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Membership A Critical Issue for NAFYR. . .

One of the most important issues facing NAFYR today is the question of membership. We pay dues to belong to a chapter, but there is no structure to support the national organization. The NAFYR budget is dependent on contributions from individual retirees. For some time now, there has been discussion about establishing a dues structure at the NAFYR level.

Past President, **Jim Lipscomb**, convened a meeting of the NAFYR Task Force June 5 and 6 in Phoenix, Arizona. In attendance were: **Murray Faulkner, Rich Hill, Dave Bast, Doug McNeel, Betty Olson, Stew Brown, Phil Wortman, Hank Bagelmann, and Lipscomb**. Their task was to develop recommendations to be presented to the Board and General Council at its meeting in September.

The major item on the agenda was to agree on a dues structure to become a member of NAFYR. First, however, they discussed the features and benefits of NAFYR membership. **Phil Wortman** presented information on the benefit of having a NAFYR Travel Club. This created a lot of discussion of how this might be managed and what some of the travel events could be.

Major time was spent discussing the proposal to create a dues structure to become a member of NAFYR. **Murray Faulkner** proposed three alternatives. One is to levy a \$12 or \$15 fee to be able to cover the cost of The Old Guard News. Another is to levy "dues" on each chapter based on some formula. Finally, conduct a "Real" fund raising campaign. His concern was how a dues requirement would be accepted in Canada. Others reported that they had shared the idea of dues with some of the chapters and received no negative feedback. Many felt it made sense.

The final agreement was to recommend the following dues structure:

Dues Categories	Single	Couple
Basic Membership	\$15	\$20

Additional levels of support would be tax deductible

Standard	35	45
Sponsor	50	65
Patron	100	120
Benefactor	200+	

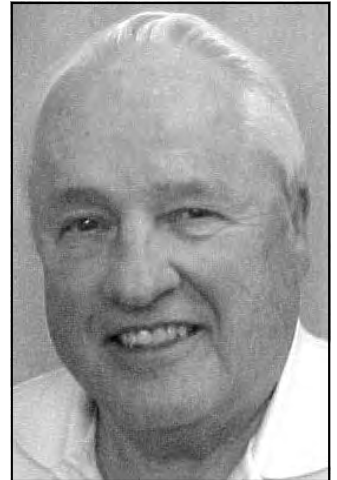
Membership would be billed on a cycle determined by retirement month or joining month. There would be a year-end fund raising campaign for NAFYR special projects.

The Copeland-Budge Chapter would negotiate a dues structure applicable to them, recognizing the difference in benefits between the USA and Canada.

An Associate Member is an active YMCA staff member who pays NAFYR dues.

Also on the agenda were discussions of a WEB page and the idea of working with AYP to develop and maintain a database of NAFYR members.

The following assignments were made: **Stew Brown** will present the dues proposal to the General Council. **Phil Wortman** will give leadership to developing graphics on "Features and Benefits" for use with chapters. **Dave Bast** and **Rich Hill** will continue the development of the WEB page to be shown at the General Council meeting in September. **Jim Lipscomb** and **Hank Bagelmann** will explore database management and relationships with AYP.



**Jim Lipscomb, Chair
Membership Task Force**

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Health Hints . . . By Audrey and Len Covello



**Len and Audrey Covello
Health Hints**

Preventive health screenings can help you determine your risk of suffering certain life-threatening conditions. Many conditions can go undetected for long periods of time and left untreated are the leading cause of death, physical impairment, blindness and long-term medical care.

Early detection and treatment of serious medical conditions can improve your quality of life, minimize the risk of a devastating

health crisis and help avoid needless medical expenses.

Six tests you should consider for preventive health care are:

Heart Screening: heart disease

Pulmonary Function Test: circulatory and lung diseases

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening: cardio vascular system

Stroke Screening: Stroke

Diabetes & Cholesterol Testing: detection as indicated

Ankle Brachial Index Test: Peripheral Arterial Disease

These tests can help you recognize warning signs, prevent illness and change your behavior to improve your health and wellness.

