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Chambers Chatter

William S.
Chambers Chapter
June 2021 Newsletter

Serving: Ohio, West Virginia, N. Kentucky and W. Pennsylvania





Mike Frith

Chambers Chapter President

Fellow Retirees:

Things are looking great. The summer weather is here, vacations may be taken, we can get out now and things maybe turning back to somewhat normal.

I hope that you were able to attend our Chambers Chapter Zoom Meeting on May 26th. It was good to see all that attended and catch up with what has been going on with everyone. Dale Packer was able to lead us in a discussion about what is going on in the YMCA Alumni and the YMCA of the USA. We also found out more about the National Service Day from our representative to the National Committee, Steve Gunn.

I hope you are planning to join us at the YMCA Alumni Reunion in New Orleans, Jan. 12-15. 2022. For more information about that reunion, go to the YMCA Alumni website.

Below, you will find the announcement about the Chambers Chapter Fall Reunion. I hope everyone will be able to attend. John Mack and his committee have planned a great reunion. Hope to see you there!

YMCA Alumni presents the F. William Stahl Award to an Alumni member in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the YMCA, the YMCA Profession and the art of written communication. More is included in the below newsletter.

May God Bless and keep you.



The **Mission** of the **YMCA Alumni** is to enable members to promote a nurturing Worldwide Christian Fellowship that provide educational, social and charitable opportunities.

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Membership Chairman Dave Patterson Membership Details

TOP 10 REASONS to BELONG to YMCA ALUMNI (continued)

#7 Emergencies ~ Members of the YMCA Alumni who are current in their national dues are eligible to receive grants in times of financial emergency from the century-old YMCA Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF). Members also support the World YMCA Employee Assistance Fund, which is similar to EAF and helps YMCA staff and retirees in foreign lands.

#6 Reunions ~ Chambers Chapter members get together two times per year, Spring and Fall, for fun & fellowship. On the National level, Y Alumni rendezvous every two years for a very special reunion for all 17 Chapters. The venue is rotated in the east, west and central regions.

#5 Service ~ Our new National YMCA Alumni Service Project with the Sioux YMCA and chapter service projects let us continue our YMCA-style of service to others.

(TOP 10 REASONS to be continued in the October *Chambers Chatter*)

CHAMBERS CHAPTER ~ The Chambers Chapter currently has **91** membership units equaling **152** members.

- **12** LIFETIME units
- **17** INDIVIDUAL units
- **62** HOUSEHOLD units

How Do We Stack Up?

With 91 Membership Units, the Chambers Chapter is the second largest of the 17 Chapters in the National organization.

<u>CHAPTER</u>	#Units
Allen-Stone (WA, OR, ID, AK, & HI)	75
Central Atlantic (MD, DE, eastern PA & southern NJ)	58
Chambers (OH, WV, northern KY & western PA)	91
Grand Canyon (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY, western NE & western AR)	41
Hoosier-Buell (IN & MI)	69
Lyon (Central CA)	34
Marston (Southern CA)	31
McBurney-Morse (NY and northern NJ)	40
Messer-Brandenburg (IL & WI) (IA & eastern NE)	81
Mott (IA & eastern NE)	18
New England (ME, VT, NH, MA, CT & RI)	81
Greater Ozark (MO, northern AR & eastern KS)	26

Sam Schreiner (TX, OK, southern AR & western LA)	53
Upper Midwest (MN, ND & SD)	47
Weatherford (MS, AL, GA, TN, KY, VA NC, SC & eastern LA)	113
Willis (FL)	49



Steve Gunn

EAF Chairman

Hello Chambers Chapter:

Below you will see the First Quarter Chamber Chapter report for EAF. Thank you to all the givers thus far from our Chapter. I so appreciate the early gifts. These givers have really motivated Nancy & I to get "with the program". Believe me we have already "sent the check" for EAF and World Service. Please note that the need for EAF is paramount with our Y active staff as well as Y Alumni for many reasons but especially coming out of this pandemic! As we will see, thus far in 2021, there are two of the seven grant requests that are our own Y Alumni!

Remember it really does not take much today to cause everyone of us to be in some major need and what better feeling to know that EAF is there for us and our fellow Y people. I am so thankful for the EAF fund.

