

# 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 Sinko

**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

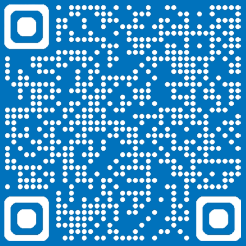
The annual Forerunners Reunion Luncheon was held at Win Schuler's in Marshall, Michigan, where 58 Consumers Energy retirees gathered to reconnect and celebrate. Kathy Gabriel, Forerunners President, warmly welcomed everyone and introduced the various Forerunners Chapters represented. Attendees enjoyed 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"



**New**  
**address**  
**or email?**

If you have a change of address or email, contact **Helen Riendeau** at **[helen10Riendeau@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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RETIREE NAME (Print)

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SPOUSE NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY

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STATE

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ZIP

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CHAPTER NAME

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PHONE

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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](mailto:retiree@consumersenergy.com)

- Open the directory by clicking the **Download Directory** button below.
- Need help? Email us at [retiree@consumersenergy.com](mailto: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 Kisonosky, Susie Suchecki, Sharon Charron, Susie Suchecki, 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](mailto:miakeefer01@gmail.com) or request to join their Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/capitaliers/](https://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.



# Happy Retirement!

[Click Here for Complete Listing](#)



## FEBRUARY 2025

**Cecconie, 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  
**Hoef, 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.**, Nunica  
**Rando, Williams B.**, Hexasib, 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  
**Sucheck, Susan M.**, Mason  
**Tease, Kevin O.**, Colon



## 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  
Collver, 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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**Consumers Energy**

# 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](mailto:Volunteers@cmsenergy.com) for login access and more information.

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**.

## VOLUNTEER INVESTMENT PROGRAM

This program uses a tiered award system to encourage employees and retirees to log volunteer hours and, in doing so, earn grant dollars for non-profit organizations. Consumers Energy employees and retirees can earn grants of up to \$5,000 per person in a calendar year.

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.

To log volunteer hours and apply for the Volunteer Investment Program, please visit the CE Volunteer Portal. Employees can access the CE Volunteer Portal under "My Applications" on Connect. Retirees can email [Volunteers@cmsenergy.com](mailto:Volunteers@cmsenergy.com) for login access and more information.

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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](mailto: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.