

# Pacific Northwest

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ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER

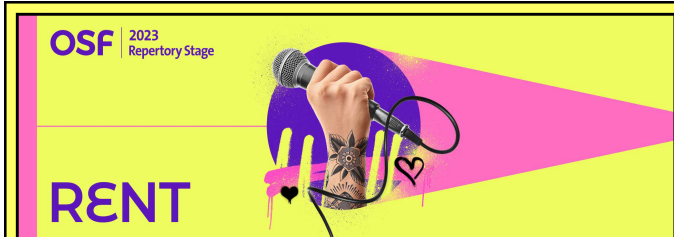
Coming EVENTS

January 2023

## Ashland Shakespeare Festival,

May 3rd – May 6th 2023

This year's Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon features two excellent plays, wine tasting, sharing some meals and great fellowship. It will again be hosted by the Holiday Inn Express in Ashland, with arrival on **Wednesday** May 3rd, and an opening social with dinner that evening featuring the directors of the Ashland and Medford YMCA's as our guest speakers.



In this Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, a group of young artists fights for justice and visibility during the AIDS crisis, drawing strength from the beautiful bonds of friendship and chosen family. With its profound message of joy and hope in the face of uncertainty, this iconic musical reminds us to measure our lives with what truly matters—love.

**Thursday** will feature a matinee performance of the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "Rent". That evening there is an optional Preface for Romeo and Juliet at 6:30-7:00 PM. Thursday's dinner is out on the town with many fine restaurants to choose from in Ashland. Further play details at: [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org)

**Friday** will feature a Romeo and Juliet matinee, one of the most famous stories of young love that explodes with intense passion in this contemporary production. After the play, we will have a special



One of the most famous stories of young love explodes with intense passion in this contemporary production—as two star-crossed lovers from two different families and backgrounds sacrifice all to be together. Artistic Director Nataki Garrett sets her first Shakespeare production at OSF on the West Coast and explores the financial and class divisions of our current time through this beloved tale.

wine tasting at Dana Campbell Vineyards, with former Y director Pat Flannery, followed by our farewell dinner that evening.

The cost for the event is \$160 per person, which includes the plays, and Wednesday and Friday's dinners. Lodging is booked separately, through our group rate at the Holiday Inn Express which also includes breakfast each day. The Preface is optional and is scheduled for 6:30 – 7:00PM on Thursday. We have a limited number of tickets available, so please sign up early. Registration ends March 24 th or until all slots are filled. Any questions on the event, please contact Peter or Nanci Morris 425-346-3165.

Ashland Event committee: Peter & Nanci Morris, Cathy Howard, James Finck. Lodging registration with Holiday Inn Express – Phone: 541-201-0202. E-mail: [Hiexashland.front\\_desk@gmail.com](mailto:Hiexashland.front_desk@gmail.com), ask for the YMCA Retiree Alumni rate (\$129 + tax per night)



Ashland is a city in [Jackson County, Oregon](#), United States. The city is the home of [Southern Oregon University](#) (SOU) and the [Oregon Shakespeare Festival](#) (OSF). Ashland's community provides a unique opportunity to enjoy restaurants, galleries, and retail stores that cater to tourists. [Lithia Park](#) along [Ashland Creek](#), historic buildings, and a paved intercity bike trail provide additional visitor attractions.

## Summer Fun in the Inland Northwest Spokane, WA and Coeur d'Alene, ID

Tuesday June 27 – Friday June 30, 2023

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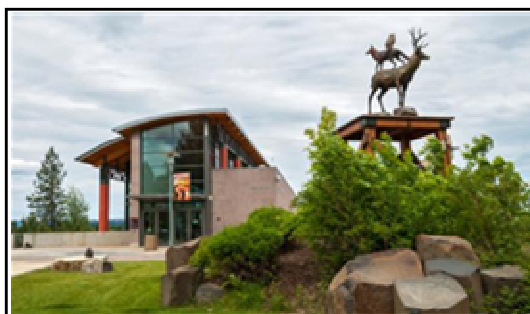
### REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON

Summer is the perfect time to visit the Inland Northwest. Join us June 27-30 and enjoy the many activities and beautiful natural surroundings the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area has to offer. Here is what we have in store for you.