Lucky Me . . . By James A. Leiby

Little did I realize in 1945 that a small town “hero” YMCA General Secretary was taking me under his wing when I moved to Sumter, SC as a 15 year old having had no YMCA experience as a youngster in Illinois. **Carl W. Link** introduced me to the community and YMCA teenagers, provided me with leadership opportunities, and saw to it that for my two remaining years in high school I would have public speaking and community service opportunities plus Hi-Y, sports and school leadership activities.

Carl Link encouraged me to leave Wofford College after two years and enroll for my final two years at YMCA George Williams College in Chicago. He followed my college life and subsequent graduation and helped me secure a position at the University of South Carolina as a Student YMCA Secretary while in graduate study. He then followed my early “career” in boys work and camping.

But then, “lucky me.” I had a second mentor. While in college I worked as Waterfront Director and Senior Program Director for 3 summers at the Jacksonville, Florida YMCA under the supervision of **Odis B. Hinnant**, General Secretary, who also directed the youth programs and resident camp while he attempted in the late 1940s to revitalize and renew that YMCA. There I gained great insight at what it took to “restart” a YMCA following difficult times – a task I assumed twice in my 40+ year career.

Odis Hinnant was an intense, evangelistic Christian YMCA leader. I marveled at his spiritual intellect and profound, yet simple manner of imparting Christian values into the fabric of the lives of the children and young men and women he influenced. I found myself copying his public speaking and devotional techniques as I began and continued my professional career. At that time I did not understand what made him the man and spiritual evangelist he became. Later

in my youth work career, **Odis Hinnant** hired me to return to Jacksonville to be Boys Work and Resident Camp Director as he retired from the YMCA.

Some 50 years later, after my retirement as CEO of the YMCA of Greater Richmond, Virginia, I discovered what made **Odis Hinnant** “tick.” During a 4 year period of research in preparing the Richmond YMCA 150 Year History Book, I found in a dusty closet an old scrapbook. Opening it to look for history – eureka! – it was the scrapbook of **Odis B. Hinnant**, a youngster in 1905 in the Richmond YMCA Boys Bible Class and physical education activities. That was when “muscular Christianity” was in fashion for boys’ work – the foundation for the religious beliefs of **Odis Hinnant**. Finally, I had a long overdue insight into this marvelous man.

But, perhaps my biggest gain from this man was that while involved with **Mr. & Mrs. Hinnant** and their YMCA I met and later married **Roxana Woodman Leiby**. During those court-

ship years, these wonderful two adults were almost like parents to us.

So – for this great foundation, I say, “LUCKY ME !”



James A. Leiby, retired after 17 years, in 1991 as President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Richmond, VA. Now living in Richmond, VA.

Send us your story of the person who influenced your Y career.

-The Editor

From the President . . .

It was during the General Council meeting at the 2005 NAFYR Reunion, and we had just heard from two inspiring young people who reported on their YMCA international experiences.

Walt Jacoby took that opportunity to encourage me to make a personal pilgrimage to somewhere in the world where YMCA World Service is making a difference.

I think we have something that will measure up to Walt's expectation, and perhaps a little bit more.

In late June, I visited with **Jerry Prado-Shaw**, **Mary Tikalsky**, and **Renata Ferrari** from the YMCA of the USA's International Group. The topic was Uruguay. It seems that, as the result of radically changing economic conditions throughout Uruguay, the Montevideo YMCA is working its way through a particularly challenging time.

Founded in 1909, the Montevideo YMCA was consid-

ered the "Flagship" YMCA in South America. Today, thanks to their grit and a partnership with YMCA World Service, the Montevideo YMCA is on the comeback trail.

To give you some sense about the project, during the past year, multiple consultations have been held featuring our 'active' colleagues who provided training sessions for volunteer and staff leaders. The first consulting team was **Carmelita Gallo**, **José Rendón**, **Merv Bennett** and **Jerry Prado Shaw**. Their primary goal was to provide feedback on the governance system, the organizational structure, strategies for the future, and management capacity.

