

# The Jacksnian



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This is a volunteer office. We are only in the office a couple times a month. Please email a board member.

News for and about Jackson-Area Retirees



**New Event!** Tour and Movie at the newly renovated Michigan Theatre Located at 124 North Mechanic Street.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 28th

**Tour:** ½ hour Tour begins at 1:00pm with Executive Director Steve Tucker

**Movie:** Casablanca "Here's looking at you, kid."

**RSVP:** by emailing Joann at jedavis22@gmail.com or phone 517-740-0293.

**Snack Bar:** will be open for you to purchase Popcorn and Drink for \$4.00

Become a member if you haven't already at michigantheatre.org/join

Step into the grandeur of the past while enjoying the classics of cinema! Join us for a unique experience at the Michigan Theatre, the jewel of Jackson, with a special event featuring a tour and a movie presentation. Immerse yourself in the history and architecture of this iconic venue, starting with a half-hour tour led by Executive Director Steve Tucker at 1:00 pm. After the tour, settle in for a timeless screening of "Casablanca" and the immortal line, "Here's looking at you, kid." Reserve your spot by emailing Joann. Before the movie don't forget to visit our Snack Bar for a popcorn and drink combo for just \$4.00. Embrace the opportunity to join this historic theatre's legacy as a member at michigantheatre.org/join. Since its opening in 1930, designed by Maurice Herman Finkel and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Michigan Theatre has been a sanctuary of entertainment.

The Michigan Theatre of Jackson Inc., a not-for-profit Michigan corporation, acquired the building from the City of Jackson in 1993. The group continues to restore and operate the theatre, bringing in classic films, art films, live theatre productions, concerts, meetings, and other community events. The project will finally transform downtown Jackson's sleeping beauty into a major attraction for the entire region.

You will find a map for parking for this event on the back of this page.

## ANNUAL REVIEW



What a whirlwind of joy and friendship the year 2024 has been for the Jacksonians! Our hearts are full as we reflect on the number of vibrant events that brought

us together. From the laughter-filled \* **Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse**, to the 56 retirees who brought their zest for life to our monthly meet-ups, every moment was a celebration of our community.

\* **St. Patty's Day Beer/Wine Tasting & Lunch at Chateau Aeronautique Winery**, was not just an event but a festival of friendship that retirees will cherish.

\* **Spring Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson**, wonderful food and serenade by the MD's.

\* **Lugnuts Game** 60 members, enjoyed watching the game with the option of indoor or outdoor seating the game was enjoyed by all. Food was exceptional!

\* **Picnic & Put-Put Golf outing at the picturesque Ella Sharp Museum** were all chapters in our book of golden memories.

\* **Bob Kiple Open Annual Golf Outing at Burr Oak Golf Course**, was a testament to the spirit of the game and the bonds we share. Thank you to Bob Smith and team for a great event.

\* **Forerunners Reunion Luncheon at the UClub at MSU**, was a feast for the soul as much as it was for the palate.

\* **Turkeyville Lunch and Show?** It was not just a meal and performance; it was a time machine that took 60 of us back to the rock 'n' roll era with icons like Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley.

\* **Our Sunshine Committee, led by the ever-dedicated Jan Riede**, has been a beacon of warmth, sending out 93 handmade sympathy cards and 11-anniversary cards, touching hearts across the miles.

\* Thanks to **Mike Wade, the Jacksonians Trail Bikers** participants have shown us that the journey is as important as the destination.

\* **Conklin Reed Organ Museum & Lunch & Euchre at Deer Run** was an interesting look back in time. Our members enjoyed getting reacquainted with their musical roots!

\* As we eagerly anticipate our **Christmas Luncheon at the Jackson Country Club**, we can't help but feel grateful for a year that was nothing short of spectacular, filled with moments that we'll look back on with fondness and pride. Lastly, we will be

\* **Drawing names among our 412 members** and mailing 8 gift cards to our lucky winners in December.

Here's to the Jacksonians, a community of retirees celebrating life's every moment! Thank you to our **Events Chair, Roberta Sexton** and the whole Jacksonian Board for all their hard work through-out the year to bring you these events. We look forward to 2025 and hope to see YOU at our upcoming events.



