



So many reasons to be a part of YMCA Alumni...

- ▼ **Connect:** Members say the best part of membership is staying connected with former YMCA colleagues and friends from our working days. We do this via local or regional get-togethers, reunions, short trips and video calls.

Stay connected to our YMCA Movement with news and information from our partners, including Y-USA, YMCA Retirement Fund, World Fellowship of YMCA Retirees (WFYR), Springfield College and the Y Professional Network (YPN), among others.
- ▼ **Chapters:** We are a national organization, though the heart of our fellowship is at the chapter level. You are automatically a member of one of our 17 chapters (*see map on chapter page*) based on where you live. However, you can join any other chapter you wish with no additional national dues. The National Board exists solely to serve our members through their chapters.
- ▼ **Dues:** Membership in National YMCA Alumni is \$25 a year (your first year is free). Most chapters also charge nominal dues to help cover their expenses. Some rely on contributions from their members in lieu of chapter dues. Dues only partially cover our National YMCA Alumni expenses, and contributions during our annual donor campaign make up that difference.
- ▼ **Service:** Our new National YMCA Alumni Service Project and chapter service projects let us continue our YMCA-style service to others.
- ▼ **Leadership:** There are so many opportunities to lead as officers, chairs and committee members at both the national and chapter levels. We all honed our skills on the job and continue to use them.
- ▼ **Reunions:** Members get together every two years for a very special, fun reunion rotated in attractive venues in east, west and central regions.

- ▼ **Emergencies:** Members of YMCA Alumni who are current in their national dues are eligible to receive grants in times of financial emergencies 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.
- ▼ **Travel:** Join with members, family and friends on domestic and international travel adventures through the YMCA Alumni Travel Club. You are automatically a member of the club when you join YMCA Alumni.
- ▼ **Buying:** National YMCA Alumni members have free access to exclusive discounts and cashback offers on thousands 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.
- ▼ **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 year.
- ▼ **Honors:** The prestigious F. William Stahl award is presented periodically to a member in recognition of the dedication and commitment of the late writer/editor to the YMCA, the YMCA profession, and the art of written communications. Many of our members have been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame as well.
- ▼ **And more:** There are many more benefits from belonging to our organization of retirees and their partners who have served the YMCA at all levels. Find out for yourself. You will be glad you did.