During the second consultation, **Ken White** conducted an extensive Board Development workshop.

The third consultation was focused on human resource management issues with **Carolyn Creager**

and **Sheila Tiemens** providing the leadership.

My role is to help them with the integration and implementation of their organizational plan in a series of visits that will likely extend over several years.

Frankly, it would have been entirely worthwhile to have visited the Montevideo YMCA and to have reported on the good works that our 'active' colleagues from YMCAs in the USA, Mexico and Brazil are contributing to this effort. But, in my view, to have this opportunity to make a hands-on contribution to these efforts is the best possible representation for NAFYR and for YMCA World Service.

Thanks, Walt.

Live the spirit of 17:21...

Hank



Hank Bagelmann
NAFYR President



Peg Andrews, Chair
ISSC

ChengDu, China Has Volunteer . . . by Peg Andrews

William Richard Hawkins (Bill) is adding ChengDu, China to his many overseas Rotary volunteer experiences. Bill started his YMCA career in Ridgewood, NJ and retired from Madison Area YMCA in New Jersey. Since Bill didn't get to travel the world as a YMCA professional, he has made up for it in retirement as a Rotary volunteer and now a YMCA volunteer.

Getting Bill ready for this six months in China has been an entire Hawkins

family project.. He got books on China for Father's Day; his daughter has him practicing on the bicycle daily (but I don't know how she will get him accustomed to a street filled with thousands of bicycles hauling furniture); he has purchased a new laptop and installed a Skype account to talk with his wife whenever he wants; **Francia**, Bill's wife has him practicing Pimsleur Conversational Mandarin Chinese with a CD and for a bedtime story,

she is reading Traveler's History of China to him. I'm sure Bill will be ready to leave come October 5th and his family will need the rest. If Bill keeps this enthusiasm up he may return with all of his students in tow to sharpen their English skills.

Since NAFYR is sending two volunteers to China in 2006, we will be looking forward to more resumes for 2007. Anyone interested in our ISSC program, please contact Peg at

pandrews1@cox.net and you may be a fit for the country needing our help at that time.

ISSC wants to thank all NAFYR members for making this program available through your donations earmarked each year for ISSC. Every volunteer ISSC has sent to a foreign country has been an ambassador for the USA and for the YMCA. Your dollars have made a mark on the world as a whole. Thank you very much.

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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. . . More from Canada in the next issue of The Old Guard News.

EAJ for Kids . . .

At a chapter visitation I was asked if our Y retirees contributions to EAJ fully covers the grants that retirees have received. I replied in the affirmative and went on to say how happy I am that we even help support active YMCA Directors and families.

On June 26, 28 and 30 EAJ grants were awarded to the parents of two girls and one boy for serious medical complications, many of which are not covered by insurance. I am not at liberty to share the details, nor do I care to dwell on these situations as they are tragic. The total requested and granted was

just \$15,300. These children are under the age of seven.

One of the qualifying questions on our Grant Request asks, "Has the applicant exhausted significant portions of personal assets to meet this emergency?" In all cases the answer has been "yes", with details voluntarily submitted.

Another question asks, "If the EAJ grant is not awarded to the applicant, what alternatives are available?" In the case of retirees at least two had already declared bankruptcy.

An interesting statement is: "Describe efforts by em-

ploying YMCA and/or others to assist applicant during this emergency", and it is wonderful to read how much many of our YMCAs assist these families. Truly heartwarming.

For those of us who are paying our pledge in three installments, August is one of those months, so I will notify AYP to pay #2 by my credit card. I hope many of our NAFYR members are doing the same, as it allows for a more generous pledge and an easy way to pay. Please remember to list your Chapter name.



Dale Ventres, Chair EAJ



We Remember . . .

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Keeping In Touch . . .

Thomas B. Hargrave, Jr. served on the faculty in the School of Human Services at Springfield College where he taught the course, *Strategic Planning* during the first week of June. The course entitled, Strategic Planning is for Visionaries, involved twenty-three graduate students from YMCAs throughout the United States, the YMCA of the USA and Kosovo. "If these outstanding students are representative of today's YMCA staff, the future of our YMCA movement is very bright," Hargrave said.

