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I expect to pass through this life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn

Image Change in the offering for NAFYR?

Through the outstanding financial management of the Reunion 2003 committee a surplus was generated. What to do with the excess? Glad you asked. How about using a portion of the funds to develop a membership and marketing program for our organization?

As many of you have no doubt been aware our image in the eyes of some new retirees has been “ho hum” and one that offers little value for them. The proposal on the table would offer proactive actions such as phone calls and multiple mailings to new retirees in hopes to increase participation and aid in interpretation of the organization. Here are some of the key elements of the proposal:

- Employ a part time person for 15 hours per week for 50 weeks to produce a multi-colored brochure to be mailed by the NAFYR President.
- Identify a target market of the most likely prospects to join.
- Develop a second brochure aimed to focus on the values of chapter involvement from a sales perspective.
- Make telephone contact with all new retirees as well as selected retirees from the previous 12 month period. A phone guide would be developed to standardize content.
- Mailings and calls would be scheduled and coordinated for effectiveness.

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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



Stew Brown

One of the things I have become aware of as your President, is that NAFYR has a very special group of volunteers that make this organization work! Oh sure, we're all volunteers, but these folks don't usually have a title or specific responsibility that they take care of, but they are always there and pitch in when they are needed.

This core (wrong spelling, but these folks are the core of NAFYR) of volunteers are the spouses of our national and chapter officers. In many cases we find them helping with chapter programs, general council meetings, getting out the newsletters, giving devotions, and cleaning up after a meeting.

So, I just want all of you to know that you haven't gone unrecognized, and more important you are greatly appreciated. I bet you took on that volunteer role all through your spouse's career, so now it's second nature. Will all those volunteers please stand up and be recognized. And listen to the overwhelming applause.

Our organization is stronger for that commitment and support.
Thanks!



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

V.Lee Schudknecht, Human Resources, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Co.1155 S. St. Vrain Ave., D-5, Estes Park, CO 80517.

Beverly Orchard, Prog. Dir., A.O.A. and Wellness Dir., Manatee Family YMCA, Bradenton, FL, 303 65th St. #A, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

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Ed Slater (Marsha), Exec. Director, East Valley Branch, San Jose, CA., PO Box 3202, Citrus Heights, CA 95611.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Messer-Midwest NAFYR Reunion

The Messer Chapter has taken the date of the annual five chapter reunion held at George Williams College Camp (now the Aurora George Williams Campus) and will hold a chapter meeting, open to all comers. The date is September 10-12, 2003. It will feature the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the George Williams Museum. The chapter will also celebrate the renovation of Brandenburg Hall. Ken Thiel event organizer emphasized that all NAFYR members are invited to attend. Contact Ken at (847) 272-2553.

The **Harbison Chapter** of West PA met in early May at the new Camp Kon-O-Kwee located near Fombell, PA. The 17 attendees were impressed by the five million dollar facility. Shafik Saikaly spoke of his experiences at the Jerusalem YMCA concerning the Israel-Palestine problems.

The **Weidensall Chapter** invites all NAFYR members to their retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO. The date is September 16-18 and will feature Richard Marold's portrayal of FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt), Stew Brown, incoming NAFYR President Jim Lipscomb, WFYR Pres Johnson, musical talent and much, much more. For more information contact Edwin Glass at EG102232@aol.com, or phone 303-840-8359.

The **Ellenwood Chapter** held its spring meeting at Thornfield Conference Center, Cazenovia, NY. On May 14-15. George Davenport was inducted as the new president of the chapter. A tour of the Cazenovia College (est. 1824) was included in the two day conference schedule.

*The character of your children
(and grand children) tomorrow
depends on what you put
into their hearts today.*

The **Brandenburg Chapter** held its "Spring Fling" on May 15 at the Milwaukee County Museum of Natural History where the 23 attendees viewed the IMAX presentation of Australia-The Land Down Under. "Wow was that spectacular," says Barbara Hinowicz organizer of the event. The movie was preceded by a luncheon at the Famous German restaurant, "Turners."

