

Pacific Northwest

OLD GUARD NEWS ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER

October 2020

SEABECK by Jane Rosi-Pattison

Seabeck, a gathering place we chose to be,
Guarded by mountains and gated by sea.

The smell of salt air and seagulls in flight,
Is something to enjoy and such a sight.

New and old friends come to share and reminisce,
Memories are recalled and are not to be missed.

Singing, listening, learning and a time for social,
A lot in the program, we can be boastful.

There are special treats at the break,
And there are several we will take.

To remember those members who are just deceased,
A special service will put us at peace.

The memorial garden is a special space,
Flowers, shrubs and plaques have been placed.

When we hear the bell ring, it is a signal to all,
It is time to eat so hurry to the dining hall.

The tables are ready with everything set.
The food smells delicious and is great you bet.

Don't be in a hurry, savor each bite,
More and more food is served, no end in sight.

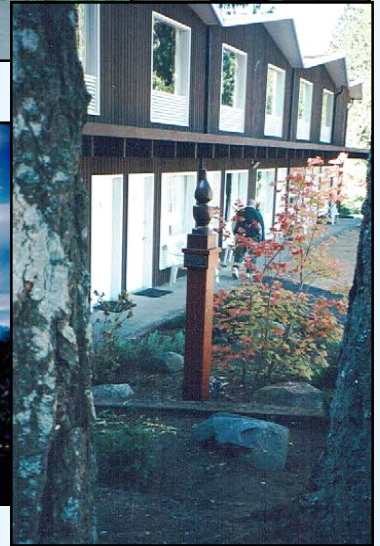
The Inn porch is a place to sit and chat,
But be careful or you will find your self taking a nap.

A walk around the drive, up through the woods or down to the beach,
Is something that many stroll and in most everyone's reach.

Silverdale, Poulsbo and Sunset Beach,
These are places around one can retreat.

So, please come join us in September,
It will be an event you will remember.

You want to come again and again,
As your adventure has only begin.



ANNUAL MEETING - Sept. 14

The once a year annual meeting usually held at Seabeck was a Zoom event with fifteen members tuning in. Jim Leigh was the zoom set up technical member. President Gary Huff opened the meeting and approval of the 2019 minutes were approved as was the financial report for the year.

Following was a discussion about chapter donations for the next year. The recommended amount of \$500 to Seabeck for the capital campaign; \$500 for the Sioux YMCA; \$500 for the International staff fund (Secours Speciaux Int.); \$1,500 set aside for the new national service project being developed. The recommendation was accepted.

Proposed calendar of events for the coming year were noted and a couple of zoom events were added as we continue to isolate.

- October Zoom presentation on the retirement fund, Souix Y, a tour of the new Seabeck Pines. It is hoped that each section will be led by a person from that area.
- December 5 will be a Zoom Holiday gathering sharing in holiday decorations, song and family events. These events will be open to all in the chapter.

Committees reported information on areas of responsibility:

Jane Rosi-Pattison - Newsletter Editor: Deadline for Oct publication is Sept. 18

Thanked Sharon Robinson, publisher for work on formatting paper.

Mike Robinson - Membership: All new retirees have received a letter of welcome and encouraged to become active in the chapter. Most stated they were not ready to join. He will continue to work for new members.

Tom Horsley - World Service: The chapter goal for this year is \$20,000 and as of now \$19,135 has been pledged.

Don Leak - Historian: Working to get members who are not in the roll book to fill out form that was in last newsletter.

Don Anderson - World Alliance Fund & WIFR Fellowship

Bill Heathman - EAF: no report

The meeting ended with those present giving an update on how they are coping with Covid isolation and other news.



MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR 2020

Virtual flowers were handed out to everyone, then the roll call of those members who died this past year was read by Jan Leigh. As each name was read, others made comments about associations with that member.

**Lyn Donhough
Darwin Haines
Richard Hansen
Audrey Harris
Lanny Hocksworth
Janette Kawakami**

**Paul Kuromoto
Ann Nelson
Ollie Nelson
Don Rae
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President's Message**Looking at the Future.**

At this time in our retirement life, we find it is important to look ahead with anticipation. And in these crazy times, when very little is certain, we can tell you that Allen-Stone Y-Alumni is alive and planning for the future. All of our leadership has signed on for next year and we are planning a slate of events that will be fun and keep us connected.

