

Pacific Northwest

OLD GUARD NEWS ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER

January 2021

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

Jane Rosi-Pattison

What do you think when you hear the word zoom? Up to this year, to me the word zoom meant something going fast. Now, a new meaning of the word is to be on a computer live with a host and others face to face to conduct business, social event, church service, club meeting and any other type of gathering. My 2020 calendar is full of dates marked zoom event.

After a few months of being isolated and not able to attend different events due to the pandemic, this zoom program came aboard to be used with devices with a camera and speaker; many computers, I pads and cell phones; that have internet connections.

Unfortunately, there are still a large number of people who do not have such devices or internet connection. So far, one can still manage to use other ways to do what has to be done in person. As time goes on, it will become increasingly difficult to be without the internet in daily lives. But slowly, there are more functions that are on line only and a time when the internet will be available to everyone. Today's younger generation is ready and everyone

will adapt easily to living with the internet.

Many members of this chapter do not have computers or use the internet. In the case of this year's pandemic, having the devices and skills to use the internet has made a big difference in our daily homebound solitude.

Before this year, friends I knew who did not have computers, seemed to be out of the loop on many things. I tried to encourage them to start simple by learning to use email first, then going on to how to search for something instead of going to different stores looking for a specific item. Learning one function first, then adding another one that would help you is not so overwhelming. If you have grand children who live nearby, help is close as they are computer skilled. There are help options at your fingertips or a phone call away.

For me, not only having email, searching for products, paying bills, making reservations, buying plane tickets, getting help on "You Tube", and now having to do my daily work outs at home, using videos or live classes ; really "saved the day" for me.

Learning something new is recommended for maintaining brain health in regenerating brain cells. What a better challenge than being able to use this tool.

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.

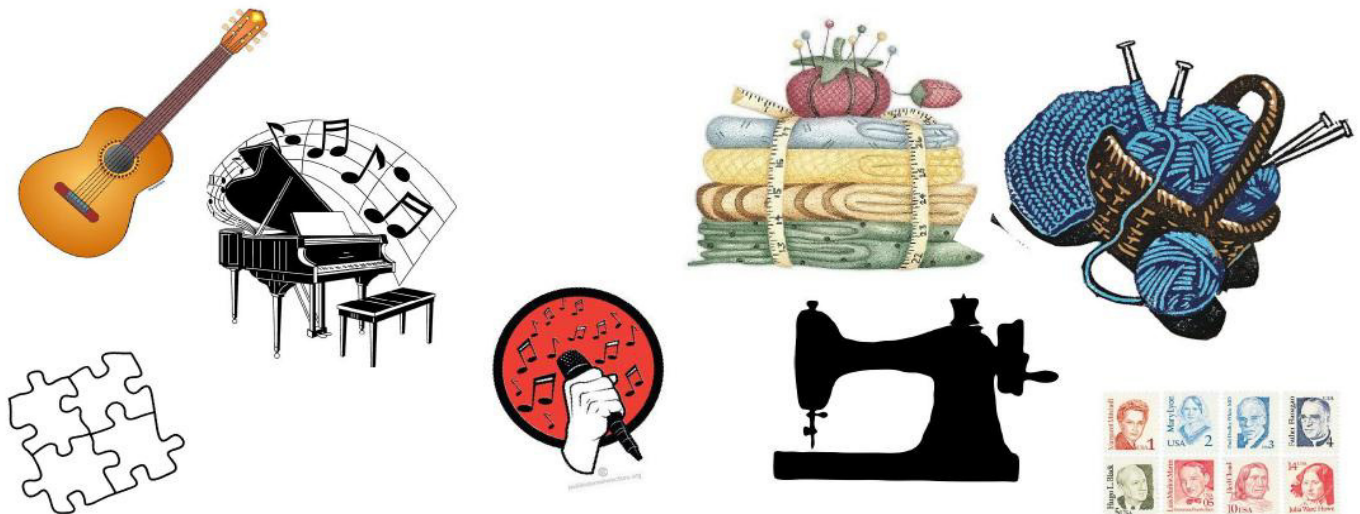
NEXT ZOOM GET TOGETHER

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:30 AM

It was been great getting together with fellow members via Zoom. Thanks to Jim and Jan Leigh for a great Christmas get together.

