



Cameron Receives Stahl Award . . .

Bob Rule announced that the 2007 recipient of the **F. William Stahl Award** is **Bill Cameron**, North Wales, PA.

Although Bill is well known in the movement, here are some facts that perhaps you didn't know about him. He worked as a high school student in the Boy's Department of the Allentown (PA) YMCA and also served as a counselor at that Y's resident camp.

His "real" YMCA career started in 1977, when he became CEO of the North Penn YMCA in Lansdale, PA. (Yes, he was one of those so-called parachutists who came from the outside into a CEO position.) He had previously been CEO of a management consulting firm in Philadelphia; before that, he served as Executive Director of two Philadelphia nonprofits.

In 1985, he became Executive Director of the Main Line Branch of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity. Three years later, he joined the YMCA of the USA staff as a field consultant, working primarily in New England. After three years on the national staff, he was hired as Senior Vice President and MRC Director for the Philadelphia association, a job he held for 11 years until the MRCs were dissolved. The last couple of years before retiring (in 2003), he returned to the YMCA of the USA staff as a consultant, essentially continuing work with the same local associations he had served as MRC director.

During those last years of his YMCA career, he also taught a

graduate course in leadership of nonprofit organizations at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was active in APD throughout his Y career. He served two terms on APD's national board, including one as national secretary. He also served a term on the board of his local APD chapter, the Liberty Trail Chapter (Philadelphia area). He was on



William E. "Bill" Cameron
2007 F. William Stahl Recipient

the planning committee for APD's 1986 national conference in New Orleans. He was a member of the now-defunct Academy of Certified Professional Directors, an APD "think tank." He is the author of APD's manual for new CEOs, *The First 90 Days*. (He wrote the original handbook in the late 80's, then wrote an updated revision in the late 90's.) In 2000, he received AYP's Kuenzli-Hall Award for outstanding career and professional accomplishments, especially in the development

of others. The Cameron Award for Excellence in Writing, which is presented by AYP to the author of each year's best article published in *Perspective*, is named for him. The Liberty Trail Chapter also presents in his honor an annual Cameron Award for outstanding service.

Bill began writing opinion pieces for *Perspective* in 1979. A few years later, he became a regular contributor. His column, "The Last Word," appeared for years on the last page of each issue of the magazine. AYP has published a collection of those columns in book form. The book, also called "The Last Word," is in its second printing and is distributed to all participants in the YMCA of the USA's Principles and Practices training programs. The book is sold by AYP - proceeds benefit the AYP Emergency Assistance Fund.

Bill and his wife joined NAFYR as soon as he retired. They attended the NAFYR reunion in Minneapolis, where Bill presented daily devotions.

They occasionally attend Mid-Atlantic Chapter meetings as well.

Last year he completed a two-year term as Chair of the YMCA Hall of Fame Committee. Bill is a regular presenter at the pre-retirement seminars of the YMCA Retirement Fund. He leads a Learning Circle under the auspices of AYP and the YMCA of the USA. Bill presents at Principles and Practices trainings. For the Research and Planning department of YUSA, he has conducted research projects since retiring; these

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have involved study design, interviewing, analysis and, of course, writing the final reports. Over the past two years, he has been a writer and editor for two YUSA consultant manuals. At the request of YUSA CEO **Neil Nicoll**, Bill recruited and chaired a task group to develop a mentoring program for new YMCA CEOs.

During his fulltime working years, Bill was a frequent platform speaker and workshop leader for many YMCA and APD/AYP programs. He continues that involvement in retirement, most recently presenting a workshop at the NAYDO national conference in San Francisco.

In July, at the AYP national conference in Boston, Bill was inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Bill!

Health Hints . . . By Audrey and Len Covello



Len and Audrey Covello

TEN SUPER FOODS YOU SHOULD EAT!!

Discover food secrets in the following list. Many are now at their summer peak and ripeness.

1. Cantaloupe—a quarter serving supplies your Vitamin A and C for a day

2. Sweet Potatoes—one of the best vegetables you can eat-loaded with carotenoids, Vitamin C, potassium and fiber.

3. Fat-free or low -fat milk—excellent source of calcium, vitamins and protein. No artery clogging fat or cholesterol.

4. All bran or 100% bran—1/2 cup provides a third of your daily fiber. **Oranges**—rich in Vitamin C, folic acid and fiber.