From the Chapters . . .

New England Chapter is planning its Annual Meeting in Newport, Rhode Island on Sept. 18th -19th. The program will include touring Newport on our own on Monday Sept. 18th with the official start on Tuesday Sept. 19th. The day will include a reception with fellowship time, the Annual Business Meeting conducted by Co-President **Andy** and **Barbara Anderson**, our Annual Memorial Service to recognize YMCA retiree's who have passed away in the past year conducted by **Matt Johnson**, and a report from two of our members, **Sy Symonds** and **Ellie Murphy** on their visit to the Sioux Indian YMCA during this summer. We will have a buffet lunch at noon followed by a docent tour of Mrs. Astor's 150 year old Beechwood Mansion. Registration information may be obtained by calling **Len** or **Ann Cuneo** at 508-896-8701 or e-mail at: lenanncun@aol.com

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Stahl Committee Seeks Input . . .

The F. William Stahl Award committee is reviewing the criteria and process for the award and is seeking opinions from NAFYR. The committee wants to make the award as meaningful as possible, increase the number of nominations, and make the nomination process as convenient as possible. All suggestions will be welcome and appreciated.

The criteria are: "A nominee must be a living, active member of a NAFYR chapter. They must have made a significant contribution toward the advancement of professional knowledge

and skills through written expression, the arena of **Bill Stahl's** greatest contributions. Examples of such written expression are communications, creative materials, public relations, managerial resources, general and historical research."

The process requires nominations to come from NAFYR chapters. Nominations must include a brief description of YMCA positions held, including locations, titles and achievements. They must include specific examples of his/her contributions toward

the above criteria.

Nominations may include other special qualities of leadership, skill, knowledge and insight, but the selection committee will be most interested in those items of the criteria and the influences of those elements upon the direction of the YMCA movement.

Please send your suggestions in writing to the committee chair, **Bob Rule**, Bbobhpnc@northstate.net or 1205 Brookfield Court, High Point, NC 27262.





GOLDEN TREASURES — AUGUST



67 Years

Louise and Joe Bransby, Atlanta, GA, August 23
Lucile and Clarence Schmidt, Ashville, NC, August 27
Phyllis and Russell Urquhart, Rockwell, TX, August 28

65 Years

Velma and Wendell Creath, Tempe, AZ, August 9
Evelynn and Wilbur Porter, Beloit, WI, August 30

64 Years

Betty and Frank Burns, Champaign, IL, August 24

62 Years

Amilee and Ed Rogers, Manchester, NH, August 4

61 Years

Ruth and Duane Perry, East Lansing, MI, August 18
Florence and Harry Hough, LaMesa, CA, August 28

60 Years

Dorothy and Roger Scrimshaw, Annapolis, MD, August 17
Joan and Lloyd Arnold, Fripp Island, SC, August 22

59 Years

Kay and Roth Holtz, Kenosha, WI, August 16
Anne and Jim Tompkins, Harwich Port, MA, August 30

58 Years

Margy and Orlin Donhowe, Spokane, WA, August 14
Mary K and Dick Lau, Norwalk, CT, August 14
Barbara and Jim Pratt, Indianapolis, IN, August 22
Charlotte and Ron Moore, Lafayette, IN, August 25
Margie and Howard Cooper, Spring, TX, August 28
Mary and Robert Crabbs, Loughman, FL, August 28

57 Years

Carol and William Manuel, Freeport, NY, August 13
Virginia and Walt Hill, Springfield, IL, August 13
Helen and Jack Pearse, Waterloo, ON, August 13
Joan and Dick Hamlin, Bonita Springs, FL, August 14
Carol and Owen Manchester, Pleasant Hill, TN, August 20
Joyce and Earl Collins, Seattle, WA, August 27

56 Years

Bettie and Hoyt Givens, Hurst, TX, August 13
Mary and Marty Hanzlik, Novato, CA, August 19
Margaret and Dean Temple, Fredonia, NY, August 26,
Betty and Kent Brownlow, Sedona, AZ, August 27

