

# Pacific Northwest

OLD GUARD NEWS ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER

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Coming EVENTS July 2022





Learn –
Sing –
Games –
Adventure –
Memorial Connect

September 12-14, 2022 "Keep on Learning"



**NEW BUILDING:** 

**PINES** 



Rooms with bath Meeting Rooms Lounge

**Elevator** 

## **SEABECK RETREAT** – September 12 - 14, 2022

## ALWAYS KEEP LEARNING! TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Come early and bring a sack lunch to eat together and visit on a patio.

## **Monday September 12**

#### TIME ACTIVITY LOCATION

2:00 - 4:00 PM Arrive and register, must be vaccinated to attend The Pines

4:00 - 4:30 PM Reception – Social time, wine, water and snacks provided The Pines

4:30 - 5:45 PM Welcome & introductions, protocols, easy movement, songs, Grace The Pines

6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner Dining Hall

7:15 - 8:30 PM 'Show and Tell' Fun and Games - Jill The Pines

## **Tuesday September 13**

#### TIME ACTIVITY LOCATION

7:30 - 8:00 AM Wake up movement class, light exercise, walk the grounds? - Jane The Pines

8:00 - 8:45 AM Inspiration, breakfast Dining Hall

9:00 - 9:15 AM Session Opening songs, easy movement - Jane

#### The Pines

9:15 - 11:15 AM Program:

9:15 - 10:30 Topic #1 Christy Collins will discuss her friendship with and working relationship with the former Liberian Present Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and the current process to establish Ms. Johnson-Sirleaf's Presidential Library in Monrovia, Liberia.

#### The Pines

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45- 11:45 Topic #2 Seabeck Haiku Developing and Installation – Michael Welsh from The Haiku Foundation



Michael Dylan Welch, an author from Sammamish WA, is the editor and publisher of Press Here Haiku and Tanka books. He has served as vice president for the Haiku Society of America and was also a board member of the Washington Poets Association. In 2008 he co founded Haiku Northwest's annual Seabeck Haiku Getaway. His haiku and longer poems

have been published in hundreds of journals and anthologies in at least twenty languages. Some of his books are: For a Moment, published in 2009 in Canada, Fifty-Seven Damn Good Haiku by a Bunch of Our Friends, published in 2010, Haiku On Gabriola, and With Cherries on Top.

#### **The Pines**

12:00 - 1:00 PM Inspiration, lunch Dining Hall

1:00 - 5:00 PM Free time options individually or in groups such as a Haiku walk, visit the Seabeck store or visit the Cemetery Seabeck grounds

5:15 -6:00 PM Victory Celebration for \$62,000 raised from our chapter for Sioux Y National Service Project. Champagne toast and recognition of fund raising team and donors. Gary

#### The Pines Patio

6:00 -7:00 PM Dinner Dining Hall

7:15 – 8:15 PM International Session: Sioux YMCA – Y Alumni Service Project

Rich Wallis and Mike Robinson

World Service Pledges: Tom Horsley Chair

#### The Pines

8:30 – 9:15 PM Nepal Village Life - Mike Ellis The Pines

## Wednesday September 14

#### TIME ACTIVITY LOCATION

8:00 - 8:45 AM Inspiration, Breakfast Dining Hall

9:00 - 9:15 AM Song, Easy movement - Jane The Pines

9:15 - 9:30 AM Seabeck update – Chuck Kraining The Pines

9:30 - 10:00 AM Remembrance Service, Flowers The Pines

10:00 - 11:00 Group Photo and Social time Juniper and;

#### The Pines

11:00 - 11:45 AM Allen-Stone Annual Meeting – Gary Huff The Pines

12:00 – 1:00 PM Farewell Luncheon, inspiration Dining Hall



Christy Collins, the daughter of YMCA Alumni members Earl and Joyce Collins, has spent over 45 years working for non-profits and NGOs in Africa and WA DC. Fluent in French and African dialects, she has held supervisory positions as well having worked in the field in many countries in West Africa. Her presentation at Seabeack

will focus on her friendship with the former President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and the efforts to build a Presidential Library in Africa honoring Ms. Johnson-Sirleaf.

