

Forerunners Annual Golf Outing

September 9, 2025

**Eldorado Golf Course
Mason, MI**



The Annual Forerunners Golf Outing was held at the scenic Eldorado Golf Course in Mason, Michigan, and welcomed over 60 retirees for a day filled with fun, friendship, and great golf. The morning started off a bit cooler than usual, but the weather soon turned pleasant with sunshine and a light mist that added to the charm of the day.

Retirees enjoyed the challenge of the course while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. A delicious variety of food—including brats, pulled pork, and hamburgers—was available throughout the day, keeping everyone fueled and satisfied. The outing wrapped up with an awards ceremony, celebrating the day's highlights and achievements. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Kathy Gabriel, Julie Miller, Diane Moyer, Nora Brzezinski, and the entire team at Eldorado for their hard work and dedication in making this event such a success. We're already looking forward to another great outing in 2026!

1st Place Men/Mix: Jim Snedeker, Janet Fater, Cutris Fater, Berry Vanderveen

2nd Place Men/Mix: Tim Stiles, Chuck Moyer, Tom Ruffing, Shel Marchewka

3rd Place Men/Mix: Mark McHugh, Mike Beck, Jim Szymusiak, Mark Sisko

1st Place Women's: Kathy Gabriel, Julie Miller, Diane Mayer, Nora Brzezinski

Closest to the Pin Men: Mike Beck

Closest to the Pin Women: Kathy Gabriel

Longest Putt Men: Chuck Eslinger

Longest Putt Women: Kitty Foster

Longest Drive Men: Barry VanderVeen

Longest Drive Women: Janet Fater

Door Prizes Winners: Doug Drogosch, Mike Wilson, Bill Dennis, Doug Soleau, Randy Beachum & Sue Kelley

50/50 Winners: Jim Snedeker & Sue Kelly

Forerunners Annual Reunion Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The annual Forerunners Reunion Luncheon was held at Win Schuler's in Marshall, Michigan, where 58 Consumers Energy retirees gathered to reconnect and celebrate. Kathy Gabriel, Forerunners President, warmly welcomed everyone and introduced the various Forerunners Chapters represented. Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, thoughtfully prepared by the Win Schuler's team. Following the meal, the highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of eight \$1,000 scholarships to the grandchildren of CE retirees. Helen Riendeau and Rhoda Tinkham proudly awarded scholarships to Micah Bright (grandparent Randal Bright), Landon Crosby (grandparent Vern Chappell), and Lauren Gawne (grandparent Tony Homolka and family). Scholarship were mailed to those who were unable to attend this event. A full list of scholarship recipients was shared with attendees.

The program continued with an inspiring presentation by guest speakers Cathy Wilson, Executive Director of Corporate Giving at Consumers Energy, and Lauren Chandler, Foundation Program Manager. They shared insights into the CE Foundation, the charitable arm of Consumers Energy—which supports Michigan's people, planet, and prosperity. After the formalities, it was time for some fun! Retirees enjoyed live music by Jay Hill, a retired CE Electric Operations Manager, who played familiar tunes that had everyone singing along. The best-dressed country attire contest added a playful touch, with Fallon Walker and Craig Councilor taking home the honors. The afternoon wrapped up with a lively game of BINGO, leaving everyone smiling and already looking forward to next year's reunion.



2026 Forerunners Scholarship

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.



WE WILL BE AWARDING SIX SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2026.

- \$1,000 Scholarship from **Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors of Jackson**.
- \$1,000 Scholarship from **Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing**.
- \$1,000 Scholarship from the **Forerunners Annual Events**.
- \$1,000 Scholarship from the **Forerunners Building for the Future** (2).
- \$1,000 Scholarship from the **Jacksonians**.

Recipients will be selected and notified in late July or early August.

Completed applications with required attachments must be postmarked no later than June 12, 2026.

The 2026 Forerunners Scholarship Information and Application Form will be available online in early January 2026.

