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Pacific Northwest

OLD GUARD NEWS ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER

Coming EVENTS

July 2021

SEABECK: 106 YEARS - ALLEN STONE: 76 YEARS

Seabeck 2021 - We're Back

Plan to join your friends and fellow retirees for the annual Allen-Stone retreat. After last year's cancellation due to Covid 19 pandemic, it will be nice to return to some sense of normal. Our zoom calls have been great, but seeing face-to-face will be a pleasure.

Dates: September 13-15

Early arrival begins at 1:30 PM. Those who wish can bring a sack lunch and join others on the terrace of the new Pines Lodge. Opening session and Happy Hour begins at 4 PM. A detailed agenda will be sent to registered participants.

Tuesday afternoon will include a service project. Planting and clean-up of our Y Alumni Memorial Garden which has been preserved adjacent to the new Pines Lodge.

Traditions

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singing

social time

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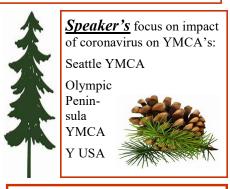
games

stories

Free time

golf

visit Poulsbo



World Service

Focus on National Service Project

Special Presentation



Jill Hallin – Exploration of the Pacific Crest Trail

A historic look back from 1935-1938 hiking from the Canadian border to Mexican border with teams of YMCA participants.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Remembering chapter members who have left us.

New This Year

Pines meeting and guest rooms

Meals by buffet

On site service project

Singing outside



Registration deadline: September 3, but early registrations are appreciated.

Questions can be directed to conference chair

Tom Horsley thomaschorsley@outlook.com

Registration Form on Page 12

Seabeck is located north of Bremerton on Highway 16: exit Newberry Hill.





Join us in Kauai, Hawaii, February 21-25, 2022

Allen-Stone and the McCoy chapters are going to Kauai, Hawaii in February 2022. We will stay 4 nights, Feb 21-25 at the Royal Sonesta Kauai Resort in Lihue, one of the top hotels on the Island. Tom Horsley recently stayed there and gives it a high recommendation. Situated on a protected bay, it is ideal for beach walking, swimming, snorkeling, paddle boarding or hanging out. It boasts the largest pool on the island and is a full service resort. Also, the resort provides a shuttle to and from the airport, so renting a car is not necessary.

We plan to eat two dinners together, first night and last night, at the excellent restaurants at the resort. We also plan at least two excursions together, to visit sites on the Island. We are guaranteed a price of \$279 per night plus taxes, and a resort fee of \$20 per night. (Which provides use of resort amenities.) And our price is good, three days before and three days after our event. Note that our group's deadline for room reservations is January 21, 2022. And individual cancellations can be made up to 7 days before the event. After that one night will be charged.

Special room registration procedure for our group.

For room reservations send an email to Caroline Asing, Senior Group Sales Administrative Assistant and provide the following:

Caroline.asing@sonesta.com

Arrival and departure dates

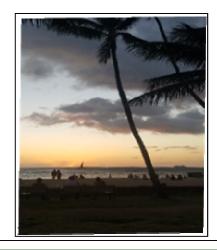
Mailing address and phone number.

Caroline will then send a secure link for you to submit your credit card information. She will then send you a confirmation # for your reservation. Your credit card guarantees your reservation and will not be charged at that time.

Chapter Registration

To register, fill out the registration form below and mail, with a check for \$100 per person to cover excursions, to Gary Huff, 450 Fox Hollow Rd, Sequim WA, 98382. Questions: Gary's email is glhuff2@olypen.com or cell phone is 360-797-3018.

Names:	
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RV Cluster Event August 9-13, 2021

We are now up to 18 participants for the RV Cluster Event to be held at Belknap Hot Springs Resort in August. Campers will get further instructions about activities and potluck dinners several weeks before the event begins.

Plans for next year begin when we gather this year.

If you have any great ideas of places with both RV spots and cabins with bathrooms and kitchens, please suggest them to Jan Leigh, janetbleigh@gmail.com.

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President's Message



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A worthy Cause. I am just wrapping up a \$230,000 annual campaign for my Olympic Peninsula YMCA. I'm the campaign chair. I just can't say no! People have been generous. Our YMCA cause, that no families or kids are turned away from the Y because of inability to pay, is very compelling and worthy. It resonates in a community.