Lodging will be at the **Centennial Hotel** in downtown Spokane on the Spokane River. The hotel is adjacent to Spokane's 100-acre **Riverfront Park**. If you're feeling adventurous take a SkyRide over the falls, hop a ride on the historic Louff Carousel, or simply meander along the river and enjoy the scenery.

Your itinerary includes:

**Guided bus tour of Spokane** with stops at Manito Gardens, St. John's Cathedral, Bing Crosby's childhood home (on the campus of Gonzaga University), and the historic Browne's Addition neighborhood.



Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture

A visit to the **Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture** and a tour of the **Campbell House**. Exhibits blend regional history, art & culture.

An opportunity to play **Indian Canyon golf course**, rated one of the top 25 public golf courses in the country by Golf Digest.

Explore **Riverside State Park**, the largest state park in Washington and only minutes from downtown Spokane.



Arbor Crest Cellars

An evening of **live music and wine tasting at Arbor Crest Cellars**, a historic property with award-winning wines, stunning views and park-like grounds. Perched 450 feet above the Spokane River on the edge of a towering basalt rock face, Arbor Crest boasts panoramic views of Liberty Lake, the Spokane Valley, and Downtown Spokane. (weather permitting)

An afternoon of shopping and sightseeing in beautiful downtown Coeur d'Alene followed by a **sunset dinner on Lake Coeur d'Alene**.



Your hosts: Rich and Diane Wallis & Bev and Bill Reed.

### Allen Stone RV Cluster Event for 2023

Jim and Jan Leigh have announced the 2023 RV Cluster Event which includes some folks in RVs and some in cabins. You too could be sitting in a beautiful spot like this one near Sisters, Oregon.

July 26-29, 2023 (3 nights—W, Th, Fri)

Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort

Twelve of our regular campers jumped right in and signed up to grab a spot at this popular location.

Jan Leigh is the contact person.

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-Rich Wallis, Boots on the Ground

-Cheri Brennan-Marketing Committee

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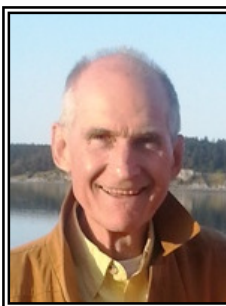
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This is my final President's message. Starting in 2023, an energetic Jill Hallin will take over for the next two years. Her first message follows mine. My goal from the beginning was to have fun while doing good. And I can say, goal accomplished. There were challenges: The Pandemic, learning Zoom and the loss of some long time members and friends. But our chapter has excellent leadership that helped us all weather the storms and come out strong. We have techy Zoom leaders in Tom Horsley and Jan and Jim Leigh. A very trusted Treasurer in Jim Leigh. A top notch Newsletter

team in Jane Rosi-Pattison and Sharon Robinson. An excellent membership director in Mike Robinson. A very strong National Service Team in Rich Wallis, Mike Robinson, Dave and Joyce Mercer and Cheri Brennan. A savvy historian in Don Leak. An international expert in Tom Horsley.

We also have event leaders that bring us together to have lots of fun.. Our Ashland Shakespeare event, scheduled for May 3-6 of this year, is led by Peter and Nanci Morris and Cathy Howard. Rich Wallis and Bev Reed head up our Spokane-Coeur d' Alene event, scheduled for June 27-30. Jan and Jim Leigh lead the RV event each year in July. And Jill Hallin chairs the Seabeck event, September 18-20. And don't forget Oahu, in 2024 hosted by Don Anderson and Lee Muckey.