55 Years

Agnes and Richard Schulze, Maria Stein, OH, August 4
Marilyn and Jack Singerman, Kettering, OH, August 5
Mary Lou and Ed Glass, Parker, CO, August 10
Janet and Jim North, Galloway, NJ, August 11
Dot and John Cachiaras, Rochester, MN, August 17
Dolores and Manson Caldwell, Roseville, MN, August 17
Anne and William Fuller, Tucson, AZ, August 18
Mary and Bill Glenn, Glen Ellyn, IL, August 18
June and Dick Gingery, El Paso, TX, August 24
Joan and Glenn Paine, Durham, NC, August 24
Mary and Ned Stowe, Lombard, IL, August 25

54 Years

Mildred and Herbert Snell, Valparaiso, IN, August 16
Dorothy and Lew Stroh, Palm Desert, CA, August 23
Joan and Murray Faulkner, London, ON, August 27

53 Years

Carolyn and Monroe Monday, Frankfort, KY, August 1
Dolores and Jim Rayhab, Nashville, TN, August 1
Jane and Bill Guenther, Leesburg, FL, August 8
Katy and Ernie Podargrosi, Rantoul, IL, August 9
Chris and Curt Mullins, Wichita Falls, TX, August 16
Marilyn and Dick Batchelder, Wayne, NJ, August 29

52 Years

Eulah and Harland Johnson, Lincoln, NE, August 8
Sandra and Darrell Corder, Simpsonville, SC, August 22
Nicki and Bob Doehler, Glenview, IL, August 22
Ienna and Eugene Sheets, Saginaw, MI, August 24
Barbara and Harry Bradbury, Kettering, OH, August 27
Betty and Bill Robinson, Atlanta, GA, August 27
Murt and Dick Trowbridge, Louisville, KY, August 28
Marillyn and Dick Campbell, Oshkosh, WI, August 29

51 Years

Marcia and Bob DeYoung, Joliet, IL, August 5
Marilyn and David Goodrich, Hilton, NY, August 18
Joyce and Jack Bernhardt, Mallorytown, ON, August 20
Patricia and Richard George, New Castle, PA, August 20

50 Years

Carol and John P. Gawlak, Stamford, CT, August 14
Carol and Max Hadrika, St. Petersburg, FL, August 18
Nancy and Clark Lupton, Estes Park, CO, August 25
Joan and Ken Isherwood, Clinton Township, MI, August 25
Thelma and Peter Gabel, Denver, CO, August 28

Thank you for your wonderful YMCA World Service support.

Please note that effective immediately, all checks to YMCA World Service should be made payable to:

YMCA of the USA - World Service

The mailing address is:

YMCA of the USA - World Service
 Attn: Mary Tikalsky
 101 N. Wacker Drive, 15th floor
 Chicago, IL 60606

If you have any questions, please call Mary at 1 800 872 9622, ext. 8371 or email her at mary.tikalsky@ymca.net

"If you are losing a tug-of-war with a tiger, give him the rope before he gets to your arm. You can always buy a new rope."

- Max Gunther



The Harbison Chapter held its Spring Meeting at Camp Kon-O-Kwee of the Pittsburgh YMCA . Eleven members were present and enjoyed the traditional gourmet luncheon provided by the Kon-O-Kwee cooks.

Bill Lutz, Executive Director of the New Castle Community Y and Larry Garvin, CEO of the Butler County Y presented programs dealing with the complexities of managing a large YMCA in the 21st century. The Harbison Chapter will meet again at Camp Kon-O-Kwee on October 13 and will be visited by NAFYR President, Hank Bagelmann.

Pictured above are those attending the latest meeting: front row (left to right) Helen and John McCaslin, Peggy and Harold Gilmour, Dick Snead. Second row (left to right) Ruth and Don Idecker, Dorothy and John Kline, Pat and Dick George.

Water Safety Patrol and GWC: A Cooperative Relationship . . .