Next up is a chance to share New Years resolutions. Are they any different after a very difficult 2020? Let's keep our spirits up!

Look for your Zoom invitation link from Mike Robinson in early January.



ZOOM HOBBIES

A Virtual Y Alumni Event

Feb. 20, 2021, 2 PM

For the purpose of fellowship as we share
what we do for pleasure in our free time

What gives you joy?



Note: We will save
“reading” and
“major traveling
trips” for a future
ZOOM meeting.



Email reminder: a week beforehand.

ZOOM invitation: 2 days before the event.

How to share:

- Talk. Sing. Play an instrument.
- Hold up something to your computer webcam.
- Move your laptop to show us something.
- Email Jan Leigh **photos ahead of time**. (Put your name in the file name and number them.) Jan can share them during the ZOOM meeting!

Questions? Email Jan. janetbleigh@gmail.com



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President's Message

On a personal note: I have been on the board of the Olympic Peninsula YMCA (Three branches; Port Angeles, Sequim, Port Townsend) for many years. This has been our hardest year, as it has for many Y's. In medical terms, we only have about 7 months to live. We launched a \$70,000 end of the year campaign, in addition to our regular Annual Campaign which raised \$300,000, to help get us through the next few months. Of course, I'm the campaign chair. Old Y skills never die! People are being very generous, they do not want to lose what the Y can do for them. So we hit our extra goal. It gives me hope. Let's keep all our Y's alive right now!

Zoom is here to stay: In November and December Allen-Stone and the McCoy chapter had two very good Zoom gatherings. November (29 people) focused on our retirement fund and reconnecting with each other. December (30 people) was a holiday gathering that was lots of fun. One learning from these virtual gatherings: we should keep doing some of these every year. They are a great way to connect with people who can't attend events, for geographical or other reasons. So, we have three scheduled Zoom gatherings for 2021 so far. 1. Wed, Jan 6th 10-11 am on "New Year's resolutions." 2. Sat, Feb 20th 2-3 pm on Hobbies. 3. Holiday Gathering in early December, date to be announced. Thank you to Jim and Jan Leigh and Tom Horsley for hosting these events.

Generous group: Once again our chapter is showing it's generosity in sending in donations to keep us strong. So far, we have received 73 donations for a total of \$5,045 for 2021. Way to go gang.

Lony and I wish everyone a happy and blessed, 2021



Attention: Want to join us on ZOOM? Want color pictures, clearer pictures, quicker delivery of your News Letter. We would like to encourage you to participate. For ease of communications please share your email address with Jane at pattisonjane1@gmail.com or Mike at mikiee.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.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jim Leigh



The 2021 membership year has gone really well so far. We currently have 73 contributors vs. 83 for all of 2020. So during the year we will most likely add to our group. Thanks to all of you who responded to our first mailing. Like any good Y campaign, our clean up effort will be much easier.

Donna Algie, Don & Susan Anderson, Mal & Maurine Arnett, Bob & Caroline Brooks, Thomas Chandler, Jim & Faith Chapel, John & Debby Ciambone, Kevin & Rebecca Clark, Sharon & Cal Crowell, Billy Dannals, Ralph & Barbara Drake, Elizabeth Dubuque, Ester Dye, Paula Ehoff, Mike Ellis, Pat Flannery & Paula Brown, Craig Frerichs, Erich Gauglitz, Bob & Delphine Gilbertson, Bob & Kay Goff, Lee & Corlett Graff, Phil & Pat Grimm, Kay Haines, Jill Hallin, Nora Hallett, Roz & Jim Hamby, Helena Hanna, Cornell Hartford, Bill & Ruth Heathman, Lorrie Hermanson, Ty & Lauren Hisatomi, Jim & Peggy Holstine,

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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:

Jim Leigh, 7760 Angel Falls Way, Redmond, OR 97756 253-219-0613 jimfleigh@gmail.com

National Service Project

The committee has agreed that Craig Altshul will be the spokesperson for the group regarding announcements. This is to prevent any information going out that is premature or inaccurate. We are in the information gathering process with local and National figures to gather the elements of a project in line with our goals and attributes. Craig is planning on releasing a statement in the National Y alumni publication that Will be coming out in the near future.

