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September 5, 2024 meeting.

Attendees: Ralph Luft, Brian Watters, Doug Petee, Charlie Fuhr, Lyle Stark, Tom Cooper, Eddie Weaver, Gherin Johnston, Tim Kolb, Harry Redford, Tony and Linda Homolka.

Brian Watters won the 50/50 raffle today.

The group welcomed Tony Homolka after suffering a motorcycle accident. He is recovering but also anticipating an upcoming skin graft.

I have copied some information from the Forerunners Newsletters RetireeLine:

RETIREE WEBSITE

Maintaining an updated Retiree website is a great way to keep the community informed and engaged. The Company News and Events page is being updated with information on the Volunteer Portal. The monthly refresh of the Retiree News page is crucial; it honors new retirees, remembers those who have passed, and shares chapter updates and meeting minutes, fostering a sense of continuity and community. The Retiree Advantage page serves as a valuable resource, offering information on discounts and benefits that can enhance the lives of retirees, along with details on the Forerunners Scholarship for 2024. Lastly, the Retirement page provides essential contact information for the Forerunners board members and chapter contacts, making it easier for members to reach out and get involved. These efforts collectively contribute to a vibrant, supportive network that values the contributions and well-being of its retirees. To visit the retiree website, scan the QR Code.

Retiree Website Update VISIT our website for updates on Retirements, Deaths, Discounts, Benefits, 2024 Scholarship information, and newsletter listings at consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news

Forerunners Office Information THE OFFICE is located at 1945 W. Parnall Rd. P21-505 Jackson and phone number is 517-788-1221. This is a volunteer office. We are only in the office a couple times a month. If you have a question that you need answered promptly, please call your chapter board or Forerunners officers. If you wish to leave a message, please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. If you have insurance questions, please get in touch with VIA Benefits at 888-640-2921 or address changes contact Fidelity at 800-260-4015.

Thinking about purchasing an electric vehicle? This information was found in the CMS website:

PowerMIDrive[™] Home Charger Installation Rebates

\$500 Off Installation Costs for a Qualified Level 2 Charger

A level 2 charger is the most convenient way to charge your electric vehicle at home and can charge most EVs to full overnight.

If you're ready to install a level 2 charger or want to see if you qualify for financial assistance <u>contact our EV Specialists</u>. They'll answer all your questions and connect you with our preferred electrician network- must abide by our terms and conditions linked below to remain rebate eligible.

Income Qualified Offer:

Income qualified customers may be eligible for an increased rebate up to \$1,000 with the installation of a level 2 charger. Our EV Specialists can assist you through the process once you submit your rebate application below.

To qualify for the PowerMIDrive rebate, you must:

- Be a Consumers Energy residential electric customer
- Own/lease or have an EV ordered or reserved that will be registered to the primary address associated with the Consumers Energy electric account
- Agree to enroll in Nighttime Savers Rate
- Install a qualified residential level 2 home charger:
 - With a maximum output of 9.6 kW (50-amp circuit maximum/40 amps of output maximum). If you install a charger exceeding an output of 9.6 kW then additional upgrade fees for your electrical system may apply.
 - (A.) That is both Energy Star rated and UL-Certified <u>OR</u> (B.) Provided by an automotive manufacturer

Qualifying for this rebate will also enroll you in our <u>Smart Charging Incentive</u> <u>Program</u> for additional savings.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 7th at the Monroe Grill. See you then.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Homolka

If you have a change of address or email, contact Helen Riendeau at *helen10riendeau@gmail.com*. Remember to also notify Fidelity at 800-260-4015 for any contact information changes.