Our Y-Alumni representatives from all 17 of our chapters have recently agreed on a Service Project for Y Alumni, the Sioux YMCA. Mike Robinson from Allen-Stone and Bob Smeenk from McCoy were our reps. To me the

Sioux Y is an excellent choice, a worthy project. Kids and families from 5,000 square miles of Reservation need help to move forward. Their Y, founded in 1923, can make that happen. I believe that we are the right organization at the right time to take on this Cause. Rich Wallis and Dave Mercer have agreed to be cochairs of our new project for Allen-Stone. Thank you Rich and Dave. This will be an agenda item at our retreat on September 13-15. Look for more information as it becomes available.

Seabeck/Sioux Zoom Meeting

On June 17th. 21 members joined a virtual program beginning with Chuck Kranning, Director of Seabeck, taking us on a tour of the new Pines building. Completion will begin soon after stoppage due to the pandemic and as financing is being obtained. The building includes 20 handicapped guest rooms with baths; a meeting room that will hold 150 people and to be named for Scotty Washburn; a kitchen with oven, microwave, sinks; seven more bathrooms and an elevator as well as charging stations outside for electric cars. There is lots of natural light from the large windows looking towards the water.

Rick Wallis gave a report on the Y National Service Project to continue and build the relationship with the Sioux Nation and to build Y alumni membership. Housing is a big need for volunteers and staff in all areas on the reservation that the Y serves. A prototype house will be built and fund raising to build these houses will be done at all Alumni chapters.

Members included: new to zoom: Julia Davis, Eric Nelson, Randy Rabenstein

McCoy/Allen-Stone members: Chris Logan, Ralph/ Barbara Drake; Bob Smeenk

AS members: Mike Ellis, Rich Wallis, Jill Hallin, Gary Huff, Tom Horsley, Mike/Sharon Robinson, Jane Rosi-Pattison, Craig Frerich, Jim/Jan Leigh. Dave/Joyce Mercer

Guest: Chuck Kranning.



Treasurer's Report

Jim Leigh

The 2021 membership year has continued to be a banner year. We are now at 85 units of donating members. Thanks to all of you who responded. Since our April report we have added the following: **Dick and Saundra Knapp**

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Please note: No national dues for lifetime members 90 years and older or for 1st year Y Alumni

Your donations are greatly appreciated! This allows your fellow officers to plan and provide Fellowship, Gatherings, Travel, Grants, and Newsletters to meet the interests of our Y alumni.

Please make your check payable to: <u>Allen-Stone Chapter Y Alumni</u>, and return to: Jim Leigh, 7760 Angel Falls Way, Redmond, OR 97756 253-219-0613 jimfleigh@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW:

taken from the YAlumni website



A legacy of leadership

The National YMCA Hall of Fame provides a forum to recognize YMCA professionals and volunteers who exemplify a lifetime of commitment to the mission and cause of the YMCA. It honors individuals who have devoted their lives to strengthening community through their devotion and dedication of serving people and making a positive impact on individuals and to the movement.

We are extremely proud of the 12 active members of YMCA Alumni currently enshrined in the National YMCA Hall of Fame: Rizak Abushar, Bill Cameron, Jean Ann Durades, Bea Halk, Bob Hoffman, Pres Johnson, Bonnie Mairs, Harold Mezile, Peter Post, Jerry Prado-Shaw and Len Wilson.



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

What is a "tiny home?" And what do "twigs" have to do with YMCAs?

The YMCA Alumni National Service Project Task Force has unanimously chosen a project working with the Sioux YMCA in South Dakota to change lives on the Reservation by building a village of "tiny homes" and extending the Y programs to farflung communities that stretch over 5,000 square miles by constructing "twigs" (program centers) in these communities.

The project:



Andy Corley, Sioux Y CEO

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.

Article by Steve Rowe, Marston Chapter

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Dave & Joyce Mercer – fund raising