All of these people have been fun and interesting to work with. And I want to thank them all. We were instrumental in crafting the National Service Project and helping to raise the money needed to start the tiny homes building process. With Dave Mercer's leadership, we are the top chapter in dollars raised so far. But, we are not finished. Our national goal is to raise \$250,000 more to finish the job. Let's keep it all rolling.

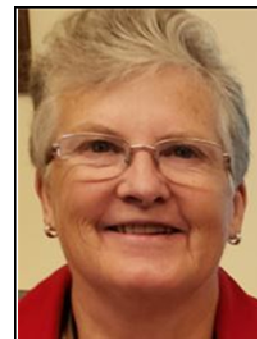
## *President's Message*

the people whom he mentioned, as they have helped me get to this position and I am sure they will be invaluable to me with advice, in the months to come. The Leighs, Tom Horsley, Jane Rosi-Pattison, and the Robinsons have been encouraging as have so many others! Just suffice it to say everyone in the Allen-Stone chapter has been an inspiration to me over the years and I thank you for your friendship!

A little bit about me: my paternal grandfather, Wendall "Woody" Woods, was a YMCA director in California. My father, Earl Collins, was one of his 'Y boys' in Stockton CA where he met my mom, one of Woody's children. My dad went into the service and served in WWII and upon return, studied at George Williams college after he and my mom Joyce were married. They started his YMCA career in California, both north, central and south. He ultimately accepted a position in 1963 at the Rome, Italy YMCA and my sister and I lived there for 4 years. What a unique and life changing experience.

My sister has lived internationally most of her life and is now settled in WA DC, near her daughter who works for the Gates Foundation. I live in Renton WA with my husband and several animals (horses, dogs and a cat) and our daughter, her husband and their 2 small children also live in King County. I am a private investigator, working mostly with attorneys representing defendants in criminal cases. I trained horses for decades and was also a police officer for 10 years but am looking forward to complete retirement in 2023 from my investigations work to concentrate on volunteer work, starting to write a book, practicing the piano to become more proficient, and to travel more. My husband Michael is a crane operator hoping to retire at the end of 2023.

I hope that my tenure as President for the Allen-Stone chapter brings people together for fun, friendship and fellowship. I look forward to meeting many more of you at functions and at our zoom gatherings. Feel free to contact me at any time!





### Treasurer's Report – Jim Leigh

#### Members who have contributed to the Chapter for 2023

*As of December 30, 2022  
We have 58 units and 100 individuals*

Don & Susan Anderson, Mal & Maurine Arnett, Bob & Caroline Brooks, Kevin & Rebecca Clark,  
Wayne Clemetson, Sharon & Cal Crowell, Ralph & Barbara Drake, Elizabeth Dubuque,  
Paula Ehoff, Pat Flannery & Paula Brown, Craig Frerichs, Bob & Karolyn Goff, Lee & Corlet Graff,  
John & Carole Greenauer, Phil & Pat Grimm, Bea Halk, Nora Hallett, Jill & Michael Hallin,  
Cornell Hartford, Bill & Ruth Heathman, Lorrie Hermanson, Ty & Lauren Hisatomi,  
Catherine & John Howard, Jim & Peggy Holstine, Gary & Lony Huff, Jarlath Hume, Tom & Karen Jones,  
Mary & Tom Kaufman-Cranney, Frank & Susan Kay, David & Christine King,  
Dick & Sandy Knapp, Cliff & Joyce Lawrence, Don & Joyce Leak, Jim & Jan Leigh,  
Bob Masuda & Jane Sherwood, Dave & Joyce Mercer, Peter & Nanci Morris, Mike & Jan Murphy,  
Eric & Jean Nelson, Tom & Donna Oliva, John & Dianne Ouellet, Bev & Bill Reed,  
Mike & Sharon Robinson, Jane Rosi-Pattison, Judith Rudolph, Tony & Joyce Sagare,  
Jennie & Dave Sowder, Fred & Sally Stickney, Nancy Stifel, Bobby Stivers-Apiki, Ada Taylor,  
John & Meredith Thomas, Stan & Sheila Tiemens, Arnold & Mary Tomac, Rich Wallis,  
Scott & Cheryl Washburn, Joyce Washington, Michael & Shelley West.