January 15 & February 10 - Euchre at Knights Steakhouse

January 28th Michigan Theatre Visit 1:00pm

January 28th - Jacksonian Board Meeting

February 19th - Valentine's Day Wine/Beer Tasting & Lunch at Chateau Aeronautique Winery/Brewery in the Irish Hills

February 25th - Jacksonian Board Meeting 10:00

(if you wish to attend by phone in call Joann at 517-740-0293)

Website for retiree information:

www.consumersenergy.com/retiree or use your camera to scan this QR Code  
New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters/Scholarships/Discounts



**Sympathy & Anniversary**

**Sympathy to the families of:**

- \* Marguerite Ann Sinkovitz (ret. 1996)
- \* Brenda Lee Thoms (ret. 2019)
- \* Kenneth Dowling (ret. 1987)
- \* Kenwood Davis Elliott (ret. 1987)
- \* Philip Clarke Webb (ret. 1985)
- \* Dean Charles (ret. 2001) and wife, Constance Andrews
- \* Dean Rainey (ret. 1984)

**Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:**

- \* Jeff (ret. 2001) and Linda (ret. 2007) Sekerke  
brother Richard Beckwith Jr
- \* William Zimmerman (ret. 2002) brother, Joseph Zimmerman
- \* Frances Richards (ret. 1994) brother, Joseph Zimmerman
- \* Cathy Walker (ret. 2019) mother-in-law, Sadie C. Walker

Contact our Sunshine Committee Chair Jan Riede (contact info on the sidebar) with information you'd like included in the Jacksonian: **Congratulations - Sympathy - Special Event - Wedding Anniversary** (clarifying landmark anniversary dates: 25th - 50th - 55th - 60th and every year after 60).



Calling all Euchre players, Fallon has announced new dates for 2025.

**Wednesday, January 15th & Monday, February 10th.**

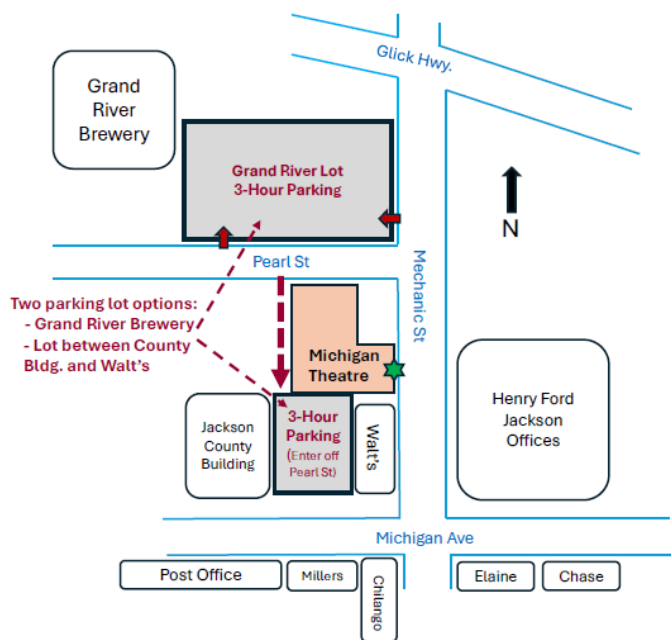
**Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse**  
2125 Horton Road  
Time: 11:00am - 3:30pm

**RSVP by emailing Fallon Walker at: fallonsstar@gmail.com**



Had a wonderful time at the Conklin Reed Organ Museum! 24 Jacksonians participated in the event. Many had a chance to renew their love of organs. Lunch was enjoyed at the Deer Run Golf Course Restaurant. Sixteen members played Euchre after lunch. Special Thank You to, Marcia Northrup who suggest this outing! Visit [www.hhahs.org](http://www.hhahs.org) for more information on their upcoming events or to become a member!

**Christmas Open House**  
December 15 from 1-4pm.



Survey: We are looking into options for events in 2025 and need your input. Please send with membership or email Joann at [jedavis22@gmail.com](mailto:jedavis22@gmail.com) Would you take a bus if we go to the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo the Lugnuts game or GR Ford Museum?  Yes, Air Zoo  Yes, Lugnuts Game  Yes, GR Ford Museum

**Forerunner/Jacksonian 2025 Membership & Scholarship Donation**

Annual dues Forerunners = \$10.00  
Annual dues Jacksonians = \$ 7.00

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**2025 Membership Dues (\$10+\$7=\$17) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Forerunners Scholarship donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your newsletter's envelope for the year your membership was last paid.



Make your check payable to: **Jacksonians** and mail completed form with check to:  
**Jacksonians, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201**

*Thank You*