5. Broccoli—lots of Vitamin C, carotenoids and folic acid.

6. Whole Grain Bread—higher in vitamins and minerals than “enriched” or “wheat” bread.

7. Watermelon — excellent source of Vitamin C and carotenoids.

8. Beans—inexpensive, low in fat, high in protein, iron, folic acid and fiber.

Choose garbanzo, pinto, black, Navy, kidney or lentils.

8. Spinach or Kale—loaded with Vitamin C, carotenoids, calcium and fiber. Steam'em and eat 'em!

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Last Month's Mystery Family

Ed Bitner of West Chester, PA called to say that it was their family in the photo. A reunion is planned this month in Maine.

YMCA Retirement Fund Annuity Roll Book Available Fall 2007 . . .

The YMCA Retirement Fund's 2007-08 Annuity Roll Book will be available to YMCA retirees in Fall 2007.

Retirees wanting a book can contact the Fund by phone at (800)-RET-YMCA or by email at info@ymcaret.org. The deadline to request a copy has been extended to **no later** than August 31, 2007. Those who do not want their names and addresses listed should also advise the Fund no later than August 31.

The book is free upon request to YMCA retirees.

THE EAF EASY PAYMENT PLAN . . . by Dale Ventres



I recently wrote to “gently remind” all YMCA Retirees there is a conven-

ient plan of three installments available to pay yearly pledges to EAF.

I find I'm able to give more to EAF by paying my pledge in May, August, and November,

each year. It is even easier this year due to the welcomed experience dividends provided by our YMCA Retirement Fund.

The vast majority of our Retired contributors still send one check per year, but I would like to see more of our members pledging ‘what they can’ and paying three times a year. I am not concerned about shrinkage as our members honor pledges paying in full.

The other half of EAF is to locate our members who have an emergency, and help them.

If anyone would like to send an extra gift that would be wonderful.

Mail gifts to **Kate Corbett**, AYP, 12 Broad Street, Suite 2-1 Westerly, RI 02891.



**Dale Ventres, Chair
Emergency Assistance
Fund**

From The President . . . Hank Bagelmann



There is a small army of very responsible people that are the heart and soul of the NAFYR organization. They are the Committee and Task Force Chairs who don't get a lot of exposure and yet they carry out the real work that makes our fellowship successful.

Archives & History is NAFYR's repository for the multitude of documents that have been gathering dust in our garages. **Scotty Washburn** is the head custodian and gives countless hours to organizing and sorting through the materials that find his address.

We are all familiar with the work of the **Emergency Assistance Fund** and the opportunity it provides each of us to "be there" when a colleague is in need. **Dale Ventres** leads a cadre of EAF Chairs from each of NAFYR's chapters. It is a first class effort by a first class team.

The **F. William Stahl Committee** has the challenge of identifying a member who has impacted the movement through the written word. President-elect **Bob Rule** has given leadership to the selection process throughout this biennial.

Dr. Rose Berberian has worked for years leading the **Health Insurance Task Force** in an effort to find ways to bring health insurance benefits to those who choose early retirement and have

difficulty finding a willing insurance provider. We're not there yet, but her persistence is commendable.

The **International Senior Service Corps** is NAFYR's opportunity to place retirees in extended work experiences in foreign lands. **Peg Andrews** has given leadership to this enterprise for many, many years and will be turning the reins over to **Ray and Micki Jacoby** for the 2007/2009 Biennial.

Chuck and Nancy Goding are the co-chairs for the **2008 NAFYR Reunion Cruise Committee**. We look forward to experiencing the fruits of their labors next year. As a tease, they are taking the NAFYR Board and General Council on-board the Holland-America Maasdam for a taste of Holland during our meetings later this month in Boston.

The **NAFYR Travel Club** is the new kid on the block. It was inspired by several people, and ultimately brought to life by **Phil Wortman**. Phil is a tireless leader who has gathered a task force dedicated to providing multiple travel opportunities for NAFYR members over the years ahead.