### Allen-Stone Chapter - Donation Form 2023

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to receive reports and newsletters via Email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Allen Stone..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

National Dues \$25.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

National Donation..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: No national dues for lifetime members 90 years and older or for 1<sup>st</sup> year Y Alumni

***Your donations are greatly appreciated! This allows your fellow officers to plan and provide Fellowship, Gatherings, Travel, Grants, and Newsletters to meet the interests of our Y alumni.***

Please make your check payable to: Allen-Stone Chapter Y Alumni, and return to:

**Jim Leigh, 7760 Angel Falls Way, Redmond, OR 97756 253-219-0613 jimfleigh@gmail.com**





Take a look at the websites listed below to find these topics of interest and more. For those receiving the NL on line, double click on the link for quick access.

## YRF — YMCA Retirement Fund

The mission of the YMCA Retirement Fund is to empower YMCA employees to achieve economic security, enabling them to focus on strengthening communities through their work for the YMCA.

The YMCA Retirement Fund was created more than a decade before Social Security, at a time when private pensions were rare.

More than 16,000 people are receiving a lifetime annuity from the Fund.

*James Kirschner is Chief Strategy Officer of the YMCA Retirement Fund and serves as staff liaison to YMCA Alumni.*



## Emergency Assistance Fund

*Because we care...* EAF has been here for us for more than 110 years. YMCA actives and retirees have given generously each year ever since then. EAF is not a program of YMCA Alumni, rather it is a partner offering a significant benefit for our members. **Emergency Assistance Fund - Y USA, 101 N. Upper Wacker Drive. 16th Fl., Chicago, IL. 60606.** YMCA Alumni EAF co-chairs are Mikey and Jim Havlick.



## YMCA Alumni serve across the globe

International Service Corps (ISC) is a program of YMCA Alumni. Members volunteer for short or relatively longer service stints and use their expertise to help YMCAs and their staffs and volunteers in other nations better serve their communities.



You are invited to join the **YMCA Alumni Travel Club** for 2023 and 2024 adventures. The Travel Club is designed to provide members, their families and friends, the opportunity to enjoy group travel experiences at a reasonable cost, adding value and extended benefits to your YMCA Alumni membership. **Travel Club** experiences are generally 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 YMCAs.



## YMCA Alumni Reunion at Sea

Register now for **YMCA Alumni Reunion at Sea, Jan. 26-Feb. 3, 2025** aboard Royal Caribbean's *Harmony of the Seas*. Embark from Galveston, Texas into the Western Caribbean.

### Check these Websites Out:

YMCA Alumni — <https://www.ymcaalumni.org>

YMCA Retirement Fund — <https://yretirement.org/for-plan-administrators>

Allen-Stone Facebook — [www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) search for Allen-Stone

Sioux Project — <https://wawokiye.org>





## YMCA of the Seven Council Fires, Dupree, South Dakota by Cheri Brennan

Four volunteers from our chapter were part of the 2022 initial effort to build tiny homes on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation. They help launch an ambitious, three-year YMCA Alumni National Service Project.

Jim and Jan Leigh Redmond, Oregon and Mike and Sharon Robinson of Medford, Oregon devoted a week of their time as volunteers in Dupree, South Dakota. The two couples, part of the third “wave,” worked on cement foundation footings and walls for the tiny homes. Other tasks included moving materials and cleaning and organizing some of the facilities at the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires (formerly the Sioux YMCA).

Jim and Jan departed Redmond, Oregon in their RV following the chapter gathering in Coeur d’Alene, trekking more than 1,200 miles to their YMCA destination in South Dakota.

