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William S.

Chambers Chapter

March 2022 Newsletter

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Mike Frith

Chambers Chapter President

Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying this touch of Spring that we are having. We should continue our efforts to stay safe and healthy.

Let's not forget the Ukraine in our prayers. To stay up to date on what you can do to help or stay in touch with what the Y-USA is doing for Ukraine through World Service at: ymca.org/Crsis-in-Ukraine. We should also remember the Russian people in our prayers because most of them do not even know there is a war going on.

I want to thank all of you that have renewed your membership to the Chambers Chapter of the YMCA Alumni. If you know anyone who did not renew their membership or someone that should join, be a friend and give them a call. As a leadership team we will always be trying to do things to inform you and share opportunities to serve or fellowship with other retired YMCA colleagues.

Do not forget to keep the date available for the Spring Reunion (May 18-19). Thanks to Mike Lieber and Ed Bohren who have worked hard to provide us with an enjoyable time in Lancaster, Ohio. We will visit the Sherman House Museum and a Glass Museum with demonstration. We will have a lot of fun, food and fellowship. Look below for more information.

The Reunion in New Orleans has been rescheduled for November 1-4. It's not too late to sign up. For more information and to register, go to the YMCA Alumni website: ymcaalumni.org. This Reunion 22 sounds like a great time to fellowship with good food and old friends.

I hope that I will be able to see you at our Spring Reunion, at our Reunion 22 in New Orleans or both. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Mike Frith



The **Mission** of the **YMCA Alumni** is to enable members to promote a nurturing Worldwide Christian Fellowship that provide educational, social and charitable opportunities.

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Dave Patterson

Membership Details

NEW ALUMNI ~ Welcome to these new Alumni who have joined the Chambers Chapter since the last Newsletter:

Dale & Laurie Fortune ~ Akron, OH

Deborah Heal ~ Gibsonia, PA

Jane & Thomas Maurer ~ North Canton, OH

CHAMBERS CHAPTER ~ The Chambers Chapter currently has **82** membership units equaling **138** members.

- 14 LIFETIME units = 19 members
- 17 INDIVIDUAL units = 17 members
- 51 HOUSEHOLD units = 102 members

17 CHAPTERS ~ National YMCA Alumni is made up of 3 Regions of 17 Chapters with 1482 members in all 50 states.

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic ~ *Eastern PA, Southern NJ, DE & MD*

McBurney-Morse ~ *NY & Northern NJ*

New England ~ *MA, NH, CT, VT, ME & RI*

Weatherford ~ *VA, NC, SC, GA, TN, AL, MS, KY, FL Panhandle & Eastern LA*

Willis ~ *Florida*

CENTRAL REGION

Chambers ~ *OH, WV & Western PA*

Greater Ozark ~ *MO, Northern AR & Eastern KS*

Hoosier-Buell ~ *IN & MI*

Messer-Brandenburg ~ *IL & WI*

Mott ~ *IA & Eastern NE*

Upper Midwest ~ *MN, ND & SD*

WEST REGION

Allen-Stone ~ *WA, OR, ID, MT, HI & AK*

Grand Canyon ~ *AZ, CO, NM, WY, UT, Western KS & Western NE*

Lyon ~ *Central CA & Southern tip of NV*

Marston ~ *Southern CA*

McCoy ~ *Northern CA*

Sam Schreiner ~ *TX, OK, Southeast NM, Southern AR & Western LA*



Steve Gunn

EAF Chairman

Hello Chambers Chapter:

The EAF is working on National grant applications for 2022. Last year EAF awarded over

86,000.00 to 19 grant recipients. There were 30 submitted in 2021. The Chambers chapter raised over \$4300.00. This total was only exceeded by the Weatherford chapter which is more than twice as big as ours. I am so proud of our chapter giving in 2021. This year we can and must do this much or better to stay up to the needs of our Y Alumni. EAF is truly needed because the emergencies are real and not letting up. Please consider a gift now and maybe a gift for year end.

