

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 December 6, 2017. Members present were: C.J. Schwartz, Tony and Linda Homolka, Ralph Luft, Ken Pearsall, Eddie Weaver, Bill Conner, Floyd Martin, Gherin Johnston, David Harvey, Lyle Stark, Jim Abram, Mike Costello, Harry Redford, Steve Marshall, Steve Sabo, Henry Hinojosa, Mark Fowler, Ernie Kotnik, Brian Revels, Cahrles Knaggs and Darlene Collins.

The 50/50 raffle was won today by Chuck Knaggs.

The treasurer's report shows \$181.00

C.J welcomed all attendees this morning, especially Brian Revels and Chuck Knaggs from Jackson. Chuck recently retired and gave us some insight regarding his former position in the complicated practice of buying and selling power.

C.J. reported on the Forerunners board meeting he attended. The discussion on the future changes in health care benefits was on the agenda. Anyone who was 75 years old in 2013 will see no changes. The rest of us can expect a significant change starting in 2019. You should have received your letter explaining this. Importantly, the Company plans to keep its promise to provide benefits for the retirees. Next year, we will be choosing our own insurance carrier from the health care marketplace. CMS will provide some kind of supplement to help us pay for it. CJ invited Karen Christopher to speak to us at one of our meetings in the spring. We will let you know in advance of the date for this meeting.

The Forerunners also asks everyone who is not a lifetime member to renew membership for 2018. There are several of us who are in arrears. Please use the member application at the bottom of this document to get your membership up to date. It is only \$10/year and this funds the annual scholarships awarded. A question came up about membership cards. C. J. will ask the Forerunners about this.

Happy wishes to our members who have December birthdays: Harry Redford, Ralph Luft and C.J. Schwartz!



Save the Date!!

As we reported, the Christmas party date has been changed to **Friday, December 15th at 1:00** pm. It will be held at the **Monroe Grill** at 1060 S. Telegraph Road in Monroe. We will definitely have the basket raffle as a fundraiser for the Sunrise House in Monroe. This is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.



The next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 since the first Monday is New Year's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Homolka

FORERUNNERS Member Application

Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse First Name _____ Spouse Retiree? _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Date Retired _____

Headquarters Retired From: J.R. Whiting

Forerunners Chapter _____ South Easterners _____

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 ____

Note: We are always searching for more efficient and timely methods of communicating with our members. Electronic communications are very helpful in this regard. Your e-mail address may be used to send information of interest to retirees by the Forerunners, for example, notification that the Retireeline has been posted on the retirees' website, important issues concerning the company, etc. Your address, of course, will NOT be shared outside of the Forerunners office.

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.

