

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 June 4, 2018. Members present were: C.J. Schwartz, Mike Costello, Eddie Weaver, Ralph Luft, Tony and Linda Homolka, David Harvey, Bill Conner, Jim Abram, Jim and Terry Kominek, Ken Pearsall, Gherin Johnston, Lyle Stark, Jeff Zenz, Doug Petee, Frank Lambert, Darlene Collins, and Tom Cooper

The 50/50 raffle was won today by Darlene Collins.

The treasurer's report shows \$117.00.

C.J. welcomed all attendees this morning. He reported that CMS has an offer to lower your electric bill by signing up for Peak Load A/C control. I have copied a few FAQs from the site:

- Our Peak Power Savers® programs offer a great way for you to save money by reducing your energy use when demand is highest and energy is most expensive. With three options to choose from, you're bound to find a program that fits your lifestyle and lowers your energy bill.
- By finding ways to lower your energy use during these key times, you can help reduce the need for more energy generation plants. This helps us keep costs low and limits our environmental impact, and we'd like to pass the savings on to you.
- AC Peak Cycling device is installed on your home near your outside air conditioning unit. During a limited number of peak demand periods, Consumers Energy will activate the small device, which will allow Consumers Energy to reduce your unit's cycling run time by 50%. This is referred to as a "cycling event." During cycling events, your air conditioning system's fan will continue to circulate air throughout your home. After the period of peak demand has passed, the AC Peak Cycling device will trigger your system to automatically resume normal operation.

- “Peak demand” refers to periods of exceptionally high energy demand. These periods typically occur during the summer months, when air conditioning use increases significantly. Using energy wisely during times of peak demand reduces stress on the electric grid and makes the electricity delivery system more reliable.
- Cycling events will typically occur on non-holiday weekdays between noon and 8 p.m., but events could occur at any time in the case of an electric emergency. These events will take place from June through September and typically will last between 4 and 8 hours.
- Program participants may opt out of one AC Peak Cycling event per year by calling 877-789-9883. Opt-outs may be scheduled in advance and will only be counted if an event has taken place on that date.

Go to <https://peakpowersavers.com/ac> to find out more.

Happy birthday wishes to Ken Pearsall (6/1), Bill Conner (6/2), Jeff Zenz (6/24), Darlene Collins (6/27).



Happy anniversary wishes to:

Terry and Jim Kominek..48 years on 7/24.

C.J. and Marge Schwartz..32 years on 6/20.



Linda and Tony Homolka are looking for some golfers to make a team for the September 18 reunion golf outing. Anyone interested?

Ralp Luft reported that he was on the pier at Luna Pier when the JR Whiting precipitator was brought down. He said the earth shook! If you take any photos of the plant being demolished, send them on to Linda. (I do better when the image is “portrait”)

Darlene Collins informed us that you can go to “Consumers Energy Friends” on Facebook to join a group of employees and retirees to find out what is going on and post your own comments.

Linda has been in touch with Tom McKittrick, President & CEO, Forsite Development, Inc. to ask about viewing the demolition of the smoke stacks at Whiting. He replied positively and we hope to hear from him when there is a date set.

Just a reminder that the **2018 scholarship application** must be turned in by **June 15th**. The Forerunners will award five scholarships valued at \$4,600 to eligible high school seniors graduating in 2018. Applications and eligibility information are available at any Forerunners office, from chapter presidents, or online at the Consumers Energy website: www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retireeadvantage.

The application and required academic information must be received on or before June 15, 2018. To be eligible, students must be high school seniors with a grade-point average of 2.5 or above. After graduating from high school, they must enroll as full-time students at an accredited college, university or trade school. The award can be used for tuition, books, fees and other academic expenses. Scholarships are awarded to children, grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren, and other legal dependents of paid-up Forerunners members. A Forerunners member is eligible for only one award in any given year. Please see the application and information at the end of this newsletter.

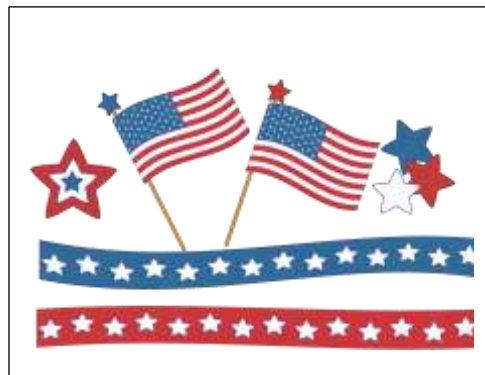
THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST MAILING OF THE RETIREELINE NEWS. The Forerunners officers are in the process of updating its membership roster. They will be deleting members who are not Lifetime members and are not current with their dues payment. Due to the cost of printing and mailing, this has become necessary. **If you need to know if you are current with your dues payment, call the retiree office directly at 517-788-1221. If you wish to remain a member, your 2018 dues must be paid by June 15, 2018, and if you have any past dues payment will be forgiven.** Please pay your dues directly to the Forerunners office, 1945 W. Parnall Road, P21-504, Jackson 49201. If you contact the retiree office, remember this is a volunteer-managed office, and someone will get back to you in a timely manner.

Both of these applications can be found at the end of this newsletter. You can find lots of information as well at www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news.

The group agreed to meet at the **Monroe Grill again next month on July 2nd at 9:00 A.M.**

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.

**FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION-2018**

Application Deadline: June 15, 2018

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: _____

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 complete at least thru the first semester of your senior year.
- ACT and/or SAT scores if available.
- Copy of letter of acceptance from college, university or trade school.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm the information provided 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 reevaluation of my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wait – Did you include all required attachments?