Here are the addresses for you if you desire to send your donation the old fashioned way:

EAF-YUSA: attn. Kathe Elwell
101 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

or all at 312-419-8658 and ask for Kathe.

Or on line: YMCAAlumni.org Click on membership/eaf/donate
Remember to designate your gift to the Williams Chambers Chapter no matter which way you choose to donate. Please remember as well that **NO GIFT is TOO SMALL!!!**

Currently our chapter is second nationwide behind the Weatherford Chapter in our giving amount for EAF. They are good BUT....I want to beat them and be #1. How about you?

Thanks again! Until next time....Steve and Nancy

First Quarter Update

20 Chapter donors for a total of \$2,275.

EAF Caring Committee has received 7 grant request so far and has awarded \$23,350.

Chambers Chapter Donors

Dick Bennett
Dave Blackmon
Bill Blewitt
John Carney
Carol Carraway
Connie Clark
Lois Doughty
Tom Feller
Mike Frith
Dave Sanders
Mike Todd
Myron Winch
Charles Zech
Peggy Ottke
Doug Kohl

THANK YOU to all Chambers members who give generously from their hearts to help ensure that EAF is there to assist our Y Colleagues with financial aid when an accident, illness, death of a loved one, disaster or other crisis strikes.



Tony Delisio World Service Chairman

with Love and Hope: YMCA World Service

"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth" - Psalm 104

At Pentecost, Jesus fulfills his promise to be with us always by sending His Holy Spirit so His disciples can share the good news with the whole world, speaking in many languages. It marks the official beginning of the church and spreads the fruits of the Spirit: patience, kindness, joy, love, faithfulness, peace and goodness. What a beautiful reminder!

Thank you for spreading the fruits of the Spirit to strengthen youth worldwide through YMCA World Service. Covid-19 is impacting us here and it is impacting our world. The pandemic continues to impact the operations, grant income and partnership support of many YMCAs. As a result, many are facing difficult financial challenges related to maintaining their staffing, programs, buildings and properties. Your support goes far to address the needs caused by the challenges of our time and help YMCAs stay active in serving those in greatest need.

As you know, YMCA World Service is the annual campaign of the U.S. YMCA Movement to raise awareness of and support for the powerful work of YMCAs around the world. We would like to share a few examples of the extraordinary spirit of love and hope through the YMCA today:

In most of the developing countries where the YMCA has a presence, **less than 1% are vaccinated**. The **YMCA in Peru** is hosting a vaccination site for their community.

- **1 billion youth live in multi-dimensional poverty** (lacking at least 2 basic needs including access to clean water, food and safe shelter). The **Ethiopia YMCA (photo)** is providing safe shelter and caring support for 1,200 people as their country

struggles with civil war.

- **75% of mental illness begins before age 24.** The **East Jerusalem YMCA** offers counseling and rehabilitation programs to help their communities affected by long-standing conflict and violence.
- **25% of youth worldwide are not in education or employment.** The **San Pablo YMCA in the Philippines** is providing safe housing, food, school supplies, education and internet access for five teens from an extremely poor community as well as creating a YMCA community garden with the teens.
- **32% of all global migrants are youth.** In 2020, the **Mexico YMCA Homes for Migrant Youth** served **1,525 youth who were deported from the U.S.** Through the challenges of the pandemic, **80% of the youth were successfully reunited** with their families so far.



How We Can Help!

Our Chambers Chapter 2021 World Service Goal is \$6,000 and 45 donors. Last year, we successfully raised \$5,380 from 34 gifts. Thank you! YMCA Alumni contributed more than \$240,000 for 2020 World Service. 100% of every gift helps the youth of the world. As of now, we have already contributed \$1,800.00 from 12 members and 189 YMCA Alumni nationwide have given \$73,033. We are on our way to another successful year!

If I am like most Y Alumni (and I think I am), I HAD NO IDEA of the disparities impacting the youth of our world today. If young people are truly the future, something has to change. Real, everyday people - like my fellow Y Alumni - need to take action. We need to go back to our YMCA roots and remember why we "enlisted" in the YMCA movement in the first place. At our core, I think all of us had one overarching reason why we chose to work for the Y: We wanted to make a difference by serving others. Today, more than ever, YMCA Alumni can continue to make a difference. We can do this through our support and leadership of YMCA World Service. Why the Y? Because the youth of our world are depending on us.