New in 2025 - Forerunners Chapter Grants

JACKSONIANS

The Jacksonians were honored to be the very first recipients of the Forerunner Chapter Grant. With this support, we hosted a lively Oktoberfest celebration at Chateau Aeronautique in the Irish Hills, inviting all Forerunners Chapters to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Guests enjoyed appetizers, cucumber salad, brats, and cupcakes, paired with their choice of beer or wine. The event was filled with laughter and camaraderie as retirees reconnected with former co-workers and welcomed new members into the fold.

Highlights of the day included awarding a prize for the best dressed in German attire, playing spirited rounds of Oktoberfest Bingo, and capturing memories with photos in front of a festive German village backdrop. More than just a party, the afternoon was a true success in strengthening bonds among Consumers Energy retirees from across the state. The Jacksonians extend heartfelt thanks to the Forerunners for offering this grant, which made such meaningful connections possible. The greatest takeaway from the day was not just the food or the games, but the joy of reconnecting and celebrating together.

LANSING CAPITALIERS

The Lansing Capitaliers were the recipients of the second Chapter Grant. Lansing Capitaliers Fall Meet N Greet was held on October 15, 2025. The Meet N Greet in October really helped build momentum for the Capitaliers. After the Meet N Greet, we saw an increase in volunteer's for our monthly Lansing Food Bank volunteers. Each month we had retirees that were either new to the membership since the event or had never been to a meeting but volunteered because they saw the hype on Facebook. Thank you, Forerunners, for offering the Capitaliers an opportunity to grow our chapter.

FORERUNNERS WORKING FOR YOU OFFERING:

- Membership Roster Maintained for each Chapter database
- Contact Letter sent to all new retirees sent monthly with Chapter contact information
- Treasurer Maintaining Income & Expenses
- Yearly Scholarship Program Collection & Reporting Process
- Annual Reunion Luncheon Research and Implementation of event
- Annual Golf Outing Reach and Implementation of event
- 2 Yearly Communications "RetireeLine" Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter sent by email or hard copy for those without email along with July newsletter hard copy sent to all Forerunner Chapters
- Forerunners Chapters Informational Meetings Twice a year
- Retiree Website with information on: New Retirees & Memoriam
- Chapter Newsletters (you can add your Chapters minutes or news)
- Scholarship Information
- Retiree Discounts & Benefits Information
- Chapter Officers Contact Information
- New Offering in 2025 "Forerunners Chapter Grants"



If you have a change of address or email, contact **Helen Riendeau** at helen10riendeau@gmail.com. Remember to also notify Fidelity at **800-260-4015** for any contact information changes.

2026 Forerunners Renewal Membership Form

The Forerunners are again collecting dues from all Chapters except Jacksonians, who collect for us. Your local Chapter will collect their dues from you directly. Your membership and dues payment are significant to us. Please renew your membership and stay connected with old friends and colleagues by sending your **\$10.00 payment today.**

RETIREE NAME (Print)

SPOUSE NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

CHAPTER NAME

PHONE

EMAIL

2026 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____

2027 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____

(Optional Advance Payment)

Scholarship Donation (Optional) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

Date _____

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

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

Directory Connection is Back Stronger Than Ever!

RECONNECT. CELEBRATE. STAY INFORMED.

Hold on to your seats, we've got exciting news! After months of collaboration and determination, the long-awaited update to the Directory Connection is finally complete! This essential resource hadn't been refreshed since 2020 due to a CE team member's retirement, but thanks to our partnership with Consumers Energy and the invaluable assistance of Paula Johnson, the very person who previously managed this listing, we've brought it back to life.

A huge thank-you goes out to Paula Johnson, Kathy Gabriel, Nora Brzezinski, and Joann Davis for their tireless efforts in making this happen. The Directory Connection is your go-to tool for staying connected with work friends.

Ready to join in? Complete the opt-in Directory Release Form if you haven't already and start exploring! If you have any corrections to this directory, please email us at retiree@consumersenergy.com

- Open the directory by clicking the **Download Directory button below**.
- Need help? Email us at retiree@consumersenergy.com.

PRO TIP: TO FIND A NAME QUICKLY, PRESS **CTRL+F**, **TYPE THE NAME**, AND **USE THE ARROWS TO NAVIGATE YOUR RESULTS**.



