

# ***CMS FORERUNNERS***

## ***SOUTHEASTERNS CHAPTER***

*"The mission of this organization is fraternal, to represent the interests of all retirees; to expand and strengthen fellowship among its members; and to provide leadership, information, programs and social activities."*



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The breakfast meeting was held on August 6, 2017. Members present were: C.J. Schwartz, Tony and Linda Homolka, Jerry Ridner, Marilyn McClain, Ralph Luft, Gherin Johnston, Ken Pearsall, Rick Kruek, David Harvey, Eddie Weaver, Wayne Blosch, Bill Conner Jim Lammers, Jeannette Morris

The 50/50 raffle was won today by C.J Schwartz..

Marilyn reported that the treasury has \$156.00.

Sympathy cards were signed to be sent to Gina Patton at the passing of her mother, Sally, wife of Bill Patton and to the family of Eckerd Brooks at his passing. Some colorful stories were shared about "Eck", who was an operator. CJ remembered him driving into the plant in his Cadillac convertible, wearing a ball cap and white tee shirt with his cigarettes rolled up in his sleeve. We hope he has a Cadillac in heaven!

Wayne Blosch recently purchased a home in Charlevoix and will be splitting his time between Michigan and Arizona. Future retiree meetings will probably be with the Big Rock employees (where Wayne once worked).

Tony reports that he recently saw Louis Dicks who will be moving to Texas to be with his daughter. Louis sends his greetings to all.

Tony and Linda also reunited with some former JR Whiting employees at a campground near Cadillac, MI. Dennis Happy, Patty and Chuck Thompson, Carolyn Hanlon, Beth Glenn and Phil and Cherie Manor gathered around the campfire to chat.

The upcoming annual retiree golf outing and luncheon was discussed. All retirees who are members of the Forerunners should have received a flyer. This event is always well-organized and great fun. Please consider attending one or both. C.J. told us that Nancy Miller asked each chapter to offer a door prize for the event. We voted to give a \$25.00 gift card.

As noted in the Forerunners newsletter, Floyd Martin's grandson who was a recipient of the retiree scholarship, graduated cum laude. Congratulations to him! Remember that our membership dues go to fund these scholarships along with the Richmond Brothers and Flynn Wealth Partners Scholarships.

I have attached the application for membership for you to send in. Dues-paying members will receive the quarterly Retireeline publication. You may pay for more than one year if you wish.

Ed Weaver told us of a scam that almost got Ray Otto. Ray received a phone call telling him that Louis Dicks was in jail for drunk-driving and needed bail money in another city. The caller knew that they had worked together at the Whiting Plant. Ray was suspicious (especially since Louis was not a drinker) and called the police who told him this was a scam. When the scammer called back, Ray told him he was going to drive to the jail and bail him out! That quickly put an end to that. These callers can be very convincing so be careful.

C.J. will try to contact Forsite Development regarding the tear-down of the Whiting Plant so we may know when the stacks go down. Their web site explains their mission and function: [www.forsiteinc.com](http://www.forsiteinc.com).

The next meeting of the Southeasterners will be Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Homolka

FORERUNNERS Member Application

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Retired From: J.R. Whiting

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Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate address: Winter \_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_

Forerunners Dues \$10/year plus any Chapter dues: Attached Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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By giving us your e-mail address, you are agreeing to receive information from us via e-mail.

Please complete and mail to:

Consumers Energy Forerunners, 1945 Parnall Road P21-504, Jackson, MI 49201. If you have any questions, please call us at 517-788-1221.



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