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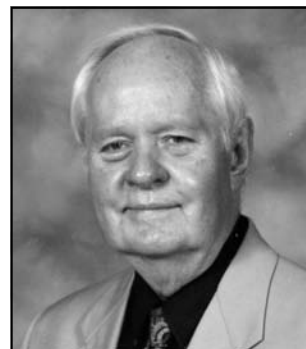
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## Stahl Award goes to Frank Kiehne

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**F**rank C. Kiehne of Reading, Pa., has been named recipient of the 2005 F. William Stahl Award, presented annually to a YMCA retiree who made outstanding contributions to public relations and communications during a YMCA career.

With a YMCA affiliation dating back to his youth in Burlington, Iowa, Frank went on to a distinguished 38-year career in the movement. With bachelor's and master's degrees from George Williams College, he served associations in Chicago and Kansas City before joining the metro staff in St. Louis. After a nine-year stint as president of the YMCA of Reading, Pa. (1961-70), Frank became CEO of the YMCA of Washington, D.C.



**Frank Kiehne**

Long involved with international affairs, in 1980 Frank found a niche that defined the remainder of his career when he became director of the International Division of the YMCA of the USA. A paper he had written in 1976 was instrumental in the change of direction in international programming by U.S. YMCAs. It emphasized the need for local associations to develop partnerships with YMCAs in other countries. The model is still in operation with 297 active partnerships now in effect.

In 1960, Frank was on a team to study the Communist Youth Program in the USSR under a cultural exchange program with the U.S. During his time in St. Louis, he was the staff person related to the association's Buildings for Brotherhood effort that raised \$120,000. In 1961, he was on a three-month leave of absence from the YMCA to be a full-time consultant to the Peace Corps. His assignment was to interpret the mission of the Peace Corps in the Midwest. In 1970 he did a study for the International Division regarding the need to continue fraternal secretaries in Hong Kong, Korea and the Republic of China.

In 1984 Frank left the YMCA briefly to set up a private international consulting practice. His main client was a group of international religious leaders formed to reduce the schism that existed between the church and transnational corporations.

He returned to the movement in 1986 to serve on the staff of the World Alliance of YMCAs as secretary for refugees and rehabilitation and, among other duties, was staff liaison to *Secours Speciaux*.

From 1990 to 1996, Frank was foreign affairs advisor to U.S. Congressman Donald Payne, a former YMCA policy volunteer in Newark, N.J.

In addition to numerous articles written for YMCA readership, Frank had two articles regarding international issues published in the *New York Times*.

"This is a great honor," Frank told *OGN*. "It means a lot to be recognized by your peers." ▼

**It's happened more than once. Deadline for *OGN* to be submitted to the printer approaches, and there is not enough good material to fill the issue. Frustration leads to a frantic search for stories, after which despair sets in.**

**Then the editorial gods get busy and suddenly decisions must be made about what to cut.**

**That happened with this issue. The announcement of the Stahl Award came to the editor just three days prior to the deadline, forcing a complete revision of the front page**

**But, that's happy trouble.**

### NAFYR MISSION

The mission of the North American Fellowship of YMCA Retirees is to enable members to promote a nurturing, worldwide Christian fellowship that provides educational, social and charitable opportunities.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



JIM LIPSCOMB

As I near the end of my term as president of NAFYR, I have become acutely aware of what a great fellowship network we have. This network has been able to communicate, solve problems and provide documentation necessary for the Emergency Assistance Fund. The network is

not just NAFYR members but includes the Retirement Fund, local YMCAs, the Association of YMCA Professionals, YMCA of the USA and YMCA Canada.

I received a letter from a person seeking information about his great uncle. The only information he had was that his uncle had retired from the YMCA in the 1930s, **over 70 years ago**. I included the request in a weekly Brunch Bunch e-mail to the leadership of NAFYR. The response was immediate from many members and the Retirement Fund. The person requesting the information could not believe how we could provide so much information about one of his family members. He was impressed.

Once, I received a call from a lady who had seen my name on a communication from the Retirement Fund. Her husband had died shortly before, and she was having a difficult time with his death. I contacted the NAFYR chapter in her area. Someone from the chapter quickly investigated, and chapter members are working on getting her involved in the chapter.