RETIREE NEWS

Chapter News

LANSING CAPITALIERS

The Lansing Capitaliers demonstrates month after month how sharing is caring and this group Cares! They foster an environment where everyone together can do more.

In October the Capitaliers collected hats, gloves and mittens for Veterans. The group brought new or gently used items to their October Meet n Greet as well as donated \$158.00 to purchase more items. Over 300 hats, gloves and mittens were given to local Veterans. The Capitaliers partnered with Footprints of Michigan to distribute new shoes to every Veteran who came through the door at the Lansing Eagles. From 9am to 1pm, 365 Veterans and their spouses could pick out a new pair of shoes as a gesture of support and appreciation. The Capitaliers also qualified for a \$250.00 Consumers Energy grant as more than five retirees helped hand out shoes, hats, mittens and gloves. Retirees Amy Kisononsky, Susie Schecki, Sharon Charron, Susie Schecki, Anita Rios, Mark and Sherry Sinko, Paula Thomas and Mia Keefer helped Veterans representing every branch of the military on the Veteran's Day holiday.



LANSING CAPITALIERS

In November, the Capitaliers held their monthly gathering at Relli's Italian Restaurant in Dewitt. The members brought a new unwrapped toy which was then given to the Marines Toys for Tots program to distribute to children in their area for the holidays.



If you would like to join the Lansing Capitaliers, please reach out to the President, Mia Keefer at miakeefer01@gmail.com or request to join their Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/capitaliers/

GRAND RAPIDS & GREENVILLE - LIVEWIRES

Livewires held a Summer Picnic on August 20th. At Creekside Park in Gains, Township. Hamburgers and hot dogs, iced tea and lemonade were provided. Fun day with children's games and 50/50 drawings. If you are interested in future offerings please give President, Cheryl Ricketson a call at 616-214-9000.

JACKSONIANS

"Jacksonians: Where connections grow."

The Jacksonians continue to prove that retirement is about connection, laughter, and discovery. Each event throughout the year has been carefully designed to bring retirees together, whether it's sharing a hearty lunch, listening to stories of aviation heroes at the Air Zoo, or indulging in the sweet art of chocolate-making. These gatherings give members the chance to reconnect with old friends while welcoming new ones into the fold, creating bonds that stretch across generations of Consumers Energy retirees. With more than 400 members, the Jacksonians remain committed to listening, engaging, and offering experiences that speak to every interest.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to introduce new opportunities for fellowship and fun, and we hope you'll join us at an event or two. If you have ideas to share, President Joe Eckert (517-462-8803) or any of our board members would love to hear from you. Our monthly newsletter will keep you informed of upcoming activities, and we hope your 2026 "Bucket List" includes attending a Jacksonians event. After all, the greatest joy comes not just from the programs themselves, but from the friendships—old and new—that make every gathering special.



MONROE SOUTHEASTERS

December 1st Christmas luncheon was a great success with so many friends there. Thanks to all who came to join in the Christmas spirit! We had lunch and some holiday cheer. Then we challenged ourselves with a Senior Trivia game. Everyone paid \$5.00 to play. Two teams shared the winning score, so we drew cards for the prize, a original piece of artwork by Jerry Ridner chosen by Bill Schoenlein. We continued to draw winning tickets for additional artwork, and several beautiful potted plants donated. Our donation to charity this year was voted on. \$350 will go to New Beginnings Mercy House in Monroe.

Contact President Harry Redford at 734-652-6635 or Linda Homolka at 419-350-5428
If you wish to attend future meetings. Minutes of Southeasters meeting are posted monthly on the retiree website.



RETIREELINE
FALL/WINTER 2026

Happy Retirement!