Jim volunteers one day a week with Habitat for Humanity in Sisters, Oregon so he said being part of the Y Alumni tiny homes service project “seemed like a natural.” He also said it proved to be a learning opportunity with some surprises and challenges.

Like the Leighs, Mike and Sharon were also among the first to volunteer. Early on, Sharon decided she wanted to take part, and be an active part. Mike says for him it started when the idea for a service project was being discussed more than two years ago and he offered to serve as our chapter’s representative. “Little did I know how involved it would be!” he admitted.

Both the Leighs and Robinsons said the “boots on the ground” experience enlightened them about adapting to unaccustomed situations and methods.

“What we take for granted at home is not how it works in Dupree,” recalls Jim. “It’s 30 miles to the hardware store and 140 miles to the tool rental shop.” He said they adjusted to the local pace and became very flexible with their expectations and roles.

Although anticipating erecting walls during their weeklong stay, that didn’t happen due to construction delays. “We didn’t get to do stuff we thought – but we did get to be a part,” said Mike. (The four walls made of Structural Insulated Panels, or SIPs, for the first tiny home were erected during Wave 5.)

“We always found ways to just help out, such as by reorganizing the multipurpose room,” added Mike.

“While on the reservation, we learned the Y does amazing programs with few resources,” Jim reported.

Both couples commented on the enjoyable fellowship with other volunteers from YMCAs around the country. “Our side conversations, banter, meals, and just being a part of the effort” were among the memories for the Robinsons.

Among other Wave 3 volunteers were two active Y staffers -- a CEO from New Jersey and a member of the Chi-

cago Risk Management Team.

The third volunteer (Vince) stepped up after learning about the project online, according to Mike. “He stayed for two weeks and was the person who ordered and installed the outside video cameras. He saw the project, liked it and came to Dupree, working early each day on his consulting job, then devoting the rest of his day to our project.”

When not working on the project, the volunteers were treated to a tour of Camp Marrowbone and the chance to interact with campers” along with taking in some of South Dakota’s tourist attractions.

As the first-ever multi-year service commitment, the project to fund and build a tiny home village is the most ambitious project in the 100-year history of YMCA Alumni.

When completed, the four-home village adjacent to the YMCA program center in Dupree will help alleviate the extreme housing insecurity on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation. Also part of the project is the creation of several small Y Program Centers (“Twigs”) across the reservation, which spans nearly 5,000 square miles (more than 3 million acres).

The first year of the project involved fundraising for the initial phase and six waves of weeklong work parties, usually with groups of 10-20 volunteers. The YMCA of the Seven Council Fires will own and manage the energy-efficient homes, which measure approximately 485 square feet.

Eight work waves with openings for 20 volunteers in each are scheduled for 2023:

May 9-16	September 12-19
May 16-23	September 19-26
May 23-30	September 26-October 3
May 30 – June 6	October 3- 10

Reservations are now open, coinciding with the launch of a new National Service Project website in January. It includes details on how to register, travel logistics, lodging, costs, and answers to frequently asked questions, along with a link for donating, <http://wawokiye.org>

Organizers say all are welcome regardless of skill or experience as there is a job for everyone! Y Alumni are invited to recruit friends, family members and colleagues to join this memorable and meaningful project.



Cheri Brennan

Dear Allen-Stone member:

As you know. For 2 ½ years now our YMCA Alumni group (we retired folks) have been working on a national project to build tiny housing and twigs (branches) for the Sioux Indian YMCA in Dupree South Dakota. So far it has been a great success.

Several “waves” of building groups visited Dupree. So far they have enclosed the first tiny homes walls to protect them from the winter weather. In 2023 eight waves have been scheduled to compete the first home and begin on three more. Great progress and all who were part of the construction process had a wonderful and productive time.

Costs for material and support have exceeded expectations due to the remote location and supply chain issues. So. The call is out to raise more funds. We are hoping to raise an additional \$250,000 in 2023 to complete our work. As you know the Allen-Stone chapter was the leader in fundraising this year with over \$70,000 raised. We sure hope we will be a leader in this new effort also.