Please make your pledge or gift today by sending your support to:

YMCA of the USA – World Service, 101 N. Wacker Drive, 16th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606

or online: <https://donate.ymca.net/>

Global vaccine interactive website: <https://graphics.reuters.com/world-coronavirus-tracker-and-mass-vaccination-rollout-and-access/>

[maps/vaccination-rollout-and-access/](#)

For more information: Please contact YMCA World Service Chair, Tony Delisio tdelisio58@gmail.com or Mary Tikalsky mary.tikalsky@ymca.net

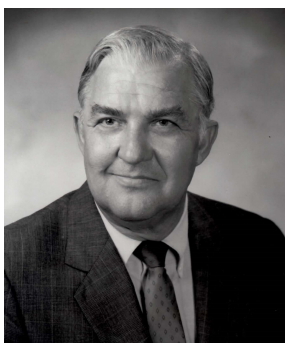
Website: www.ymca.net/world-service

Celebrating the Life of:

Bruce D. McAtee

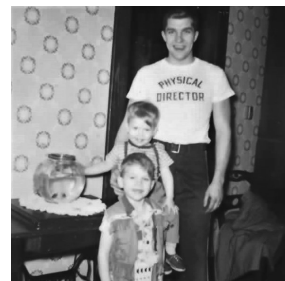


There will be a memorial service for Bruce McAtee on July 11, 2021 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Alley Park in Lancaster, OH. The program will be at 2:00 pm.



In memory of Bill Patterson July 8, 1931 - May 25, 2021

My Dad
by Dave Patterson



When I was growing up, I wanted to be my Dad. He inspired me to do my best and act my best. Some of my fondest memories of growing up are with my Dad in Y Indian Guides. He was *Straight Arrow*, and I was *Broken Arrow*. That legendary YMCA program, not only taught me to respect Native Americans, but also to respect my Dad. And it was the beginning of a journey, that I would take in his footsteps, through a 35-year career with the YMCA.

I lost my Dad yesterday but we will always be *Pals Forever!* I would like to tell you about him through his own words, which he wrote for the Chambers Chapter *Book of Memories*:

I was born in Lima, Ohio and lived over 20 years in the same neighborhood block as the YMCA. I set pins in the Y bowling alley. Physical Director was Roy "Armie" Armstrong. I worked as a waiter at Camp Nelson Dodd under Carl May. Mother worked as the Lima Y bookkeeper. At least eight Y directors, that I know of, grew up in that Lima YMCA.

Then I worked as Downtown Physical Director from 1959-62 at the Canton, Ohio YMCA with John Sessions and Myron Lewis. I started an aggressive fitness and testing program. The swim team finished second in Y Nationals.

Frank Kiehne called me to Reading, Pennsylvania as Central Physical Director to start up a fitness program. While there in 1962-65, I served as Executive Director of an 800-member Industrial Management Club.

My first executive role was at the Wooster, Ohio YMCA, 1965-71, where I worked with Phil Grady, Fred Cooper and Don Painter. There I started an IMC program, which is still going today, in 1995, under my son, Dave, who serves as the Wooster YMCA Executive Director.

In 1971 I took on a strange assignment as Executive Director of a **YWCA** Community Center, still retaining my YMCA affiliation, in Neenah, Wisconsin. After four successful years, that **YWCA** was emerging from debt and soon thereafter became a **YMCA** affiliate, under the leadership of Walt Madsen.

After Wisconsin, I moved on to Marion, Ohio in 1975 and took on a struggling Y with a dinosaur building and dormitory. I decided that after 25 years, I had fulfilled my dreams and service to the YMCA, so, I retired to start a second career.

I feel fortunate to have worked with the likes of
C. Carl May, Gene Cornwell, John Sessions,
Myron Lewis, Bill Cumler, Frank Kiehne,
Frank Minnerly, Tom Patton and a host of others,
not to mention the thousands of participants that
I enjoyed and who hopefully enjoyed me.