WORLD SERVICE 2020

Tom Horsley – World Service Chair

Thanks to all our Allen-Stone members who help make our chapter as a top World Service contributor in the country. I am pleased to report we have surpassed our \$20,000 goal raising \$20,325. This support is encouraging and inspiring to youth and YMCAs worldwide, especially in light of the world wide pandemic. I was able to join a call in October and hear reports from YUSA International staff on the amazing work Ys are doing to respond. Thank you for celebrating the

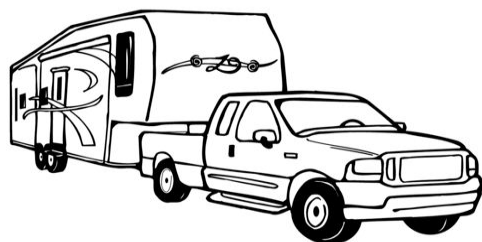
Contributors as of 12/01/2020

Allen-Stone Chapter
Don and Sue Anderson
Jim Chapel
Phillip S. Chun
William D. Clagg
Ralph Drake

Erich J. Gauglitz (deceased)
Phillip A Grimm
Jill Hallin
Mary Kay Haines
Tom Horsley & Cheri Brennan
Don and Joyce Leak
Jim and Jan Leigh

Dave and Joyce Mercer
John Mistkawi
Jane Rosi Pattison
Randy and Lynn Rabenstein
Renee Shaw
Bill and Ruth Heathman
Mike and Sharon Robinson

RV Cluster Event



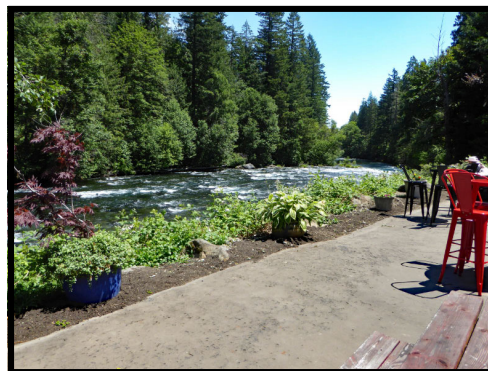
Last year's RV Cluster Event was cancelled due to Covid. We have scheduled to go to the same place, once again crossing our fingers that maybe we will all have had the vaccine by then and will be safe to gather. We have until July 23 to cancel without a penalty. There are RV sites, cabins, and lodge rooms available at the moment. This is a popular place in the summer, being along a lovely river.

Aug. 9-13, 2021

Belknap Hot Springs, OR

So far there are already 12 people registered for 5 RV sites and one cabin.

If you are interested, please email Jan Leigh, janetbleigh@gmail.com.



Check this out

BENEFITHUB

In the November Connection, there was an article outlining a new member Benefit. It is free to YMCA Alumni and lists thousands of special offers and discounts in numerous everyday categories. If you have used AARPS member benefit discounts in the past, it is worth checking out this site. I (Jane) always look for discounts for car rentals, plane fares and restaurants, plus movie tickets to theme parks when traveling. Of course, you have to have the internet to connect, but, if you do, take a look. Visit <https://ymcaalumni.benefithub.com> Your referral code is 7T2M15 so write this number in your password file.



David C. Livingston - Dave spent 25 years as a YMCA Director in California and Hawaii. He retired from the YMCA in 1994 and started TriMark of Hawaii, Inc., a Direct Mail Advertising Company that also deals with fundraising, fund development and photography. In 1999 Dave was recruited by Edward Jones and added the title "Financial Advisor" to his list of accomplishments. June 3rd,

2011, Ameriprise recruited David as a franchise owner where he continues to serve his financial services clients today. His serves as a financial advisor with Ameriprise on Oahu, Hawaii.

Overall Customer Satisfaction in Honolulu Magazine. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 he was named as a Five Star Wealth Manager. Ameriprise recognized him for having attained a 100% score on Client Satisfaction.

Dave has been a 41 year Rotarian, a photographer, fund raising for the Y, United Way and many others.