We will finish this year with a virtual Holiday Gathering via Zoom on Saturday, December 5 at 2pm, led by Jan Leigh and yours truly. Wear some old holiday clothes, bring along some cookies to eat and celebrate the holidays together. We will send out invitations to join us on zoom nearer to the event.

In April, we will see some great plays together in Ashland (God willing), led by Pete and Nanci Morris. Next summer, Jim and Jan Leigh will again lead the RV event so we can get in some outdoor fun. Final date and location to be announced. We will give plenty of notice. September 13-15 Tom Horsley and Cheri Brennan will lead our retreat on the water at beautiful Seabeck. Tom has replaced our beloved Virginia Stout, who passed away in August, as our World Service leader. Tom announced that our chapter has given \$19,000 on a goal of \$20,000 so far this year. Amazing.

We will also be heading back to Hawaii in 2022! Mark the dates so you can plan to join us. Don Anderson will lead us on a trip to the Island of Kauai on February 21-25.

Mike Robinson reports that our chapter has 85 member units of which contributed \$4,100 to the chapter so far this year with a contact list of 135 member units for next year. This makes it possible for Jane Pattison and Sharon Robinson to publish our excellent quarterly newsletter. Also, our chapter has been very generous in providing \$1,500 to support struggling Y staff, both in the US and internationally. We do this through two Emergency Assistance Funds, one at home and one abroad. These funds have never been more needed than they are right now. We have also donated to the Sioux YMCA and to a youth project in the Philippines. Generosity to be proud of.

Finally, we look forward to being with you in this coming year. Y people are the most fun people to be around and I am betting we will all be ready for good company and good times. It has certainly been a long time since we have all had that opportunity.

Stay well and safe and God bless you all.

Attention: Want color pictures, clearer pictures, quicker delivery.

Let's go green. We would like to encourage your participation by email. For ease of communications please share your email address with Jane at pattisonjane1@gmail.com or Mike at mikee.mike@gmail.com. Your address is not shared globally.

If you wish to discontinue receiving the newsletter in any format, please email Jane Rosi-Pattison or Mike Robinson.



NEW RETIREES

June:

Russell Ivy - Everett, Wa

Lakewood, WA

Sr. Dir YMCA Pierce & Kitsap

Counties

Madiline Metzger - Everett, WA

Ex. Dir. YMCA Snohomish

July:

Jill Crisafulli (Turner) - Seattle, WA

Ex. Dir Greater Seattle

Joan Steverd - Seattle, WA

Seattle Y

Connie Taverna - Butte, MT

Butte Family Y

Gary Williams - Roseburg, OR

Assoc. Ex.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jim Leigh

Y Alumni - Allen Stone Chapter Financial Report

INCOME

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	As of 9/1/20
Hawaii Conference			1,300.00	1,300.00
Shakespeare	5,800.00	5,835.00	5,800.00	4,620.00
Shakespeare Refunds				(4,620.00)
RV Outing				-
Seabeck	4,800.00	3,971.00	4,400.00	-
Donation/Membership	3,300.00	3,497.94	3,700.00	4,180.00 (1)
Carry Over/Miscellaneous	3,000.00	2,000.00		
Interest		1.99		0.68
Total Income	\$16,900.00	\$15,305.93	\$15,200.00	\$5,480.68

EXPENSES

Hawaii Conference			1,300.00	1,330.00
Shakespeare	5,800.00	5,821.11	5,800.00	-
RV Outing				-
Seabeck	4,400.00	4,300.36	4,400.00	-
Newsletter/Membership	1,700.00	1,700.68	1,700.00	1,138.00 (3)
Supplies/Stamps	300.00	63.00	300.00	
Memorial Garden	75.00	30.92	50.00	
Leadership Expenses	400.00		250.00	
World Service	1,500.00	1,725.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Other Donations	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	225.00		200.00	
Total Expenses	\$16,900.00	\$15,141.07	\$15,200.00	\$4,138.00
Net outcome	-	164.86	-	1,342.68

(1) Membership 2019-2020 - 135 Members

(3) EAF=1,000, YMCA of Honolulu 1,000

Checking Acct. 8/31/20	\$	7,028.51
Savings Acct. 8/31/20	\$	6,622.09
		\$13,650.60