I returned to Wooster and looked for another career.
I almost bought a hardware store, but instead
worked for 11 years as a men's clothing buyer
and manager in a family-owned department store.
Later, I worked for three years as a realtor.
At about the same time, I was elected as a
City Councilman, then Council President.
In 1995, I finished up 16 years of civic service
as Mayor of Wooster and Chairman of the Hospital
Board for two years.

Now it's time to retire and smell the roses and
enjoy my four grandchildren and my sons:
Dave, Y Executive; Greg, attorney;
and Todd, high school science teacher.
We spend winters in our retreat in Florida
and visit with friends at Chambers Chapter meetings.

Wow! What a career! What a life! Thank God! What a life!

Although most of his colleagues are long gone, I left the names in his Bio because they
were his mentors and part of his legacy. He always said, "I don't know many in the
Chambers Chapter anymore.
It's all you young guys".

Thank you for getting to know him a little better. He was a great Dad and a great Y Guy.



Stay In Touch: Like Us on Facebook

There's lots going on with **YMCA Alumni**
and its **Chapters**. Events, People, Places,
Newsletters, Board Decisions and much
more. At least one-third of YMCA Alumni
members visit our Facebook Page each
week. **Give it a Look!**



Wayne Uhrig

History Chairman

Boy Scouts/Christian Citizenship Training Program

Edgar M. Robinson, the first YMCA National Director of Boy's Work, is perhaps best remembered for his involvement in establishing the Boy Scouts of America as a separate organization from the YMCA. He organized the first boy's work assembly in Culver, Indiana, in 1913. Most of the 289 delegates had never heard of "boy's work" as a career path for YMCA secretaries.

At the Culver Assembly, Robinson played off the Boy Scout's organizational structure and incentive program to encourage participation and formed the Christian Citizenship Training Program (CCCTP) which included standardized manuals and achievement awards much like the Scout badges.

The CCCTP never came together because, despite a call for uniformity, each YMCA still wanted to develop its own standards. However, the CCCTP was influential in improving YMCA youth work when it appointed Adel J Gregg as director. In 1924 he wrote a book called "Group Leaders and Boy Character" which set the tone for future programming for boys and girls. There would be 13 assemblies between 1913 and 1965 and their significance in the mid-1940s cannot be overstated. In 1944 assembly action gave national approval to four existing programs and the highly successful YMCA Four Fronts Program was established.

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Chambers Chapter

Prayer Chain

Tony Delisio

Prayer Chain Chair

The Old Rugged Cross

Do you remember the hymn, “*The Old Rugged Cross*”? I was surprised to learn that it has an Ohio connection. The hymn was written in 1912 by evangelist and song-leader George Bennard, a native of Youngstown, Ohio. Special thanks to fellow Y Alumni Dick Bennett, also of Youngstown, for sharing this bit of Ohio history with us.

The Old Rugged Cross became a national favorite ever since it was sung in Ernest Tubb’s 1952 gospel album. This country gospel song enjoyed many subsequent recordings by notable artists of the 20th century. If you are ever in the Youngstown area, you can check out the original Old Rugged Cross on the east side of the lake of Lake Park Cemetery.

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff’ring and shame,
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last lay down,
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For ‘twas on that old rugged cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

The Old Rugged Cross reminds us that a light has shone upon our darkness and set us free through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we be granted with the grace to live in the freedom of the children of God, that where we walk this day, we may bring light.

“Every follower of Jesus has good news to share.”

Through the Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain, we have the opportunity share good news and “shine our light” by giving our love and support to each other. We are “trusted” friends that you can turn to in your hour of need. Do you have a **need for prayer**? Whenever you, a family member, or friend is in need of prayers; you can turn to your friends with the Chambers Chapter to help lift up your intentions to God in prayer. These prayer requests can be “spoken” or “unspoken”. Either way, we can pray for each other.

If you would like to share your “spoken” prayer chain request with us, you can do so by

emailing it to us utilizing the attached **Prayer Chain Request Card**. Phone calls and text messages are also welcome. Simply contact me, Tony Delisio, with your prayer request and we will send a message to all Chambers Chapter members (via email) asking for prayers and healing.

Please send your Prayer Chain Requests to: Tony Delisio
(614) 581-8417 or
Tdelisio58@gmail.com

Thank you and May God Bless You.