When you have a tough job, you call on people who thrive on challenge. Such was the case when we addressed the question of "what is a member" and asked past president **Jim Lipscomb** to lead the **Membership Task Force**. The task force met for about a year and, because the job was bigger than simply membership, they were re-organized as the **Organization Development Task Force**. The task force has

been focused on: the membership proposal; succession planning; data based management systems, considerations of a biennial/triennial term base; the NAFYR website and other elements of NAFYR's infrastructure. This task force will certainly continue into the next biennial.

Julius Jones is our man at the YMCA Retirement Fund table. The **Retirement Fund Liaison** is the "voice" of NAFYR members. No, Julius doesn't have a vote, but his strong voice is a valuable resource to the YRF Board, providing insight and experience from our perspective. Prior to Julius, **Ted Hawkins** served in this role more than ten years continuing through the first half of this biennial.

The **World Brotherhood Campaign** is taking a temporary "leave" until such time as we can partner with our friends at Y-USA, who have just launched an aggressive strategic plan. **Dave Mercer** and **Ken Thiel** were the original co-chairs for the campaign. With Ken's passing, Dave has agreed to continue the effort. There's more to come.

YMCA World Service is fortunate to have a man like **Peter Post** step up to the challenge of raising funds for our brothers and sisters around the world. **Walt Jacoby** led this effort for more than ten years, retiring at the close of 2006. Peter is beginning his first campaign for NAFYR, but certainly not his first for YMCA World Service.

David Bast and the NAFYR website are inseparable thoughts. The **NAFYR Webmaster** has been the principle architect for the creation

of what is becoming the primary means of communication between NAFYR members, and for those having an interest in what we are doing. David is one capable man who consistently thinks in the future tense.

"Diversity" is an interesting word. Most often we first think of only "race" or "gender" - until we really think about it. The question of "Diversity" has long been on our minds and I'm delighted that president-elect Bob Rule has invited **Tom Hargrave** to give leadership to a **Diversity Task Force** that will seek ways (as Roosevelt Thomas would say) in which we can bring our differences and similarities to the table and work with them simultaneously.

Stew Brown is a "go-to" guy - when you need something done, you "go-to" Stew Brown. It is more than likely that NAFYR will be going through a period of organizational change during the next several years, and we needed someone to provide leadership for an orderly transition, hence a **Transition Task Force**, hence Stew Brown.

There they are, a marvelous collection of individuals who have willingly put the interests of NAFYR ahead of their own, providing intelligence, patience and persistence to the benefit of all of us.

Thank you so very much for your service.

Live the Spirit of 17:21...

Hank

We Welcome . . .

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

Sally and Paul Grieco, Member Services, Gills YMCA, 9495 Blind Pass Road, St Petersburg Beach, FL 33706

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Betsyj2003@yahoo.com

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e.lowe@sympatico.ca

Diane S. Olson, Camp Director, Itasca County YMCA, Grand Rapids, MN, 20606 Harbor Heights Road, Grand Rapids, MN 55744, 218-326-1114
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ISSC--- Remember Those Initials . . . By Peg Andrews, ISSC Chair

It has been brought to my attention that many NAFYR members and Chapters who want to support ISSC do not understand that their donations need to be designated to International Senior Service Corps. Many think that donations to the World Service cover ISSC and that a percentage of every World Service donation goes to ISSC. The World Service does not give ISSC any percentage of

funds unless we are in a financial squeeze and ask them for help in covering something special as a visa, shots, etc. and then it has to go through many channels and takes time. As in anything we do in life it is easier to operate when you know exactly how much you have to operate within and that the same entity has jurisdiction. We are all really one but ISSC operates ISSC.

As of July 4th **Bill Hawkins** is on an upward path. He is now in a Rehab Hospital which is much closer to his son's home where **Francia** is staying. He still has a tube in his stomach for eating and probably will have until it is time to go home. Also he has a breathing tube in his trachea but this is capped off at times for him to talk. Bill has lost some weight and is

very weak so it will take time to regain his strength back. He stood up alone for the first time today. He is writing in a diary now and this will be interesting for him to read later. He may write a book knowing Bill. There is always an update on Bill in the NAFYR website under Retiree News. **Dave Bast** is very good about printing the updates that I send him.

