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Chambers Chatter

William S.
Chambers Chapter

March 2021 Newsletter

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Mike Frith

Chambers Chapter President

Dear YMCA Alumni:

I am honored and excited to be the President of the Chambers Chapter for the next two years. I am looking forward to what we can accomplish as a Chapter during this time. After all that has happened with Covid-19, I am hoping to come out of this time with some exciting events and activities. Hopefully, we will get back to normal soon and put this all behind us! We cannot be discouraged at the cancelations we have been experiencing. We must look forward to the weeks and months to come.

I would like to welcome all the new members to the Chapter. Also, I am glad to see that so many of you have renewed and we are looking forward to seeing you at our next event. If you have not renewed, so far, time is running out. Be sure to renew your membership with the Chambers Chapter as soon as possible.

There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve on committees. If you are at all interested, please get in touch with me at mjfrith9395@gmail.com. As YMCA retirees we know the importance of volunteering. Maybe you cannot volunteer with the Chapter but look in your home community for serving

opportunities that meet your needs.

It is not too early to start planning for the YMCA Alumni Reunion, January 12th-15th, 2022. A great experience has been planned for us at the Reunion. Do not miss out on a great time in the "Big Easy". Check your calendars and start planning today.

As we plan for the coming months, I would like to hear from you as to how our Chapter could serve you better and more effectively. It takes all of us working together to make this Chapter of the YMCA Alumni the best it can be for all.

I hope to hear from you soon. Stay safe!



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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Steve Gunn

EAF Chairman

This past year and so far in 2021, everyone is being forced to not only see a "new" normal but also to live a new normal. This has been very difficult for me and Nancy. Obviously, not being able to be with our family and do the things our old normal involved and having to do the new normal has been very hard. It certainly has been for you as well.

Looking forward, however, I think we can see the light! Yes, there is a light at the end of this period we are living today, that I am confident. We feel fortunate that we have been able to maintain our lives and "see" the family and church via Zoom, Google Meet and yes, socially distancing. Don't you just detest that word? What a great treat for us. As great as this is, however, we long for the "old" normal. When will this occur? I do not know.

There are those among us that have suffered to a much larger extent in many other ways. The new normal has forced layoffs, ended jobs, changed our emotional and psychological perspectives, caused physical issues and even death to our Y Alumni and to the working YMCA staff across the nation and world.

The EAF was and is there and has helped many people to this date. There were grants given to people who were at their wits end. Here are some facts!

Nationally, **294** generous Y Alumni Donors, plus 7 Chapter gifts to the fund gave a total of **\$69,654** in 2020. This helped to enable EAF to provide nearly **\$175,000** of emergency financial assistance to **49** deserving recipients in 2020.

The William Chambers Chapter has done so very well in 2020 in their giving to EAF as well.

I am so pleased for the William Chambers Chapter commitment to the fund last year. You are helping those among us that are suffering greatly. Thank you!

The 2020 totals for Chapter EAF had **33** donors giving multiple times for a total of **\$5,585** to the cause. This is slightly up from 2019 in total gifts. Thank you so very much again. We appealed and you came through!

As we look to 2021 our Executive Committee has set a goal of **45** donors and a financial goal of **\$6,000**! This is entirely possible IF we can get our total giving units up.

Why the increase? It is because the need will continue to be there and even increase I am sure.

Nancy and I have pledged to do more in 2021 than we did in 2020 and our hope is that you will do the same. If you are reading this note and have not given, please consider a gift in 2021.

Again thanks and appreciation cannot be mentioned enough. You are true Y people and I for one am proud of US!

Until next time,
Steve



Membership Chairman Dave Patterson Membership Details

NEW ALUMNI ~ Welcome to these new Alumni who have joined the Chambers Chapter since the last Newsletter:

Allen & Margaret Baskett ~ Rome City, IN
Lois Doughty ~ Lewis Center, OH
Sue Smith ~ Adrian, MI

CHAMBERS CHAPTER ~ The Chambers Chapter currently has **101** membership units equaling 167 members.

- 12 LIFETIME units
- 25 INDIVIDUAL units
- 60 HOUSEHOLD units

NATIONAL YMCA ALUMNI ~ Our national organization has 17 Chapters including all 50 states. Today, we total **1,160** membership units equaling **1,850** members.