Chambers Chapter of YMCA Alumni Prayer Request Card

Prayer Request for (please print):

I have this person's permission to add their name
to the prayer chain for:

☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months

Daily prayer will include healing, comfort, strength and peace.

Please keep us updated.

Check appropriate box(s)

☐ Surgery _____

☐ Traveling _____

☐ Illness _____

☐ Military _____

☐ Death of loved one _____

☐ Injury _____

☐ Difficult relationship _____

☐ Guidance _____

☐ Challenges at home, work or school _____

☐ Joy _____

Comments: _____

Your Name: _____



Spring 2021 Reunion has been postponed to Spring 2022

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have decided to postpone our Chapter Spring Reunion in May of 2021 to May of 2022.

We will still plan to focus on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a service project with the Cleveland YMCA Association, a golf outing, dinner and Chapter Meeting.





A fun and relaxing two or three day retreat with friends on the Lake Erie Islands and North Coast. Enjoy fellowship and explore hidden treasures like Perry's Monument, Crystal Cave, Lighthouses, Craft Breweries, Wineries, Unique shops and more. Registration includes most admissions and some meals. Enjoy the quaint charm of the Island House Hotel, built in 1870. Quick fact, when it opened, it had fifty rooms and only one bathroom. Since then it has been remodeled, thank heavens, and has bathrooms in every room. Come join us in Fall Fellowship.

Fall Reunion Three Day Event

Wednesday September 15th

DAY ONE For those of you who are early arrivals the fun and fellowship begins with a delicious lunch at Twin Oast Brewery.

Then it is off for a choice of afternoon activities. It may be golfing at the Catawba Island Club, an Arthur Hills designed golf course kept in pristine condition.

Or it may prefer a guided tour of the North Coast including the Marblehead Lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes, the Port Clinton restored lighthouse, a short beach walk, and a chance to explore Port Clinton downtown.

Check-in to your room at the historic Island House and make your way to the oldest winery on Catawba Island Gideon Owen Winery/formally Mon Ami. (No need for a ferry since there is a land bridge to the island about 10 minutes from the hotel)

Enjoy a delightful dinner and program followed by a social fellowship gathering.

Overnight at the Island House in Downtown Port Clinton

Thursday September 16th

Day Two Begins with breakfast and a short Chapter Business meeting at The Island House. Then we board the Jet Express to Put in Bay (located across the street from the hotel)

When we arrive at Put-In-Bay (the island where Commodore Perry defeated the British in the war of 1812) we'll pick up the pre-arranged golf carts to travel the island

the war of 1812) we'll pick up the prearranged golf carts to travel the island.

Our first stop is the top of Perry's Victory and Peace Monument, 352 feet in the air. It is the tallest Doric column in the world. We'll learn more about it at the Perry's Victory Museum.

Then it is off to lunch and fellowship at the Boardwalk waterfront restaurant.

Our next tour after lunch is Heineman's Wineries founded in 1888 and still run by Heineman's fifth generation. On the property is Crystal Cave, the world's largest geode.

We'll tour both.

We'll golf cart drive to see the South Shore Lighthouse, then back downtown to check out the shops or Antique car museum, which is free. Also between South Shore Lighthouse and Put in Bay you can stop at a small park which sits beside the Benson Ford House an old Ford 630 ft. freighter made into a house. You see it from the Jet Express but you get a closer look from the park. For the story behind it see www.shiponthebay.com.

Dinner TBA

Enjoy your second night at the Island House Downtown Port Clinton

Friday September 17th

Day Three Starts with breakfast on you own downtown at a local restaurant or at the hotel restaurant.

Check out of your hotel room for a short car trip to the Liberty Aviation Museum with its restored airplanes including a B25 bomber, TBM torpedo bomber, Ford Trimotor (the first commercial airliner) airplane, a PT Boat in restoration, and so much more. Lunch can be at the museum's 1950's themed restaurant "The Tin Goose Diner".

Hope you can join us for a fun filled three days.