Allen-Stone Chapter - Donation Form 2021

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Preferred Telephone _____ Email _____

Do you wish to receive reports and newsletters via Email? Yes _____ No _____

Donation to Allen Stone..... \$ _____

National Dues \$25.00..... \$ _____

National Donation..... \$ _____

Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

Please note: No national dues for lifetime members 90 years and older or for 1st year Y Alumni

Your donations are greatly appreciated! This allows your fellow officers to plan and provide Fellowship, Gatherings, Travel, Grants, and Newsletters to meet the interests of our Y alumni.

Please make your check payable to: Allen-Stone Chapter Y Alumni, and return to:

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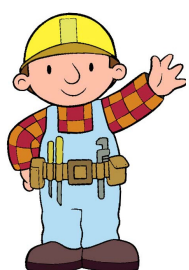
USING ZOOM

The chapter will be having some zoom events for all members. If you have not used zoom you will need to download the zoom app. Go to the app store and ask for the zoom app, then download. Before the event, you will be sent an email by the zoom moderator with the link and password to join the event. Follow the commands. It can best be enjoyed on a device that has a camera; computer, laptop, ipad; as then you will see the pictures of all participants. If you are sharing something such as an article or picture, you hold it up towards the camera. A cell phone will work and a call up number is given.



Don't hesitate to join in if it is your first time as you will get help in finding icons such as mute button, video, seeing all participants etc. Just remember, we all had to learn and is the way to stay connected in this isolating time.

National Service Project—Mike Robinson



Y Alumni has three words: Connect-Travel and Serve. Now, there is a National Service Project Committee today, chaired by Lou Falk with members all representing the 17 Chapters. In fact Allen-Stone happens to have two members of this Committee -- myself and Bob Smeenk - who's a member of both McCoy and Allen-Stone.

We meet via Zoom on a monthly basis. Presently we've identified the **mission statement as well as project attributes.** Now we are reviewing the suggested projects--

suggestions from all chapters -- based upon both the mission statement and attributes and will present to the Board of YAlumni a central project that **every member and chapter can partake in.**

Once the committee makes its recommendation and the Board adopts then we can begin.

It is hopeful that this project will add a dimension of not only social contact, Chapter involvements, but will enhance recruitment of new "active members." Hopefully it will be something we can all partake in whether we are in our 90's or just newly retired -- there will be something for everyone.

So keep in touch.



EAF Grant requests for financial assistance are close to where they were last year at this point. Only about 15 active Y staff qualified for grant funds under the "involuntary separation" clause with up to \$3000 max funding per request. This has not affected the funds ability to meet the more normal financial emergency assistance requests by our members. The EAF board frankly anticipated a lot more requests, but local governmental unemployment benefits appear to have been sufficient so far. With many the Y of the USA staff also being laid off getting timely information from reduced staffing has been a challenge. However, EAF staff are still receiving donations and ap-

plications and the Caring Committee is busy reviewing all valid requests. \$107,000 has been awarded so far with \$140,000 budgeted thru the end of this year. Hopefully, giving to EAF will continue so that we can meet the continued needs of both our Y Alumni members and our Active Y Professional Network members." If you haven't donated to the EAF (Emergency Assistance Fund) yet this year, please do so. There is obviously going to be much need in the coming months since many Y employees have lost their jobs due to the Corona Virus pandemic. You can donate by going online to ymcaalumni.org and clicking on the EAF tab. You can also send a check to : **Emergency Assistance Fund - Y of USA 101 Upper Wacker Drive - 16th floor Chicago, IL 60606** **Chairman Bill Heathman**

Y Alumni RV Cluster

Sadly, the annual trip of the RV cluster group was canceled this year due to Covid 19. There were eighteen disappointed folks which would have been our largest group ever, but we are looking to try the trip again next summer. It will depend on what happens with Covid. Belknap Hot Springs RV Resort where we were planning to stay is very close to the area burning with huge wildfires in Oregon. As of this writing, the campground is still okay. Jan Leigh will communicate with the group about what our options of dates might be next summer.