- 124 LIFETIME units
- 378 INDIVIDUAL units

- 658 HOUSEHOLD units

TOP 10 REASONS to BELONG to YMCA ALUMNI

#10 Newsletters ~ Our national newsletter - The CONNECTION -- is published monthly with printed/mailed editions sent quarterly and email issues sent eight times each year. Each chapter, also, produces several newsletters during the years *Chambers Chatter* is published quarterly.

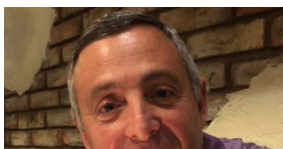
9 ~ Travel ~ Join with members, family and friends on domestic and international adventures through the YMCA Alumni Travel Club. You are automatically a member of the club when you join YMCA Alumni. <https://www.ymcaalumnitravelclub.org>

8 ~ Buying Power ~ National YMCA Alumni members have free access to exclusive discounts and cashback offers on thousand of brands in BenefitHub. You will find deals on travel, restaurants, shopping, family care, car rentals, local establishments and much more. Access is through an easy-to-use online marketplace. Go to <https://ymcaalumni.benefithub.com> and use the referral code **7T2M15** to create your account.

(Top 10 to be continued in the June *Chambers Chatter*)



Although the deadline to renew your YMCA Alumni membership was February 28, 2021 it's not too late!



Tony Delisio



World Service Chairman

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"
- Winston Churchill

As I was reflecting back on the year that was, I was reminded of this quote by Winston Churchill. For many of us, 2020 was certainly a memorable year and one we would like to put behind us as quickly as possible. The Covid-19 Pandemic has inflicted a tremendous amount of pain and suffering. Despite this great pain and suffering, I remain hopeful. I **CHOOSE HOPE** in part to the life-giving good works I see demonstrated by others. Others like my fellow Y Alumni.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual, family and organization who contributed to YMCA World Service this past year. Thanks to your dedicated support, the William S. Chambers Chapter contributed **\$5,380** from **34** donors to YMCA World Service in 2020. **Thanks to you, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$5,000.** Your generosity was part of the more than **\$240,000** contributed by Y Alumni Groups to World Service in 2020. Y Alumni was part of more than **\$1.2 million** that was raised for World Service in 2020 to support the life-changing work of YMCA's across the globe. All of this was done in the year of a world-wide pandemic. Simply amazing!

The YMCA is a community organization that extends far beyond our borders here in the United States. We are all blessed to be part of the YMCA, a world-wide movement that impacts 58 million people in more than 120 countries. And thanks to generous donors like you, the YMCA continues to be a **compelling force for good.**

You and others like you helped to provide critical housing, food distribution, employment, health, outreach and educational services to millions of people around the world. In addition, your 2020 World Service support was also used to strengthen the global YMCA Covid-19 community response by fortifying YMCA operational and financial recovery strategies. Wow, thank you for all the good that you made possible in 2020.

Now it is time to turn the page to 2021. The great work of the YMCA around the world marches on. Would you like to renew your commitment to YMCA World Service in 2021? Would you like to make 2021 the year that you join us in supporting YMCA World Service? You will be receiving your **Annual World Service Appeal** in the mail soon.

Whether you are a current or new donor, we hope that you will join us in supporting World Service again this year. Your gift, no matter the size, is important and creates positive change. You can also visit www.ymca.net/world-service to contribute online. If you have any questions about World Service, please feel free to call me at (614) 581-8417 or email me at tdelasio58@gmail.com.

Thank you for **Changing the World for Good!!**

Celebrating the Life of:



Barbara Bradbury

Age 90, passed away at Bethany Village, Centerville, Ohio on Monday, February 15, 2021. She was born to Herschel H. Wilkinson and Estelle Scheid Wilkinson on December 10, 1930 in Hamilton, Ohio

Barbara is survived by her husband, Harry L. Bradbury and four children.

Barbara attended Hamilton High School and Miami University where she earned a B.S. in Elementary Education.