So. Our request to you. If you made a 1 year commitment to the project we hope you will consider a second gift in 2023. Our three year plan givers are already making their annual payments. (But if you want to do more we surely would not turn it down!!!!).

For more information, pictures and updates on what has happened so far and the plans for the future please visit the web site. <https://wawokiye.org>. There is a wealth of information here way beyond what can go in this letter.

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge form that you may fill out and return to Rich Wallis (address here). Some of you may even receive a personal call from your fundraising team. Your support will be greatly appreciated and help complete a wonderful project for a brother YMCA that is doing great work and needs our assistance.

Thanks for all you do.

Dave Mercer, Fundraising chair..

## Ymca Alumni National Service Project Allen-Stone Pledge Card & Payment Instructions

**Donor** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation** Total Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a **one-time donation**, when will it be paid? (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a **multi-year pledge**: How many years does the pledge span? \_\_\_\_\_

What year will payments begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What month will payments be made? \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEDGE FORMS:** Send copies of completed pledge forms to Rich Wallis **and** David Mercer.

Rich Wallis—richwallis@comcast.net or 15605 N Meadowglen Ct, Spokane, WA 99208

David Mercer—DavidRMercer@comcast.net or 15408 SE 35th Street, Vancouver, WA 98683

**NOTE: DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO RICH OR DAVID** (see payment instructions below)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**—Make checks payable to YMCA Alumni and send to:

YMCA Alumni Treasurer, P.O. Box 725, West Chester, OH 45071

**Memo line:** ‘National Service Project’

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**THANK YOU**



## MEMBER NEWS

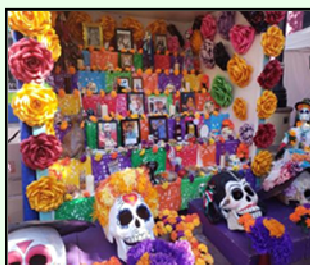


From **Jim and Jan Leigh**: We took a wonderful car trip in October back to where we lived for 25 years, Gig Harbor, WA. We contacted friends and neighbors ahead of time and literally dashed from one great reunion to another. The photo is Jim with our long-time neighbors. We extended the trip to Sequim and

Port Townsend to see three more sets of friends (including Gary and Lony Huff) and then went by Bonneville Dam on the way home to catch one more set of friends. Our hearts were so full after this trip. Friendships matter! We are so blessed.

**Jane Rosi-Pattison** spent a week in Austin, Texas with Friendship Force. I visited so many places including Johnson Presidential Library, Lady Bird flower gardens, tiny home village, Texas State capitol, San Marcos, and Esther's Follies as well as a few Honky Tonks.

Following that week, we went on to San Antonio and stayed on the River Walk that began as a 2 1/2 mile water canal to a now 30 mile waterway. Of course, the Alamo is a highlight; the marketplace, Day of the dead (honoring those have passed) laser light show on the Cathedral outside wall and a boat ride on the canal. There are so many old homes in one area to see.

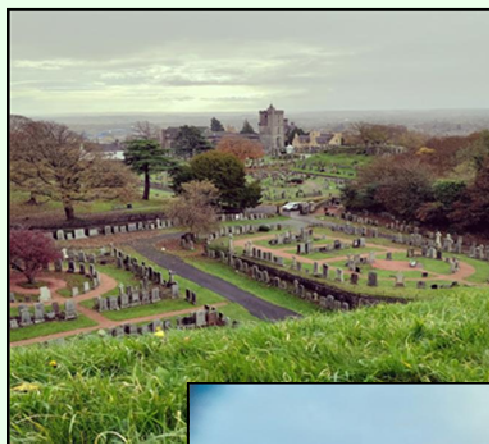


San Antonio was full of memorial displays honoring a deceased loved one to many outlandish statues on the Day of The Dead.