Like everybody else the **Dave and Joyce Mercer** have hunkered down due to covid. Managed 2 month stay in our their motorhome at their beach site. Planned to do another for 2 weeks in Dec. but the Murphy Bed in the MH broke and parts to fix it will not arrive from Canada until Jan 10. Oh well. Then we will leave for a month or so in Southern California and a 2 week stay at Organ Pipe National Monument. One of their favorite places. It is in Southern Arizona right on the Mexican border. Best part is that it has a pond with pup fish in it, very rare and it is called Paquito Bacquito, what a cool name.

Kay Haines sent a thank you to everyone for the cards and concerns regarding the passing of Darwin. They were warmly received and uplifting to his family. A celebration of Darwin's life will be planned when it is safe to be together again. He had always looked forward to the get together of Y families. Thank you again. God bless.

Rich and Diane Wallis: We had planned a trip to Washington

DC in April and a Mediterranean Cruise in September but needless to say both were cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead we made maximum use of our cabin on the Pend Oreille River from April until October, when we had to close it down for the winter. Last summer I had told my grandchildren that I would build a bunkhouse for them so they could have a place all their own when they came up to the cabin...so that became my pandemic project. It was a big hit with the grandkids...and the parent like it too. Now when all the grandkids go off to bed at night our cabin is soooooo quiet and the parents and grandparents can unwind with a few adult beverages.

I've been staying active in the nonprofit world. Through the Spokane chapter of SCORE I mentor people wanting to start a nonprofit organization. Most of the time people don't realize all that's involved in starting and sustaining a nonprofit and they lose interest in the idea or just can't find the time to do the work that's necessary. But two people I've worked with have had spectacular success. One started a no-barrier addiction treatment center and the other a youth development program for high-risk kids in one of Spokane's poorest neighborhoods. I'm now on the board of the youth development organization.

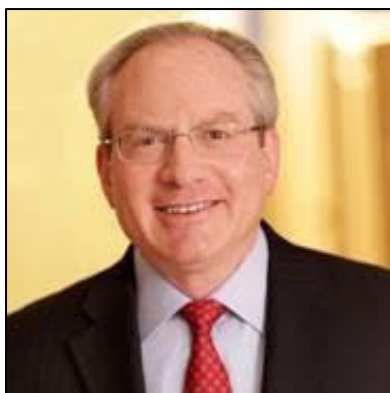
Probably the highlight of my year however was hiking in the Olympic Mountains with our chapter president Gary Huff. He knows those mountains like the back of his hand and is a spectacular guide. We got extremely lucky weather-wise, there was only a slight haze of smoke from the forest fires in OR and CA, and the temperature was perfect. Next time you see Gary ask him to tell you the story about him running across a cougar on



one of his hikes...its pretty amazing and more than a little frightening.

Happy 2021 everyone...it's going to be a better year, I just know it!!

Rich Wallis & Gary Huff in the Olympics



NOVEMBER CHAPTER ZOOM MEETING

Robert Kirscher works with the Fund's Trustees and Senior Management to formulate and track long-term strategies and to ensure that current objectives are in support of the Fund's Mission, Vision, Values and Guiding Principles. He also serves as the Fund's advisor to our YMCA Alumni's 17 chapters.

Robert gave the latest numbers of the Y Retirement Fund that at this time is in very good standing continuing its distribution of funds to those retired or spouses as well as accumulating funds from those still employed. It serves over 121,000 people; 66,100 that are active; 39,500 inactive; 15,400 retirees receiving retirement benefits. About 771 YMCA's of a total of 800, participate in the fund. Of the retired members, 75% worked at one Y and the remain-

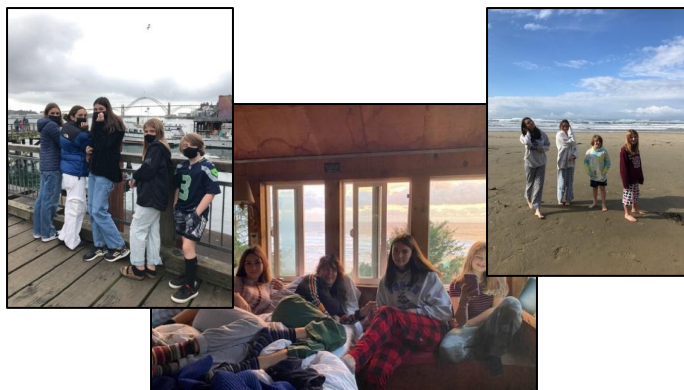
ing 25% in multiple Y's during their career. There are 105 staff in the retirement fund office. The Board of Directors meet four times a year.