Announcement . . . From Neil Nicoll



Selma Zaidi

I am very happy to announce the appointment of **Selma Zaidi** as director of the International Group, effective today. She is taking over for **Jerry Prado-Shaw**, who retired on May 1.

In this role, Selma will provide leadership worldwide and develop international

strategies that advance the YMCA mission, strengthen the global movement and benefit individual communities in the U.S. and around the world. She has provided key leadership on the new vision and direction for Y-USA's international work as part of the strategic planning process.

Selma came to Y-USA in 1991. Her extensive professional experience includes responsibility for global program strategies for work in Africa, Asia, Central/South America, Europe and the Middle East, and she has been a key advocate for strengthening international partnerships and programs between YMCAs in the U.S. and around the world. She has negotiated and man-

aged more than \$40 million in federally funded grants to support programs in Africa, the Middle East, Central America and Eastern Europe. She also has effectively managed the International Group's day-to-day operations and supervised all aspects of international work focused on resource mobilization, strategic alliances, YMCA organizational strengthening, innovative youth program development and global engagement in U.S. communities. As Y-USA's senior international staff member, she serves on the Global Staff Team and works with her colleagues around the world to strengthen the YMCA through the Global Operating Plan.

Prior to joining Y-USA, Selma worked for the Inter-American Foundation, where she was responsible for community development programs in Brazil and the Caribbean. She holds a master's degree in economic development and international law from Georgetown University, and is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and French. She has lived overseas for more than 15 years in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Jamaica, Botswana and Pakistan.

As you can see, Selma is eminently qualified to take this next step in her YMCA career. Please join me in congratulating her on her new role.

Among the ranks of YMCA retirees exist a small number of Y Human Resources professionals. The number is small because the HR position was established relatively late within the history of the Y. Therefore, only a handful has now reached retirement. Over the years, the HR group serving YMCA's across the country met to share knowledge and experience. The H.R. group resolved unique staff-related agendas that helped move both the Y staff and the Y association forward.

organization met its main goal. Because you can't get too much of a good thing, this



Photos by Marge Meffert



The group designation of H.A.R.P. was agreed upon

fellowship and southern history and hospitality. A trip to a 300-year old plantation is still in continuous operation was a highlight of the trip along with walking the decks of the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier. A visit to Fort Sumter, the Charleston Battery, the Akien-Rhett Home, the Nathaniel Russell Home and the historic district reinforced our history lessons. Of course, the low country food and some of the best she-crab soup added to our pleasure at A.W. Shucks, the Crab House, Poogan's Porch and High Cotton. A fun experience was seeing the haunts of Charleston by doing a ghost walking tour a night.

because it worked several ways in that the letters included HR (Human Resources) and ARP (Association of Retired Professionals), but mainly because we called ourselves Happily Active Retired People! A list of Y HR retirees was garnered and work began.

At the Minneapolis NAFYR meeting in 2005, there were five HR professionals in attendance, **Barbara Karoly** (Seattle Y), **Bonnie Litz** (Milwaukee Y), **Zera Mackie** (Dallas Y), **Marge Meffert** (Minneapolis Y), and **Dianna Sande** (St. Paul Y). Getting back together and enjoying our special friendships and camaraderie was proof positive that the NAFYR

small group decided to meet again. Why not continue this specialty group as a sub-group of NAFYR? With the sanction of **Hank Bagelmann**, President of NAFYR, and with our assurance that we would in no way conflict or compete with NAFYR activities, plans began for a 2007 reunion/retreat.

The HARP group came together for its first retreat/reunion on June 26-29, 2007 in Charleston, South Carolina. Eleven members attended and participated in a grand experience of

The HARP members who came to enjoy our Charleston reunion agreed that fun is enhanced when it is shared with friends. We hope to see each other again on the 2008 NAFRA cruise and then plan another HARP trip in the NAFRA "off" years.

We Remember . . .