Lastly, I want to give you some information about where you can send your gift if you have not already given or if you desire to give a second gift. Here it is: **EAF, Y-USA: ATTN: Kathe Elwell, 101 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60606** or on-line gifts to; Ymcaalumni.org (click on membership info/eaf/donate). If you would like, you can also send to me at; **Steve Gunn, 5475 Grasmere Abbey Ln. Columbus, Ohio 43230**. I will make sure it gets to the right place. Remember to designate the Will. Chambers Chapter!! We want to beat all other chapters nationally!



Tony Delisio

World Service Chairman

Dear Friends,

JOY TO THE WORLD

While 2021 was a year of significant adversity brought on by the continued strain of the global pandemic, YMCA's persisted in serving their communities most pressing needs. Thank you for your support of YMCA World Service this past year.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual, family and organization who contributed to YMCA World Service this past year. Thanks to your dedicated support, the William S. Chambers Chapter contributed \$4,745.00 from 26 donors to YMCA World Service in 2021. Your generosity was part of the \$173,349 contributed by Y Alumni Groups to YMCA World Service in 2021. Y Alumni giving was part of more than \$1.4 million that was raised for World Service in 2021 to support the life-changing work of YMCA's across the globe. And for the second year in a row, all of this was done in the year of a world-wide pandemic. Simply amazing!

We believe that empowering youth is key to addressing many of the world's challenges. And the global pandemic requires all of us to work together. Your generosity provides continued partnerships, innovation and much needed financial assistance to ensure that **YMCA's across 120 countries** remain community pillars that help strengthen generations of young leaders.



Pictured above Ethiopian YMCA distributing food, clean water, clothing and medicine to community members

Here is a snapshot of the YMCA's Global Impact in 2021:

- Youth-led climate action through YMCA Kosovo
- Emergency services to internally displaced community members through the Ethiopia YMCA
- Family reunification and humanitarian support through YMCA Mexico's Homes for Migrant Youth on the U.S./Mexico border, and so much more!

We look forward to the incredible work our global YMCA movement will do for communities in 2022. Now is the time to consider how you might support this important work. You will be receiving your **Annual World Service Appeal** in the mail soon. Would you like to renew your commitment to YMCA World Service in 2022? Would you like to make 2022 the year that you join us in supporting YMCA World Service?

Whether you are a current or first-time donor, we hope that you will join us in supporting World Service again this year. Your gift, no matter the size, is important and creates positive change. You can also visit www.ymca.net/world-service to contribute online. If you have any questions about YMCA World Service, please feel free to call me at (614) 581-8417 or email me at tdelasio58@gmail.com.

Thank you for **Changing the World for Good!!**



Stay In Touch: Like Us on Facebook

There's lots going on with **YMCA Alumni** and its **Chapters**. Events, People, Places, Newsletters, Board Decisions and much more. At least one-third of YMCA Alumni

members visit our Facebook Page each week. **Give it a Look!**



Wayne Uhrig

History Chairman

THE PARIS BASIS

We are all familiar with the YMCA'S historic mission set forth in the Constitution of the YMCA of the USA. It used the "Paris Basis" statement as its foundation. But do we know the history of that statement drafted in 1855 at the first world meeting of YMCA's in Paris?

At the sixth session of the conference Rev. Abel Stevens from New York presented his proposition for an alliance "showing the desirability of some bond of union between the different Associations." The plan was heard with careful attention with Frederic Monnier from Strasbourg declaring "It is not ours at this moment to organize a Union, it already exists." He proposed forming "one united Association on this general principle" which became known as the "Paris Basis". The group responded enthusiastically to the proposal and at the concluding session of the conference on August 24th the final version was presented and approved as follows:

"The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite these young men, who regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Savior according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be his disciples in their faith and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom amongst young men."

During the following year the Basis was studied carefully with no objections by any Association. The 1865 Convention at Cincinnati approved the Basis on a motion by William C. Langdon, co-founder of the Washington YMCA and father of the first Confederation of American YMCA's. Three years later the Basis was incorporated in the YMCA Articles of Confederation adopted by the Troy Convention and is still at the core of the YMCA's existence.

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Chambers Chapter

Prayer Chain

Tony Delisio

Prayer Chain Chair

**“Putting Christian Principles into practice
for a new generation of YMCA leaders.”**

Did you know that Christian Emphasis is re-emerging as a major focus for many Ys in the USA? Did you know that two YMCA Alumni are spearheading this effort?

