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April 6, 2026 meeting.

Attendees: Harry Redford, Tony and Linda Homolka, Beth and Eric Glenn, David Harvey, Tom Ciacelli, Jim and Pat Lammers, Eddie Weaver and Sharon Grodi, Mike and Inga Costello, Doug Petee, Tim Mehl, Tim Aufdencamp, Bill Schoenlein, John Gose, Tim Kolb, Tom and Evelyn Cooper, and Steve Mashall.

Our 50/50 winner today was Evie Cooper!

The treasurer's report is \$147.00.

Wow, what a great turn-out this morning. The spring weather finds people back in town and others just wanting to get out and socialize. There were lots of conversations going around the tables.





Linda collected more membership forms and money. She will bring more forms next month for those she missed.

Remember that our annual dues go to support the scholarships offered by the Forerunners to children or grandchildren of retirees who are planning to go to college or trade school in the fall. I recently heard that, at this time, there are **NO** applications submitted for the 2026 drawing! If you know of anyone fitting the category, please get your application in soon. I will bring some forms to the next meeting. The article below is from the website:

2026 Forerunners Scholarship Award Information

The Forerunners, an association of retirees from CMS-affiliated companies, has established a scholarship award for qualified, worthy graduating high school seniors. The award can be used for tuition, books, fees, and/or other academic expenses.

Eligibility Requirements: - Children/legal dependents, grandchildren, stepchildren, and step-grandchildren of a current 2026 Forerunners member. - High school graduate with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. - Planning to follow a full-time program. - First-year college, university, post-secondary, or trade school student.

Only one scholarship award per year per Forerunner member. - **Forerunners membership dues payment must be current.**

Selection Criteria: - Recipients will be chosen by a lottery-type drawing overseen by the Forerunners Scholarship Committee. Scholarship Award: - Recipients will be notified in late July or early August. - Awards will be presented at the Forerunners Annual Meeting in September.

We will be awarding six scholarships in 2026.

\$1,000 Scholarship from Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors in 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

Forerunners scholarships are made possible through donations from Forerunners members.

Deadline for Applications: - Applications are available starting January 2026 from: - Local chapter presidents - Forerunners office in Jackson - Downloaded from the Consumer Energy/retiree website. www.consumersenergy.com/retiree - Completed applications with required attachments must be postmarked by June 12, 2026

Mail the completed form along with the required attachments to:

Helen Riendeau, Forerunners Scholarship Chair
6341 Highland Ridge Drive, East Lansing 48823

Email questions to: helen10riendeau@gmail.com

Retiree Office Telephone: 517-788-1221

Retiree website: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree

Sad news: We just heard that CJ Schwartz lost his wife Marge to cancer. The funeral services were held on June 11th. If you would like to send your condolences to CJ, his address is 3114 W. Temperance Rd, Temperance, MI 4182. He and Marge were married almost 40 years!



Margaret Mary Raymond was born in Monroe, Michigan on October 7, 1945. She was one of seven children from the union of Harold Raymond and Julia (Poupard) Raymond. Raised in Erie, Michigan, she was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church graduating from St. Joseph Grade School. She attended St. Mary Academy, although she had to quit school at the age of 16 to care for her younger siblings after her mother died. She and her siblings carried lifelong bonds with deep affection and loyalty.

Margaret married Eugene "Gene" Hergert. From this union she was a devoted and proud mother to two daughters: Leanne and Tonia, who were the center of her world. Born with a spirit that could light up any room, Margaret lived a life defined by devotion- especially to her family. Though Margaret's marriage would end, she never let that define her family's story. Instead, she rolled up her sleeves and built a beautiful life for her children. She was employed at local landmarks Duffs Smorgasboard, Ernie's Gathering Place, and the Held Over Lounge. She also worked at Sweden House on Alexis for nearly twenty years.

She was married to Clarence Junior Schwartz on June 20, 1986, by Magistrate Clyde Guthrie. The couple had a special relationship. She shared a lifetime of love, partnership and devotion. Together they built a family rooted in strength and compassion. They loved tending to their garden and fruit trees. Margaret liked watching and feeding the squirrels and birds.

Not only a wonderful mother, but Margaret was also an incredibly cherished Mimmi to each of whom she adored beyond words. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy, and she poured her heart into every moment she spent with them.

To know Margaret was to know what it was to be cared for. She was the kind of woman who would show up, no matter the circumstances, no matter the cost to herself. She made sure everyone around her never felt alone. When she faced her diagnosis, she met it the same way she met everything in life, head-on with fierce determination and quiet grace. She fought not just for herself, but for every person she loved.

Margaret Mary Schwartz, age 80 of Temperance passed away at home, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday; April 6, 2026, following a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was under the care of Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Her passing was preceded by her parents; a beloved daughter: Leanne Ziems; two grandchildren: Jerry Smale and Sarah Smale; three siblings: Harold Raymond, Joanie Raymond, and Thomas Raymond; and a brother-in-law: Ed Bomia.

Margaret will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know and love her. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting www.merklefs.com.

Retiree Events

Want to stay connected to fellow retirees? Check here periodically for Forerunners events throughout the year.

Forerunners Annual Golf Outing: Tuesday, September 8th TBA soon! Information and Registration forms will be in the Forerunners July 2026 Newsletter.

Forerunners Annual Reunion Luncheon: Forerunners Annual Reunion Event Gilmore Car Museum – September 9, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Mark your calendars. Gilmore Car Museum is located at 6865 W. Hickory Rd., Hickory Corners, Michigan. Information and Registration forms will be in the Forerunners July 2026 Newsletter.



Our next meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2026 at the Monroe Grill. Meeting starts at 9:00 (or so :-).

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Homolka

RETIREELINE

FALL/WINTER 2026

2026 Forerunners Renewal Membership Form

The Forerunners are again collecting dues from all Chapter Forerunners. Each Chapter will collect their dues from you directly. Your membership dues will renew your membership and stay connected with old friends.

RETIREE NAME (Print)

ADDRESS

CHAPTER NAME

2026 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____

2027 Membership Dues (\$10.00) _____

For all of you who do not go south for the winter, we will meet again on **Monday, February 2nd** at the Monroe Grill. Think we will see a Groundhog?

Meeting starts at 9:00 but many members come early to get their breakfast order in!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Homolka