A recent situation involved Dale Ventres and the EAF committee, AYP and the human resource officer of the Atlanta YMCA. Because of several complicating factors, her eligibility had to be investigated. Thanks to this network of YMCA folks, the problem was resolved and financial assistance was provided from EAF. Special credit goes to Dale who coordinated the effort among several retirees and active staff.

It is comforting to know we have a system to help our fellow retirees in their time of need. I hope we never become so formal and organized that we cannot find the time and means to serve in these ways.

## Don't miss *Perspective's* next issue: **YMCA History 101**

**P**erspective Editor Craig Altschul sends word that the August issue of the AYP magazine (mail date: August 15) is dubbed "YMCA History 101." Most of the stories and features have been prepared by YMCA retirees. The issue has been a full year in development.

"I want to thank so many NAFYR members and other retirees for their monumental efforts in helping produce what has developed into one of the most significant issues in *Perspective's* 30-year history," Craig said. "I suspect those of you who subscribe are in for a treat. Those of you who do not subscribe, should," he added.

More than 500 AYP and NAFYR members took time to vote in an online poll to winnow 52 events or trends in YMCA history to the top ten. It was strictly a "pop poll," not intended to be definitive or scientific. The 52 events were proposed by NAFYR members.

Dr. Alan Pickering and Chuck Holmes did a masterful job of research with the help of the Kautz Family Archives and its curator, Dagmar Getz, in writing the cover story about each of these top ten events.

Among the other features are:

- a history of African American YMCAs by Tom Hargrave
- a poignant, detailed account of YMCA services to Vietnam refugees just before and after the fall of Saigon by Frank Kiehne and Ron Luce
- the development of girls' work by Jean Bedger and boys' work by Parker Lansdale
- the somewhat testy relationship between the YMCA and the YWCA by Walt Jacoby.

Plans are in the works for a sequel in August 2006 called "YMCA History 102: People."

You won't want to miss either of these special editions of *Perspective*. If you do not subscribe to the magazine, you can do so by sending a check to AYP, 12 Broad Street, Suite 2-1, Westerly, RI 02891. Subscriptions are \$20 for one year or \$35 for two years. ▼

## FROM THE CHAPTERS

### Olsens host McCoy Chapter

On June 7, 23 members of the McCoy Chapter (northern California, Nevada except Las Vegas) met at the home of Betty and Al Olsen in Folsom, in the foothills of the beautiful Sierra Mountains. The group enjoyed a sumptuous lunch on the sun deck, accompanied by plenty of chatter and laughter. Following lunch, President Doug Sprague conducted a brief meeting. The afternoon featured a trip to Old Town Folsom for a scheduled tour of Cloud's Porcelain factory led by the owner, G. F. Cloud. The members viewed all the steps in turning clay into fine porcelain products. All the products, which included platters, plates, vases, soap dispensers, toothbrush holders and wash basins (for installation in homes) were beautifully crafted and painted by hand. The end of the day came all too soon. Doug appealed to us all to include Reunion 2005 in our travel plans as people dispersed to their various homes. *Reported by Dorothy Miller.*

### Marv Zimmerman to lead Mott Chapter

Marv Zimmerman of Newton, Iowa, is the new president of the Mott Chapter, which serves Iowa and eastern Nebraska. His wife, Connie, will be secretary and newsletter editor. Gary Lathrum will continue as treasurer. Marv succeeds Hank Bagelmann, who is president-elect of NAFYR.

### Messer Chapter holds 74th Annual Meeting

Thirty-five members attended the 74th Annual Meeting of the Messer Chapter (Illinois) at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, June 3. Tom Scott asked for a moment of silence to honor the eight members who died since the previous meeting. Ken Theil reported a total of \$2505 was donated by chapter members to YMCA-related organizations. Further reports were given by John O'Melia on unsecured retirement and by Cliff Benham on finance. Tom Scott reported on the We Care Committee. Four persons were elected to the executive committee for terms ending June 2008. They are: Bill Glenn, Helen Kalabsa, Tom Scott and Dave Bast. President Wes Walker spoke of two challenges for the coming year: finances and new member recruitment. Dave Bast gave a talk on the 2006 Midwest NAFYR Reunion, reporting a

## CHAPTER CALENDAR



**ALLEN-STONE** Darwin/Kay Haines 850/235-2592  
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Aug. 25-26, Chapter meeting, Toledo, Ohio

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Sept. 6-8, Fall Reunion, YMCA of the Rockies