Lewis H. Barger, 86, Executive Secretary. Survived by Norma, 6778 Eldred Road, Walkertown, NC 27051-9767

Frederick P. Eckford, 95, Auditor. Survived by son, James Eckford, 428 Ocean Blvd., Shell, CA 93449

Helen A. Kalabsa, 77, Director, 483 Selborne Road, Riverside, IL 60546-1667

Ken Kendro, 77, Associate Executive Director. Survived by Chace, 535 Keolu Drive, Apt F., Kailua, HI 96734-3949

Robert T. Magnuson, 88, Administrator, 900 East Harrison Avenue #24, Pomona, CA 91767

Richard A. Ortmeyer, 87, Assistant Director. Survived by Carolyn, 1515 Shasta Drive, Apt 3327, Davis, CA 95616-6689

Louis W. Spach, 81. Survived by Doris c/o Susan Rollfs, 28 Prospect Road, Andover, MA 01810

Lillian P. Taylor, 91, Director, 600 Yarmouth Road, Raleigh, NC 27607-6651

John D. Wolf, 90, Associate Executive. Survived by children Sally Wolf c/o Julie Snavely, 10 South Broad Street, Lititz, PA 1753

Wayne S. Wooden, 76, Heating and Plumbing Technician. Survived by Shirley, 3734 Red Oak Court, Loveland, CO 80538-2300

Rose Moore (Mrs. Lloyd), 612 Baldwin Avenue, Apt C, Safety Harbor, FL 34695-4385

Ernest Price, National YMCA Staff, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt A255, Durham, NC 27705-1360. He had directed memorials be sent to High Point University, 833 Montlieu Avenue, High Point, NC 27262-3598. Donations should be sent to the attention of **Don Scarborough**.



AUGUST GOLDEN TREASURES

68 Years

Louise and Joe Bransby, Atlanta, GA, Aug. 23
Lucile and Clarence Schmidt., Asheville, NC, Aug. 27
Phyllis and Russell Urquhart, Rockwall, Tex., Aug. 28

66 Years

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

65 Years

Betty and Frank Burns., Champaign, IL, Aug. 24

63 Years

Amilee and Ed Rogers, Manchester, NH, Aug. 4

62 Years

Ruth and Duane Perry, East Lansing, MI, Aug. 18
Florence and Harry Hough, CA, Aug. 28

61 Years

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

60 Years

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

59 Years

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

58 Years

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

57 Years

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

56 Years

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

55 Years

Verna and Ted Jacobson, Coal Valley, IL
Lois and Eric Eamon, Hastings, ON, Aug. 12
Mildred and Herbert Snell, Valparaiso, IN, Aug. 16
Dorothy and Lew Stroh, Palm Desert, CA, Aug. 23
Joan and Murray Faulkner, London, ON, Aug. 27

54 Years

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

53 Years

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

52 Years

Marcia and Bob DeYoung, Joliet, IL, Aug. 5
Joyce and Ted Shields, Arcola, IL, Aug. 13
Marilyn and David Goodrich, Hilton, NY, Aug. 18
Joyce and Jack Bernhardt, Mallorytown, ON, Aug. 20
Patricia and Richard George, New Castle, PA Aug. 20

51 Years

Rita and Ray Feldmeier, Waukesha, WI, Aug. 11
Carol and John Gawlak, Stamford, CT, Aug. 14
Carol and Max Hadrika, St Petersburg, FL, Aug. 18
Janet and Dave Haines, Windham, CT, Aug. 19
Nancy and Clark Lupton, Estes Park, CO, Aug. 25
Joan and Ken Isherwood, ClintonTownship, MI, Aug. 25
Thelma and Peter Gabel, Denver, CO, Aug. 28

50 Years

Jean and Jack Moltenbrey, Windham, NH, Aug. 3
Ann and Hank Walling, Placentia, CA, Aug. 31



List Your Golden Treasure

Clark Koechel is keeper of the records for Golden Treasures. Send your listing to him at:
N7576 Sandy Beach Road
Fon du Lac, WI 54935 or email:
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At the Weidensall Spring Meeting, (left going clockwise,) Mary Lou Glass, Jim Hiner, Denver Y CEO, Don Deal, Joyce Deal and Ed Glass.

Weidensall Chapter (CO,KA,NE, NM) had a fun day at their Spring Meeting with Denver Metro Y CEO, **Jim Hiner**. The informal meeting brought them up to date on problem solving, new directions, and great programs offered by the Denver Association.

Their Fall Reunion will be held September 11-13 at the YMCA of the Rockies. The program will feature the "Estes Valley Chamber Singers" and Stuart Wier's "Journey Into the Unknown."