Rich Wallis – member of The Boots on The Ground committee



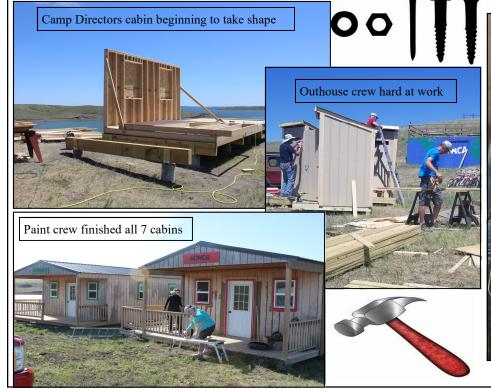
This past June, Y Alumni from chapters around the country participated in a work party at the Sioux Y's resident camp, Camp Leslie Marrowbone, to help get it in shape for the upcoming summer season. Rich Wallis, a member of the Allen Stone Chapter and the Sioux Y's Board of Trus-

tees, organized the work party which involved fifteen Y Alumni. Along with family, friends, and other members of the Y's Board of Trustees there were 23 people in all. This hardy group was divided into teams which over the course of 4 days sorted and catalogued historical documents as part of a history project, painted 7 cabins, built 4 outhouses, constructed a tent platform, and started construction on a cabin for the camp director....a remarkable achievement considering that work days were cut short by 95+degree temperatures.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation where the Sioux Y and its camp are located, is in one of the poorest counties in America. But thanks to donations and grants youth on the reservation are able to attend a week at Camp Marrowbone for as little as \$5. It is not unusual for kids on the reservation to sleep on the couch due to overcrowded conditions at home, or to not have enough to eat. For them camp not only supplies a much-needed recreational outlet but the comfort and security of having their own bed and three meals a day.

Despite the hard work and hot temperatures everyone had a good time and a rewarding experience....it was so gratifying to see the transformation that took place at camp in a just few short days. As a result, most people expressed interest in coming out to the reservation again in 2022 to build tiny homes as part of the Y Alumni national service project. There's just something so satisfying about coming together with a group of people to help support such a worthy cause.

Rich Wallis richwallis@comcast.net 509-993-8159





YMCA Camp DeBoer opens in Southern Oregon by Caroline Brooks



The Ashland
YMCA is opening
their brand new
camp this summer. It is located
on Lake of the
Woods in the
Cascade. It has a
very interesting
story. The Girl
Scout Camp Low

Echo had fallen into disrepair and was closed in 2012. Sid and Karen DeBoer from Ashland learned of it, wanted to keep it serving Southern Oregonians and decided to buy the old camp and donate it to the Ashland YMCA, along with a generous gift in order to renovate and maintain the new camp.



Extensive work was needed to comply with the requirements of many groups i.e. the forestry department, the State History Board, Fish and Game and the local Homeowners Association. Due to the age of www.ymcacampdeboer.org.

the original camp, design took quite a while because so much had to be done from scratch (infrastructure like water, septic and power). New construction had to take into account historical considerations, wildlife studies, plus the existing neighbors. Other considerations included that all buildings had to be spaced to allow for snowplows.

The final result is a wonderful year-round-use facility that blends into the environment, sitting beautifully on the lake. It includes a lodge with dining room, commercial kitchen, staff suites and meeting rooms, fourteen cabins with two shower houses, an outdoor covered pavilion and kitchen, docks for swimming and water sports and an outdoor amphitheater overlooking the lake. The latest technology was used around the camp i.e. for the fire suppression system, and the camp has fully ADA-accessible boat ramps and cabins. Several historic cabins were preserved and a small museum/camp store contains historic memorabilia from the Girl Scout camp. Many of the large wooden carts used by the scouts to move their bags and bedding to the cabins are also on display.

Due to the uncertainty of the status of Covid by this summer, a softer opening of the camp was planned.

July and part of August will have mini and traditional overnight camps, and LIT camps. Family Camp Weekends are also available in July, August and September. Oregon Outdoor School will also be part of the plan. Private rental is available. Information can be found at www.vmcacampdeboer.org





Page 8 Member News:



Jim and Jan Leigh were blessed recently by a visit from Steve Mott and his wife Karen. Steve was a fraternity brother of Jim's from George Wil-

liams College and is in the Marston Chapter of Y Alumni in California. He worked in San Jose, Minneapolis, Grants Pass, Lafayette (IN) and Simi Valley (CA.)

April and May found Jim and Jan Leigh FINALLY leav-

ing Oregon in their RV for the first time since the pandemic started. They visited their son and daughter-in-law in Tucson and explored Camp Verde, Sedona, Sunset Crater Volcanic National Monument, and Wupatki National Historic Monument (pueblo ruins.) After stopping in Lake Powell for a few days, they finally made it to Bryce Canyon National Park, which had



been on their bucket list for decades. There they hiked like crazy and took a bazillion photos. After visiting friends in Boise, they arrived safely home after 4 1/2 weeks on the road. They have at least 4 shorter RV trips coming up this summer and fall.