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**MARSTON** Jorge Candon 858/530-1662  
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Sept. 6-8, Fall Reunion, YMCA of the Rockies

committee is actively working on the event. After lunch and the meeting, members boarded a tram for a guided tour of the Arboretum, which consists of 1700 acres of woodlands, wetlands, tall grass prairie and 14 scenic miles of hiking trails and nine miles of paved roadway. *Reported by Helen Wanek.*

### Weidensall members enjoy a casual meeting

The Weidensall Chapter (Colorado, Wyoming, northern New Mexico, western Kansas and western Nebraska) held its spring meeting in the home of Paul and Marna McLain in Colorado Springs May 19. The May meeting is usually a planning session for the fall reunion at Estes Park, but that had been done earlier.

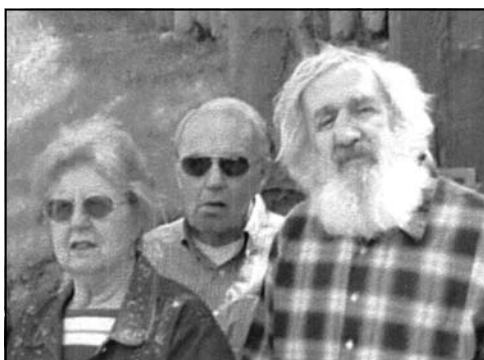
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So, the members present took care of a little business, chased the family cat around the yard trying to bring him back inside, took rides on the McLain's new elevator and had a great buffet lunch. *Reported by Stew Brown.*

### Ellenwood takes boat tour

The Ellenwood Chapter (Upstate New York) met for business and sightseeing May 17 at Fairport, N.Y. Following dinner and a presentation by Jean Kepplinger of the local Historical Society, President George Davenport opened the business meeting, with the first agenda item the celebration of two upcoming 90th birthdays: Charlie Jorgensen (June 8) and Ruth Cuykendall (July 22). George commended Marian Sunderland for an outstanding job in making local arrangements and for the program. Members accepted a recommendation to hold the September meeting in the



Among the Ellenwood Chapter members awaiting the boat excursion were (left to right): Bernie and Bill Taylor and Robert "Goose" Gray.

eastern part of the state. George appointed a nominating committee of Walt Price, Gil Moshser and Bill Taylor, asking them to prepare a slate of officers to be elected at the fall meeting. Because of the low response to the EAF campaign, the chapter voted to make an \$800 contribution. *Reported by Walt Price.*

### New officers take over for Hoosier-Buell

Paul Bradley, Kokomo, Ind., has been elected president of the Hoosier-Buell Chapter (Indiana and Michigan). He succeeds Don Stetson of Muncie, Ind., who will assume the treasurer's position. Don Reap, Tipton, Ind., is the new vice president, and Gary Unruh of Brighton, Mich., is secretary.



## GOLDEN TREASURES



### Married 66 years

Louise and Joe Bransby, Atlanta, Ga.—Aug. 23  
Lucile and Clarence Schmidt, Asheville, N.C.—Aug. 27  
Phyllis and Russ Urquhart, Rockwall, Tex.—Aug. 28

### Married 64 years

Velma and Wendell Creath, Mesa, Ariz.—Aug. 9  
Evelynn and Wilbur Porter, Beloit, Wis.—Aug. 30

### Married 63 years

Betty and Frank Burns, Champaign, Ill.—Aug. 24

### Married 61 years

Amilee and Ed Rogers, Manchester, N.H.—Aug. 4

### Married 60 years

H. Lee and Nancy Houser, Bakersfield, Calif.—Aug. 15  
Ruth and Duane Perry, Williamston, Mich.—Aug. 18  
Florence and Harry Hough, La Mesa, Calif.—Aug. 28

### Married 59 years

Betty and John Root, Sarasota, Fla.—Aug. 3  
Jean and Kenneth Chivers, Brevard, N.C.—Aug. 10  
Dorothy and Roger Scrimshaw, Annapolis, Md.—Aug. 17  
Joan and Lloyd Arnold, Fripp Island, S.C.—Aug. 22  
Peg and John Riebel, Chapel Hill, N.C.—Aug. 28

### Married 58 years

Kay and Roth Holtz, Kenosha, Wis.—Aug. 16  
Anne and Jim Tompkins, Harwich Port, Mass.—Aug. 30