Joyce and Dave Mercer: It was a summer of change. We had a great lakes cruise scheduled but it was canceled due to covid. Allen Stone RV trip canceled so we didn't do that. Played a lot of golf at our home course. Then we are now spending time at our RV spot in Newport. Took a week off that to travel to Joseph Or. where our son has 5 1/2 acres of beautiful river property. Had our family there, kayaked Wallowa lake, hiked to a beautiful water fall and spent great family time. Going back to RV in Newport as soon as this dang smoke clears from the fires. Everyone take care

Jim and Jan Leigh report that they have had many chances to get out this summer for one of their favorite activities – kayaking. With the Cascade Lakes Loop close by as well as other lake and the Deschutes River, they have seen beautiful views of mountains, paddled on glassy surfaces where you just glide along, and watched eagles and osprey fly overhead or perch nearby.

The RV will also have had three short outings by the end of September. Add to that the maintenance projects in our neighborhood (Jim), sewing quilted wall hangings (Jan), and book clubs and Bible studies we either participate in or help lead (both), we are actually quite busy. Never a boring moment!



Ann and Dan Nischke We are blessed to be safe in Eugene, Oregon during the forest fires. Our air quality is hazardous. So we're staying inside most of the time. Our church services were canceled due to the smoke. We thought quarantine was tough but now we can't even go outdoors!

On the plus side, our 50th wedding anniversary is coming up on September 26th. We had planned a trip to Hawaii to renew our vows, but the good Lord has other plans. So we'll be celebrating with a shorter trip to Montana where we'll spend time with a high school friend.

If the smoke clears I will play golf with the **Woodburn Conference** players this Friday. Just got 6 week check in (by video) and cleared for action. (had hip surgery)

Mike Ellis For those of my fellow YMCA retirees that may not know, I had a serious bike accident in 2013 that has left me physically challenged. After six months of rehab I was able to finish my career with the Y at the end of 2015. In order to stay physically active, I started riding a recumbent trike and logged over 3000 miles in 2017.

A fall down the stairs at the end of 2018 helped me decide that I could no longer live on my own. So after selling our home in April 2019, I moved to an independent living facility in Issaquah, Washington to be closer to my oldest son who works in Issaquah and lives in Snoqualmie. This has the added benefit of being close to my youngest

grandchild.

When COVID-19 hit the Seattle area, we were basically placed in quarantine to keep everyone safe in this congregate living facility. Although they have lifted some restrictions within the facility, if we go out for doctors appointments or anything else, we have to go back into isolation for 14 days. We are tested monthly for COVID-19.

So, what to do with all this time? I had hundreds of pictures of my family and growing up. So, I spent about four months sorting through those, picking out the best ones, and creating a book of My Life in Photos that I had printed and gave to each of my kids and grandkids. I also wrote down my memories and gave them to the kids to accompany the photos. It was a legacy gift to my kids and grandkids. Something I always had wanted to do.

I also continued to ride my trike around the parking lot here. However, a fall back in July has forced me to bring my trike inside and put it on rollers, so I can still exercise.

I've also stayed active with the YMCA through the CEO coaching program and I'm working with two CEOs who are leading their Ys through this challenging time.

In addition, I've been singing in our virtual church choir. We record ourselves singing the songs each week individually, and then technologically savvy people put it together into music for our virtual worship service.

And, I'm just about finished with reading and recording Christmas books for my grandkids. I have them on Facebook and YouTube under the title The Christmas Helper. It's another legacy gift for my kids and grandkids. I have always enjoyed reading to my grandkids. With my four grandkids spread out in Oregon and Washington, this has allowed me to continue to read to them at a special time of the year and with some wonderful books, some of which were books that were part of my Christmases growing up. Blessings, Mike Ellis

Wayne Ray The Woodburn Conference is still alive. In the late 60's or early 70's, **Cliff Lawrence**, Salem YMCA Physical Director and **Wayne Ray**, Portland YMCA Physical Director would meet from time to time at a restaurant in Woodburn, OR halfway between the two cities. We would share program ideas and build a strong bond between both Associations. **John Mistkawi** would join us occasionally and much later **Dave McGarry**. We officially named it "The Woodburn Conference". The Woodburn Conference is still alive. Only it takes place in Wilsonville on the Sandalie Golf course every two weeks. There are now octogenarians, nonagenarians and a young guy (in his 60's) attending. The good old days are still discussed and we found out that the older we get the better the Y was when we were there. **Wayne Ray** says "he is improving daily from hip surgery". The golf tournament was postponed because of smoke. Woodburn Conference players are John Mistkawi, Cliff Lawrence, Dave McGarry and myself.