FEBRUARY 2025

Ceconie, Andrea F., Manchester
Dohm, Michael D., Charlevoix
Doyle, Scott E., Langsburg
Hill, Douglas J., Beaverton
Karsten, Randolph C., Kingsley
Mikulka, Joseph D., Jackson
Papersky, Michele M., Jackson
Peterson Stacy L., Kaleva
Shannon, Michael J., Chillicothe, OH
Southward David A., Blissfield
Vander Jr., Robert L., Jackson
Wilson, Macel L., Haslett

MARCH 2025

Cieslinski, Donald L., Linwood
Gier, Michael R., Pleasant Lake
Hoeft, Scott D., Jackson
Jones, Diane K., Wyoming
Lindsey, Ernest E., Elwell
Malikowski, Joseph S., Custer
Near, Wendy S., Saginaw
O'meara, Virginia A., Lake Charles, LA
Payne, Robert R., Holt
Romosier, William T., Brown City
Stoker, Annette M., Grass Lake
Vanderspool, Michael D., Chelsea
Ware, John P., White Pigeon
Wehba, Elizabeth C., Clinton Twp

APRIL 2025

Adams, Denis C., Dearborn
Bogosian, David, Monroe
Britton, Leroy D., Nunda
Rando, Williams B., Hexsib, TN
Slinkard, John D., Bixby
Suber, Karen M., Bloomfield
Volansky, Andrew G., Jackson

MAY 2025

Christian, Terry L., Jackson
Cook, Richard W., Bath
Dening, Gregory M., Lansing
Frazho, Gary F., Mio
Golding, Kurt E., Oro Valley, AZ
Heisler, Sherri L., Bay City

Hillman, Margaret, Jackson
Noakes, Antonette D., Murfreesboro
Payne, Rita K., Albion
Rawlings, Jason H., Freeland
Rhodes, Neal J., Jackson

JUNE 2025

Albright, Todd F., Palmyra
Anderson, Brent A., Levering
Anderson, Sheveze R., Flint
Balhorn, Keith E., Roscommon
Billops, Wanda L., Jackson
Burgard, Paul D., Erie
Davis, Kim R., Lansing
Day, Steven J., Ann Arbor
Decker, Sean A., Morley
Dreffs, Shawn H., Jackson
Elowsky, James M., Stockbridge
Erbele, Tayloe A., Grand Ledge
Esselink, Kurt D., Marshall
Fulk, Todd J., Jackson
Glenn, Elizabeth A., Monroe
Goodman, David S., Portland
Goulet Jr, Clinton L., Saginaw
Hasse, Ronald F., Owosso
Henderson, Brian D., Grand Haven
Jeffery, Jon J., Oxford
Johnson, Clark L., Manistee
Kosnik, Rebecca I., Canadian Lakes
Lacost, Patrick E., Cheboygan
Lee, Tami J., Bay City
Lefevre, David A., Fowlerville
Luehmann, Mark T., Ada
Lyles, Gregory, Macomb
Mcenroe, Christopher S., Morton, IL
Miazgowicz, Stephen J., Lambertville
Oman, Andrew M., Alma
Pataky, David A., Munith
Riker, Jeri L., Prescott
Riker Jr, Bennie E., Prescott
Shaughnessy, Leslie R., Grass Lake
Sleeman, Alan J., Pinckney
Snow, Richard T., Jackson
Soliz, Reynaldo, St. Johns
Ward, Allen D., Laingsburg
Vandermeer, Andrew M., Hamilton

Watters, Shawna R., Jackson
Withers, Terry B., Jackson

JULY 2025

Allen, Russell L., Gladwin
Baker, Daniel R., Mason
Buitendorp, Randy L., Twin Lake
Collard, Timothy J., Jackson
Coss, Karl D., Lasalle
Gale, William L., Freeland
Hempsted, Dennis R., Saginaw
Kisnonsky, Amy J., Lansing
Kreft, Elizabeth A., Macomb Twp
Lane, Bruce W., Gobles
Leak, Scott A., Ionia
Martin, Margaret D., Jackson
Martus, Daniel J., Attica
Pillars Jr, Patrick N., Saginaw
Powers, Camille I., Novi
Rade, Michael C., Port Clinton, OH
Randolph, Timothy E., Muskegon
Sauer, William G., Jackson
Schoonover, Matthew J., Rose City
Shaw, Mark C., Clarklake
Spitzley, Joseph M., Dewitt
Storm, Carolyn M., Howell
Thelen, Michael J., Dimondale
Walser, Lisa A., Owosso
Whittaker, Steven L., Phelps
Willoughby, Frank L., Jackson
Wisniewski, Christine M., Brighton
Wuis, David R., Kalamazoo