If you are like me, you probably answered “no” to both questions. I became aware of this renewed emphasis on the “C” during a conversation I had with a former colleague about our National Service Project. I was hoping our phone call would result in a financial gift and/or an on-site volunteer in support of our partnership with The Sioux YMCA. It provided much more.

In reconnecting with Chris Angellatta, President & CEO of the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, I learned first-hand of the Y’s renewed focus on Christian Emphasis. Chris shared that the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne is one of a growing number of Y’s with a full-time Director of Christian Emphasis. The impetus behind this resurgence is a new YMCA program called **onPrinciple**.

Chambers Chapter of YMCA Alumni Prayer Request Card

Prayer Request for (please print):

**I have this person's permission to add their name
to the prayer chain for:**

☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months

Daily prayer will include healing, comfort, strength and peace.

Please keep us updated.

Check appropriate box(s)

☐ Surgery _____ ☐ Traveling _____

☐ Illness _____ ☐ Military _____

☐ Death of loved one _____ ☐ Injury _____

☐ Difficult relationship _____ ☐ Guidance _____

☐ Challenges at home, work or school _____

☐ Joy _____

Comments: _____

Your Name: _____



Lancaster, Ohio

Scheduled May 18-19, 2022

Spring 2022 Reunion

The City of Lancaster and Fairfield County will welcome the YMCA Alumni group to town on Wednesday, May 18-19, 2022. The two days will be packed with historical information and observing our glass museum in action.

We will meet on Wednesday at noon at the Downtown Bistro for lunch; 123 N. Broad Street. A wide variety of menu items to choose from makes this downtown restaurant a must stop.

After lunch we will walk uptown (across the street) to the Ohio Glass Museum; 124 W. Main Street. We will be provided a tour and live demonstration. Following the tour, we can browse the gift shop and may select a special gift commemorating the trip.



We will then go to the YMCA and receive a tour of the Y's new facility in partnership with Fairfield Medical Center on Memorial Drive.

Dinner will be at 5:00 pm at the O'Huids Gaelic Pub; 167 W. Main Street. We will order off the menu with your registration fees covering the meal. You will be responsible for your

adult beverages. They offer a wide variety of food including special Gaelic features and traditional selections.

Fellowship, dinner, and a short business meeting will be held along with a time to renew friendships and tell long stories.

Breakfast is at your hotel with a 10:00 am gathering at the Sherman House Museum; 137 E. Main Street. The museum is all about the birth/life associated with US Senator John Sherman and his older brother, William T. Sherman.



While this tour will end our official tour together, I would recommend a walk down the street to Provisions for lunch and share additional stories of goodwill.

The Hampton Inn at 2041 Schorway Drive, Lancaster, OH will be our host hotel. Rooms are \$129 for one night and you can reserve by MAY 1. Call 740-654-2999 and ask for the YMC special rate which stands for YMCA Alumni.

SPRING REUNION REGISTRATION FORM (Reservations must be made by May 1, 2022).

Name -----

Phone Number -----

Email Address -----

Please enclose a check for \$45.00. This will include dinner and cover the cost of the tours of the Glass House and Sherman Museum. Lunch and Breakfast are on your own. Checks made out to YMCA Alumni Chambers Chapter: Send to John Mack; 310 North Crest Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452 (johnmackii@juno.com) by May 1, 2022. John's phone number is 423-968-9622

Fall 2022 Reunion

The Fall Reunion planning is underway. We plan to visit Cleveland, OH September 14-16, 2022. Stay tuned for more details.



"Laissez le bon

Temps rouler'

Come with us to the Big Easy

...

"let the good times roll"

We have been cooped up way too long. Now is the time to make plans to join us at **YMCA Alumni Reunion '22** in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2-5, 2022.

We hope you will return to the YMCA Alumni webpage at ymcaalumni.org/reunion-22 often as plans are finalized and registration opens. But you do not need to wait to dream. Just make the decision to be with us in November in America's most unique city.

Connect again.....
.....and all that jazz.

