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On page 6 of this issue is a brief piece about the progress of the World Brotherhood campaign. Its brevity belies its importance. We are off to a good start, with close to 20 percent of the \$1 million pledged. However, as we all know, the first money is the easiest. NAFYR will have to stretch to get to the goal. We can do it, but it will take far broader participation than we have ever had for a campaign. And, as always, every little bit helps. Have you done your part?

## Report to the membership

By Stew Brown

**A**s my term as your president comes to a close this month, it seems appropriate to offer a report to you, the members of NAFYR, on what has been accomplished in the past three years.

### Membership

For the first time, we have identified our membership. With the change in the Retirement Fund's practice of mailing monthly checks and deposit confirmations, we began to mail *OGN* only to those retirees who expressed a desire to belong. Treasurer Dottie Eley has had the awesome task of consolidating our membership list and coordinating with the Fund for mailing of the newsletter.

### Communication

With the marvel of electronics, we have established a weekly message, "Brunch Bunch," to board members, committee chairs, and chapter presidents and editors, plus others who have asked to be added. Brunch Bunch, which was sent every Saturday morning (Mountain Time), has kept the membership informed and up-to-date.

### Chapter visits

One of the primary responsibilities of the president has been to visit every chapter during the term. While this has been done, a by-law change late in my term allows NAFYR to concentrate visits on chapters that may need help with membership and other matters.

### Newsletter

A dramatic change in the format of *OGN* has added space and color to our newsletter and has generated positive comments. An assistant editor, Clark Koechel, has been named to take over the duties when necessary.

### Election process

Under the leadership of George and Mary Reid, a task force recommended changes to streamline our election process. The changes were approved by the General Council.

### Stahl Award

Alan Pickering headed the F. William Stahl Award committee which recognized three retirees for their contributions to public relations and writing during their careers. Andy Brethauer (2001), Hank Bagelmann (2002) and Gerry Morse (2003) were presented with the award.

### Fund-raising

Money was raised for a variety of YMCA-related causes. More money was raised than ever for APD's Emergency Assistance Fund, and the APD board voted to make retirees eligible for grants. In 2001, five retirees benefited from the change. Retirees continued their generous support to World Service, Jerusalem International YMCA, *Secours-Speciaux* and the eastern Europe YMCA development. Under the initiative of the Messer Chapter, an effort was launched to provide secure retirement for YMCA staff in developing countries. Walt Jacoby, Dave Mercer, Dale Ventres, John

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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

WOW! I can't believe my three years as your president are over and this is my final column. Serving you has been a very special honor. I have enjoyed the travel (even with the high alerts), meeting with retirees from across the continent, heading meetings and visiting with YMCA legends. This is a busy organization, and I'm proud of our accomplishments.

For the 2003 Reunion, I prepared a review of our accomplishments and activities during the triennium. If you didn't receive it or were not on the cruise and would like a copy, contact me and I'll mail one right out.

I have more "thank you's" than the Rockies have peaks. Many persons were recognized during the reunion, and expressions of appreciation will be coming soon to chapter presidents and editors.

More important, perhaps, is a special thanks to all of you. I have appreciated communications of support, suggestions and interest related to what NAFYR is doing. Your financial support for all the projects—and the operating budget—we are involved in has been tremendous, especially in light of the current economic downswing. NAFYR members have made a difference with their support.

Now, I'll be quiet for a while, but I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the 2005 reunion in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Take care and may God be with each of you till we share time together again.