Island House Hotel

Jet Express to Put-In-Bay





Put-In-Bay Downtown

Heineman's Wine



Crystal Cave

Tin Goose Diner



Island House Room

Fall Reunion Registration Form **Reservations need to be received by September 1st.**

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Projected Arrival Time Wednesday, September 15th _____AM/PM

Choices Thursday night Banquet and Friday diner will be asked at a later date

- Will be asked at a later date once restaurants are back in full operation

Options I am interested in: Pick one each day please

- Day 1 Wednesday, September 15th Guided tour of the North Coast
- Day 1 Wednesday, September 15th Golf outing at Catawba Island Club
- Day 2 Thursday, September 16th Antique car museum on PIB
- Day 2 Thursday, September 16th Shopping downtown PIB

Please enclose your check for \$120 per person to:

This includes dinner Wednesday, breakfast Thursday, Ferry Boat, golf cart rental, all tour admissions and dinner Thursday

Does not include lunch Wednesday, golf, wine or beer, lunch Thursday, breakfast or lunch Friday

Checks made out to YMCA Alumni Chambers Chapter

Send to:

Attn: John Mack

johnmackiii@juno.com H 423-968-9622

310 North Crest Drive

Port Clinton, OH 43452

reservations need to be received by September 1st

Please understand that you need to **make your own Hotel reservations** at:

The Island House Hotel (we have a block of rooms at a special rate)

102 Madison Street

Port Clinton, OH 43452

419-734-0100

Room Reservation link <https://clients.innroad.com/ihh/property.aspx>

Island House Rooms (YMCA 15% discounted rate)

Wednesday & Thursday nights (per night)

Queen \$66.28

King \$71.08

Double Queen Available @ 15% discount

Suites Available @ 15% discount

Reservations need to be received by September 1st.



**Put-In-Bay's South Shore
Lighthouse**

The Forge Restaurant



Marblehead Lighthouse

Port Clinton Lighthouse





Liberty Aviation Museum IBM.

Liberty Aviation Museum B-25



"Laissez le bon
Temps rouler"

Come with us to the Big Easy ...
"let the good times roll"

We have been cooped up way too long. Now is the time to make plans to join us at **YMCA Alumni Reunion '22** in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 12-15, 2022.

We hope you will return to the YMCA Alumni webpage at ymcaalumni.org/reunion-22 often as plans are finalized and registration opens. But you do not need to wait to dream. Just make the decision to be with us in January in America's most unique city.

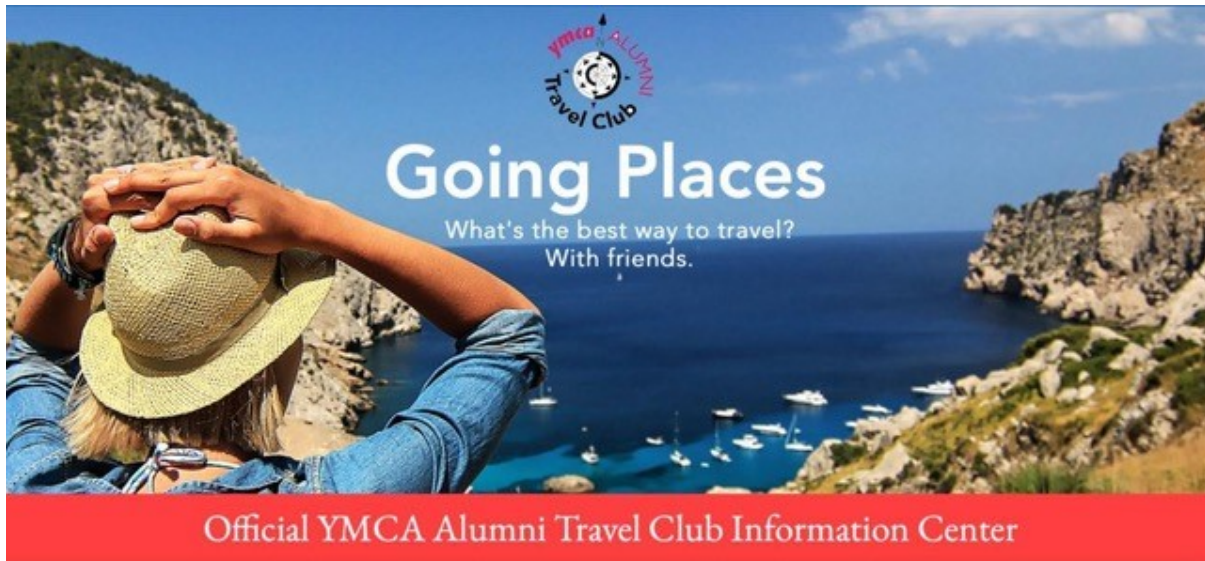
Connect again.....
.....and all that jazz.