## **ALLEN-STONE 2020-2021 OFFICERS**

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## President's Message

## Allen-Stone chapter update: Gary Huff

Conversations on a possible merge of Allen-Stone and McCoy chapters have been put on hold until such time as the merge is seen as needed. In the meantime we will continue doing all of our events together, which is working well.

At our retreat at Seabeck Conference Center, Sept 12-14, we will celebrate our chapter raising an amazing \$62,000 (45 donors) for the National Service Project, Congratulations to our fundraising chair, Dave Mer-



cer and the fundraising team; Horsley, Huff, Anderson, Nelson, Leigh, Robinson & Drake. We will toast the group with Champaign at Seabeck. And our own Rich Wallis kept track of all the donations nationwide for all 17 chapters. Total so far is over \$530,000.

Ashland was an excellent event and this year's leaders, Peter and Nanci Morris, have agreed to lead it again next year. Probably in early May. We are looking for someone to work with them in 2023, to learn the ropes and then take over the leadership in 2024. Let me know if you are interested.

Rich Wallis, leader of this year's fun Coeur d'Alene event will also lead next year's Coeur d'Alene event in June. Thank you Rich.

We are hoping that many of you will consider hosting a lunch with other, retired Y directors this year or next. If so, we will send you a list of retired Y folks in your general area. You chose how many to invite and the date. No agenda except your own, just connect and enjoy one another. Again, let myself or Mike Robinson (membership director) know of your interest. It's an easy way to participate in Y-Alumni. Be an ambassador and keep the Y connections going. My email is <a href="mailto:glhuff2@olypen.com">glhuff2@olypen.com</a>

Remember, our chapter goal is to have as much fun as possible by connecting, traveling and serving.



## SERVICE CLUB DONATION

**John Mistkawi** reported a the members of the Y Service Club of Salem Oregon Family YMCA, designated \$1,000 to "Heal the World-Ukraine Appeal" and \$375 to the Holy Land YMCA'S (East Jerusalem; Gaza and Jerusalem International) to the Y International Committee.



The Seabeck conference this year, Sept 12-14, will encourage us to 'Always Keep Learning' and our presenters will provide a lot of information so wecan do just that! Christy Collins will describe her experiences working with Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a political exile and ex-Finance Minister of Liberia, in the Washington

DC office of Equator Bank and at the UN in New York City from 1989-1993. She'll describe Ms. Johnson-Sirleaf's evolution from childhood and her ascent in 2005 as the first elected African female President. Christy will describe how their paths again crossed in 2018, her current work on Ms. Johnson-Sirleaf's Presidential Foundation, and the status of the post-presidency endeavor to build a presidential library, archives, exhibit space and convening center in Monrovia, Liberia.

We will also have the pleasure of a presentation by Michael Dylan Welsh, who is involved with Haiku Northwest,

the organization which installed 20 Haiku plaques around the Seabeck grounds in 2019. Mr. Welsh designed the plaques and supervised their manufacture. He will talk about Haiku in general and explain how the plaques came to be at Seabeck, will discuss their individuality and he will join us for lunch and a Haiku Walk after lunch.

Other speakers will be Rich Wallis and Mike Robinson giving a report on the Sioux Y project AND we will celebrate raising \$62,000 for the Sioux Y National Service Project with champagne and recognition of the fundraising team and donors. Don't miss it! Mike Ellis will share his slides showing life in a Nepalese village. In addition, there will be time on Monday evening for Show and Tell so bring an item which has special meaning to you as we want to hear THAT story!

Fellowship and friendship, fun and games, exercise and learning, good

meals and snacks = Seabeck 2022! See you there!