## WE REMEMBER

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

**Caleb A. Davis, Jr.**, 70, 6/14/03. Children, c/o Shari Davis, 174 Carroll St., Brooklyn, NY 11231.

**Rita C. Donohue**, 89, 5/7/03. Daughter: Ellen Jo Donohue, 17 Tuthill Ct., Sayreville, NJ 08872.

**George Georgandas**, 78, 6/12/03. Spouse: Doris Georgandas, 501 Lake Hinsdale Dr. #405, Willowbrook, IL 60514.

**Kathryn Jackson**, 78, 6/11/03. Daughter: Deborah Short, Route 1, Box 67B, Columbiana, AL 35051.

**Harold H. Prugh**, 95, 6/7/03. Son: Jeffery D. Prugh, 312 Avenida Cabrillo #6, St. Clemente, CA 92672.

**Walter M. Safrit**, 88, 6/14/03. Spouse: Hope Safrit, 218 Boyce Sink Ct., Thomasville, NC 27360.

**Rosalind H. Webster**, 77, 6/16/03. Son: David Webster, 4928 South Milton Court, Independence, MI 54902.

**F. Earnest Pate** (no further information available).

## Widows

**Martha J. (Mrs. Font) Robison**, Clarksville, Tennessee.

**Alice (Mrs. Walter) Ruesch**, Estes Park, Colorado.

## Educator plans history of GWC

Dr. Sandra Alcorn, former dean of the School of Social Work at Aurora University, has resigned her administrative post to undertake the writing of the history of George Williams College. Dr. Alcorn leaves the academic world after years of distinguished service to George Williams and Aurora University.

In the fall of 1992, Aurora University absorbed much of George Williams' curriculum when the Chicago school closed its doors. Now known as the George Williams College of Health and Human Services, the college includes the School of Human Services, the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work. The School of Human Services and the School of Social Work offer

bachelor and master programs. A new human services major is scheduled for introduction on the AU campus this fall.

AU also operates College Camp, which was part of George Williams College. The arrangement, which began in 1995, was made formal in 2000.

Over the past 18 months, AU has invested over \$3 million in improvements at the Lake Geneva campus. Many buildings have new roofs, and an addition to Brandenburg is nearing completion.

Aurora University is a private, independent institution with an enrollment of over 4000 students, of which 1000 are graduates students. ▼

## FROM THE CHAPTERS

### McCoy plans for 75th anniversary

Thirty members of the McCoy Chapter (Northern California and Nevada, except Las Vegas) gathered at the beautiful Tahoe Keys residence of Doug and Ginny Sprague for an annual cluster meeting on July 8. We enjoyed fantastic weather, food and fellowship. Ideas were shared for our upcoming 75th anniversary celebration on October 8. McCoy was the first chapter of NAFYR. In addition to the anniversary celebration, the chapter will honor Gerry Morse for his selection as the F. William Stahl Award recipient for 2003. *Report by Betty Olson.*

### Messer gives away big bucks

The L. Wilbur Messer Chapter (Illinois) reports in its recent newsletter the chapter has made contributions totaling over \$83,000 since 1990. Fifteen different YMCA-related charities benefited from its generosity. Twenty-one thousand of the total of \$83,429 went to the restoration of an historic mural in the old Wabash YMCA in Chicago, accounting for 25 per cent of the donations. It was a single gift in 2001. Another 21 per cent (\$17,845) went to the George Williams Museum at Lake Geneva Campus. World Service gifts over the 14 years amounted to \$8395, the third largest. Other charities receiving funds included camp scholarships for the Chicago YMCA, the Sioux Indian YMCA, *Secours Speciaux* and the Jerusalem International YMCA. The chapter's memorial fund encourages donations to memorialize or honor persons.

### Jim Havlick named Lyon president

Jim Havlick of Las Vegas, Nevada, has been named president of the Lyon Chapter. He replaces Chuck Chapman, who died in May while in office.

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Danielson, John O'Melia and the late Bill Kuntz played major roles in these efforts.

### Relationships

We have strengthened ties to George Williams College of Aurora University and the Association of Professional Directors (USA) and have maintained our close relationship with the USA YMCA Retirement Fund. APD's *Perspective* magazine has been very cooperative in reporting on our activities and we are represented on APD's national conference committee.

### Fellowship at Sea

A significant change in our (now) biennial reunions proved very popular with the membership. The seven-day cruise was a departure from our standard format and gave us the same opportunities for fellowship, but added visits to exotic islands, outstanding food and good entertainment to the experience.

### World Fellowship of YMCA Retirees

Thanks to the work of President Pres Johnson and Editor Peter Gabel, we maintained strong ties with our brother YMCA retirees around the world.



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

**Allen-Stone** - Don/Joyce Leak (360) 629-0524

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Sept. 3-5, Seabeck Retreat, Seabeck, Wash.

**Grand Canyon** - Peg Andrews (623) 546-9514

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Sept. 16-18, Fall Retreat, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park.

**Messer** - Ken/Alta Thiel (847) 272-2553

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Sept. 11-13, Chapter meeting, Lake Geneva, Wis.