A picture of the latest Loni Huff artistic project, yard art on a satellite dish. We had a couple of old satellite dishes that we didn't know what to do with. So Lony painted flowers on them and beautified the yard.

Bea Halk: After coordinating Sunday School for the past three years at the Immaculate church on the campus of USD, I am once again retiring. It has been a very rewarding experience engaging 150 children and their parents in exploring and learning more about our crea-

tor. Now that CDC regulations have relaxed I finally visited the YMCA Corporate Office to see the Conference Room that now bears my name. It was quite humbling. Future plans include a week in Big Bear and other short trips.



Eric and Jean Nelson

We are determined to make up for trips cancelled during the past year. So far, we have had week-long stays in Birch Bay, WA, Long Beach, WA, Depoe Bay, OR, and Orcas Island, WA. With Covid restrictions in place, resorts have had their pools open on a reservation-only basis. Private pool usage more than compensated for a little loss of flexibility. By the time you read this, we should be on a three-week road trip with stops in Montana, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and North Dakota. We will visit with relatives and YMCA friends along the way, but there are two other things we are looking forward to....

One of my grandmothers grew up on a homestead in the early 1900s, just outside of Presho, South Dakota. We hope to find the property and see if any of the old farmhouse is still standing. Given her stories of rattlesnakes and outhouses, we don't plan on spending too much time wandering about.

My Dad grew up near Red Wing, Minnesota. In the early 1940's, the Y Director (Joe Saul) caught him sneaking into the Y to play basketball during school hours. After Dad returned from the war, that same YMCA Director suggested he go to George Williams College and consider a career in the Y. We plan to stop by and see where the seed was planted.

Bill & Ruth Heathman celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 12 with a quiet family gathering. Looking forward to Seabeck in September.



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Tom & Donna Oliva: All of us have experienced flexibility during Covid in relation to finding alternatives to things that give us pleasure. For my wife and I, travel was always a significant part of our lives. Working with elementary kids in a reading program, performing magic tricks at a local pediatrics clinic in Yakima and even just meeting with friends for coffee went by the wayside also. However, if you look hard enough, there are other ways to keep busy other than sorting hundreds of slides and photos, doing jigsaw puzzles and reading, all of which I enjoy.

Travel was very limited but almost from the start we were able to get out for a relaxing drive through the numerous quilt trails consisting of quilts hung on some of the many barns in various areas of Yakima and Kittitas counties. It's kind of like a mobile scavenger hunt. Armed with a GPS and paper map, finding each quilt and checking it off was a dream come true for an obsessive/ compulsive like me.

Late last summer I had also started driving a water cart on our famous Yakima Greenway trail of 22 miles about half of which we "patrol." Since there are lots of walkers as restrictions eased up, we hand out water, pick up trash and basically show a presence on the trail for security purposes. I also started carting dog biscuits which soon became a very popular item. Not as fulfilling as working with kids but still fun to meet and greet folks along with keeping the trail clean.

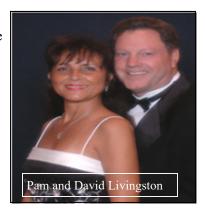
One other project which I am just starting is through the YMCA International which I have always been interested in. A month or 2 ago, Y-International was seeking volunteers to help with teaching English to kids in Peru via Zoom. I'm not sure how it all works but they just wanted some English-speaking folks to be online while students read and participate in activities. It may be mostly a role of encouragement as well as teaching but whatever develops, I can hopefully feel at least a bit of the gratification I've found and really missed from local participation with kids.

Here's hoping you all have found a niche to bring enjoyment to your lives.



A Little about **David C. Livingston** - Dave spent 25 years as a YMCA Director in California and Hawaii. He retired from the YMCA in 1994 and started TriMark of Hawaii, Inc., a Direct Mail Advertising Company that also deals

with fundraising, fund development and photography. In 1999 Dave was recruited by Edward Jones and added the title "Financial Advisor" to his list of accomplishments. June 3rd, 2011, Ameriprise recruited David as a franchise owner where he continues to serve his financial services



clients today. David has received many honors including being name five star wealth manager. He has been associated with American Heart Assoc, United Way, Salvation Army, and has held many offices and positions. Hobbies and talent include photography and photographs many events as official photographer. He carries his camera where ever he goes.

This year for the 2nd time in 41 yeas as a Rotarian, David was honored as the Rotarian of the year.