The **Central Atlantic Chapter** met in early May and elected Joe Lind as their President. Other highlights of the affair included a tour of the duPont Estate, Hagley Museum and a presentation by Commander Bruce Shamway, USN and a panel of YMCA notables discussing youth participation in the ROTC and YMCA.

The **William S. Chambers Chapter** enjoyed a great day in Findley, OH on May 20. Included in the itinerary was a tour of the Mazza International Art Museum, a tour of the Findlay YMCA, a visit to the Western Equestrian Farm and antiquing at Jeffery's, the largest antique mall in Ohio.



CHAPTER CALENDAR

Tahoe Cluster, Tuesday July 8, 2003, Doug and Ginny Sprague (530) 541-8960. South Lake Tahoe, NV

Weidensall Chapter, Sept. 16-18 2003, Ed Glass, (303) 840-8359. Estes Park Center, YMCA of the Rockies.

Messer Chapter, Sept. 10-12, 2003, Ken Thiel (847) 272-2553 George Williams College Camp.



GOLDEN TREASURES



- Married 62 Years*
- Helen and David Neptune, La Mesa, CA, July 18
- Married 61 Years*
- Martha and Bob Bryan, Green Bay, WI, July 31
- Married 60 Years*
- Elsie and Cecil Miller, Tempe, AZ, July 17
- Marge and Keith Meyer, Xenia, OH, July 25
- Married 58 Years*
- Beverly & Richard See, Newbury, Park, CA, July 8
- Marty and John O'Melia, Wheaton, IL, July 29
- Married 57 Years*
- Aleen and Dan Hester, Lancaster, OH, July 13
- Dorothy & Fred Haynes, Lansdale, PA, July 27
- Helen and Ernest Busby, Newark, OH, July 11
- Married 55 Years*
- Shirlee & Duke Cox, San Bernardino, CA, July 1
- Verna and Ray Brundage, Janesville, WI, July 2
- Phyllis and Don Brownell, Spring Hill, FL, July 4
- Ruth and Jack Johnson, Tulsa, OK, July 26
- Married 54 Years*
- Jo and Tim Rush, Eden Prairie, MN, July 16
- Married 53 Years*
- Dolores and Bob Ross, Xenia, OH, July 8
- Married 52 Years*
- Nancy and Pat Scott, Carlsbad, CA, July 7
- Marion Yancey Watkins, Savannah, GA, July 29
- Married 50 Years*
- Pat and Bill Eckelkamp, Spring Hill, FL, July 25
- Verle and Bill Lander, Erie, PA, July 25

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When you come to the edge of all the light you know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on or you will be taught to how fly. *Barbara J, Winter*

War Brings Out The Best ...

By Walt Jacoby

Occasionally there is a human story that provides us with insight into the best of man.

The Korean War raged up and down the Korean peninsula for almost three years. Civilians were in the way of the modern armies each time they fought their way north and south on the peninsula. Thousands of persons became refugees and thousands of children who became separated from their families, or who simply lost their parents as advancing armies took a heavy toll on the civilian population.



Walt Jacoby 1954—Korea

When I arrived in Korea just after the signing of the truce in August of 1953, I was assigned to the 5th Regimental Combat Team. The 5th RCT had more battle streamers than any other unit in Korea. It was a small tactical unit that could be moved fairly rapidly, and therefore they were in many battles, and had significant losses.

As the war was winding down, members of this unit looked for a way to provide a memorial to their fallen comrades. They recognized the heavy toll on the civilian population, and also saw many school age boys roaming the streets of Seoul, orphans of the war, with no family, no homes, no shelter, and food only when they were quick enough to pick a pocket.

The YMCA of Seoul had been heavily damaged, and there was no program there. However, members of the 5th RCT discovered that there were some YMCA workers, and that the YMCA owned a camp in the middle of the Han River. Funds were raised by the troops of the 5th RCT to establish Boys Town Korea. Boys Town provided food, shelter, and education for street boys who were sent to the camp by police, and others working in Seoul.