**New England** - Jean/Amberly Butcher (802) 746-8896

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Sept. 17, Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, N.H.

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Sept. 16-18, Fall Retreat, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park.

## ISSC back in action; Jacobys to go to Beijing

NAFYR's International Senior Service Corps is back in action, reports chair Peg Andrews. An improvement in the health situation has opened the door for a resumption of the program.

Muriel and Ray Jacoby of South Hero, Vermont, will represent NAFYR in Beijing, China, for a six-month volunteer assignment. They begin in mid-November. Peg promises updates on their experience as they progress.

Peg said the committee hopes to aid more foreign YMCAs in the near future.

This service is made possible by the generosity of NAFYR members who contribute to the ISSC fund.

### International Senior Service Corps

Former ISSC volunteer Peg Andrews recruited two teams to work in YMCAs abroad. Bill and Jean Fesperman spent 11 months in Bangkok, and Gene and Jeanne Sacha served a time in China. SARS and the world-wide terrorist threat required that future plans be placed on hold.

### Membership recruitment

An initiative to improve the image and membership recruitment has developed in the past few months. Vice President Phil Wortman is assuming leadership in this critical area.

So many of you have helped make the past three years a period of progress for NAFYR. What an awesome organization. ▼

## Close of Korean conflict had interesting incidents

By Bob Danner, Florence, South Carolina

*Editor: Fifty years ago last month, as the Korean police action was winding down, there were interesting differences in the cessation of hostilities from other wars. Bob Danner tells about one phase of it.*

As a transport officer in the Support Group United Nations Command-Military Armistice Commission (UNC-MAC), I took part in a series of operations unique in American military history. For the first time, there was no winner or loser. Personnel were not allowed to cross over enemy lines to look for any reason, including looking for dead. There are numerous side stories to the intensive negotiations taking place in Panmunjon.

The support group could be likened to a new town. Houses had to be built for the residents, who had to be supplied with food, heat, lighting, furniture and clothes. Communications equipment had to be installed, as well as laundry and housekeeping facilities. They had to be driven to and from work and supplied with medical, dental, shopping, postal, newspaper and recreational and religious services. They also had to be driven to and from the negotiation site.

Based a short distance from the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), our transportation unit had the only authorized motor vehicles allowed in it. Mainly, we were taking personnel in and out of the meeting site. Occasionally, we transported inspectors from the North side, Czechoslovakia and Poland, when they were traveling south of the DMZ. We also drove custodian forces from India, who were in charge of 300 non-repatriated POW of the Chinese Peoples Volunteers and Korean Peoples Army.

Our major mission was Operation Big Switch. During the month of August 1953, 12,760 POWs, among them 3579 Americans, crossed the Freedom Bridge into the processing center at Munson-Ni. Returning the Communist prisoners turned into a big headache. They ripped off their UN-issued clothes, threw their boots at troops and broke windshields and benches in the UN trucks. During the operation, Freedom Village was visited by high-ranking dignitaries, including Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Sen. William Knowland, Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens and UN Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

During the peak in our transportation operation, we operated and maintained a fleet of approximately 600 vehicles, ranging



**Lieutenant Bob Danner, a transportation officer, had a part to play in the armistice in Korea 50 years ago.**

from jeeps to tractors. We also operated 16 aircraft that carried passengers and cargo.

Among the people we transported were Vice President Richard Nixon and Marilyn Monroe (with a USO show) in addition to generals, admirals and other visiting dignitaries. We also had the task of hauling fanatic Communist prisoners.

At times, requests and demands were difficult to handle. One operation required us to borrow helicopters to carry 6143 personnel from India to the DMZ. The President of South Korea refused to allow these troops even to step inside South Korea, so we had to move them from American aircraft carriers in Inchon Harbor via the helicopters to the destination.

Often, there were complaints, especially in the bitter cold winter months. Yet, it could sometimes be funny. Sedans were reserved for top ranks, and the majority of our vehicles were jeeps. We had a few with canvas covers and heaters, some with covers but no heaters, and some complete "fresh air" models. We would assign vehicles primarily by rank. Some mornings, as drivers and vehicles arrived at Base Camp, the calls would come in: "Why did so and so get a heater (or a better model) than I got?" In some cases, officers would get into this so deep they would finally ask each other, "What is your date of rank?" If any of our unit had to take a long ride, we would try to hook up with a helicopter or—if we had four or more—we would borrow the best riding vehicle: the ambulance.

