

# ***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 May 7, 2018. Members present were: C.J. Schwartz, Mike Costello, Eddie Weaver, Ralph Luft, Tony and Linda Homolka, Harry Redford, David and Jan Harvey, Tom St. Bernard, Jeannette Morris, Henry Hinojosa, Jim Abram, Mark Fowler, Jim Thompson, Jim and Terry Kominek, Steve Taddonio, Gherin Johnston, Steve Sabo, Darlene Collins and Tom Cooper.

The 50/50 raffle was won today by Tony Homolka (really, really). Two other drawings were done to give away gifts that CJ brought back from the Forerunners Board meeting. Steve Sabo and Henry Hinojosa were the winners.

The treasurer's report shows \$106.00.

C.J. welcomed all attendees this morning. C.J. reminded us that the 2018 scholarship application must be turned in by June 15th. As of last month, there were only 2 applications. 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](http://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. The first name drawn during the selection process in June will receive the \$1,000 Richmond Brothers Scholarship; the second name drawn will receive the \$1,000 Flynn Wealth Partners Scholarship. The third name drawn

will receive the \$1,000 Forerunners "Building for the Future" scholarship. The final two names drawn will each receive a \$800 Forerunners Scholarship. Award recipients are invited to attend the Forerunners Annual Meeting and Luncheon to accept their scholarships. This year's event will be September 19 at the Cornwell's Turkeyville USA Restaurant, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall.

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. We 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 your Chapter Treasurer or 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 your chapter treasurer, or you may send your payment 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](http://www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news).

#### **Save the date for these popular retiree events:**

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - SEPT. 18 PLANS ARE BEING FINALIZED** for our annual 2-day event. Our Golf outing will again be held at the Medalist Golf Club, 15701 N-Drive North, Marshall on Tuesday, September 18. We are happy to announce a return to this beautiful course which many of our golfers have requested. Our reunion luncheon will be held the following day at Cornwell's Turkeyville USA in Marshall. A day on the fairways is like a trip into the wilderness to play the game you love. Wild turkeys, deer, fox, sandhill cranes and even a rare white robin make their home here. 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](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree). Golf Captains letters to be mailed in July.

**ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON SEPT. 19 OUR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD** at Cornwell's Turkeyville USA - located at 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall on September 19. Join us for some down-home cooking. Turkeyville is committed to homemade and happy. Food always made the way Grandma used to; starting with real ingredients and preparing dishes using Grandma's original recipes. "When you come to Turkeyville we want every minute to be special and fun!" Registration will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brief meeting and Scholarship presentation at 11 a.m. A turkey home-cooked feast and a memorable performance of the show NunSense following lunch. Watch for information and registration forms in July newsletter and online at [ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/retiree).

**THE FORERUNNERS BOARD** and many local Chapters are looking for new leadership in many positions. The Forerunners will have a Vice President vacancy at the end of 2018, and the Presidency will be vacant at the end of 2019. They need a volunteer to run for Vice President, ultimately to become President. It is imperative we get new leadership in position as soon as possible. The President vacancy will occur in November 2019. Anyone interested in exploring this or other leadership positions with the Forerunners or local Chapters, contact Vonda Belanger at [vondaleigh@msn.com](mailto:vondaleigh@msn.com).

Below, see some pictures of the plant demolition. If anyone has more, please send them to Linda at [lhomolka@bex.net](mailto:lhomolka@bex.net) and I will (try) to send them on to the members.



←← I tried 8 different ways to turn this pic from Jeff Zenz. You'll just have to turn your head. Sorry.

The group agreed to meet at the **Monroe Grill** again next month on **June 4<sup>th</sup> 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?**