Jill Hallin, Chair

## **EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR RETIREES**

We Offer One-Time Financial Support To Retirees In Crisis

Once retired from the Y, our participants and their beneficiaries receive a steady stream of income for life with the savings they built during their Y careers. Yet, if a serious and unforeseen emergency should arise, some may find that they need special assistance. The YMCA Retirement Fund's Retiree Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) provides grants to help Y retirees who find themselves in a

financial crisis. This program is supported by a generous gift from Peter E. Berger and proceeds from the Harold C. Smith Fundraiser. Grants from REAP are given for emergencies that resulted in unpaid bills in one of the following categories:

- Medical: Expenses incurred by the retiree, his/her spouse, and/or dependents that cause extreme hardship (Cost of health insurance itself does NOT qualify as a medical emergency)
- Catastrophe: An economic hardship resulting from an act of nature or another catastrophic event If you have any questions, please send an email to REAP@ymcaret.org.

# **AMBASSADOR**

#### YMCA ALUMNI AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Watch for it coming your way. Purpose is to come together for informal lunch of fellowship, stories, and of course a YMCA Alumni commercial. No other agenda than to meet, greet and see one another in really our own back yards. Gary Huff- President and Mike Robinson –

Membership are in process of finalizing the recruitment of our original "hosts" for gatherings. From there we can meet all around our regions from Hawaii, Oregon, Washington to Idaho and other parts of the Allen-Stone Territories.

Keep a look out for an email, phone call or letter. Come join others in an informal gathering – share stories of past and present and maybe learn a bit about what we are all doing in retired lives. From there who knows ..... maybe another lunch a picnic etc. Whatever it may take it will be each group's choice.

Keep on the watch......Ambassador is coming to all of our Allen-Stone region.

Sioux YMCA changes its name:

## **YMCA of the Seven Council Fires**





Our partner in the YMCA Alumni National Service Project has changed their name to the "YMCA of the Oceti Šakowin" or "The YMCA of the Seven Council Fires" The decision to adopt this name came from the diligent work of a YMCA Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Task Force, led by Board Chair Alli Morgan and included many other voices.

"It was a long time coming as the name Sioux did serve its purpose looking back at the history of our people and ancestors. When the Sioux YMCA was first created, at that time, it had a deep purpose. At this time when we are being very accurate with our history and our culture, it's only right that we are recognized as the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires.

"We are here to nurture and grow all members of the great Sioux Nation. This is a cultural way to honor the original vision and to our future generations" said YMCA Board Chair Alli Moran in announcing the change.

The proper name for the people commonly known as the Sioux is Očeti Šakówin, (Och-et-eeshak-oh-win) meaning Seven Council Fires, according to the Akta Lakota Museum and Cultural Center. The original Sioux tribe was made up of Seven Council Fires. Each of these Council Fires was comprised of individual bands, based on kinship, dialect, and geographic proximity."



# Treasurer's Report Jim Leigh

We have added one additional contributing member since April. George Brainerd. That makes 74 units.

If you would like to also contribute, email Jim Leigh (jimfleigh@gmail.com) or call (253-219-0613)

## MEMBER NEWS

Joyce & Don Leak: Thanks to Rich Wallis for the fine vacation in Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Don and Joyce Leak stopped in Spokane on the way home to have breakfast at the historic Davenport Hotel. They drove by their former home from over 40 years ago when Don worked for the YMCA. They took photos of the new Lewis and Clark High School to share with their younger son who graduated from the old high school. They talked about various memories as they drove around the city.

**Craig Frerichs**: Craig made the 2 mile, Tubbs Hill hike at Lake Coeur d'Alene, with a little assistance from Tom Horsley. The rocky trail has very uneven footing. Nine others from our group also made the hike, which provided great views of the lake and a fun outing for our group.

Marry Kaufmann Cranney and her husband Tom attended the Coeur d'Alene event after spending a week at their cabin in the Okanogan. It was their first Y-Alumni event.