Operation Comback, January 20, 1954, was the release date of all non-repatriated prisoners. That day some 22,000 anti-

communist Chinese and North Koreans came out of the DMZ. Most of the Koreans chose to live in South Korea, and the majority of the Chinese elected to go to Formosa. Also, we had to accept the fact that over 300 UN soldiers accepted life under communism. Sadly, we knew 21 of this number were Americans.

The last major operation, Operation Glory, was held in the DMZ beginning September 1, 1954. Each side had to search for the dead on a grid-square method and exchange bodies. For that event, we were granted our wish list of trucks, auto wax, white gloves, glass cleaners, window replacements and new canvas covers.

The United Nations returned more than 13,000 dead from the South Korean area. In return, we received over 4000 bodies, 1869 of which were American.

Having two brothers and a sister who served in World War II, I felt it was my duty to do my part in Korea. The hardest part was never getting a call through to my wife. When I returned, I had missed the first year of my son's life.

On this 50th anniversary of the close of the conflict, I reflect on some memories. Others try to forget. ▼



**These are some of the South Korean, British and American POWs who refused to return to their countries after the conflict.**



## GOLDEN TREASURES



### *Married 66 Years*

Freeda and Bob Apgar, Orange City, Fla.—Sept. 4

### *Married 63 Years*

Florence and Merv DeMille, Watertown, Mass.—Sept 1

### *Married 62 Years*

Dorothy G. and Charles W. Jorgensen, Syracuse, N.Y.—  
Sept. 27

### *Married 60 Years*

Alice H. and Patrick H. Ryan, Gainesville, Ga.—Sept 5  
Carol and Harry Wardell, Canterbury, N.H.— Sept. 7  
Zama and Orwell Tousley, W. Hartford, Conn.—Sept. 12

### *Married 59 Years*

Bertha and Chuck Swart, Cromwell, Conn.—Sept. 11  
Peggy and Don McGregor, Toronto, Ont.—Sept. 14

### *Married 58 Years*

Dorothy and Len Rosewarren, Venice, Fla.—Sept 22

### *Married 56 Years*

Yolana and Don McKierman, Southport, N.C.—Sept 13  
Audrey and Len Covello, Prescott, Ariz. —Sept.27

### *Married 55 Years*

Charlotte and Ron Moore, Lafayette, Ind.—Aug. 25  
Alta and Ken Thiel, Northbrook, Ill.—Sept. 4  
Olive and Bob Carlson, Charlotte, N.C.—Sept. 11  
Rachel and Curtis Keener, Howard, Ohio—Sept. 11  
Betty and Dale Soble, Winter Haven, Fla.—Sept 11  
Ada and Dick Taylor, Walla Walla, Wash.—Sept 18  
Dorothy and Robert Karmgard, Chicago, Ill.—Sept. 25

### *Married 54 Years*

June and Ian Anderson, Solana Beach, Calif.—Sept 3.  
Mary Lou and Joe Mesplou, Torrance, Calif.—Sept. 10  
Patricia and Frederick Zitzer, Bozeman, Mont.—Sept. 10  
Dee and Bill Jones, Decatur, Ga.—Sept. 11  
Ericka and Mike Andrassy, Almonte, Ont.—Sept. 17  
Martha and Ray Bardin, Rowlett, Tex.—Sept. 30

### *Married 53 Years*

Buena and Scotty Washburn, Salem, Oreg.—Sept 3  
Shirley and John B. Tisdale, San Diego, Calif.—Sept 5

### *Married 52 Years*

Phylis and John Barclay, Westfield, Mass.—Sept. 8  
Jeanette and Kurt Johnson, Winfield, Ill.—Sept 15  
Ann and Jack Cole, Golden Valley, Minn.—Sept. 21  
Claudean and Sam Bixler, Phoenix, Ariz.—Sept. 28  
Erma and Robert Sanders, Jr., Richmond, Va.—Sept. 29

### *Married 51 Years*

Jan and Gil Mosher, Lockport, N.Y.—Sept. 13  
Keitha and Russ Davey, Orillia, Ont.—Sept. 20  
Elaine and Don Fortune, Lake Wales, Fla.—Sept. 27

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## WBC approaching 20 percent of goal

The World Brotherhood Campaign is closing in on 20 per cent of the \$1 million goal, announced Ted Hawkins, reporting for the committee. As of July 31, \$174,829 has been pledged or paid. The Weatherford Chapter leads the giving with \$29,195, followed by McCoy with \$24,600. Messer and Central Atlantic are both in excess of \$17,000. In average per gift among the leaders, McCoy tops the list with 14 gifts for an average of \$1575, followed by Messer with \$1360 and Weatherford at \$1168. There have been 24 gifts from persons who did not designate a chapter affiliation.