In 1954 I had the opportunity to visit Boys Town, and was one of the officers responsible for raising an additional \$10,000 from our troops to sustain the 200 plus boys and the staff at the camp for another year.

The fund raising was inspiring. GI's who had most of their monthly pay sent home to wives and families, made multi-month commitments to the project. All GI's interested in seeing the project were loaded on trucks and taken the more than 80 miles from the unit to the Han River, and then to the island on a ferry whose mode of locomotion was two men with long bamboo poles.

What I learned was that even the hardest, toughest soldiers would respond to a cause for children when they experienced the need. The Campaign went over the top.

This was one of the positive legacies resulting from this terrible conflict. Fifty years later, one can only wonder about the boys who experienced the YMCA because some GI's wanted to leave a lasting memorial to their fallen comrades.

After returning from Korea, I later learned that **Everett Heer**, a Springfield College graduate, later to become a Y professional was one of the founders of this project.

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Expected outcomes of the proposed membership development plan.

- Change in the perception that NAFYR is an “old peoples eat and burp club”.
- Increased national and chapter awareness, membership and participation.
- Retrieval of those new retirees who may have otherwise been missed by local efforts.
- Identification of concerns by those not currently enrolled in NAFYR.
- Ability to respond to those concerns and needs of new retirees.

IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

A recent study by Stephanie Brown, a psychologist at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor, suggests that older people who are helpful to others reduce their risk of dying by nearly 60 percent as compared to peers who provide neither practical help nor emotional support to relatives, neighbors, or friends. Scientists have long known that social contact can improve health and promote longevity. This study — a five-year examination of 423 older couples — suggests that it isn't what people get from social interaction, it's what they give that makes it so beneficial.

John W. Copeland Honored

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit at its 150th anniversary celebration presented John W. Copeland with the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit's **JOHN W. COPELAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**. The award was named for John because of the YMCA work he performed as YMCA director and the continuing service in the community since his retirement in 1979. Reid Thebault, President and CEO of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, said the award will be presented annually to a deserving individual.

John was a YMCA Director for 42 years and was inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame in 1990.

Domestic Senior Service Corp:

Stew Brown has appointed Hank Bagelmann, Bob Golay and Phil Wortman to serve on the initial planning committee with YMCA of the USA representatives to re-establish the DSSC. That group should meet during the summer. Jim Lepscomb, President-elect, will also be part of the initial planning.

NAFYR E-MAIL DIRECTORY

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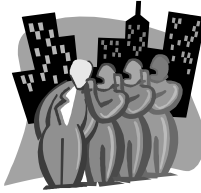
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DO YOU HAVE A WAR STORY TO TELL?

“YMCA Men in War” has been a very popular feature in *OGN* in the past several months. Why not tell your story. Write or call the editor (see page 4 for contact information) to discuss how we can help you keep alive this important part of our history.

JUST AMONG FRIENDS - NEWS ABOUT US

Nancy Krueger of Providence, RI is currently consulting Executive Director of the Animal Rescue League of Southern Rhode Island. After completing this assignment she will return to her Executive Director Search consulting business. Nancy is a volunteer at the Hasbro Children's Hospital and is on the local YMCA Board.



John Mercier of Brunswick, ME just completed his term as chair of the Association of Philanthropic Counsel. John is in the fund raising business.

Jim and Geri Ingram of Santee, GA report that Geri will soon complete two years as president of the Community Arts and History Center, while Jim will become president of his Rotary Club in July.

Harry Harson of Brunswick, ME works for a landscaping firm during the outdoor season. **Jim and Barb Bailey** of Tampa, FL report that they stay busy with church activities and Habitat for Humanity.

Wayne and Gladys Peterson of Republican City, NE fry fish for the American Legion Post once a month. Wayne has a 30 gallon fryer and Gladys sets up and puts out orders.