Of course we did some line dancing in Austin.

**Mike and Jill Hallin** spent 10 day in late October into early November in Scotland! They spent 4 nights in Edinburgh and saw all the sights....the Castle, the Royal Mile, Hollywood Palace where the royal family is based when in Edinburgh. Visited a couple of museums, saw the statue and church made famous for Grayfriars Bobby (the little dog). Listened to a Saturday night music presentation at St. Giles Cathedral, visited Parliament, climbed Arthur's Seat and ate and ate and ate! Mike tried Haggis and stated it wasn't too bad. Talked to locals who eat it every day for breakfast! On the 5th day we hopped on the train and traveled 3 1/2 hours up to Inverness, which is a fishing and farming town in the Highlands. Had a wonderful walking tour of the town with a woman who is part of a group trying to start a Gallic Center where Gallic can be spoken, read and shared as it is a dying language. Had a day-long small bus tour with 14 others to and around Loch Ness. It is a lot like Lake Chelan in Washington, long and narrow and very deep. The story of "Nessie" goes back to the 15th century and many currently believe there is a breed of eel that can thrive at that depth (750 feet) and is what has been identified as the Loch Ness Monster! After 3 nights in Inverness we took the train to Glasgow for our remaining 3 nights. Glasgow was the industrial center of Scotland in the early 1900's with 60+ shipbuilders on a 2 mile stretch of the Clyde River. The QE 1 and QE 2 were both built there and the locals insist that if the Titanic was built in Glasgow it would not have perished. In the early 1980's Glasgow started building museums and colleges and as a result there are lots of things to see! We also



took a side trip via a commuter bus to the town of Sterling to see Sterling Castle.





## MEMBER NEWS



In October and November **Don Anderson** was in the Philippines making arrangements to restart the YMCA-Rotary work camps through the Cebu YMCA in 2023. From there he went to the north end of Bali, Indonesia for a humanitarian Rotary project. For Christmas Susan and Don are looking forward to having both sons, Scott and Glenn with them for the first time since the pandemic began. Glenn works for the Hiroshima, Japan YMCA and travel in and out of Japan has not been workable until recently.



**Bev and Bill Reed** enjoyed a week of warm 80° weather in Florida prior to Christmas. Nice visiting family in warm country. Christmas was really special having a granddaughter....and the announcement she has been promoted to big sister. Couldn't ask for a better Christmas present. Also special times sharing with my 99 year old mom.

**Lony and Gary Huff** have enjoyed their year 2022. They assisted the fund raising efforts for the YMCA National Project, off to Kauai with the retired Y group, attended the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, attended the first event in Coeur d'Alene gathering to hike, cruise & dinner with Allen-Stone, Gary continuing his hiking adventures as Lony continues her painting. The year rounded out with friends and family. (According to their Holiday letter received.)



**Mike and Sharon Robinson** broke away on a 6 week RV trip to include the gathering at Coeur d'Alene, family in Michigan, work wave in Dupree, SD, and the RV gathering on the coast. A very busy time. They participated again in the Providence Festival of Trees for the 16th year. This year they provided a 5 foot table top tree and 3 wreaths. Two of the wreaths received awards. This event is so much fun and does wonderful things for the community.



**Joyce and Dave Mercer** have had a very active year 2022. To Kauai with the retired Y group, Rockaway Beach for 4 days with family, Ashland Shakespeare Festival with the Y group, through the great lakes on a small ship, up the Ohio River on another small ship, fun fishing trip on the Trinity, to New Orleans with a bunch of old folks (Y retirees), Thanksgiving at Applegate for 4 days with family (22 in all). (According to their Holiday letter received.)

**Tom Horsley and Cheri Brennan** traveled a bit lending time to attend the Washington/Texas game at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

**Ann and Dan Nische** are relocating to North Carolina looking to join the Weatherford Chapter of YMCA Alumni I'm sure. We will miss their participation.