AUGUST 2025

Birdsall, Christopher R., West Branch
Davis, Anthony, Flint
Deanda, Brock S., Ludington
Gilbertson, Stacy L., Jackson
Goyette, Robin L., Flint
Jacob, Dale W., Gaylord
Lindahl, Deborah L., Leslie
Miller, Thomas J., Pewamo
Playford, Mark W., Dorr
Schilling, Roger D., Livonia
Suchecki, Susan M., Mason
Tease, Kevin O., Colon

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AUGUST CONT.

Wallace, Robert W., Vicksburg
Wolski, Mark C., Hanover
Zimmerman, Robin R., Bancroft
Zimmerman, Thomas W., Bancroft

SEPTEMBER 2025

Abney, Hank W., Grayling
Chamberlain, Joan E., Dryden
Gallant, Daniel P., Lansing
Hannan, Tammy L., Fenton
Hinton, Mark A., Marshall
Lindahl, Deborah L., Leslie
Machuta, Lori A., Macomb
Miller, Peter A., South Lyon
Mulder, Michael S., Grand Rapids
Myers, Darin J., Scottville
Nolan, Thomas J., Fennville
Sears, Ronald G., Caseville
Slick, Donna C., Merrill
Vanderwilp, Sharon L., Grand Rapids

OCTOBER 2025

Bevier Iv, Charles S., Jackson
Casey, Shaun M., Grand Haven
Chadwick Jr, William D., West Olive
Clark, Jeffrey A., Brooklyn
Colver, Kathy L., Frankenmuth
Freudenstein, Paul E., Fremont
Gallaway, Brian D., Leslie
Gower, Brett D., Beaverton
Hawes, Timothy M., Bay City
Jacobson, David J., N. Muskegon
Johnston, Gregory S., Holland
Johnston, Patricia N., Alma
Jungel, Shannon R., Charlotte
Mason, Calvin J., Grand Rapids
Mass, Michael J., Hudsonville
Mcclintic, Daniel M., Jackson
Mcspadden, Reuben B., Holland
Morrison, Timothy A., Dearborn Hts
Ryan, Robert J., Marion
Scharboneau, Kent A., Grant
Waldo, Theresa Lynn, Wayland
Way, John D., Southfield

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In Memoriam

MARCH 2025

Balderson, Herbert T., Portland Beach, Bruce A., Auburn
Borden, Gary L., Pleasant Lake
Burkhart, Toots R., Kalkaska
Calhoun, Vivian L., Bay, AR
Cousins, Pauline, Rodger City
Cushman, Daniel A., Greenville
Devoe, James A., Flint
Dipiazza, Anthony D., Okemos
Dodge, Justina M., Jackson
Forton, Marcia E., Traverse City
Ganton, Jane A., Williamston
Gibbons, Judith A., Jackson
Hubbard, Clifford H., Ripley, NY
Hutchins, David F., Alto
Kaczmarek, Joanne K., Auburn
Karwoski, Lawrence T., West Olive
Kitchen, Elmer F., Traverse City
Layman, Dennis M., Midland
Mabry, Frances D., Flint
McAlpine, Etsuko B., Grand Ledge

APRIL 2025

Anderson, Donna K., Houston, TX
Bennett, Milton K., Portage
Billette, Patsy D., Waterford
Byrne, Consuelo, Montrose
Cole, Jerome D., Muskegon
Crowley, James E., Lake Wales, FL
Czape, John., Gladwin
Griswold, Jacqueline S., Lincoln, NE
Kolewski, Judith M., Munith
Klug, Ronald D., Fairfld Glade, TN
Laetz, John T., Manheim, PA
Martin, Agnes C., Toledo, OH
Mcquillan, Jane F., Jackson
Negri, Georgia M., Colorado Sprg, CO
Patterson, James H., Holly
Ribbink, Raymond H., Grand Haven
Romig, Ray D., Baldwin City, KS
Schardt, Peggy A., Burt
Stewart, Shirley, Jackson
Strickland, Norma J., Mason
Watkins, David L., Fenton
Worden, John W., Jackson

