



Le Bon Mot



News letter for the John R Mott Chapter of YMCA Retirees of Iowa and Eastern Nebraska

May/June Newsletter 20121

A few words in memory of Bonnie Pletke, a Mott family member who passed away on April 16th. We are sending our sincere condolences to Chuck and their children. Bonnie was such a gentle, caring person. She will be missed.

*A rose has bloomed in Heaven
Its' fragrance fills the air,
It grows in God's own garden
It's nurtured by His care.*

MOTT CHAPTER SPRING MEETING

The Spring Chapter meeting was held via Zoom on April 22. In attendance were Jim Weaton, Jon & Lynn Springer, Marv & Connie Zimmermann, and Bruce Wands. It was a brief meeting concluding with an invitation from Bruce Wands to have the Mott Chapter join the Ozark Chapter for our inperson fall meeting. Save the date October 19-21st, 2021.

EAF REPORT –Rich Schoffelman

I will include a statement from EAF Chair Rich Schoffelman about EAF and the Mott connection over the years. Here is an

excerpt from his letter. “A sincere thank you to Mott Chapter members for your continued support of the EAF. Each and every gift is valued, needed, and appreciated. Some of our past colleagues, fellow retirees experiencing unexpected financial challenges, benefit by our generous gifts. Helping others is always a motivation to give.”

May/June Celebrations

Anniversaries:	Dave & Connie Snow	5/28
	Hank & Jo Bagelmann	6/9
	Jon & Lynne Springer	6/10
	Barb & Jim Sturms	6/11
May Birthdays:	Jim Weaton	5/11
	Hazel Coates	5/14
	Marvin Z	5/18
	Janis Berry	5/26
June Birthdays:	Dave Snow	6/11
	Scottie Soczek	6/13
	Joe Soczek	6/19
	Connie Snow	6/20

Celebration of life for Bonnie Pletke can be viewed at

www.facebook.com/westviewchurch.waukee

<https://vimeo.com/538412545>

Memorial donations can be sent to the Waukee Area Christian Services

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS BUT KEEP
THE OLD. ONE IS SILVER AND
THE OTHER GOLD.**

Greetings from Judy Thornton.

“Ralph and I became members of the Mott Chapter in the early 1990’s. As members of the Mott Chapter, we enjoyed meeting “new” friends and fellowship with former friends. We experienced seeing and touring many different places around Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Missouri. Guest speakers have enlightened us on many subjects of interest. Going to theater performances and sporting events have been enjoyable. After Ralph’s passing in 2012, I have continued to be a member to enjoy the fellowship of the group and take part in the activities, which are meaningful to me. I thank you Hank & Jo Bagelmann for the transportation to our gatherings.

In being a member for 25 years it would be difficult to pick out which of the activities or meetings stand out. All have been interesting and unique. The number one ranking for me is the fellowship, which is tremendous! ”



The late Ralph Thornton and Judy

Hello from Hazel Coates.

“Hello to all you Mott people, This past year has been eventful for me. In June I lost my dear friend Dick Papa. He was placed in hospice. My dear girl Mary Coates talked to his family and they agreed for him to come to her house. (Mary has a way of caring for people.) Dick’s family was able to be with him which was good for him and all of us. I know have a sort of second family. I miss him a lot. I am still camping but almost gave it up. I had a heart stent installed in August. I felt better while still in the lab. I then got Covid and was pretty sick. I did not have to go to the hospital. After that I went to Arizona for the winter. My family is all well and a growing one with a new great grandson born in September. It seems like not much went on this past year but life goes on. I got covid shots in AZ. I am blessed by God for the things I have, mainly family and friends. I am ready to see all of you again soon.”



Hazel Coates and daughter Mary

The Mott Chapter Officers
Look Forward to Seeing You !!

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THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

SAVE THE DATE for the Fall Mott
Meeting with the Ozarks Club Oct 19-21,
2021

Watch for the unveiling of the National
Service Project in May.

Early registration for the Alumni Reunion in
New Orleans starts NOW! Reunion date
is January 12-15th, 2022. Embassy Suites
News Orleans is our host hotel. Rates and
registration available now on
ymcaalumni.org website or click the link in
your most recent Y e-mail. Each event must
be a separate registration.

The YMCA Alumni Travel Club is hosting a
Caribbean Cruise following the Reunion on
January 16-24th, 2022. Rates and
registration are available now on the
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