Travel



YMCA Alumni
Travel Club
Chambers Chapter
Representative Mike Lieber

Travel Club



You are invited to join the YMCA Alumni Travel Club on our 2021 and 2022 adventures. The Travel Club is designed to provide members, their families and friends, the opportunity to enjoy travel experiences at a reasonable cost, adding value and extended benefits to your YMCA Alumni Membership.

Travel Club experiences are hosted by YMCA Alumni members, experienced travelers, who have worked hand-in-hand with Go Travel, our professional consultants, to choose and refine their tour. Our programs are conducted by respected international tour and cruise companies or by carefully chosen local organizations.

All our trips are guaranteed to depart regardless of the number of members and guests who register (except during times like we are currently experiencing with the pandemic).

Visit the website for more details and trips.

Go to: ymcaalumnitravelclub.org

Below are a few highlights:



Caribbean Reunion Cruise January 16-24, 2022

Join us in New Orleans after the Reunion. Sailing from the Port of New Orleans, just a half a mile from the Embassy Suites, our reunion hotel.

Aboard Norwegian Cruise Line Breakaway, we will cruise to Costa Maya, Mexico; Harvest Caye, Belize; Roatan, Honduras; Cozumel, Mexico and back to New Orleans.

Alaskan Family Cruise

June 24-30, 2022



Join your YMCA Alumni friends on our first family adventure in an exciting Alaskan Cruise on the ship dedicated to fun for all of us. Bring the kids and/or the grandkids.

From Seattle, we will visit Alaska, the last frontier, aboard Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Sea, one of the world's most groundbreaking ships.

We'll be seeing astonishing scenery from the unrivaled perspective of the North Star to destinations from Juneau to Skagway.



Historic Trains of Colorado

August 5-13, 2022

Follow the historic routes of the old west with excursions on six different, incredible railroads, including tours of the three breathtaking national parks. The tour will start in Denver.

Colors of Provence

October 6-20, 2022



Intimate cruise to Paris, Lyon, Collonges, Vienne, Touron, Tarason, Aries, Avignon and Barcelona.

For more information on any YMCA Alumni Travel trip, please visit:

ymcaalumnitravelclub.org

Serve

John Coduri, Chair – F. William Stahl Award Committee

Every two or three years, Y Alumni presents the F. William Stahl Award to an Alumni member in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the YMCA, the YMCA Profession, and the art of written communication.

Attached is a copy of the Nomination Kit. Please review it carefully and let me know if you have any questions. I will send you additional information if you plan on submitting a nomination. Please note the September 1 deadline for receipt of submissions.

My mailing address is 7 Bayview Drive, Westerly, RI 02891; email is jbcoduri@cox.net; and my cell number is 401-862-9440.

Thank you for your assistance.

**F. WILLIAM STAHL AWARD
YMCA ALUMNI
RECOGNITION OF F. WILLIAM STAHL
Committee Criteria for Selection**

RECOGNITION OF F. WILLIAM STAHL

In recognition of the dedication and commitment of F. William Stahl to the YMCA, the YMCA profession, and the art of written communications, the YMCA Alumni presents an award to an Alumni member in his memory: The F. William Stahl Award. The Award shall be presented every three years from a baseline from 2011, providing there is a suitable candidate as determined by the Award Committee.

LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE

F. William (Bill) Stahl, a prolific writer, was editor of several AOS (Association of Secretaries) publications, most notably the FORUM, the forerunner of Perspective, produced by APD (Association of Professional Directors) AYP (Association of YMCA

produced by the Association of Professional Directors, the Association of YMCA Professionals). At one time Bill edited three AOS periodicals simultaneously while still serving on staff of the Baltimore YMCA in Maryland.

