

# ***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 March 5, 2018. Members present were: C.J. Schwartz, Myron Seger, Kevin McCormiack, Jeff Zenz, Mike Costello, Eddie Weaver, Ralph Luft, Gherin Johnston, Tim Kolb, Jim Timbers, Tony and Linda Homolka, Harry Redford, Jerry Ridner, David Harvey, Scott dusia, Steve Marshall, Tom St. Bernard, Jim and Pat Iammers, Ernie Kotnik, Jeannette Morris and Patti Thompson.

The 50/50 raffle was won today by Mike Costello.

The treasurer's report shows \$64.00.

C.J. welcomed all attendees this morning. He introduced Dianne Carroll from the Bedford Senior Center who joined us to talk about the benefits of joining. The Center has been located on the corner of Jackman and Samaria roads for 48 years. They serve a hot lunch Monday through Friday 11:30-12:30. Please call to reserve your lunch at **734-856-3330** by 10:30 on the day you will come. They also deliver meals on wheels to over 100 seniors every day. If you would like to volunteer for this rewarding opportunity, please call 734-856-3330 and talk to Nancy.

Another valuable service is legal counseling. An attorney from Legal Aid is scheduled to be in house from 9:30-11:30 on the second Tuesday of every month. Schedule an appointment prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday by calling **734-241-7644**. A nominal fee of \$20.00 is charged.

Medicare counseling is provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Call for an appointment at 734-856-3330 to get answers to this sometimes confusing process.

Dianne is also very busy planning travel trips for senior. Many classes, activities and special events are planned through the year, such as exercise and craft classes.. Dianne encouraged

us to get familiar with agencies that support seniors. The Bedford Health van supplies non-emergency health transportation to doctor's offices for a \$35.00 round trip charge.

Membership for those over 55 is offered at only \$15.00/year for Michigan residents and \$18.00 for other states. Membership is not required to participate in most activities or services but helps to fund these. Please visit the website [www.bedfordseniorcenter.com](http://www.bedfordseniorcenter.com) for lots of other information. You can also visit them at the Bedford Trade Fair at the High School on March 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Dussia joined us this morning. He recently retired from his operator position. He was asked to come back to consult with the demolition company. He was able to provide them with the original construction blueprints and the P and I list that helped them to understand where all the pipes, lines and underground components were. He found that Toledo was interested in leasing the water tower. When they realized it held hard water, they backed off on the offer. He noted that the low pressure hood was cut up and the precipitator was torn down. CJ noted that the screen house was gone as was the gate to the lake. You can drive all the way to the lake now.

C.J. announced that Bill Webber passed away. I have been trying to get some information on this and will post as soon as I do. Bill was a plant supervisor for many years at J.R. Whiting. Those of you who worked second shift will certainly remember Bill.

Another recent retiree, Patti Thompson, joined us this morning. You all remember her as a former union president. We are so happy to have her join us with her experience and her great ideas to get more people involved with our group.

C.J. announced that the meeting on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be at the **Monroe Grill, 1060 S. Telegraph Road** on the west side of the road across from the Secretary of State office. Lauren Christopher will be there to inform us of all health care benefits and changes coming up. Please plan to be there and bring a friend who may be interested. We will meet at **9:00 A.M !**

C.J. also brought up that we may consider cancelling our Dec. and January meetings in the future because of unpredictable weather. Your thoughts on that? We will also discuss changing the time of day for our monthly meetings. Maybe 9:00 a.m.?

Below, please see you **application for membership** in the Forerunners. A paid-up member will receive the quarterly newsletter for the Forerunners.

Also, I am attaching the **scholarship application**. Please apply for family members and legally adopted college-bound children.

I know that the website is not always easy to follow. I had to do some searching to find what I wanted. Try [www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news](http://www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news)

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?**