MAY 2025

Bacon, Judd L., Henderson, NC
Boulter, Edgar L., Hastings
Gardner, Robert W., Grand Blanc
Holmes, Margaret M., Harrisville
Kershner, Robert W., Plymouth
Montney, William D., Clare
Norkey, Joyce H., Jackson
Paciorek, Frank J., Clio
Penn, William L., San Antonio, TX
Sylvester, Meretta D., Essexville
Thacker, Tommie L., Roseville
Ure Jr, Carl J., Battle Creek
Webb, Robert J., Onondaga

JUNE 2025

Bailey Jr, Leon J., Gallatin, TN

JULY 2025

Beaudua, Mary E., St Clair
Dearth, Elizabeth A., Portage
Denham, Frederick G W., Lake Orion
Duey, Paul E., Grand Blanc
Puffer, Patricia A., Bay City
Sellers, Brenda A., Jackson
Van Nortwick, Earl L., Hudsonville

AUGUST 2025

Aldrich, Royce D., Wheeler
Alexander, Raymond C., Shepherd
Boekeloo, Charlene A., Lakeland, FL
Brewer, Dennis F., Reading
Buetow, Carl F., Frankenmuth
Burkey, Laurel M., Clarklake
Derige, Henry M., Port Richey, FL
Gearhart, Leslie H., Wayland
Harris, Donald L., Niles
Hess, Genevieve S., Plant City, FL
Jones, Debra S., Bay City
Klemm, Keith E., Royal Oak
McCrimmon, Donald J., Marion
Myers, Shirley A., Grand Rapids
Robertson, Gary E., Jackson
Sauve, John T., Bay City
Schuster, James A., Little River, SC
Smith, Mary B., Annapolis, MD

Sniff, Majorie P., Suttons Bay
Spletzer, Daryl G., North Port, FL
Swain, Jack L., Surprise, AZ
Thelen, Lawrence E., St Johns
Young, Stanley B., Farmington Hills

SEPTEMBER 2025

Armstrong, William L., Honor
Bailey, William L., Otsego
Buchler, Robert A., Alma
Carey, Jeanette R., Flushing
Davis, William W., Grand Blanc
Elgas, Henrietta B., Chelsea
Fellows, Harold M., Bay City
Flavin, Joyce N., Flint
Garver, Thomas A., Clare
Hajek, Veronica, Prudenville
Hayes, Estelle J., Clinton Twp
Hendershott, Gary E., Jackson
Hicks, Theron A., Jackson
Maceachern, Robert A., Irons
Mandreger, Daniel S., Jackson
Nee, James J., Green Cove Springs, FL
Padilla, Anthony A., Auburn
Pastor, James A., Midland
Priest, Shirley M., Alma
Rankin, Lorraine A., Mt. Clemens
Rice, Betty M., Grass Lake
Stacy, Melvin V., Freeland
Valentine, Tommy F., Akron
Voss, John P., West Branch

OCTOBER 2025

Bishop, Thomas P., Jackson
Caspar, Joan M., Sun City, AZ
Clark, Jerry L., Zeeland
Cook, James W., Ann Arbor
Cotant, James R., Hastings
Fox, Robert B., Caledonia
Gilbert, Jean M., Marysville
Herr, Evelyn J., Cadillac
Merriweather, Barbara J., Covert
Murrell, Arnold R., Dry Prong, LA
Priest, Shirley A., Alma
Shadwell, Donna J., Bainbridge Island, WA
Wilson, Marcia G., Coleman

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FOUNDATION

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. We help communities thrive and grow by investing in what's most important to Michigan - its **people**, our **planet** and Michigan's **prosperity**.

PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

The Consumers Energy Foundation manages three (3) programs designed to recognize and reward employee/retiree volunteerism and philanthropy.

