

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 3, 2019**. Members in attendance: Kevin McCormick, Steve Marshall, Mike costello, Jim Abram, Bill Conner, Ralph Luft, Darlene Collins, David Harvey, Floyd Martin, Doug Petee, Jerry Ridner, Jim and Linda Thompson, Ernie Kotnik, David Krawetzke, Tony and Linda Homolka and Jeanette Morris.



Today the 50/50 was won by Dave Krawetzke, who generously returned all but his dollar!

The Treasure's report shows \$134.00, including today's drawing earnings.

Our president was not able to attend today's meeting.

Our discussion was mostly about the recent event at the Whiting plant where we were shuttled in to the old stock room that served as Bierlein's control area where refreshments were provided. Paul Gire, Project Manager and Bierlein Industries arranged a reception including a talk about the site work thus far, and presented an overhead drone camera video of the pulling over of the Unit 1 boiler building and chimney. The power point and talk described the many processes and challenges of demolishing a building as complex as J.R. Whiting. Slow-motion collapse of the coal conveyer and the water tower were very interesting. Afterward, attendees were given a brick from the outside walls. Some photos of the event follow:



Paul Gire, CMS Project manager





No, that is NOT a Bud Light in front of Harry.

Jerry wonders which snack to eat first, hmmm.



Tony enjoys reminiscing with the ladies.

Carolyn, Beth and Shelly.



Gang in
front of
the
north
face.



Plans for intermodal hub for truck, train, and possibly barge transfer of goods.

Some information from the Spring RetireeLine:

PLANS ARE BEING FINALIZED for our annual 2-day event. Our Golf Outing will be held at **Brookshire Golf Club, 205 West Church St. in Williamston on Tuesday, Sept. 17**. Brookshire golf course is 6,300 yards of beautiful greens, grass swales, mounded bunkers and plenty of water. One of Lansing area's prime golf courses. Golf registration will begin at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The format is a four-person scramble. Further details and registration forms will be provided in the Summer newsletter, or online at ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree. Golf Captains letters will be mailed in July

OUR LUNCHEON will be held at the **Crystal Gardens Banquet Center located at 5768 E. Grand River Avenue in Howell on Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Crystal Gardens has an elegant atmosphere, a delectable menu, and professional staff, giving you the absolute best in banquet service for our luncheon. Join your fellow Forerunners for an enjoyable afternoon of conversation, delightful lunch and entertainment. Entertainment will be announced in the July Forerunner newsletter. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Meeting and Scholarship presentations will be held at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and entertainment.

Watch for more information and registration forms in the Summer newsletter and online at ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree

Happy birthday wishes to: Jeff Zenz on June 24th

Darlene Collins on June 27th and

Laurie Krawetzke on June 28th!



Also best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin on their 64th wedding anniversary!!!



Our next meeting will be Monday July 1st at 9:00 AM. At the Monroe Grill and Bar.

Once again, the Forerunners will offer scholarships. See below for the application and information.

THE FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2019

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:

- 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

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Three \$1,000 and two \$800.00 scholarships are available for award 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 Investment Advisers in Jackson, MI is providing a \$1,000 Scholarship for this year. The Richmond Brothers Named Scholarship will be awarded to the first drawn winner. Additionally Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing is offering a \$1,000 Named Scholarship which will be awarded to the second drawn winner. As a proactive wealth management firm Richmond Brothers concentrates on helping pre-retirees and retirees create and continuously manage a plan to get the most out of their retirement investments while building deep, personal relationships.

Flynn Wealth Partners \$1,000 Scholarship, at 2260 E Saginaw Street, East Lansing MI 48823, 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.

"Forerunners Building for the Future" The Forerunners is also providing a \$1,000 Scholarship named the "Forerunners Building for the Future" Scholarship. This is the first year the Forerunners is providing this scholarship and every attempt will be made to continue to provide it in the future.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications are available beginning in January 2019 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 postmarked by no later than June 17, 2019, to be considered in this year's drawing. Return entries to:

FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CONSUMERS ENERGY, P21-505, JACKSON MI 49201

Retiree Office Telephone: 517-788-1221

Retiree email: retiree@cmsenergy.com

Retiree website: www.consumersenergy.com/retiree

FORERUNNERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION-2019

Application Deadline: **June 17, 2019**

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: _____ Phone 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 through 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 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 reevaluation of my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wait – Did you include all required attachments?

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.

