Doris M., Saginaw
Harger, Vance G., Grand Rapids
Irvin, Horace J., Howell
Lallathin, Bruce W., Rives Jct.
Langolf, Sylvester G., Port Huron
Neville, Dorothy L., Saginaw
McIntosh, Richard O., New Pt. Richey, FL
Munro, James C.J., Springhill, FL
Paritee, Steven A., Detroit
Robinson, George S., Owosso
Tansley, Esther W., Jackson
Warner, William R., Jackson
Yeomans, Lois A., Jackson
Zientak, John B., Bay City

July 2019

Butler, Marilyn F., Portage
Deprekel, Rosealma M., Bay City
Drain, Joyce M., Jackson
Farmer, Phyllis J., Jackson
Greene, Dale D., Richland
Lounds Jr., F. J., Norton Shores
Miller, Linda M., Grand Rapids
Miller, William J., Washington
Morrison, Virginia S., Commerce Twp.
Nickel, Berdelia B., Bay City
Pickett, William J., Plainwell
Pysz, Victor L., Farmington
Rankin, Jr., Stacey E., Mt. Clemens
Reasoner, Earl R., Charlotte
Rossell, Harold L., Horton
Schneider, Jurree R., Portland
Simonds, Jack, Kalamazoo
Summerfield, D. W., Owosso
Tooley, Clara J., Albion
Whitmire, Diana R., Battle Creek

June 2019

Braxton, Bertie L., Sterling Hts.
Conner, Opal I., Monroe
Davis, Gail O., Essexville
Fritz, Margaret L., Jenison
Howell, Jerry R., Techumseh
Hujesak, William C., Mason
Hurd, Walter P., Flegler Beach, FL
Gilchrist, Mariegene, Fort Mill, SC
Miller, Richard J., Lady Lake, FL
Mosser, Donald H., Plymouth
Nolen, Beth B., Houston, TX
Schwark, Martha A., Jackson
Smith, Dennis C., Westphalia
Stevens Jr., Richard E., Horton
Walker-Jones, Joyce A., Hale
Walling, Randall D., Jackson
Watts Jr., Jimmie H., Bay City
Wiedbrauk, Myron O., Caro

May 2019

Bowers, Elizabeth I., Grand Rapids
Budwick, Eilien M., Muskegon
Fields, Elsie E., Grand Blanc
Forner, Robert T., Jackson
Gimesky, Julius H., Jackson
Jehnzen, Harold H., Rodney
Kempf, Margaret L., Burton
Lardie, Edward A., Traverse City
Leroux, Robert L., Alma
Manyen, Raymond D., Essexville
McComb, Fermine L., Muskegon
Macomber, James W., Bay City
Oakley, Jr., Ralph M., Zionsville, IN
Parker, James M., Magnolia, TX
Pierce, Virginia L., Rapid City
Reynolds, Gloria P., Grand Haven
Sandy, Paul E., Jackson
Tanner, Bessie E., Alma
Vogt, Robert L., Jackson
Williams, Jacob M., Wyoming
Young, Dawn N., Auburn

April 2019

Anderson, James C., Traverse City
Bahr, Jr., Marshall, Shelby
Bittner, Howard H., Reese
Cravn, Ruth E., Midland
Dalaney, Royce E., Harbor Spgs.
Easterday, Larry C., Marshall
Foster, Richard J., Cadillac
Furton, Leo A., Chesterfield
Friday, Leonard E., Jackson
Hale, Allen, Harrison
Hazelrigg, Burke B., Jacksonville TX

Howell, James, Norton Shores
Jensen, Howard JM., Orlando, FL
Kujawski, Patricia E., Boyne City
Miller, Ardell M., Flint
Meyer, Gregory J., Waterford
Preslupski, Mary L., Saginaw
Ricker, Robert D., Sebewaing
Russell, James W., Essexville
Sanford, Corwin S., Jackson
Sheffield, Marlene C., Chesterfield
Staskiewicz, Edward J., Temperance
Stockwell, Eugene A., Clinton Twp
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Uridge, Susan A., Leesburg, FL
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