Bruce D. McAtee



Age 75 of Lancaster, Ohio, died February 11, 2021, at home surrounded by family. He was born to the late Harry and Gertrude Davis McAtee in Piqua, OH.

A lifelong fan of sports and games of all kinds, he played Center for the Earlham College football team, graduating in 1968. Following graduation he embarked on his lifelong calling in public service. After spending two years in the Peace Corps, he began a 34 year career at the YMCA, with his last 17 years as the Director for the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA.

As a YMCA Alumni, Bruce served as President of the Chambers Chapter in 2013 and Retired Director of the Year in 2015.



Meredith "Mike" Leon Schlatter

Age 92 of Pataskala, Ohio passed away January 31, 2021. He was born January 18, 1929 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was the son of Rev. Dr. Williams J. and Josephine (Roth) Schlatter.

He was a graduate of Linden McKinley High School, class of 1947 and Otterbein College in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean War.

Survived by his wife, Nancy (Pratt) Schlatter, who he married June 29, 1963.



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Wayne Uhrig History Chairman

History



Women in the Y

Those of us who remember the YMCAs of the 40s and 50s also remember the birth of the "family" YMCA and the "agony" the men members experienced when women were admitted to the prior "all men" YMCA buildings in the 60s.

However, women in the Y wasn't new back then. The YMCA first admitted women to the Brooklyn (N.Y.) YMCA in 1859. Ten years later their membership reported 1,200 female members. In the mid-1870s the Scranton (PA) YMCA reported that one-third of its members were women.

In the early years it was much more likely that women would be staff than members. The first female staff member was Ellen Brown – she was hired as the Y's first "Boys' Work Secretary" at the Buffalo (N.Y.) YMCA in 1886.

The photo is of a few of the 5,145 YMCA canteen workers who served in World War I in the United States and France. Two women were among the eight YMCA Secretaries killed in that war.

In 1933 YMCAs could officially include women on their boards. A year later female staff were granted professional status. Today, well over half of all YMCA members and staff are women.



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Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain Tony Delisio Prayer Chain Chair

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

**John 3:16
(New American Standard Bible Version)**

One of the most widely quoted verses from the Bible, I wanted to share John 3:16 with you in this newsletter in anticipation of The Easter Season. As we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus in the coming weeks, let us remember that **God is Love**. Let us also remember that we were **all made in God's image and likeness** and that our deepest identity is **LOVE**.

One way we can "'Love like God" is to love all the people around us. If we are made in God's image and likeness, that should help to shape the way we see God and the way we see ourselves. It also changes the way we see other people. They are worth loving.

Through the Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain, we have an opportunity to give our love and support to each other. Friends that you can again 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 requests 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
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 be a guided tour of the North Coast including the Marblehead Lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes, the Port Clinton 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/*formerly 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 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 the fifth generation. On the property is Crystal Cave, the world's largest geode. We'll tour both.

We can drive to see the South Shore Lighthouse, then back downtown to check out the shops or Antique car museum which is free.

Dinner is on the island at the Forge Restaurant -- no great back story but good food and conversation.

Then you are free to stay on the Island to shop or walk the waterfront.. The Jet Express can take you back to Port Clinton at any time you want as late as 11:00 PM.

Your second night at the Island House Downtown Port Clinton.

Friday September 17th

DAY THREE Starts with breakfast on your own downtown at a local restaurant or at the hotel.

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, 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

Post Office Box 42450

Reservations need to be received by September 1st

Port Clinton, OH 43452

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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



Port Clinton Lighthouse



Liberty Aviation Museum TBM.

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.

