

# Messenger Bits from the Messer-Brandenburg Chapter



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Spring

## ***President's Update - Denny Mohrman & Wray Howard***

In today's Spring Newsletter you will get an update on our National Service Project, our recently completed membership drive and a social event scheduled for June 6 in Normal, Illinois.

As a reminder, both of us will be representing our M-B Chapter at the 48 Hours Training session being held in St. Louis, MO May 21-23. We're sure to have plenty to share with you in our July Summer Newsletter.

Our hope is that we will see you soon at one of our upcoming events. We wish you "our best" in the coming year as we continue to "Connect, Travel and Serve."

Yours in Service,

Denny Mohrman and Wray Howard,  
Chapter Co-Presidents



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***National Service Project Update.....Linda Dean***

This month YMCA Alumni volunteers began arriving in Dupree, South Dakota. Our very own chapter member, Linda Dean is on site as this newsletter goes to press. She has joined 15 other volunteers who are working with George Painter, our Boots-on-the-Ground Chair.

The group is currently working on Tiny Homes #1, 2 and 3. We appreciate Linda sharing some photos of the workers and the work in progress.

There are still volunteer opportunities available in May and September for those interested. For information on how to register please go to: <http://wawokiye.org> Please send questions to: [alumni515@gmail.com](mailto:alumni515@gmail.com)



**Chapter Membership Update.....Cathy Adams**

As of March 2024 our Chapter has 105 total members. We have 12 life-time units (12 members), 36 household units (72 members) and 21 individual units (21 members). We ended up with a very respectable 90% retention rate. In addition, we are happy to welcome the following new members to our M-B Chapter: Fred and Wendy Hauser; Elizabeth and Pete Rondello and Richard Clegg and Joe Heyd.

**Chicago Area Y Alumni Luncheon**

Thirteen Chicago Area Y Folks gathered on April 4th at Manny's Delicatessen at 1141 S. Jefferson, Chicago. The food and conversations were fantastic. Here are a few pictures of the outing. Chicago area Y Alumni Steve Dahlin, Fred Matthews, Erskine Cunningham, Almarie Wagner, Mary Irvin, Dorothy Burns-Hicks, Maria Nodal, Cathy Adams, Mark McKelvey, Liz Andrews, Kathy Clark, Linda Dean and not yet retired June Redmond all enjoyed the gathering!



## Connect Continued:

### Kankakee Area Luncheon

A group of former Kankakee YMCA employees and Y members gathered for lunch on May 8th.

Our thanks to Linda Dean for submitting the group photo.



### Upcoming Bloomington-Normal Event

Thursday, June 6, 11 am luncheon at Ancho & Agave Restaurant

Join Denny & Cindy Mohrman for lunch at Ancho & Agave Restaurant, located at 3006 E. Empire Street in Bloomington, IL. We plan to order lunch at 11:15 am. Following lunch and some social time we will have several options available:

1. Golf at Ironwood Golf Course in Normal with tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. Green Fees for 18 holes with a cart are \$36.
2. Several possibilities according to weather and interests of the group.
  1. Visiting Route 66 historic sites
  2. The McLean County Museum of History
  3. Prairie Aviation Museum
  4. Shopping in Uptown Normal or Downtown Bloomington
  5. Exploring the ISU Horticulture Gardens

Please send **RSVP's** for the luncheon and golf to [dennis.mohrman@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.mohrman@gmail.com) by **May 30th**. We need to give Ancho and Agave a lunch count and Ironwood Golf Course a list for tee times to be turned in by May 31st.