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March 5, 2023 Meeting

Attendees: Tony and Linda Homolka, Ralph Luft, Doug Petee, Tom Ciacelli, Dave Harvey, Brian Watters, Gherin Johnston, Clark Gallagher, Tom Cooper, Tim Kolb, Henry Hinojosa, Kevin McCormick, Jeff Zenz and Harry Redford..

Our 50/50 winner today was Linda Homolka. The winnings were donated back to the treasury.

Treasurer's report: \$110.00.

Membership forms were passed out to all annual Forerunners members. Next month, we will do this again. If you are an annual member, please be prepared to pay the \$10 membership fee. Linda will send them all in together next month. Remember that your minimal dues go toward the scholarships offered each year to our grandchildren!

This from Joann Davis: 2023 Forerunners Scholarship

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 stepgrandchildren of fully active, dues-paying members of the Forerunners. Deadline for completed applications is June 16, 2023.

This information is also available on the Consumers Energy retiree's website under "Advantage". You can also find update discounts and perks on this site.

Joann Davis

Linda will bring copies of the scholarship applications to the next meeting or you can print them off the website.

Consider going to the <u>https://www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news</u> for information that may interest you.

News of concern from a Forerunners chapter:

Not sure if the Forerunners are aware, but the Grey Power of the old Central Division has disbanded. No one wanted to step up and take over being an officer and the current ones have been officers for a NUMBER of years. Wishing all you Forerunner Officers a safe and healthy future.

Joyce Vibber, Secretary of the former Grey Power Chapter

Let's hope we can keep our chapter going since it is so important to maintain and establish good friendships.

A reminder that we will have a speaker from CMS benefits at our May 1st meeting!

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 3rd at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Bar and Grill.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Homolka