### Married 57 years

Margy and Orlin Donhowe, Spokane, Wash.—Aug. 14  
Mary K. and Dick Lau, Norwalk, Conn.—Aug. 14  
Mary and Bill McCartney, Adrian, Mich.—Aug. 21  
Barbara and Jim Pratt, Indianapolis, Ind.—Aug. 22  
Charlotte and Ron Moore, Lafayette, Ind.—Aug. 25  
Margie and Howard Cooper, Ruidoso, N.M.—Aug. 28  
Mary and Robert Crabs, Loughman, Fla.—Aug. 28

### Married 56 years

Carol and William Manuel, Freeport, N.Y.—Aug. 13  
Virginia and Walt Hill, Springfield, Ill.—Aug. 13  
Helen and Jack Pearse, Waterloo, Ont.—Aug. 13  
Joan and Dick Hamlin, Bonita Springs, Fla.—Aug. 14  
Carol and Owen Manchester, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.—Aug. 20  
Joyce and Earl Collins, Seattle, Wash.—Aug. 27

### RF says "no" to retiree membership on trustees

The U. S. YMCA Retirement Fund, responding to a request from the NAFYR board initiated by the Hoosier-Buell Chapter, notified

President Jim Lipsomb they believe, "It continues to be in the best interest of the Fund and its constituency not to have a person who is receiving benefits on the board."

*Married 55 years*

Betty and Hoyt Givens, Hurst, Tex.—Aug 13  
 Mary and Marty Hanzlik, Novato, Calif.—Aug. 19  
 Genevieve and Bob Koch, Westerly, R.I.—Aug. 19  
 Betty and Kent Brownlow, Sedona, Ariz.—Aug. 27

*Married 54 years*

Agnes and Richard Schulze, Maria Stein, Ohio—Aug. 4  
 Marilyn and Jack Singerman, Kettering, Ohio—Aug. 5  
 Mary Lou and Ed Glass, Parker, Colo.—Aug. 10  
 Janet and Jim North, Galloway, N.J.—Aug. 11  
 Dolores and Manson Caldwell, Pinnacle, N.C.—Aug. 17  
 Anne and William Fuller, Tucson, Ariz.—Aug. 18  
 Mary and Bill Glenn, Glen Ellyn, Ill.—Aug. 18  
 June and Dick Gingery, El Paso, Tex.—Aug. 24  
 Jo'an and Glenn Paine, Durham, N.C.—Aug. 24  
 Mary and Ned Stowe, Lombard, Ill.—Aug. 25  
 Mary and Ellis Smith, Fustus, Mo.—Aug. 30

*Married 53 years*

Mildred and Herbert Snell, Valparaiso, Ind.—Aug. 16  
 Dorothy and Lou Stroh, Palm Desert, Calif.—Aug. 23  
 Joan and Murray Faulkner, London, Ont.—Aug. 27

*Married 52 years*

Carolyn and Monroe Monday, Frankfort, Ky.—Aug. 1  
 Dolores and Jim Rayhab, Nashville, Tenn.—Aug. 1  
 Jane and Bill Guenther, Jensen Beach, Fla.—Aug. 8  
 Chris and Curt Mullins, Wichita Falls, Tex.—Aug. 16  
 Marilyn and Dick Batchelder, Wayne, N.J.—Aug. 29

*Married 51 years*

Eulah and Harland Johnson, Lincoln, Nebr.—Aug. 8  
 Sandra and Darrell Corder, Simpsonville, S.C.—Aug. 22  
 Nicki and Bob Doehler, Glenview, Ill.—Aug. 22  
 Glenna and Eugene Sheets, Saginaw, Mich.—Aug. 24  
 Barbara and Harry Bradbury, Kettering, Ohio—Aug. 27  
 Betty and Bill Robinson, Atlanta, Ga.—Aug. 27  
 Murt and Dick Trowbridge, Louisville, Ky.—Aug. 28  
 Marilyn and Dick Campbell, Oshkosh, Wis.—Aug. 29

*Married 50 years*

Marilyn and David Goodrich, Hilton, N.Y.—Aug. 18  
 Joyce and Jack Bernhardt, Mallorytown, Ont.—Aug 20  
 Patricia and Richard George, New Castle, Pa.—Aug. 20

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**Tom Hargrave to lead author's workshop**

Tom Hargrave will lead a workshop for authors and those interested in writing at Reunion 2005 in Minneapolis. The theme is "Creative Writing: The Path to Staying Mentally Healthy." Y retirees who are authors or who are interested in writing are invited to join the panel whose members will discuss creative writing and publishing. Those interested are asked to contact Tom by e-mail at hargavet@aol.com or phone (301-593-7265). Authors who have published books and/or articles are invited to bring copies of their work for display and sale.