The George Williams College of Aurora University has a long history of collaborative efforts with the people and organizations of the Lake Geneva-area community. Our unique affiliation with the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol is one of these cooperative ventures.

Simeon B. Chapin, a trustee of George Williams College and a prominent Lake Geneva resident, founded the private, nonprofit Water Safety Patrol organization in 1920. He also donated much of the land occupied by the current George Williams Golf Course. Now celebrating its 85th year, the Water Safety Patrol is responsible for patrolling the entirety of Geneva Lake, which comprises approximately 5,500 acres and is the most-used body of water per acre in the state of Wisconsin.

In 2001, Aurora University provided space at its George Williams College for a Patrol Headquarters building. "The Water Safety Patrol is very grateful for the arrangement it has with AU in providing a home for its headquarters," says Ted Pankau, Opera-

tions Director for the Water Safety Patrol.

The upper floor of Syberg Hall is the office and dispatch center for the patrol. All rescue and boater distress calls are handled through a state-of-the-art communication system. From here, the patrol keeps in constant contact with its five boats and with the lifeguards at 12 area beaches. The building also features a classroom that allows the patrol to offer its educational classes and programs in boating safety, CPR, first aid and serving as a lifeguard. The George Williams College also uses the classroom for various meetings and classes.

"The Water Safety Patrol plays a vital role in aquatics education and safety on Geneva Lake," says William B. Duncan, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for the George Williams College of Aurora University. "Locating the building here was a natural fit for our campus."

The patrol has helped to maintain an excellent safety record on Geneva Lake and has received recognition for excellence

from both the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council. The organization focuses on three major areas: providing lifeguards for area beaches and swim areas, offering swimming lessons and boat safety instruction, and conducting rescue operations and boater assistance through boat patrol. The well-trained staff, which numbers more than 85 in the summer months, works as lifeguards, swimming instructors, boat crew members, dispatchers and boating safety instructors.

After the last patrol boat is put away in November of each year, the patrol focuses on fundraising efforts and preparations for the next season. As a nonprofit organization, all funding for the Water Safety Patrol, including building Styberg Hall, comes from private fundraising efforts.

In the future, the Water Safety Patrol offices will move to a more visible location on campus.



AHOY THERE MATEYS! . . .

Can you Smell the Salt Air? Join us for the Cruise Reunion in 2008!

As our President, **Hank Bagelmann** mentioned in his column in the last issue of The Old Guard News, the New England Chapter is moving **FULL SPEED AHEAD** with plans for the "Cruise Reunion" in September of 2008.

Under the experienced Guidance of Committee Chairs **Chuck and Nancy Goding**, and with the approval of the NAFYR Board, the Committee has again chosen **Holland America** as the cruise line best suited to provide NAFYR members with a comfortable, fun, and memorable experience. The

name of the ship on which we will travel as well as the actual dates will be announced in the near future.

As Hank mentioned, the cruise will feature a "New England and Eastern Canada" itinerary from Boston to Montreal with *probable* stops in Bar Harbor, Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, scenic cruising on the Saguenay Fjord, Quebec City and Montreal.

The itinerary is still being finalized by Holland America and we will keep you well informed as time goes on.

As you noticed, some of the ports of call are in Canada, and if you are an American, you will definitely need a passport! We'll tell how to get one in a future issue of The Old Guard News.

In addition to General Chairs **Chuck and Nancy Goding**, members of the Cruise Reunion Executive Committee include the following: General Program, **Len and Ann Cuneo**; Hospitality, **Nancy and Bob Hoffman**; Registration, **Nancy and Bob Fitzgerald**; Cruise Tours/Pre-Post Cruise Tours, **Jean Whitney**; Budget/Finance, **Cynthia and Allen Beavers**; Promotion, **Mary and Lou Falk**; and Ex Officio, New England Chapter co-Presidents, **Barbara and Andy Anderson**.

Watch next month's The Old Guard News for information about how to win ship-board credits by designing a logo and/or creating the theme for this Cruise Reunion.

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