

# Messenger Bits from the Messer-Brandenburg Chapter



October 2023

FALL

## ***President's Message***

As I write today, the seasons "they are a changing". We have quickly moved from the hot dog days of summer to the warm days and cool evenings of autumn. Harvesting of the fields is well underway and pumpkins decorate many of the porches in our neighborhoods. Fall has truly arrived.

In this fall issue of our Messenger Bits newsletter you will learn about some of our recent chapter events and ways our members were able to connect. You will also read about upcoming gatherings that will offer you the opportunity to reconnect with Y Alumni friends from Illinois and Wisconsin.

My thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help organize these local gatherings. Isn't it great to see "old friends" and make "new ones" as well? Cindy and I look forward to seeing you at a Y Alumni event real soon.

Yours in Service,

Denny Mohrman, Chapter President

***Board Members***     Denny Mohrman     Cathy Adams     Linda Dean     Jim Furrie  
Rick Gattoni     Denny Handrow     Wray Howard     D'Ann Lagerblade     Pat Nelson  
David Phelps     Angie Rester     Martha Rolf     Larry Stinson     Dianne Warrick

## ***Welcome New Members***

***Deb and Wally Allen     Patricia Kappel and William Bedrosian  
Roosevelt and Michelle Holmes***





### ***Y Alumni Summer Gathering in Rockford***

34 people attended the event held at Camp Winnebago. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed dinner outside. It was an evening of great conversation, lots of laughter and sharing memories of the Y and catching up with friends. A big hit of the night was the hayrides provided by the Y camp staff. Almost all the Y Alumni climbed on board and didn't mind sitting on the hay bales. We were given a glimpse of recent camp updates, improvements, as well as upcoming projects.





## **100th Birthday Party**

**Congratulations to Ralph Wood  
who celebrated his  
100th Birthday on August 13th!**

He joins Janet Beltman as a  
CENTURION MEMBER of our  
M-B Y Alumni Chapter.

Thank you to Pat Nelson for sharing this photo.



### ***M-B Chapter Annual Meeting and Social - Wednesday, Oct. 25th***

Our Annual Meeting and Social will be held at the **Webster Lodge at YMCA Camp Winnebago** located at **5804 North Main Street in Rockford, IL. 61103.**

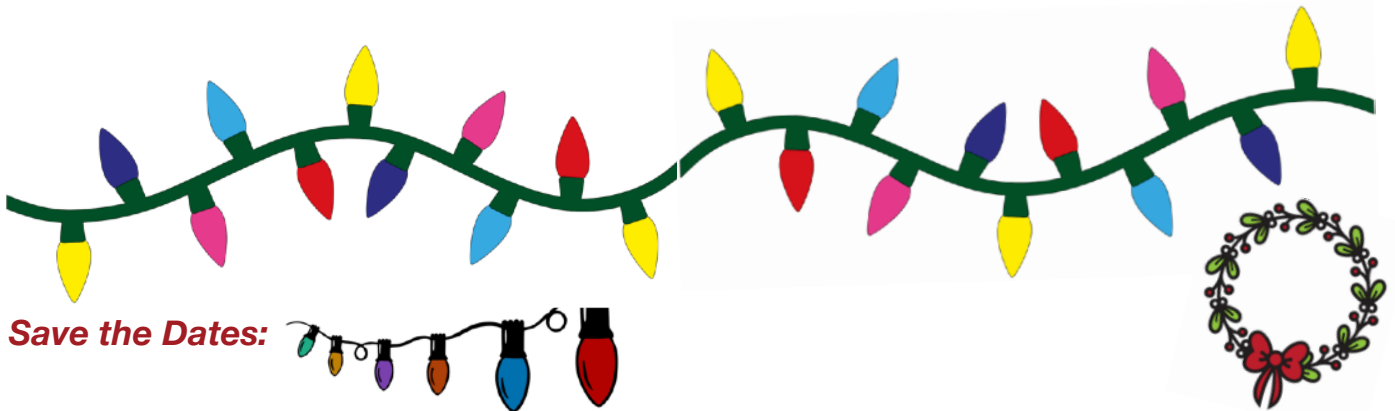
There is no charge to attend and each person who registers by the deadline (Wed., Oct. 18) will receive a Poorboy Box Lunch. If you prefer the Veggie Poorboy option, please indicate that when you register. Plan to arrive by 10 am to enjoy coffee cake, fresh fruit and coffee. Email [dennis.mohrman@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.mohrman@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance or call **309-825-2264** by **October 18th, 2023.**



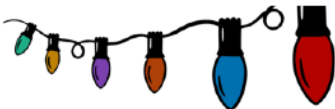
**Veteran's Day Gathering - Friday, Nov. 10th**

Join Denny & Cindy Mohrman at the historic Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center in Utica, IL. We will gather in the Great Hall at the Lodge for some social time beginning at 11 am. At noon we will move to the Porch Room to order off the lunch menu. Following lunch, we will enjoy catching up on what we've all been doing. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fun day at Starved Rock State Park Lodge.

Please RSVP by email to [dennis.mohrman@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.mohrman@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance or call 309-825-2264 by **Friday, November 3, 2023.**



**Save the Dates:**



**Wednesday, Dec. 6th -**

Wisconsin Area Christmas/Holiday gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 6th. Angie Rester is coordinating this event.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13th -**

Illinois Area Christmas/Holiday gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. Cathy Adams is coordinating this event.



Dinner and programs details, along with registration forms for both of these events will be sent later this fall.