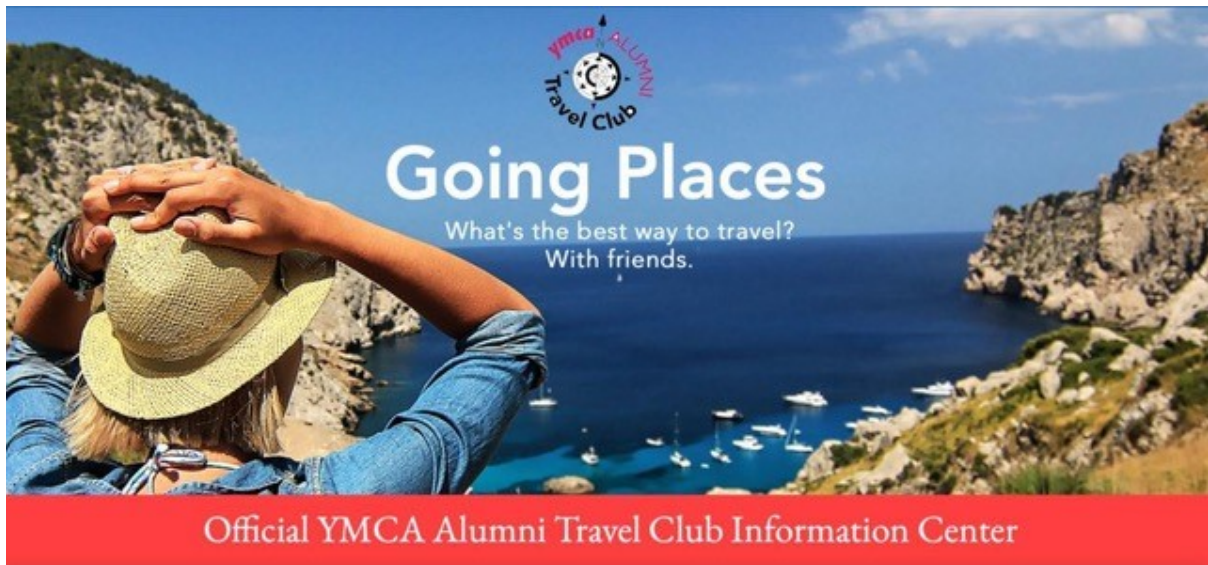
We hope you will return to the YMCA Alumni webpage at ymcaalumni.org/reunion-22 often as plans are finalized and registration opens. But you do not need to wait to dream. Just make the decision to be with us in January in America's most unique city.

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

Travel



**YMCA Alumni
Travel Club
Chambers Chapter
Representative Mike Lieber**



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



Colors of Provence

October 6-20, 2022



Intimate cruise to Paris, Lyon, Collonges, Vienne, Tournon, Tarascon, Arles, Avignon and Barcelona.

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

ymcaalumnitravelclub.org.

Serve



National YMCA Alumni Service Project TBA

YMCA Alumni International Service Corp Program

What is ISC?

The International Service Corp is an exciting program initiative sponsored by the YMCA Alumni. It is a service opportunity that provides short and mid-term volunteer placement for YMCA Alumni members in YMCAs in other countries.

The scope and length of each assignment varies based on the needs and the specific request of the overseas host YMCA. There is no minimum length of placement, but the maximum should not exceed one year. With a large talent pool of former YMCA professionals ready to serve, typical assignments include YMCA board and program development, fund raising, staff training, and teaching English as a second language to name a few. Most recently, Y Alumni have served as basketball instructors in Siberia, and English teachers in the Dominican Republic. During the pandemic we will be virtual

volunteers for the Peru YMCA, working with teen clubs.

Back in 1982, a special International Service Corp Fund was established that secured funds from individual donations, World Service, foundations, and Y Alumni chapters to defray costs of overseas placement of volunteers. Costs are shared by ISC, the host YMCA, and the volunteer. Typically, ISC will cover the cost of round-trip travel, visa, and immunizations. The host YMCA will provide housing, local transportation, some meals, and in some cases, a weekly stipend. The volunteer will typically pay for food, personal expenses, health insurance and entertainment.

If you or someone you know would be interested in being a volunteer overseas for a once in a lifetime experience, there is an application available for individuals and host YMCAs. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about their community and their country in ways you wouldn't have known already.

To request an application, please contact Wayne Uhrig, Taskforce Chairman, at wuhrig.ususports@gmail.com, call or text 740-398-2830, or go to ymcaalumni.org and click on SERVE to complete the application.



Newsletter Editor Dianne Clark

This is my first time editing the YMCA Alumni Chambers Chapter Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your patience. I will be learning as I go! A special thank you to Mike and Jackie Frith for assisting me with my first issue. Any suggestions for improvement will be greatly appreciated.

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

Have a great spring and I will "see" you next summer.

Dianne



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