**Craig Frerichs** attended his first YMCA Alumni reunion in New Orleans this past November. I'm sure he tested the crawdads and enjoyed sightseeing with new Y friends too.

**Attention:** Want color pictures, clearer pictures, quick delivery.

**Let's go green.** We would like to encourage your participation by email. For ease of communications please share your email address with Jane at pattisonjane1@gmail.com or Mike at mikiee.mike@gmail.com. Your address is not shared globally.

If you wish to discontinue receiving the newsletter in any format, please email Jane Rosi-Pattison or Mike Robinson.

## Holiday ZOOM – A Trip Down Memory Lane

Submitted by Jan Leigh

On Dec. 10 the Allen Stone Chapter sponsored a virtual Holiday Party on ZOOM.

Eighteen enthusiastic participants showed up in their Christmas sweaters and Santa hats and toasted to the season and to friendships we have formed through Y Alumni. We shared memories of favorite toys from our childhood years. Lots of us remembered model trains, marbles, skates (with keys), jump ropes, dolls and teddy bears, little red wagons, BB guns and cap guns, hula hoops and Monopoly.

Jan had promised a game so...Santa's list of toys had 20 suggestions but the letters of the words were all scrambled. We raced the clock to unscramble them.

We even sang Jingle Bell Rock together. Jim and Jan would like to thank these folks for attending: Gary and Lony Huff, Bea Halk, Bill and Ruth Heathman, Craig Frerichs, Caroline Brooks, Ralph and Barbara Drake, Don and Joyce Leak, Fred and Sally Stickney, Christy Collins, Jill Hallin, and Jane Rosi-Pattison.

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THIS TOY?

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## Shakespeare Festival 2023 Registration Form

May 3-6, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Register \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @\$160 per person .....Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for the optional Play Preface on Thursday May 4th, 6:30PM-7:00PM at \$7.50 per person ...Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped seating requested \_\_\_\_\_ Planning on the Winery Visit? \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.** Make check payable to Allen-Stone Chapter YMCA Alumni, and return to Jim Leigh,

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### NEWS DEADLINE

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

**MARCH 24, 2023**

Email to : [pattisonjane1@gmail.com](mailto:pattisonjane1@gmail.com)

Or Send to: **Jane Rosi-Pattison**

**2940 Harris St. Road, Kelso, WA98626**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 3-6** Ashland Shakespeare

**June 27-29** Idaho Gathering

**July 26-29** RV Cluster, Sisters

**September 18-20** Seabeck Conference

**February 2024** Oahu, Hawaii

**February 2025** YMCA Reunion at SEA

### NEW RETIREES

Saralynn Kerr Greater Seattle: Env. Ed Dir.

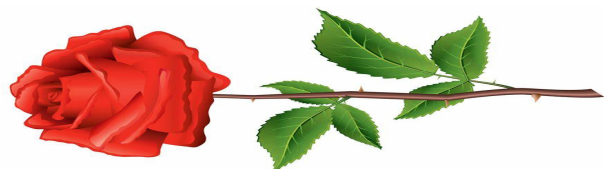
Michael Chinaka Honolulu: CFO

Stanley Kerr Seattle: Farm. Dir.

### DECEASED

Dominador Cabras - Honolulu, HI

Maria Dacoscos - Waipahu , HI



### JANUARY

Jan Murphy 1/5

Jim Leigh 1/6

Catherine Howard 1/7

Bob Goff 1/8

Stan Tiemans 1/9

Bobby Stivers-Apiki 1/11

Sharon Robinson 1/11

Donna Olivia 1/26

Judy Rudolph 1/26

### FEBUARY

Pat Grim 2/2

Frank Kay 2/5

Marine Arnett 2/11

Sharon Crowell 2/12

Jane Rosi-Pattison 2/23

Rich Wallis 2/28

### MARCH

John Thomas 3/1

Karen Jones 3/12

Joyce Sagare 3/13

Jill Hallin 3/25







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