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

A nominee must have made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professional knowledge and skills through written expression, the arena of Bill's greatest contributions. Examples of such written expression are communications, creative materials, public relations, management and historical research. The works should be primarily, though not necessarily exclusively, produced during service as an active or retired YMCA director.

The recipient can be a living or deceased member of YMCA Alumni.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The Award should be presented at a YMCA Alumni national, regional or chapter meeting. More recently, the Award has been made once every three years at the YMCA Alumni Reunion.

Nominees not selected can be re-nominated for future consideration.

Reviewed and approved by the 2011 Stahl Award Committee and reaffirmed by the 2022 Stahl Award

Committee, John B. Coduri, Chair.

YMCA ALUMNI

2022 F. William Stahl Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

Address

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Current Y Alumni member ☐ yes ☐ no **Chapter:**

List significant writings (attach supplement list) during nominee's YMCA career (articles, books, manuals, policies etc.) and include three samples of his/her writing (for books, copy appropriate pages)

AOS/APD/AYP involvement (use additional paper if necessary)

NAFYR/AYR/YMCA ALUMNI involvement

If the nominee is chosen as the recipient, will he/she attend the YMCA Alumni Reunion? Note: The recipient's reunion fee will be paid by YMCA Alumni. Nonattendance does not disqualify the nominee from consideration.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Person (please note your Chapter affiliation) or Chapter President making nomination:

Address (preferred mailing address for July, 2021)

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Make **6** copies of **all material**, including samples and this completed application, and mail to:

John B. Coduri
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National YMCA Alumni Service Project Sioux YMCA Tiny Home Village and Twig Program

On May 1st the National Service Project was unveiled - The Sioux YMCA Tiny Home Village and Twig Program.

Steve Gunn was selected to represent the William Chambers Chapter on the National Service Project Task Force (NSPTF). Steve has been serving on the NSPTF for nearly a year and has been involved in the selection process of the Sioux Y. Steve and the other task force members are very excited about the project and what it means for the National Y Alumni and the "Serve" component of our national charge as Y Alumni.

Steve will be going to Dupree, South Dakota from June 8 -13, 2021 to help open Camp Marrowbone (Sioux Y summer camp) and to begin the process of selecting the site(s) and finalizing the plans for the Tiny Home design during that time.

Steve wants to thank the chapter for their recent \$250.00 seed money investment and their confidence in him as their representative.

The 9-home Tiny House Community concept offers a sustainable living option for local community members, staff, and volunteers.

Designed to bring recycling to the forefront for the reservation community, the tiny houses may be built in a number of sustaining ways, hopefully with green roof systems to add more gardening space in this food desert, along with solar lighting and rainwater collection to keep the utility costs minimal.

Access to these homes will be managed through an equitable application process ensuring a mutually beneficial and impactful housing experience.

Further, the Sioux YMCA is committed to expanding the reach of their organization to as many remote communities on the reservation as possible. And we mean remote.

The biggest barrier for expanding the service area is the physical distance from the main facility in Dupree to outlying communities in critical need.

The Sioux YMCA has developed a strategic plan to build nine YMCA "Twigs." The Y can't support the construction of traditional branches, but they are well-equipped to support scaled down versions... twigs.

The Task Force envisions this as a multi-year project involving all 17 chapters of YMCA Alumni as active partners in service either as part of construction crews on the ground or providing much-needed support services from home..

Stay tuned for more information.



Newsletter Editor Dianne Clark

I am working on finishing the June, 2021 newsletter on Memorial Day. Here are a few thoughts:

Last Memorial Day there were no parades. Churches were empty. There were no family grill outs. Pools were closed. No eating in restaurants with friends. We wore masks at whenever we had to go out.

Perhaps you quietly said a prayer for the families of our fallen soldiers, thought about their sacrifices or posted something on Facebook while we hunkered down at home.

We did have heroes emerge during that time last year – Doctors, nurses, patient care assistants, grocery store workers, truck drivers and delivery men. Perhaps you were a hero – checking on your neighbor or praying for someone with Covid.

This year we can again be together to celebrate this special day. However, don't forget to quietly say that prayer at home in remembrance of the sacrifice of those who made us free to enjoy all the days of the year.

Please send your September, 2021 articles to me by August, 19th at dclark5027@outlook.com

Hope to see you all at the Fall Reunion

Dianne



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