Grand Canyon Chapter (AZ, NM, UT) is planning a Fall Retreat November 13-15 in Bisbee, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora Mexico. They will have a first hand experience with the Casa YMCA Program (children's shelter).

C. B. Willis Chapter (FL) met in May for a planning session. They will have four state-wide meetings and the other months will be Just For Lunch meetings. These meetings will be local so members who are unable to travel can get to see their friends and have a social time. Chapter meetings for 2007-08 will include:

- November—Venice
- January—Kennedy Space Ctr

March—Lake Placid
May—St. Augustine

Phil Wortman reported on the NAFYR Travel Club's first event which will be a trip to New Orleans October 13-19.

Allen-Stone Chapter (AK, OR, ID, MT, WA) Fifty persons attended the Ashland Shakespeare Festival including four from Hawaii! Mike Robinson reports that orders for tickets and rooms have been placed for next year, looking for an earlier April date.

The chapter's Seabeck Retreat is planned for September 4-6. The theme is "Keep On Giving."

Upper Midwest Chapter (MN, ND, SD) held their Spring Meeting at Orchestra Hall in Downtown Minneapolis with a noon-time Minnesota Orchestra "coffee concert" followed by lunch.

As this goes to press, the chapter is looking forward to their summer meeting in Stillwater located on the scenic St. Croix River.

Hoosier-Buell Chapter (IN, MI) "Saints, Sinners and Dem Bones" was the theme of the Spring Reunion. First they toured the Biomet Plant to see

how their future knees, hips and rotator cuffs are manufactured. Then a tour of Warsaw Biblical Gardens and an explanation of the six micro-climates representing the main environments of which the Bible speaks: meadow, brook, orchard, forest, desert and crops.



Paul and Patty Bradley are dressed as Al Capone and Bunny Love at the Al Capone Show.

Dinner at The Old Barbee Hotel followed by the Al Capone Show let the group step back in time to the heyday of gangsters in Kosciusko County.

After their business meeting, the group carpooled to the Billy Sunday Museum and home in Winona Lake. (Sunday was a Chicago Y staffer from 1891-93.)

Our next event is the Annual Picnic at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, IN in July.



"Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few, but the universal right of all God's children."

- Ronald Reagan



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Over 160 already signed up!

Twelve months 'til embarkation on Cruise Reunion 2008 . . .



you should also do soon! Shortly we will again publish a list in Old Guard News of all those who have registered, and we also hope to have a current list on the NAFYR Web Site www.nafyr.org. Remember, to sign up, all it takes is a call to our official NAFYR Cruise Agency, **White Travel**, at **800-547-4790**, where the good folks will be happy to answer all your questions and take your deposit using your credit card!

And for you **SINGLES** who would like to come with us but would rather not pay the singles rate for the cabin we have two opportunities from which you can choose. Option number one is to sign up through our NAFYR Web Site with webmaster **David Bast**. Go to the site www.nafyr.org and focus on the retiree news tab. There you will see instructions on what information you should e-mail to David (dcbast@comcast.com) to be placed on the list of those NAFYR members seeking travel partners. David will *verify* your information (to prevent spamming, etc) and share with you contact info from other *verified* NAFYR members who are looking to share a cabin. Although you will not be "*assigned*" a cabin-mate, you may have the chance to match up with another single who is looking for someone with whom to share a like cabin and you will be able to get the rate for double-occupancy.

The second option is to sign up with Holland-America's "Share Program". Holland-America will attempt to place you with a roommate of similar interests, etc, thus getting you the same rate as those paying the double-occupancy rate. The match may or *may not* be with a fellow NAFYR member, but should Holland-America *not* be able to find you a cabin-mate you will have a double room all to yourself but pay only the lower double-occupancy rate! Further information about this option is available from White Travel at the number above.

Soon you will also be able to reserve your hotel rooms at the beginning and ending points of our cruise should you want to arrive early in Boston or stay later after the cruise in Montreal. Very special rates have been arranged by your Cruise Committee at **Choice Hotels** in both cities. The earliest date you will be able to reserve these rooms is September 18th, and because of the limited number of rooms that are available we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as you can. Call 1-800-4-CHOICE and use the rate code LNAFYR.

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