Jane Rosi-Pattison: First trip out this year: A journey



with Friendship Force to Florida seeing many interesting sights around the Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater area. A highlight was seeing the Van Gogh immersive light projection, video and sound experience of his paintings. A whole new way to see art work.



Attention: Want color pictures, clearer pictures, quicker delivery.

Let's go green. We would like to encourage your participation by email. For ease of communications please share your email address with Jane at pattisonjanel@gmail.com or Mike at mikiee.mike@gmail.com. Your address is not shared globally.

If you wish to discontinue receiving the newsletter in any format, please email Jane Rosi-Pattison or Mike Robinson.



Tom Horsley & Cheri Brennan:

As our first "expedition" after months of social isolation we ventured to our timeshare condo on Kauai. Kauai was the only island still requiring quarantine, so we got to stay at a "bubble" resort for three days. We stayed at the Kauai Marriott Beach Club which is near our condo and coincidently is the on the same property as the Y





Alumni event planned for February 2022. Even though we couldn't go in the ocean for the quarantine period, the 350 acre property boasts beautiful trails and the largest swimming pool on the island. After the quarantine we spent a marvelous two weeks swimming, walking and dining.

Mike and Sharon Robinson: we continue to be very busy with daily care for our baby granddaughter. Mike continues to Golf three times a week exercising with the guys—even shot a recent 77 and 80. We are still staying close to home until some bits of travel scheduled beginning in July and heading to the coast to escape heat; Belnap with RV Group; then to Washington for visits to friends and



our son-in-law in Port Angeles. We also went to the open house of the YMCA Camp DeBoer. An amazing example

of a current YMCA Camp. Wonderful buildings, beautiful Lodge and amazing view of Lake of the Woods. Our family were so taken with it all that our 2 grandsons signed up during our visit. We both are pursuing separate interests too. I am doing more with painting, and Mike is doing short snippets of life with writing. And of course Mike is busy with the National Service Project in his spare time



too. Hope to see many at Seabeck in September. Now, if we can only escape the HEAT! *Stay Cool Friends*.



July
Cal & Sharon Crowell
July 15 – 58 years

<u>August</u>

Dave & Joyce Mercer Aug. 23 – 63 years Malcom & Maurine Arnett Aug 17 - 53 years

September

Don & Joyce Leak Sept. 8 – 64 years Ann & Dan Nischke Sept. 26 – 51 years



Allen-Stone Chapter and fourteen members donated to the EAF Fund during the year of 2020. The EAF Fund appreciates the funds that have been given during the year of 2020 as the epidemic of coronavirus continues to disrupt the YMCA'S.

First quarter of 2021, the EAF provided seven grants totaling \$23,500. Two of the seven were to Y alumni members.

Send Donations to: EAF % YMCA USA

Financial Development

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YMCA TRAVEL CLUB 2022

The YMCA Alumni Travel Club has created GOING PLACES, a free subscription newsletter, as well as Travel Information Center website this year. Travel continues a

popular way for YMCA Alumni friends to connect.

www.ymcaalumnitravel.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

2021

August 9-13, 2021 RV Event Belknap Hot Springs Jan & Jim Leigh September 13-15, 2021 Seabeck Conference Tom Horsley & Cheri Brennan

2022

January 12-15 New Orleans, LA
YMCA Alumni Reunion
February 21-25 Kauai, Hawaii
Chapter Gathering
Gary Huff & Don Anderson
TBD, Spring
Ashland Shakespeare Festival
Peter & Nanci Morris



Giving a Shout Out

To all members. Let us hear from you. Send in a tid bit of info to Jane. We would love to hear from you and include you in member news!

So what have you been up to?

Check these Websites Out:

YMCA Alumni — http://www.ymcaalumni.org

YMCA Retirement Fund — http://www.yretirement.org/default.aspx

Allen-Stone Facebook —<u>www.facebook.com</u> search for Allen-Stone

NEWS DEADLINE

Deadline for articles/news for the Next Chapter newsletter is:

September 17, 2021

Email to: pattisonjane1@,gmail.com

Or Send to: Jane Rosi-Pattison

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NEW RETIREES

David Faust – YMCA Honolulu, Hawaii Michael Borderick – YMCA Honolulu,Hawaii Larry Whittesey – Y of Columbia Willamette, Portland, Or

Deceased Members

Beverly Nyehart
Dave Daboll



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