Cheri Brennan and Tom Horsley

Even though the pandemic has kept us close to home the last few months, we decided to take our annual trip to our family cabins in Montana near Yellowstone Park.

It is a special place for rejuvenation, which was even more important this year after Cheri's major back surgery in August to



install sixteen screws and two rods to bypass a burst vertebrae. The surgery was successful but the recovery is lengthy.

A major milestone for her

during this trip was a one-mile walk to Artist Paint Pots in the park. This picture is taken at an overlook. The blue skies were a welcome break from the wildfire smoke we were experiencing at home near Seattle.

Bob and Caroline Brooks in Grants Pass are safe from all the fires in southern Oregon but are now dealing with all the smoke. Their nephew, Will Robinson, is the camp director at the Ashland YMCA and he filled us in on how the fires affected the Y. Two staff members lost their homes in the fire. One of those families did have family to turn to, but the second family did not so the Y is helping them. We did have a staff member and family spend Tuesday night of the fire with us. They had to evacuate from their home in Talent to a motel, but then the motel was in danger of evacuating, so Will called us because they couldn't find another motel room closer than Roseburg. The Y is also helping with accepting and distributing donations. Luckily no fires affected their new Camp DeBoer up at Lake of the Woods.

Belknap Hot Springs trip Bob and Caroline Brooks went ahead and visited Belknap Hot Springs after the group event was canceled. It was our only planned trip for the summer and didn't want to give up our reservations. We had a lovely time. It was during a heat wave at home, so the thought of being along a river amongst the pine trees

was very appealing. We did a couple of the hikes/drives nearby but we mainly enjoyed being somewhere different and seeing new scenery after staying home for Covid.

We hiked to Koosah Falls, drove to Clear Lake, and drove to McKenzie Pass. We had tried hiking to Sahalie Falls, but the trail was closed for maintenance. Somewhere we'll have to visit next time! We also hiked across the river from the resort on some of the local trails. We did do some soaking in the hot springs. They limited the amount of people and everyone social distanced, so we felt safe using the pool. But mostly we relaxed!

**Fire Up date**

Fire started 1/2 mile from the vineyard. The wind was going Northwest (away) from us. Wind was blowing 35 to 40 mph and so the fire moved out of Ashland and into Talent in a matter of 10 minutes, taking out five houses and the Burger King on the way out of town. Talent and Phoenix weren't as lucky, five trailer parks are completely gone as well as hundreds of homes and businesses. 1,000s are now homeless. 2020 has been one hell of a year - we need to have a big New Year's Eve party and wish that another year like this doesn't happen in our lifetimes. **Pat and Paula Flannery - Dana Campbell Vineyards.**



Gary and Lony Huff have been keeping their sanity by getting outside with lots of walks and a trip to the coast. Gary spent a week in the North Cascades hiking. Attached is a picture of him on Maple Pass. Lony has completed a few new watercolor paintings and is playing a lot of online "Trickster" bridge.

Both have also been

busy with home improvements: new carpeting, new blinds and a new driveway.



ALUMNI HONOR ROLL Provided by Don Leak

First, I wish to thank our members who have recently sent me their personal Chapter Roll Book data. As our members pass on, this data is very helpful in reporting on each life journey through our fellowship and our newsletter.

Five years ago we had over 50 enrolled retirees and spouses and now we have under 20. Looking back I now recognize the reduction in our Roll Book population reflects loss of a generation of YMCA leadership in our Chapter. Now we would like to enroll our new generation of Y mission driven leaders. This includes every one still employed or Y related in other ways.

Our current recorded roster is as follows: Mike Robinson, Bunea S. Washburn, Ruth Heathman, Bill Heathman, Gary Huff, Barbara Karoly, Joyce M.

Leak, Donald A. Leak, Joyce Mercer, Dave Mercer, Jane Rosi-Pattison, and John Mistkawi.