John Mistkawi: Good Morning! I wish you all a Blessed and a Safe Holliday season.



John Mistkawi and his family spent four wonderful days at the Sheehy's Crow's Nest Beach House in November. The house is located four miles South over the Newport Bridge on Hwy 101. It sits on top of a cliff overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean. The Mistkawis, Grammers, and Gibbons spent most of the time exploring the beach and historic Newport wharf and playing board games around the cozy fire. Luckily the weather was good and the evening sunsets were beautiful as it shows in the picture above.



The house has six bedrooms and three bathrooms. The most popular bedroom for the children is the crow's nest. The crow's nest is the highest point in the home and has beautiful panoramic views of the ocean.

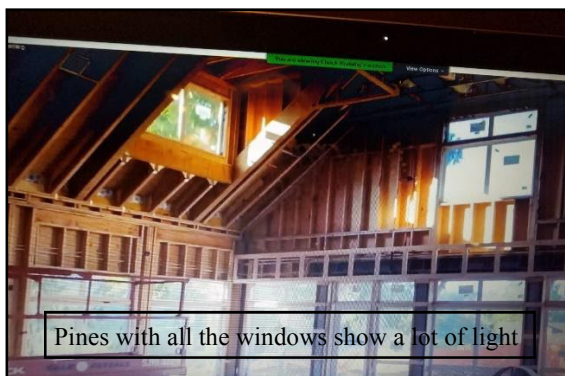
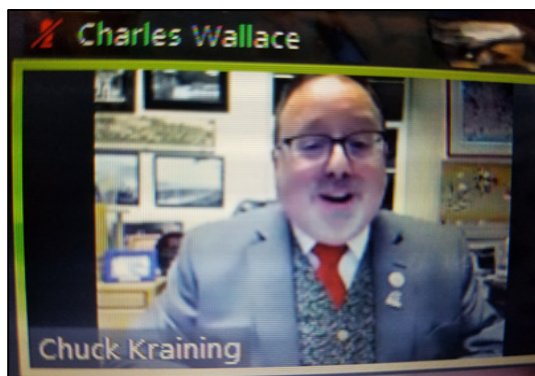
All our meals were cooked at the house, prepared by our chef, David. We ate together in the large living/dining area.

The best way to reserve the Crow's Nest is to contact Oregon Beach Vacation Rentals at 503-528-7480 (www.oregonbeachvacations.com). They will be happy to assist you without my commission. Ha Ha Ha! John Mistkawi



A letter received from Mrs. Lee (Dye) Takagi, daughter of **Esther Dye** Allen-Stone member, to inform us that Esther Dye has been moved to a beautiful facility for folks with Alzheimers disease. Esther is no longer able to take part as a Allen-Stone member. She has enjoyed her membership with Allen-Stone.

SEABECK VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Chuck hosted a zoom Christmas party on December 8th for friends of Seabeck.

The program began with a virtual drive from Bremerton to Seabeck with the many landmarks we are all familiar with. A review of



Seabeck over the years as it grew and changed as well as the much requested Salmon Secret Sauce. A challenge was given to see how many could answer the quiz questions about Seabeck. A few answers were: name of Inn Lobby: Allen Lounge, Salmon Beach Point called Staff Point; Uphill viewing platform is called the Eagles Roost; Dining room seats 252; etc. Some Seabeck slang prior to 1980: Housekeeping staff called "potty girls", Morgue referred to as staff refrigerator. After 1980, Manzanita & Alder referred to as Swamp Houses and beverage service delivered as coffee run. The last event was a virtual tour of Pines showing the inside and key places. It gave a good feeling of how much natural light will come in the meeting rooms as well of the grand view like the old Pines had.



During these months of covid 19, the need for financial aid has increased for YMCA staff and retirees. Jim Havlick, the Director, of the EAF has expressed a need for additional funds at this time. Jim has shared the appreciation of those who have been helped during the time of the pandemic.