Gary Huff is busy in fund raising at the Olympic Peninsula Y. The annual campaign has a goal of \$150,000 and has raised 90,000 so far. A new capital campaign has a goal of 4.6 million to build an Early Childhood Learning Center in Port Angeles. 2.5 million has been raised so far. Lony Huff will celebrate her 55th high school class reunion in Anaconda, Montana in August.

Chris Logan, Bea Halk and Lisa Betteron, members of the McCoy and Marston Chapters, joined us in Coeur d'Alene. Bea Halk is a member of three chapters: Marston, McCoy and Allen-Stone. All three women say they had a great time and will talk up the event for next year.



Rich Wallis: After hosting a successful Y-Alumni Coeur d'Alene event, Rich Wallis flew out early the next morning to Chicago, where his family and his wife's family both live. We hope he can relax in Chicago! Way to go Rich.

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**Don Anderson:** It has been two and a half years since I have left Hawaii and I am really tired of doing crossword puzzles. I decided it's time to resume life. Will leave for the YMCA World Council in Aarhus, Denmark on June 26 with a few days sightseeing in Copenhagen and Amsterdam. I am really looking forward to being with old friends at the WFYR meeting there. In late July Susan and I will spend a week on Lopez Island, WA to visit her sister and brother who lives on Orcas Island. In October and November I will be in the Philippines and Bali, Indonesia. In Manila will recover my suitcase that has been there since it was stranded by the pandemic in March 2020. I'll then go to Cebu to explore the resumption of our humanitarian projects with the Cebu YMCA. After that it is on to Bali for a Rotary work project. Susan and I are doing well and I still do stupid things. I just do them slower.

**Rich Wallis and Craig Frerichs** are headed to the national reunion in New Orleans. Lots going on there. Enjoy!

Nancy Stiefel, Jan & Jim Leigh, Mike & Sharon Robinson are all headed to Dupree, South Dakota for Wave three of the tiny home development for the National Project. This phase will be setting up walls in advance of the arrival of phase four. Go Team.....

**Tom & Donna Olivia:** After retiring in 2018. I quickly found my calling in reading with kids in a local elementary school and doing magic tricks in the lobby of a local pediatrics clinic, Covid came along and put a halt to those. So I did find an alternate volunteer job which has been most interesting.

Yakima has a long paved walking trail, the main part being about 9 miles. Several of us volunteer and drive a water cart, mostly in the hot weather but actually all year round. We hand out water and dog biscuits (more popular than the water, I might add) pick up trash and generally make ourselves a presence out there for safety purposes, not to mention for good public relations. I really enjoy it, meeting walkers and bikers from all walks of life including many homeless, trying to develop a rapport with everyone and creating a welcoming atmosphere. Many of our trail users are from out-of-town and stay at hotels along the Greenway, so that might be the only image they take back from Yakima. So good public relations is an important attribute.

Yes! We are back in the schools but that is seasonal, about to end for a few months but the Greenway is always there to keep me out of trouble. Jim Leigh would probably have some comments about THAT statement.

Hope everyone is keeping well and happily occupied.

Hopefully we will make Seabeck this year. Blessings, Tom O



Two retirees, **Tom Oliva and Tony Sagare** enjoy outings together from time to time. Breakfasts, feeding the ducks at a local park and trying to stay out of trouble.

Dave and Joyce Mercer traveled to Sacramento to attend the memorial service for their friend of 65 years and Dave's best man. We leave the middle of June for a 3 week cruise on the Great Lakes. Looking forward to a great trip. Nothing else major planned for the summer except a great outing with the Allen-Stone RV group.

Ann Nische: We sure have missed traveling during the pandemic! So we are very excited that we leave Friday the 24th for the Y Alumni cruise to Alaska led by Craig Altschul. Also along on the cruise will be **Karen and Carl Marsh** from our chapter. Watch for photos on Facebook.