The enrollment form was included in one of our recent newsletters. But wait, There is more. The basic information we seek is:

1st-current data like address, phone and e-mail, etc.
2nd-personal history like date and place of birth, education, family, hobbies.

3rd-Y assignments, proud moments, community relationships, recognition.

4th-advice to leaders today: such as "Hang in there", "Pray a lot", or maybe,
"Remember the good days".

In case forms are too much like a test, just give me a call (360-629-0524)

Or send a note or e-mail. (donleak@webtv.net) I will do the form and call it GOOD.

YMCA Alumni and its World Brotherhood Fund Make a huge impact In Covid Crisis By Don Anderson

Most of us are aware of the devastation the Covid pandemic has caused on the YMCA movement. However, also try to imagine the desperation of YMCA retirees in Africa, Latin America, South and Southeast Asia trying to survive without a job, YMCA retirement or government pension. An emergency assistance committee known as Secours Speciaux exists at the World Alliance of YMCAs. It was started by the 1950s and led by Anna Limbert, wife of Secretary General Paul Limbert. It initially focused on those effected by YMCAs closures in Eastern Europe by communist regimes. Today a committee with representatives from around the world advises Secretary General Carlos Sanvee on providing funds for YMCA retirees and staff facing emergencies. Committee members from the USA include Bonnie Mairs who chairs the committee, WFYR President Phil Dwyer and myself.

Because of the Covid crisis the committee has been proactive rather than just responding to requests. Carlos Sanvee has joined all meetings to provide knowledge on the worldwide situation. There is a separate group working with Carlos to address YMCAs in crisis rather than individuals. They grouped YMCAs into three groups: YMCAs that are strong and will survive, those that can be saved with some help and those that are beyond help and cannot be saved. At one point it appeared that the movement could lose up to 40% of YMCAs globally. A Solidarity Fund of \$550,000 was raised and targeted the YMCAs that could be

saved with help. In the first round of grants \$305,000 was awarded to YMCAs through a formal application process and it saved YMCA 220 jobs.

I now return to the subject of emergency assistance to retirees. Through the World Alliance, Area Offices and individual contacts we identified 88 retirees needing assistance in 17 countries (46 in 8 African countries, 14 in 6 Latin American countries and 28 in 3 Asian countries). Each received \$500 USD in a first distribution and will receive a second \$500 in November. You should know that this was made possible by our American Y Alumni who voted to donate up to \$200,000 from the World Brotherhood Fund (WBF) to Secours Speciaux. Our Allen-Stone Chapter's own David Mercer along with Ken Thiel led the creation of the WBF in the early 2000's. Nothing was spent for many years and donated funds grew under the investment hand of Harold Davis. The first grant from the WBF came in 2016 to help create a model retirement program in Mexico as part of WFYR's Global Retirement Initiative (GRI). Before the pandemic WFYR was working on GRI models for YMCA's Sri Lanka, Ghana and Brazil. Those are now on hold as Y's shift their priorities to survival.

From my perspective the communication, working relationships and transparency between the World Alliance staff, the Secours Speciaux Committee, national movements, WFYR, Y-Alumni and WBF are at an all time high.

YMCA Alumni World Service Campaign Underway

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YMCA Alumni groups are a significant part of the annual campaign currently underway to raise funds for YMCA World Service. The \$775,000 goal is even more critical this year as World Service is a critical partner supporting global YMCAs to stay resilient and persevere through the global public health crisis of Covid19 and to support Ys facing other critical situations.

Just one example is recent catastrophic explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. In addition to the loss of life, more than 300,000 have been left homeless and more than 5,000 require medical assistance. YMCA teams have joined several organizations and thousands of volunteers to clear debris and respond to continuing medical needs.

With hospitals in the capital area destroyed, the YMCA is also assessing damages to their primary health care centers. Of their 46 centers, 30 sustained heavy damage. The YMCA has prioritized making repairs to these centers

to help provide frontline health services.

Through World Service, YMCA of the USA is supporting the response to this crisis in coordination with the Lebanon YMCA.

In our own country World Service supports the Sioux YMCA which has been severely challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic.