The EAF has been a long time program for YMCA staff and retirees who have needed financial support. During

this time of pandemic, funding for the program is much needed. Checks can be sent to the following address.

Emergency Assistant Fund
Care of YMCA USA Financial Development
101 N Upper Wacker Dr. Sixteenth Floor
Chicago, IL 60606

Bill Heathman, Allen Stone Chapter

We Remember

REMEMBERING: ERICH J. GAUGLITZ, Jr.

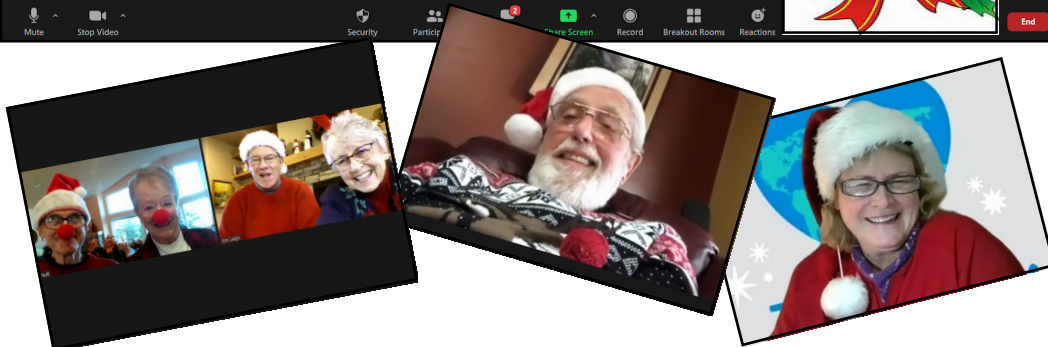
Erich passed away peacefully on November 22, 2020, at age 91 years old with his sons Kal and Phillip by his side. Erich was born in St. Louis on July 3, 1929 and spent his childhood in the small farming community of Whitewater MO. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 49 years, Shirley and also by Virginia Stout who was a very dear friend and companion following Shirley's death in 2004.

It was Erich's request that there be no service and that memories go to a charity of your choice.



HOLIDAY ZOOM GATHERING DECEMBER. 5, 2020

YAlumni from Allen-Stone and McCoy Chapters, dressed in festive holiday sweaters, hats, etc., gathered on ZOOM in December to raise a toast to positive thoughts for this season and next year. We shared stories of Christmas cookies and favorite Christmas memories, as well as trying to remember lyrics to familiar holiday tunes. Lots of smiles! Great fellowship! Mary Tikalsky from Y USA joined us too.



YMCA TRAVEL CLUB 2022



The YMCA Alumni Travel Club has created GOING PLACES, a free subscription newsletter, as well as Travel Information Center website this year. Travel continues a popular way for YMCA Alumni friends to connect.

www.ymcaalumnitravel.org

NEWS DEADLINE

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

February 19, 2021

Email to : pattisonjane1@gmail.com

Or Send to: **Jane Rosi-Pattison**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2021

January 6, 2021 10:00AM
Zoom Resolutions Gathering
February 20, 2021 2:00PM
Zoom Hobbies
April TBD, 2021
Ashland Shakespeare Festival
Peter & Nanci Morris
August 9-13, 2021
RV Event
Jan & Jim Leigh
September 13-15, 2021
Seabeck Conference
Tom & Cheri Brennan



2022

New Orleans, LA Jan. 12-15, 2022
YMCA Alumni Reunion
Kauai, Hawaii: February 21-25, 2022
Gary Huff & Don Anderson



Feb. 16 - 29 years

SAM & ESTHER LUNA

Welcome

NEW RETIREES

Gill Wesley – YMCA Greater Seattle

Robert Salcado – Wenatchee YMCA Fitness Coach

Pamela Sipes – YMCA Snohomish Counties
Development Director

Philip Carter – YMCA Pierce & Kitsap Counties
Assoc. Dir. Of Philanthropy

Jane Erlandsen – YMCA Pierce & Kitsap Counties
Executive Director

Jack Thompson – YMCA Greater Seattle
Youth Counselor

Kathleen Graham - YMCA of The Inland NW
Site Director

DECEASED

Lloyd Arnold



Giving a Shout Out

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

So what have you been up to?

Check these Websites Out:

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

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

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