Caring for Community

This program supports groups of five (5) or more CMS Energy or Consumers Energy employees and/or retirees volunteering together. A \$250 grant can be earned for each eligible volunteer event. The benefitting organization must be a U.S.-based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax status. Other organizations, including public schools, that qualify for funding through the Consumers Energy Foundation may also be eligible.

Matching Gifts

This program supports employees and retirees of CMS Energy and Consumers Energy who make monetary donations to eligible charities. Donations of \$25 or more are matched dollar-for-dollar (up to a combined total of \$1,000 per employee/retiree in a calendar year). The benefitting organization must be a U.S.-based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax status. Other organizations, including public schools, that qualify for funding through the Consumers Energy Foundation may also be eligible.

Volunteer Investment Program (VIP)

This program uses a tiered award system to incentivize employees and retirees to log volunteer hours and earn grant dollars for non-profit organizations. CMS Energy and Consumers Energy employees and retirees can earn grants of up to \$5,000 per person in a calendar year. Grants range from \$100 to \$5,000. The benefitting organization must be a U.S.-based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax status. Other organizations, including public schools, that qualify for funding through the Consumers Energy Foundation may also be eligible.



Hours Logged	Grant Dollars
20 - 49	\$100
50-99	\$250
100-249	\$500
250-499	\$1,250
500-999	\$2,500
1,000 +	\$5,000

To log volunteer hours and apply for any of these programs, please visit the CE Volunteer Portal. Employees can access the CE Volunteer Portal under "My Applications" on Connect.

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

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VOLUNTEER INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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Tiers	Hours Logged	Grant Amount Earned ONE TIME Per Tier											
1	20-49	\$100	+										
2	50-99			\$150	+								
3	100-249					\$250	+						
4	250-499						\$750	+					
5	500-999							\$1,250	+				
6	1,000+								\$2,500	+			
Maximum Yearly Amount Redeemable		\$100	=	\$250	=	\$500	=	\$1,250	=	\$2,500	=	\$5,000	=

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Access the CE Volunteer Portal. Once you are logged in, select "Record Hours" from the menu located along the top of the page to log volunteer hours.
2. To create a new volunteer activity and enter hours, select "Get Started" at the top of the "Record Hours" page and follow the prompts. To add hours to an activity that you have already created, locate the activity and select "Add Hours/Edit." After you enter individual hours, you will automatically be prompted to apply for a grant through the Volunteer Investment Program (if eligible).
3. To view your volunteering history and check the status of your volunteer-related grants, select "Volunteer Investment Program" from the menu located at the very top of the homepage. To be eligible for a grant through the Volunteer Investment Program, your volunteer hours must be logged on the CE Volunteer Portal.

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2026 FORERUNNERS OFFICERS

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Treasurer: Kathy Gabriel

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Co-Scholarship Chair: Rhoda Tinkham

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FORERUNNERS CHAPTERS

Please email or call the appropriate chapter president if you want to be on the mailing list for club events.

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Alma – **Grey Power** – Vacant

Arizona – **Sun Runners** – John Ralph

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Battle Creek – **Kilowatt Kreekers** – Vacant

Flint & Lapeer – **Easterners** – Tom Bollman

– tjbollman@gmail.com – 810-444-9054

Grand Rapids & Greenville – **Livewires** – Cheryl Ricketson – ricketsoncheryl@gmail.com – 616-214-9000

Jackson – **Jacksonians** – Joe Eckert

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* Yr. Membership \$7.00

Kalamazoo & Hastings – **Southwest Energy Stars**

– Vacant

Lansing – **Capitaliers** – Mia Keefer

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Express Scripts Medco: Mail Order Prescriptions: express-scripts.com, 800-875-3147

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS - IN NEED OF CHAPTER LEADERSHIP!

Above, you will see a listing of all the local chapters that make up the Forerunners. You will also notice that some need members to fill leadership positions. Local chapters were formed to enable Consumers Energy retirees to stay connected.

For 20-plus years, it's 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 like to set 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.