After the passing of our dear friend and long-time World Service advocate and supporter Virginia Stout, President Gary Huff has asked me to assume responsibility for our chapter's World Service efforts. I am honored to do so having personally seen the impact of World Service for global YMCAs. We are dedicating this year's chapter goal of \$20,000 to her memory and are well on the way to achieving that goal.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We invite all of our members to join in this effort. A **secure online donation** can be made to YMCA World Service at <https://donate.ymca.net>. Please indicate Allen-Stone Chapter in the "comments/special instructions" box so our chapter receives credit. If you prefer to make a gift my mail, please call or send an email and I will send a pledge form. We will recognize all donors in our year-end newsletter. Your consideration is appreciated.

SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear Y Allumni, I'm wearing my Sioux YMCA Board of Trustee hat this morning and writing to ask for your help. We're in the midst of our annual campaign which is unique in that it has relied on donations from other YMCAs. But 2020 has been a punch in the gut for Ys around the country - with the pandemic, wild fires, hurricanes - and this has resulted in a significant decrease in donations. To try and make up for this loss we are attempting to grow the number of donations from individuals. Along these lines I've been reaching out to Y Alumni chapter presidents and asking if they would email an appeal letter and pledge card (attached) to their members along with a message, if so inclined, encouraging them to consider making a donation. People can donate through the website at Siouxymca.org or use the attached pledge card..

Thank you, Rich Wallis

Note to members:

World Service budgets an amount for the Sioux YMCA. Designating money to the Sioux Y in your World Service donation does NOT add that designated amount to the budgeted dollars. By giving directly to the Sioux Y appeal goes directly to that Y to help in this special appeal for added funds.

If you have supported the Sioux Y in the past through World Service, do not hesitate to reply to the following appeal and give directly to the Sioux Y as indicated.

(Pledge form located on page 12)



Fifty-five years ago when **Don Leak** was the YMCA Director at the University of Kentucky, he organized a group of students for a summer trip to a barrio in Bogota, Colombia, to work on a school. One of those students spread the word that Don was celebrating his 85th birthday in September. So Don has been receiving cards with nice notes expressing appreciation for that memorable experience and how it has impacted their lives. In addition, they have sent generous donations in Don's honor to the local Stanwood-Camano YMCA where Don continues to serve on its board. **Joyce**



Giving a Shout Out

To all members. Let us hear from you. Send in a tid bit of info to Jane. We would love to hear from you and include you in member news!

So what have you been up to?



We Remember



Martha Ann (Wood) Nelson

Martha was born in Chicago, Ill on May 31, 1928 to Firman & Margret Wood. During her ninety-two years of life she was

known as Martha, Ann, Marty, Mert, Woody, Mom, Grandma, Aunt Annie, Blondie, and Officer Nelson. Although she lived in eight different states during her first 35 years, she was a resident of Yakima, WA from 1963 until 2020. She passed away in Wenatchee, WA on August 7, 2020.

Ann graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1946; Fort Wayne, IN. And was the first person to enter Coe College with a perfect score on the Seashore Musical Aptitude Test. Ann Attended Coe College for two years and transferred to George Willissam College in 1948.

In the fall of 1948, while at George Williams, she met Ollie Nelson on a college outing and they had their first ride on a tandem bicycle. They were married on June 11, 1949 and took their honeymoon on a tandem bicycle. During their 70 years of marriage, they were two-wheeled partners in more than 40 states, Canada, England, Scotland, Sweden, Holland, and the Netherlands.

They enjoyed a variety of outings in the Northwest with their "Over the Hill Gang" bicycle group and in 1996 they traveled 2,500 miles on their tandem bike from Yakima to Fort Wayne, Indiana for Ann's 50 year high school class reunion.

After graduating from college with degrees in Group Work Education, the Nelsons moved to Grand Rapids, MI where Ollie started his Y career in 1951: sons Eric and Karl were born; in 1957 they moved to Fargo, ND, daughters Kristi, Karen and Kathie were born and in 1963, the Nelson family moved to Yakima, WA.

Ann was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice that opened doors to some wonderful experiences: sang with four different Methodist Church choirs; Yakima Sym-

phony Chorus for more than 30 years; choral presentations at Carnegie Hall in NY and the Rockefeller Chapel at U of Chicago; as well performing in several musicals, weddings and funerals over five decades. Her most cherished memories were of singing lullabies to her five children.

