

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 **September 9, 2019**. Members in attendance: Harry Redford, Tony and Linda Homolka, Jim and Linda Thompson, David Harvey, Henry Hinojosa, Jim Kominek, Ken Pearsall, Jerry Ridner, Frank Lambert, Steven Marshall, Rick Kruek, Mike Costello, jim Abram, Eddie Weaver, Doug Petee, Bill Conner and Brian Watters.



Today the 50/50 was won by Bill Conner!

The Treasure's report shows \$119.00, including today's drawing earnings. This is after donating a gift card to the Forerunners annual golf outing.

Harry reported that he had a wonderful time in Alaska and was one of the few visitors who got to see Mount Denali clearly. He heartily recommends the trip if you haven't see this beautiful state.

Linda reported a scam attempt that made it look like Vonda Belanger (Forerunners President) wanted her to purchase gift cards for the Forerunners to use for charity. It only took a few minutes and a message to Vonda for the scam to be understood but, at first, it seemed legitimate. Be careful of things like this!

As always, there was some discussion regarding our healthcare insurances. Some members commented that the dental insurance may not always be the best deal. If a person only has yearly or semiannual cleanings, that can be submitted for reimbursement and cost less than the annual premiums. Hmmmm. Of course everyone has to base decisions on their unique needs. You all should have received an informational packet in July with some explanation and answers to frequently asked questions. I sure don't have answers to your healthcare questions but the experts should be able to help you. I tried to scan the back page here with some phone numbers. As you know, open enrollment runs from October 15th-December 7th.

POST ENROLLMENT - ONGOING ADVOCACY

Don't forget about Via Benefits ongoing Retiree Advocacy available to you for a lifetime. Customer Service Representatives are available to assist you with your simple and most complex concerns, such as:

- o Support Filing an HRA Claim
- o Update Prescription Drug Profile
- o Assist with Prescription Exceptions
- o Conference Calls with Carriers to Resolve Issues
- o Enrollment Support to Select the Right Coverage

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

The CMS Energy Benefits Team

REMINDER: MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Watch for newsletters and other mailings from Via Benefits for alerts about the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment period from

Oct. 15 - Dec. 7, 2019

You can use this open enrollment period to change or add plan enrollments, if desired.

Caution: Depending on plan changes, you may be subject to underwriting.

Be sure to consult with a Benefits Advisor about your options.

Those with dependents under age 65 will receive information about group plan annual enrollment.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions or need to make a change to your address or other information, contact:



Via Benefits
1-888-604-2921
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST
MyViaBenefits.com/CMSEnergy



CMS Energy's Benefits Service Center
at Fidelity
1-800-260-4015
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to midnight EST
Netbenefits.Fidelity.com



Jerry Ridner brought several of his creations to share with us today. He is certainly a talented guy!



A hard-hatted walking stick.



A watercolor from a photo taken by Mark Wallach, basement operator at J.R. Whiling.



"Blue Railing Sunset". This was painted from a photo taken by Jerry.

The old mill in Dundee on the River Raisin. ↓





“Coastal Lighthouse” from
the U.S. East Coast.

Very nice work, Jerry!

Just a few shots of the Whiting demo. This demo of unit 3 took about 3 seconds. Someday I will put a full story together!





Our October meeting will be Monday the 7th. See you then!

Submitted by 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.

