



# Le Bon Mot



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

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**May/June 2023**

## **From the Presidents desk**

When I took on this Presidency, I must admit it was not under the usual circumstances. I was serving on the nominating committee along with Mary Carol Fish. After approaching the membership we were unable to find anyone willing to serve, so I took on the President nomination and Mary Carol took on the Treasurer position. My wife Connie agreed to continue as Secretary/Editor. Ever since I have wondered what my Presidency should look like. It has slowly evolved and shown me the way.

Connie and I joined the Mott Chapter over 20 years ago. The friendships we have made have become more important to us with each passing year. With our numbers remaining status quo and our ages elevating, it seems obvious that our personal connection is the most valued thing among our members. So I will do what I do best, stay in contact in whatever way I can to show caring and support to the membership. I encourage you to reach out to each other, to celebrate, support, and foster these relationships.

President Marv Zimmermann

## **Spring Meeting**

Our Spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the Greater Ozark Chapter in Independence, Mo on May 2-4, 2023. If you have any communications you want to share with group please submit it so we can include it. Submissions to Marv Z [mrzclz@gmail.com](mailto:mrzclz@gmail.com)

Check in 2-3:00 pm First event 3:30 pm

## **Communications**

**NSP Fund Raising Campaign update**



Current totals \$161,058 on thermometer  
Total raised \$741,520

## EAF

EAF has sent their annual request.

## WORLD SERVICE

World Service just sent out their annual request forms. I have extra if you need one.

## On the Road with Marv & Connie

As Marv mentioned before, I think we have found our “thing” or contribution as Officers. Marv and I are on the road a lot and it is only natural that we stop and visit with our Mott members. (Jo Bagelmann affectionately calls us the “Motters.”)

In Feb we were able to catch up with Chuck Pletke at the Machine Shed in Des Moines. He stays busy with his various men’s groups at church and coffee times. Like many of us, he has a few challenges but is still able to get out and about, at least locally. He enjoys puzzles in the winter and so do we.



Connie & Marv Zimmermann  
Chuck Pletke

I believe in March we were able to stop in at Jim and Barb Sturms. We visit in their home and they are always welcoming and ready to share new and old Y stories. The boys chat about sports and we girls talk about Barb’s beautiful needlework and family. They still enjoy playing cribbage and so does Marv. It is always like catching up with family.

Our last stop, so far, this year was in Fairfield, Iowa to see Mary Carol and Jack Fish and Jim and Nancy Weaton. We met at the historic Fairfield Golf & Country Club. Jim is still an intrical part of the preservation, programs, and perpetuity of the Country Club and Golf course. Currently they are clearing Crow Creek which is part of the signature historical feature. They have established the grounds as an historical landmark celebrating 131 years and the oldest course west of the Mississippi.

Jack and Mary Carol are going to raise lambs on their farm this year. They stay busy with family trips to Arizona and playing pickle ball. All of our members are grateful for family that lives close by. Being involved with grandchildren keeps us moving and so proud.



Marv & Connie Zimmermann, Mary Carol  
Fish, Nancy and Jim Weaton

### May/June Celebrations

#### Anniversaries:

Dave & Connie Snow 5/28

Hank & Jo Bagelmann 6/9

Jon & Lynne Springer 6/10

Jim & Barb Sturms 6/11

#### We wish:

Jim Weaton 5/11

Hazel Coates 5/14

Marv Zimmermann 5/18

Janis Berry 5/26

Dave Snow 6/11

Scottie Soczek 6/13

Joe Soczek 6/19

Connie Snow 6/20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Congratulations New Retirees....

Josh Carr, Carol Hibbs, and David Welp.

Come join us!

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

SAVE THE DATES for the Spring Mott meeting May 2,3,4, 2023 in Independence, MO hosted by the Ozark Chapter.

2025 Reunion Cruise Jan 26-Feb 2

Our next YMCA Alumni Reunion sales from Galveston, Texas into the western Caribbean. Travel arrangement provided by Royal Caribbean and their new ship *Harmony of the Seas*.

CHECK OUT THE YMCA ALUMNI WEBSITE FOR ALL UPDATES!!

[www.ymcaalumni.org](http://www.ymcaalumni.org)

### HOW TO DONATE /RENEW

EAF click membership info/EAF/donate  
Mail to Y USA EAF

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Memo Line: Chapter designation

WORLD SERVICE Y-USA

[www.ymca.org/world-service](http://www.ymca.org/world-service)

Mary Tikalsky, World Service Director

RENEW MEMBERSHIP

[www.ymcaalumni.org/renew](http://www.ymcaalumni.org/renew)

Renewal forms mailed yearly in November.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

[www.wawokiye.org](http://www.wawokiye.org)

or click the links on your Connections mail.

NSP Volunteers Chair George Painter

NSP Chair Lou Falk

Annual Campaign Jan-March

Send to: YMCA Alumni Treasurer

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### The Mott Chapter Officers Look Forward to Seeing You !!

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