Fourth of a Series

## Breaking the color line at Blue Ridge Leaders' School

By Tom Thrailkill, Swannanoa, N.C.

Even though I had, in my opinion, the ideal job during the early and mid-1960s in the ideal YMCA, I had no inclination I would be involved in a slice of history. I was the director of physical education of the YMCA in Albany, Georgia.



**Tom Thrailkill has served on the staff of the Blue Ridge Leaders' School for 50 years.**

Albany, of course, was a target for the Civil Rights Movement. Led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Ralph Abernathy, over 400 marchers walked to downtown one weekend. A few days later, a sit-in was held at a local lunch counter, and a YMCA staff member joined in, wearing a YMCA staff shirt. And I was severely reprimanded for showing two representatives of the Movement around our YMCA at their request. (Job security?)

Colquitt Clark, director of the Blue Ridge Leaders' School at the time, contacted the School's executive committee, asking its opinion of encouraging African Americans to attend the school. Colquitt reminded us, although there had never been an official color line at the school, he wanted to invite black YMCAs to participate before someone requested it. Of course, there was unanimous approval.

There I was: a staff member at a segregated YMCA in the deep South and a member of a YMCA Southern Area committee that was promoting integration.

A direct and honest approach seemed to be the best method with our physical education committee. I told it the way it was at our spring planning meeting. Surprisingly, there was little, if any, debate, even among those who were opposed to integrating the Albany school system. The recommendation to the Board of Directors was to "support Blue Ridge Leaders' School that summer with a delegation and a staff member." There was no mention of the "open" policy.

How did the summer go? A delegation from the Butler Street YMCA, a black association in Atlanta, attended the school. One of their "Leader of Leaders," Tony Axum, was selected Honor Leader the following year. One night, as I was passing the "staff stable," a recreation room



### WE WELCOME

the following members into the fellowship of YMCA retirees, linked together by our common heritage and our service to humanity.

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under the gym, I heard music and laughter. Curious, I looked in to see the hottest new dance craze sweeping the country—the twist. This is how the twist, promoted by an African American jazz musician, Chubby Checker, and taught at the Leaders' School by African American teen leaders, came to Albany.

The Blue Ridge Leaders' School became a leader in "open" membership in the South. This open policy was followed by recruitment of African American staff.

Today, the school thrives with a fully integrated and highly successful operation.

**NEXT MONTH: "A Period of Enlightenment"**

### OGN REGRETS

A heading in last month's issue stating Carole and Larry Lieving will be leaving for Beijing was incorrect. They will work in ChengDu, China, as reported in the text. Muriel and Ray Jacoby will work in Beijing. *OGN regrets the error.*

**Jean McNeel**, Woodstock, Ga., has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions International Foundation, the highest award presented by the Lions Club. The award is for dedicated humanitarian service and was presented at a special awards meeting, and she was given a standing ovation. Jean has served her local club as treasurer for 13 years, secretary for 2 years and board member for 15 years. She has participated in numerous fund-raising efforts. She has a perfect attendance record and was named Lion of the Year several years ago. Her primary interest is the Lions Club Leader Dog program.



U.S. Area Convention of Y's Men's International in Charlotte, PEI, Canada. The award recognizes outstanding leadership to Y'sdom by full-time or retired YMCA directors. The award is named for B. P. Faubion, former staff member of the national staff, who was a close friend of and advisor to Y's Men's. **Fred Leonard**, Hot Springs, Ark., was installed as president-elect of the U.S. Area Council at the U.S. Area Council meeting in Wakefield, Mass. He will serve as area president July 2006 to June 30, 2007. He will also be a member of the International Council of Y's Men's Clubs from July 2006 through June 2008.

**Hugh Davis**, Goleta, Calif., recently took a stint as CEO of the Channel Islands YMCA in Santa Barbara. He serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity and chairs the board development committee.

**Gary Huff**, Sequim, Wash., was presented with the Policy Volunteer of the Year Award for his work in fund raising for the YMCA in Port Angeles.

