

# ***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 holiday gathering was held on **December 2, 2019**. Members in attendance: Harry Redford, Tony and Linda Homolka, Jim and Linda Thompson, Mike and Inga Costello, Ed Weaver, Frank Lambert, Jerry Ridner, C.J. Schwartz, Patti and Chucj Thompson, David and Jan Harvey, Neil Wagner, Darlene Collins, David and Laurie Krawetzke, Jim and Pat Lammers, Ernie and Debra Kotnik, Bill Conner, Doug Petee, Rose Marie Voss and Jack Cawood.



Today the 50/50 was won by Inga Costello who generously donated the winnings back to the treasury!



The Treasure's report shows \$177.00, including today's drawing earnings. Fifty dollars was set aside for next year. A collection was made that totaled \$174.00. Originally, we had decided to give to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" but they let us know that they were fully funded at this time. This allowed us to donate \$300.00 to the Sunrise House, a domestic shelter in Monroe. Their thank-you letter follows:



## FAMILY COUNSELING AND SHELTER SERVICES OF MONROE COUNTY

14930 LaPlaisance Road, Ste. 106  
(Harwood Plaza)  
Monroe, MI 48161  
(734) 241-0180  
[www.fcsmc.org](http://www.fcsmc.org)

December 11, 2019  
Linda Homolka  
8282 Minx Rd  
Temperance, MI 48182



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
PROTECTOR &  
MANAGER OF  
PEOPLE'S SAFETY



Dear Friend,

On behalf of the agency, staff, and board of directors, I would like to express how excited we are to receive a donation in the amount of \$300. Your generous support makes it possible for us to continue to serve those in need in Monroe County and surrounding areas.

Your support will help us continue to serve victims of domestic violence and their children who are in immediate danger of an intimate partner. While at our 90-day Emergency Shelter, they receive everything for free. Free food, free clothing, free counseling, free legal services, case management, and more. Our goal is to help survivors continue to move forward, and hopefully, not return to their abuser. Through counseling, case management and support groups, we hope that they are empowered to make positive changes in their lives. Your assistance makes it possible for us to continue our much needed services.

Once again, thank you for supporting Family Counseling and Shelter Services of Monroe County. Through our joint efforts, we can work together to reach our common goal of a safer Monroe for our families.

Sincerely,

Crystal Ann Martin  
Executive Director

COUNSELING

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES

SUNRISE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Meeting notes: The Forerunners Board meeting was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Howell, MI. President Vonda Belanger presided over her last meeting as president. She remarked that the reunion luncheon was not successful with only 45 members (65 total) in attendance. We have about 1,565 retiree members on the books but only about 1,000 pay dues. Of these, 450 are lifetime members. Kathy agreed to send out membership forms to retirees to renew in 2020. We will add a line to the membership form asking for an extra donation to the scholarship program. Rhoda Tinkham, Joann Davis and Helen Riendeau will serve on the scholarship committee. There will definitely be 3-\$1,000 awards and 1-\$800.00 award next year. Next year, the rules will state that the winner (or designee) must attend and accept the check in person.

Kathy Gabriel volunteered to step in as president with a committee of Helen Riendeau and Vonda to work with her.

The group decided not to suspend the January and February meetings. If the weather is bad and you don't feel safe on the road, stay safe at home, however.



Jim Lammers  
CJ Schwartz  
Santa  
Jan Harvey  
Darlene Collins  
Pat Lammers



Jim and Linda Thompson



Santa with Bill Conner



Santa with his mom and ..sister ?  
(My apology, I forgot.)



Inga and Mike Costello, Debra and Ernie Kotnik, Santa, Doug Petee,, Ed Weaver, Frank Lambert



Jim Thompson  
Rose Marie Voss  
Jack Cawood  
Laurie and Dave  
Krawetzke  
  
Linda Homolka



Our special thanks to Santa Harry Redford for coming to wish all a Merry Christmas!

The next breakfast meeting will be Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Until then....



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.