She climbed Mt. St. Helen's, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Adams (five times). In 1968 she hiked the entire Wonderland Trail around Mt. Rainier; participated in the Chapter of PEO and Wesley United Methodist Church for more than 50 years as well of a member of the Nob Hill School PTA; a Bluebird leader; played bridge; a swimmer who once held the regional age group record for the 100 yard backstroke.

Ann's father, husband, son and one daughter worked professionally for YMCA's. She waited tables for banquets at Fort Wayne YMCA; youth center supervisor; car hop; department store clerk; day camp counselor; a police-woman; an encyclopedia salesperson and a bank teller; expert seamstress making her clothes in high school, her wedding gown; and many clothes for her children.

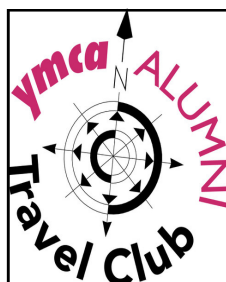
Above all, Ann cherished family. It was her priority that her children be close with their relatives near and far. From weekend campouts, trips to the ocean, and many cross-country road trips in a Volkswagen camper, Ann's children have been blessed with a lifetime of memories to carry them through.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and step-mother, husband of 70 years and sisters Peggy, Kathleen, and Merry and a son Karl. She is survived by sisters Susan and Sallea; children Eric, Kristi, Karen and Kathie; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Ollie & Ann



TRAVEL CLUB

2022

A Caribbean Reunion - Jan. 16-24, 2022 (following YMCA Reunion '22)
Affordable Italy By Rail - Dates TBD
(Gate One Tours)
Portugal's River of Gold Cruise - May 2-11 (Viking River Cruises)

NEWS DEADLINE

Deadline for articles/news for the Next Chapter newsletter is:

December 18, 2020

Email to : pattisonjane1@gmail.com

Or Send to: **Jane Rosi-Pattison**
2940 Harris St. Road, Kelso, WA98626

DATES TO REMEMBER

October TBD Zoom Event
 Retirement Fund
 Sioux Y
 Virtual Tour of Pines at Seabeck
 December 5, 2020: 2 pm
 Zoom Holiday gathering
 April 27-30, 2021
 Ashland: Peter & Nanci Morris
 Summer 2021: RV Event
 Jan & Jim Leigh
 Seabeck Conference
 Sept. 13-15, 2021
 Tom & Cheri Brennan
 New Orleans, LA Jan. 12-15, 2022
 YMCA Alumni Reunion
 Kauai, Hawaii: February 21-25, 2022



October

Tony & Joyce Sagare
 Oct. 18 - 50 years

November

Tom & Donna Olivia
 Nov. 23 - 50 years
 Gary & Lonny Huff
 Nov. 21 - 50 years

Tom Horsley & Cheri Brennan
 Nov. 27 - 38 years

December

Jim & Jan Leigh
 Dec. 21 - 51 years

Check these Websites Out:

YMCA Alumni — <http://www.ymcaalumni.org>

YMCA Retirement Fund — <http://www.yretirement.org/default.aspx>

Allen-Stone Facebook — www.facebook.com search for Allen-Stone

COVID-19 Golf Tournament



The Salem Family YMCA Camp Silver Creek Alumni Association sponsored its 23rd Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 17th at the Salem Golf Club. The COVID-19 Pandemic prevented the 37 teams from having the usual shotgun start. Each team was assigned a specific T time starting at 9:00 a.m. with 10 minutes intervals between each team. Unfortunately there was no dinner and award ceremony after the tournament. However all

37 teams were able to enjoy themselves on the greens with a to go lunch and beverages.

The tournament was very successful and we anticipate raising \$50,000.00.

All proceeds go towards the YMCA Camp Silver Creek Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for kids to go to camp.

Thanks: To Donofrio Car Dealership for donating \$15,000.00 as the "Title Sponsor"; to Emery Construction; Oregon Cascade Plumbing and Heating and to Ruth Aschenasy, who each donated \$2,500.00 for being "Presenting Sponsors" and to the twenty-two donors who each donated \$500.00 as "gold Sponsors", including, the Y service club of Salem. Additionally we had 55 donors who each donated \$150.00 plus as "Silver Sponsors" and "Camper Sponsors". Respectfully reported, by John Mistkawi



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