**Chuck Wachob**, Americus, Ga., is working part time for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), a program to place abused and neglected children in a safe home. **Jackie** trains volunteers for the program.

**Ann Ripley**, a mystery writer and widow of Anthony, a former national staff member, will have a new book out this month. *Summer Garden Murder* is the ninth in her mystery series.

**Bea Halk**, San Diego, Calif., also went back to work recently. She completed a four-month assignment at the Jackie Robinson Branch of the San Diego Y, assisting the executive and handling human resources issues. She also worked on the Copley YMCA current support campaign and served on the fashion show committee.

**Bill Schultz**, Manitowoc, Wis., has been enshrined in the Wisconsin Racquetball Hall of Fame. The first National Open champion (1968), Bill was the National Open champion in paddleball, the game that led the way to racquetball.

**Norm Joyner**, Decatur, Ga., has led 14 YMCA-sponsored trips to Africa to facilitate matching YMCAs there with American associations. The latest was to South Africa with 20 YMCA staff and key volunteers.

**Joe Bransby**, Atlanta, Ga., is currently writing a history of the Atlanta YMCA for the association's 150th anniversary in 2008. He is also working on another novel.

**Evelyn Welch**, Matthews, N.C., is on the community outreach advisory board of the Dowd (formerly Central Branch) YMCA, which was a favorite project of her late husband, Harry.

Lyon Chapter Co-President **Harry Brunger**, Claremont, Calif., was part of a June gathering of people who have been involved in international YMCA developments. The YMCA of the USA organized the event to interview and collect statements from those present.

Two NAFYR members have been recognized for their leadership in Y's Men's International. **Wes Walker** of Kankakee, Ill., current president of the Messer Chapter, received the Boots Faubion Award at the Canada and

**Nan Earp**, Lemon Grove, Calif., is a member of the Foster Grandparent Program. She is "Grandma Nancy" to three-to-five-year-olds at a preschool. She helps the teacher with different teaching applications for children with learning disabilities. She reports it is quite a growth experience.

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## “Happy Birthday”

### World Alliance is 150

In August 1855, a group of YMCA leaders gathered in Paris for the first-ever world conference for the World Alliance of YMCAs.

Secretary General Bart Shaha has called for all YMCAs over the world to join in the celebration. The theme is “Celebrating, Envisioning and Building Peace with Justice.” The World Alliance launched a 150-day celebration in Paris on March 19 and there would be celebrations every days. The will culminate with a global gathering in Mumbai, India, August 16-22. The event will include exposure to development, debates on Challenge 21 issues and speakers on the theme of the ecumenical vision.



The historic Paris Basis was signed on August 22 at that first meeting. The statement read, “The Young Men’s Christian Associations seek to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, 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.”

The Alliance has opened membership to the YMCA World Fellowship. Persons wishing to join are asked to donate US \$1000 and, in return, will receive a unique commemorative medal, updates on the Movement and have their names engraved on a plaque in the Alliance office in Geneva. Secretary General Shaha says people can still join after the celebration. Contributions will be invested in the YMCA World Fellowship Endowment Fund and will be used to fund vital YMCA work in an ongoing, sustainable way. The payment can be made in installments. Mary Tikalsky of the Y-USA International Group has said checks could be sent to her with a note that they are for the YMCA World Fellowship. Funds will be forwarded to Geneva.

More information is on the Alliance web site, [www.ymca.int](http://www.ymca.int).

The YMCA movement now includes 40 million members worldwide in more than 120 countries.

## WE REMEMBER

the following colleagues whose devotion and faith enabled them to serve well and who have now passed on to life after life.

**Landon Peters**, 75, 4/9/05. Spouse: Florence Peters, 21 Campbell Woods Way, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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**Santa (Mrs. Arthur) Tois**, Hampton Bays, N.Y.

**Betty (Mrs. Douglas) Boyden**, San Antonio, Tex.

## RF Annuity Roll Book will be available in November

The U.S. YMCA Retirement Fund’s 2005-06 Annuity Roll Book will be available upon request to YMCA retirees, announced Shirley Jalosky, communications manager for the Fund.

Retirees wanting a copy must contact the Fund **no later** than September 1, 2005, to receive a copy. Requests can be made by phone (800-RET-YMCA) or by e-mail at [info@ymcaret.org](mailto:info@ymcaret.org).

Shirley reminds retirees that those who do not want their names and addresses listed should advise the Fund.

The book is free to Y retirees.