Bob Schwartzberg of Washington, DC is one of the authors of the 10th anniversary publication of Hank Rosso's Achieving Excellence in Fund Raising. Bob is also Director of Development at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories, and teaches fund raising for Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy.

Bo and Joanne Hardy of Erwin, TN have a new daughter. She is 23 year old Fe Fe Soba. The Hardys brought her to the U.S. with considerable difficulty and are now sending her to college.

Don McMahill of Black Mountain, NC has been appointed head cross country coach at Montreat College. Don has also coached on the high school level since retirement.

Bob Mullings of Reidsville, NC is program chairman for his Kiwanis Club, President of Mended Hearts Chapter 303, a volunteer in the cardiac rehab unit of Annie Penn Hospital, a mentor in intermediate school for fifth graders, a Caregiver in the First Presbyterian Church, and was awarded Kiwanian of the Year for 2002.

New Chapter Presidents Announced:

Hank Bagelman, Mott Chapter, 1501 Horton Road, Waverly, IA. 50677, (319) 352-1198.

Doug Sprague, McCoy Chapter, Box 9236, So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96158, (530) 541-8960.

Dick and Naoni Hundley, Greater Ozark Chapter, 160 Victoria Lane, Hot Springs, AR 71901, (501) 262-3966.

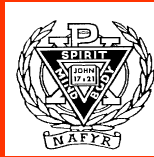
Bob & Janet Ferguson, Willis Chapter, 240 Sand Key East Dr. #26, Clearwater, FL 34292, (727) 596-5530

George Davenport, Ellenwood Chapter

Joe Lind, Central Atlantic Chapter

Dorothy Duran of Tallahassee, FL, is 100 years young (April 19) and is looking forward to her second hundred.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS WHAT YOU ARE DOING. SEND YOUR HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES AND CURRENT FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK TO THE EDITOR FOR INCLUSION IN "NEWS ABOUT US."



WE REMEMBER



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

George A. Jaynes, 85, 3/05/03. Daughters: Jan J. Knoblock, 8325 Reddick Ave., Alexandria, VA 22309
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Ray Sonnenberg, 72, 3/05/03. Children: Raymond H. Sonnenberg, 57 Paulette, Belleville, IL 62223
David W. Steele, 68, 4/15/03. Spouse: Louise C. 4 Hide-A-Way, Coventry, RI 02816.
Chuck Chapman, 83, 5/19/03. Spouse: Jeannette, 616 Leyden Lane, Claremont, CA 91711
James (Tom) Yeaworth, 77, 5/14/03. Spouse: Rosalee, 319 South 96th St., Omaha, NE 68114
Ken Munson, 82, 12/3/02, Spouse: Camilla, 10529 First Ave. North West, Seattle, WA 98177

NAFYR asked to help with 2004 APD Convention

The National APD Convention 2004 will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and the conference planners have asked NAFYR to help with registration, welcoming tasks, the golf tournament, and will be involved with the EAF thrust as well. A great visibility and recruiting opportunity for NAFYR.

Support the World Brotherhood Campaign

Making a difference in the lives of YMCA colleagues in developing countries worldwide.

Every YMCA retiree can help by making a contribution in one of the following ways:

1. New YMCA Retirement Fund Plan

Through a Retiree Pledge Program, a portion of regular retirement checks or experience dividends (when available) can be designated to the World Brotherhood Campaign.

2. NAFYR Annual World Service Plan

Contributions can be made through YMCA World Service, designated to the World Brotherhood Campaign.

All funds collected through plans 1 or 2 will be deposited into the National YMCA Fund. Interest earned will allow the IRD Committee to allocate the earnings for assistance.

Committee Co-Chairs: David Mercer and Ken Thiel

*For further information contact Max Freund at: 1-800-872-9622, ext 8178
 Review the detailed information sent to you in the June 2003 issue of "OGN"*