**Rich Wallis** spent the first week in June participating in a service project at Camp Leslie Marrowbone, the Sioux YMCA's youth resident



camp. The project was coordinated by the International Service Corps of YMCA Alumni. Our team of 12 built canoe racks, replaced an aging boardwalk, constructed a program platform, and stained

cabin decks. We also had the honor of attending a Pow Wow at camp where the Y announced its name change to YMCA of the Seven Council Fires. This change results from work by the Y's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force to find a name

that better represents te Y and who it serves. Seven council fires refer to as Sioux. .



The YMCA Woodburn Oregon Conference group, which was formed in the early 1970s, continually meet on a regular basis dictated by the weather for a game at the Sandelie Golf Course in West Linn. Our combined nine hole score is 34 (minus 2). The best part of our gathering is to have lunch

after our game at the Black Bear Restaurant in Wilson-

ville. Picture above – counterclockwise- Admiral Wayne Ray; Private Cliff Lawrence; Captain Dave McGarry and Private John Mistkawi.



#### Coeur d'Alene Idaho

A gathering for the first time into Idaho -2023 too in the works - and good times were had by all. Museum, walks in the sand and hikes along the lake were a part. Great conversations and catching up were a part too. My oh my, what stories bounded around the table and back.

New attendees too were much a part. First time attendee Mary Kaufman-Craney and spouse Tom, and Bev Reed and spouse Bill. Tom, Bev and Bill will be bringing Golf back into our package of activities in 2023. Also we can say Allen-Stone invites all. McCoy Chapter with Chris Logan and Anita Stokes; Lisa Betteron and Bea Halk with Marston – all four were adding to the fun and sharing in storytelling. Great meals shared. A Dinner Criuise too.

Many thanks to Rich Wallis, our host from Eastern Washington for a great event and bringing us all back over the mountains for sharing times.



## ASHLAND Shakespeare Festival:

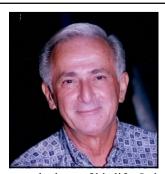
Another gathering was held in April. It's now almost 30+ years that the McCoy & Allen-Stone Chapters joined forces in a single event. Mary Lou Bayliss – Ashland resident is the sole survivor of the organizing group—still partakes occasionally.

This year we saw two great plays, breaking bread times, a Wine Tasting visit to the Dana Campbell Vineyards too. Pat Flannery – YMCA Alumni Member & Owner of Vineyard—gave a presentation of their specialty wines along with spouse Paula. Lisa Molnar, CEO Ashland YMCA, gave a presentation of YMCA's



dealing with the pandemic & troubled times. She also highlighted their newest camp —Camp DeBore that the group was to tour and have a meal but the snow level was a bit much — so adjustments and stories of camp were shared. Many thanks for Peter and Nanci Morris and their leadership and great hosting. Kudos. Pictured: Nanci Morris, Tom Horsley, Cheri Brennan, Dave Mercer, Fred Stickney, Joyce Mercer, Peter Morris, Caroline Brooks, Bob Brooks, Sally Stickney, and Dan & Ann Nische.

## We Remember



## John Joseph Mistkawi March 27, 1934 - June 27, 2022

John Joseph Mistkawi passed away peacefully, in his home, June 27, 2022. John was born in Jerusalem to Joseph and Mary Mistkawi. John's lifelong love for athletics began as a youth where he spent hours playing sports at the Jerusalem YMCA. In 1954, John was awarded a scholarship for outstanding academics and athleticism to attend Springfield College in Massachusetts. After returning to Jerusalem, he won the national championship in squash and placed third in fencing. In 1960, John was awarded yet another scholarship to attend college at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. While at Willamette he worked at the Salem YMCA. During the summer of 1963, he

met the love of his life, Judy Bone, while working at the YMCA Camp Silver Creek. On June 7, 1964, John and Judy were married and he graduated from Willamette University with a degree in physical education. In 1967, John received a master's in physical education from Springfield College. John and Judy then moved to Berkeley, Calif., where John worked as the Senior Programs Director for the Berkeley YMCA. In 1968, John returned to Salem where he became the Executive Director of the Salem Family YMCA, retiring in 1997.

