

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 **February 3, 2020**. Members in attendance: Harry Redford, Tony and Linda Homolka, Jim and Linda Thompson, Ralph Luft, Brian Watters, Ed Weaver, Richard and Lorissa Elinski, Steve Marshall, Myron Seger, Frank Lambert, Jeff Zenz, Henry Hinojosa, Dave Harvey, David Krawetzke, C.J. Schwartz, Doug Petee, and Tom Cooper.



Today the 50/50 was won by Tom Cooper!

The Treasure's report shows \$68.00, including today's drawing earnings.

I have just heard that Vonda Berlinger has sent out the Forerunner's applications to our member. You should see it soon. Please fill that out and send in your \$10.

Some info from the Jacksonians:

Jacksonians board invites you to our Annual Wine Tasting Event on Tuesday, February 11, at the Grand River Brewery, 117 W. Glick Highway. Bring your spouse or a guest and enjoy unique wines paired with a variety of cheeses and crackers. The Jacksonians will pick up the cost. Registration begins at 1:00 pm and wine tasting at 1:30 pm.

Your RSVP is made by contacting Karen Kurzynowski at 517-784-2715 or email kurzynowski@comcast.net on or before Friday, February 7, and let her know how many people will be attending.



It was great to see Myron Seger back to better health



and Jeff Zenz after his hip replacement.!!

Jeff Zenz took a few pics of the spot where the plant used to be: the pictures are of the ash fields from Erie road and the plant site looking across the old API site



Some information from our Florida friend, Laura Koss:

"I was so very honored and fortunate to be chosen to go on a Villages Honor Flight to Washington DC to see our memorials. I think that has been the highlight of 2019 and to think I survived 24+ hours awake to do this. My guardian was just so wonderful; I even got mail from her family members at the mail calls. Something new this flight was the personal letter from the president and our governor and senators. They also added the flags of honor for deceased veterans who had not seen the memorials. I had Dad's and Charlie Diltz photos done at the WW11 memorial. At the tomb of the unknowns, they had a ceremony for placing a wreath like Patrick participated in when he went for his eighth grade trip. It brought back a ton of memories.

I have just returned from a visit with Dave Jr's daughter who is becoming a renowned harpist in the Spokane area. She has also performed in Lake George N Y. It is very exciting to see what she is becoming and she is only 15. She wanted to learn the harp, because her dad had been learning, before he passed.

I am off to see Antarctica and area in late Jan and early Feb. I will be sure to let you and all know how I find the emperor penguins. Guess I am really a rolling stone!
Please remember, if any of you come to FL please contact me and stop. If I am home, I would love to see any of you."
Hugs, Laura

At the end of this newsletter you will find the Forerunners scholarship information and application to use for a graduating high school senior. There will be three \$1,000.00 and one \$800.00 awards.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Homolka

**FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION-2020**

Application Deadline: June 15, 2020

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____

Number and Street

City State Zip Code Telephone Number

Date of Birth: _____

Month/Day/Year

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

FORERUNNER MEMBER

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Forerunner Chapter: _____ E-mail _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Will you be a full time student during the coming academic year? _____

Anticipated field of study: _____

When do you anticipate receiving degree or certificate of completion? _____

MO/YR

Name of college, university, or trade school you plan to attend: _____

Location of School: _____

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED ** Important Application invalid if not included

- Copy of transcript of credits completed at least through the first semester of your senior year.
- ACT or SAT scores, both if available.
- Copy of letter of acceptance from college, university, or trade school.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm the information provide on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand this scholarship if awarded to me, is for pursuing the course of study at the college, university, post-secondary or trade school stated on this application. I will inform the Forerunners office, in writing, of any changes in my plans before the coming school year begins. I understand this may be grounds for a reevaluation of my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wait – Did you include all required attachments?

**FORERUNNERS 2020
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

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. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Only Children/legal dependents, grandchildren, step-children, and step-grandchildren of Forerunners members
- High school graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above
- Planning on following a full-time program
- First-year student at a college, university, post-secondary, or trade school
- Only one scholarship award per year, per Forerunner member
- Forerunners membership dues payment must be current
- Forerunners Member (Grandparent/Designee) should attend luncheon to accept the award

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be by a lottery-type drawing overseen by the Forerunners Scholarship Committee and at least one Forerunners Chapter President.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

Three \$1,000 and one \$800.00 scholarships will be awarded this year. Recipients will be selected and notified in late June or early July with the awards presented at the Forerunners Annual Meeting in September.

Richmond Brothers, Inc. Investment Advisers \$1,000 Scholarship, located at 3568 Wildwood, Jackson. With a focus on retirement fund allocations, they provide independent, unbiased investment advice to people from all walks of life. Whether you're interested in tax-efficient investing or Social Security timing, they are your co-pilot on your financial journey. The first drawn winner will receive the Richmond Brothers Named Scholarship.

Flynn Wealth Partners \$1,000 Scholarship, located at 2260 E Saginaw Street, East Lansing, brings more than 60 years of combined experience helping individuals, families, and small businesses plan for their financial futures. They enjoy working with people who have various levels of financial knowledge and experience, taking the time to educate you on concepts and helping to bring greater clarity and deeper understanding across all aspects of your financial life. The second drawn winner will receive the Flynn Wealth Partners Named Scholarship.

"Forerunners Building for the Future" \$1,000 Scholarship, The Forerunners is also providing a \$1,000 Scholarship named the "Forerunners Building for the Future" Scholarship. This is the third year the Forerunners are offering this scholarship and every attempt will be made to continue to provide it in the future. The third drawn winner will receive the "Forerunner Building for the Future" Named Scholarship. **One \$800 Forerunners Scholarship** will be awarded to the forth drawn winner.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications are available beginning in January 2020 from local chapter presidents, the Forerunners Office in Jackson, or may be downloaded from the Consumer Energy/retiree website: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree . Completed applications with required attachments must be mailed and postmarked by no later than June 15, 2020, to be considered in this year's drawing. Return entries to:

Forerunners Scholarship Committee Chairman, Consumers Energy, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201

Retiree Office Telephone: 517-788-1221
Retiree email address: retiree@cmsenergy.com
Retiree website: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree

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.