Travel



YMCA Alumni

Travel Club

Chambers Chapter

Representative Mike Lieber



You are invited to join the **YMCA Alumni Travel Club** on our 2022 and 2023 adventures. The Travel Club is designed to provide members, their families and friends, the opportunity to enjoy travel experiences at a reasonable cost, adding value and extended benefits to your YMCA Alumni Membership.

Travel Club experiences are hosted by YMCA Alumni members, experienced travelers, who have worked hand-in-hand with Go Travel, our professional consultants, to choose and refine their tour. Our programs are conducted by respected international tour and cruise companies or by carefully chosen local organizations.

All our trips are guaranteed to depart regardless of the number of members and guests who register (except during times like we are currently experiencing with the pandemic).

Visit the website for more details and trips.

Go to: ymcaalumnitravelclub.org

Below are a few highlights:

Alaskan Family Cruise



June 24-30, 2022

Join your YMCA Alumni friends on our first family adventure in an exciting Alaskan Cruise on the ship dedicated to fun for all of us. Bring the kids and/or the grandkids.

From Seattle, we will visit Alaska, the last frontier, aboard Royal Caribbean's Ovation of the Sea, one of the world's most groundbreaking ships.

We'll be seeing astonishing scenery from the unrivaled perspective of the North Star to destinations from Juneau to Skagway.

**After the Reunion' --
Cruise the Mississippi from New Orleans
to Memphis on the American Jazz
November 6-13, 2022**



A jazzy, bluesy journey

Join YMCA Alumni's 'After the Reunion' cruise on American Cruise Line's brand new paddle wheeler, the *American Jazz*. Be treated to southern hospitality and vibrant onboard

entertainment on your riverboat adventure between New Orleans and Memphis. Listen to the sounds of Graceland and learn about Civil War history in Vicksburg. Experience the culture of Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi. This unique river cruise sails from jazzy Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Sunday Nov. 6 for 8 days and 7 nights and concludes with the Beale Street blues in Memphis Sunday Nov. 13.

The Reunion has been re-scheduled to Nov. 2-5 with all details the same. You are welcome to go on this cruise even if you can't make the Reunion, but why not? The cruise includes lodging Saturday night before sailing, all your meals, great onboard amenities, entertainment, wonderful regional dining and delightful on-shore excursions.

For more information on any YMCA Alumni Travel trip, please visit:

ymcaalumnitravelclub.org

Serve



National YMCA Alumni

Service Project

Sioux YMCA

Tiny Home Village and Twig Program

Message from Steve Gunn regarding National Service Project

I am so proud of our William Chambers chapter and their giving to the National Service Project to the Sioux YMCA. Thus far, we have 36 givers that have given or pledged \$17,830.00. Nationally, the YMCA Alumni have 480 givers and have given or pledged \$480,165.00 on a goal of \$600,000.00 That is fantastic. The completed campaign will build 6 tiny homes for the Sioux Y along with 6 twigs (community storage container and program centers) for 6 communities.

The cash on hand (over \$130,000.00) allows the project to move forward this year by getting all site work done, building foundations for a total of 6 tiny homes and bringing one tiny home to completion!!

We still need our chapter Alumni to consider a gift (no matter how large or small) and/or consider going to South Dakota on one of our 6 weekly waves. To date, Chambers Alumni have stepped up in going to South Dakota too! We have approximately 6-8 individuals who are committed to going this year and another 5-7 highly considering a trip in 2022.

Thanks again for all our YMCA Alumni who are supporting the Sioux Y and your prayers for the project and the Sioux people themselves. It does make a difference!



Newsletter Editor

Dianne Clark

It is finally spring! I am looking forward to seeing the flowers bloom, the trees bud, more sunshine and warmer weather.

Easter is just a few short weeks away. Our church will be having an Easter Breakfast for the first time in two years. We will have a special service to acknowledge the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It's a good time to pause and give thanks for all the blessings we have been given.

Thank you for your patience regarding the March newsletter. We wanted to complete the plans for the Spring Reunion before we sent it to everyone. I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends.

Please send your June 2022 articles to me by May 24th at dclark5027@outlook.com

Dianne



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