



Le Bon Mot



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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

From the Presidents desk

“This will be my final President’s letter to the Chapter. The last three years have been unique to say the least. We started 2020 planning to join the Ozark Chapter in Branson but COVID reared its ugly head. We tentatively rescheduled the Branson trip twice in 2021 and had to cancel both. The chapter had a couple of zoom meetings in 2021 but it wasn’t like meeting in person. Marv and Connie held some area luncheons in late 2021 which helped some in-person time.

In the Spring of 2022 we had our first in-person get together in Clear Lake, IA. It was great to be together and we enjoyed seeing the Surf Ballroom. I look forward to seeing you in October at our Des Moines meeting. My thanks to Chuck Pletke for making scheduled arrangements.

I am grateful for the officers who made my job easier. Our secretary Connie Zimmermann has kept us informed of Alumni happenings and individual chapter members’ activities. Judy Thornton has kept us solvent as our Treasurer. Rich Schoffemann (EAF), Hank Bagelmann (World Service), and Mary Carol Fish (Membership) handled these areas well.

Nick Zimmer was our representative on the National Service Project and kept us well informed.

Thanks for all of your support! I am looking forward to 2023.”

Jon

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL

Dear Mott members and guests, the Fall meeting will be held on Oct 19-20, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hotel information:

Hampton Inn 515-223-4700

7060 Lake Drive

West Des Moines, Ia 50266

\$99 a night til Sept 21 (breakfast included)

Registration fee \$10 each to cover meeting room. Payable to Jon the day of meeting.

Hosts: Chuck Pletke and Jon and Lynne Springer.

1 pm Meet at hotel Oct 19th.

2 pm Tour Jester Park Nature Center (2hrs)
Transportation provided by Bill Heck.

6 pm Supper at Biaggi’s Restaurant. Italian.
Full menu. On your own tab.

Oct 20th 9 am. Meeting at hotel.

Communications

From Rich Schoffelman, EAF Chair.

Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF)

EAF continues to be important in the lives of YMCA colleagues who unexpectedly find themselves in need of financial help. In the first half of this year, the EAF Caring Committee has approved 15 grants totaling \$85,000.

Mott Chapter members have a history of generously supporting EAF. All gifts regardless of amount are valued and needed. Each donation makes a difference!!

Please consider giving your support.

There are two ways to give:

1. Send a check payable to EAF to
EAF-YMCA of the USA
101 North Wacker Dr 15th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
Indicate Mott Chapter on memo line
2. By donating on the website
YMCA Alumni.org
Click on membership info/EAF/donate

From Nick Zimmer featuring
National Service Project

We have a very interesting video we want to share with you at the next meeting showing the location and work that has been going on with the National Service Project and building the “Twig houses”. I am also sending an attachment taken from the Connections newsletter.

From Mary Tikalsky, World Service
Director, International Group, of the YMCA
of USA

YMCA World Service

Dear Friends of YMCA World Service,
YMCA of the USA World Service continues to provide financial and technical support for the immediate and long term response to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Your support and solidarity is making a huge difference.

Although there is still so much work ahead with the situation in Ukraine and the neighboring countries, we are grateful to share the latest updates with you, in collaboration with YMCA Europe and YMCA Ukraine.

More than 200 YMCAs in Europe-including 17 still operating in Ukraine-are providing support to internally displaced and refugee youth and families. To date, these YMCAs have served more than 40,000 people, providing them with mental health services, childcare, employment resources and more.

Please visit the interactive map of the YMCA projects for a real-time view of the numerous projects that YMCAs across Europe are currently implementing to serve the needs of those most affected by the crisis.

Sincerely,

Mary Tikalsky

For more information, please visit ymca.org
or email worldservice@ymca.net
(Taken from Ukraine Response Update
email dated Aug 19th, 2022)

September/October Celebration

We wish: Marv and Connie
Zimmermann

10/10



Happy 30th Anniversary!!

We wish: Jack Fish

9/26

Jo Bagelmann

10/09

Jon Springer

10/10

Chuck Pletke

10/30

Happy Birthday!!!!



Roster correction for Chuck Pletke phone:
515-554-7830

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Fall Mott meeting in Des Moines
Wednesday, Oct 19 and Thursday Oct 20.

YMCA Alumni Reunion 2022 has been rescheduled for Nov 2-4, 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Early bird registration ends July 31th, 2022 to be eligible for a chance to win \$100 gift for use at "Dinner with Friends" evenings.

CHECK OUT THE YMCA ALUMNI WEBSITE FOR ALL NATIONAL UPDATES!! www.ymcaalumni.org

EAF click membership info/EAF/donate
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WORLD SERVICE
www.ymcaalumni.org/world-service

RENEW MEMBERSHIP
www.ymcaalumni.org/renew

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT
www.tinyurl.com/wawokiye
or click the links on your Connections mail.
NSP Volunteers Chair George Painter
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NSP Chair Lou Faulk
Donation checks payable to YMCA Alumni
Send to: YMCA Alumni Treasurer
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The Mott Chapter Officers **Look Forward to Seeing You !!**

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