John was an avid and skilled racquetball and squash player, winning many tournaments throughout the United States. He also loved to travel and would lead tour groups throughout the Holy Land and Middle East. In his retirement, John took up golf and enjoyed spending time on the greens with his friends. John was a pivotal part of the Salem community. He was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. He touched the lives of many youth during his time with the YMCA.

He is survived by daughter, Ann Gibbons (Dean) of Portland; son, David Mistkawi of Portland; son, Mark Mistkawi (Christine) of Salem; daughter, Alisa Grammer (Kyle) of Portland; sister, Aida Leverman of Vancouver, Wash.; and sister, Widad Farran of Seattle, Wash. John's greatest pride was his grandchildren, Bridget, Isabella, Maya, Liv, Melina, Layla and Finn. He taught them to "Be Kind, Share and Be Happy." John was also known as a second father to all of his nieces and nephews, Mary, Joseph, Nabil, Mandy, Randa, Sandra, Tony, Michael, Debbie and David. John was predeceased by his wife, Judy Mistkawi; and brothers, George Mistkawi and Rizek Mistkawi.

John will be dearly missed by his family and the vast number of lives he touched in the greater Salem community. He was a dear friend, a mentor and community leader. John received many awards for his dedication and service to the Salem community, including the Salem Chamber of Commerce "Distinguished Service Award" and the Salvation Army "Others Award." To have known John, you would have truly known what selflessness was.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the John Mistkawi scholarship fund at the Salem YMCA.

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits



**48 Hours in St Louis**: Mike Robinson attended the YMCA Alumni 48 Hour Training. Two flights and a train ride brought Mike to the old Railroad YMCA at Union Station in DT St Louis. YMCA Alumni leadership along with 15 of our 17 Chapters gathered. Ideas were shared around table talk topics. Membership was the key – how to bring in more retirees into our united fold. Great ideas were shared. Allen-Stone was recognized by several as having a great newsletter and a variety of activities. Only set back was that we had a bout of Covid 19 too.

### **NEWS DEADLINE**

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

## **September 23, 2022**

Email to: pattisonjane1@,gmail.com

Or Send to: Jane Rosi-Pattison

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## **2022 DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 25-28 Cape Kiwanda RV Resort

September 12-14 Seabeck

November 2-4 YMCAALUMNI Reunion

**December 10** Holiday Zoom

May 2023 TBD Ashland Shakespeare

June 2023 TBD Idaho Gathering

## **ANNIVERSARYS**

Cal & Sharon Crowell

July 15 - 59 years

Dave & Joyce Mercer

Aug. 23 - 64 years

Malcom & Maurine Arnett

Aug. 17 - 54 years

Don & Joyce Leak

Sept. 8 - 65 years



## **Changing The World For Good: YMCA World Service Campaign**

World Service our gift to YMCA World Service creates opportunities for young people to overcome obstacles and create change that will last generations. This support is critical because in many communities worldwide, young people do not have access to the basic resources and opportunities they need to thrive, such as quality health services, education, employment and opportunities to learn outdoors.

Thank you for your support!

Allen-Stone chapter campaign takes place at the Seabeck Retreat.



Billie Bernasconi,

VP YMCA of Boise 42 years

Susan Cournayer, SVP/CFO

YMCA of Snohomish County 29 years

Robert Reed, Facilities Manager

YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap County 11 years

Jack Ward, Housekeeping

YMCA of Boise 23 years



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	SEABECK REGISTRATION (Sept 12-14, 2022) Return by September 3,	
	Program Start 4pm September 12. End lunch September 14.	
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	One day registration (one night, three meals) @ \$115	
	Day only (three meals) @ \$35 Amt	
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