### \$5000 and up

Martin and Mary Hanzlik  
Frank and Delores Kiehne  
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### Bon Voyage

## A trip to remember

By Jim Bailey, Tampa, Florida

It was an event I will include in my memoirs under "Life-Changing Events." My wife, Barbara and I accepted an invitation to go on a mission trip with a group called Living in Faith, a ministry to Cuba and Haiti. This trip was to Cuba and was unique, not only because of the destination, but also because we were the crew, as well.

After some groundwork, we loaded the ship and waited for clearances from the U.S. and Cuban governments. The ship was a 92-foot former fishing vessel. It was built for a crew of four or five in the North Atlantic. We were eight, working in semitropical weather. It took some adjusting for sleeping arrangements, cooking and indoctrination to sea life and unsteady footing for six novice seamen.

After a 36-hour trip, we arrived in Havana harbor on a Sunday morning. It was unique . . . a humanitarian ship with authorization from both governments, the first in 40 years. We were greeted by several Cuban officials, a contingent from a Baptist Church and about 50 longshoremen. The government representatives were very helpful and seemed eager to welcome us and make our reception smooth and pleasant.

It was a busy and exciting three days in Cuba. We slept and took most meals in the Baptist church, though we did have one meal in a Cuban restaurant and another in the home of a Cuban pastor. We visited two mission churches, one in the city and another in a rural area.



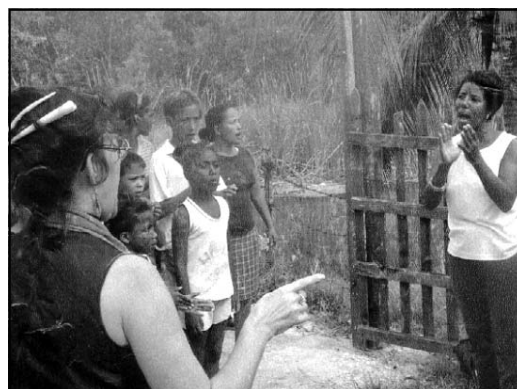
**Jim Bailey served as cook aboard the ship to Cuba, barely fitting in the low ceiling galley.**



**Cuban longshoremen unloaded cargo, including bicycles. Due to the embargo, most cars are circa 1950, so bicycles are a necessity.**

We toured an eye clinic, historic old Havana, a fresh food market and made repairs to the home of the ministry administrator.

Obviously, three days in Cuba did not make us experts, but I was touched, moved and inspired by the perseverance and industry of the Cuban people we met. They are coping with life under very trying conditions. I am grateful for the opportunity to try to help and bring a little hope and comfort to some very deserving people. ▼



**The minister (Sylvia) of a mission church at Guanimar, a small, very poor fishing village, leads the children of the church and the Americans in praise songs.**

# JUST AMONG FRIENDS - NEWS ABOUT US

**Ron Barr**, Charlotte, North Carolina, is a full-time, state-wide accounting manager for the Legal Aid Society. "Once a non-profit, always a non-profit," he says.

**Don Long**, Fairview Park, Ohio, is on the administrative board of his United Methodist Church and a member of the capital campaign steering committee and the endowment committee.

**Gary Huff**, Sequim, Washington, volunteers for train maintenance once a week in Olympic National Park. He has joined the board of the YMCA in Port Angeles and is involved with fund-raising and program committees.

**Lony** served on a committee that put on the Irrigation Festival last spring. The festival celebrates the hand digging of the irrigation canal from the Dungeness River to Sequim in the 1890s.

**Fulton Johnson**, Rustburg, Virginia, was elected to a second two-year term as president of Mended Hearts, Inc., at the organization's annual meeting in St. Louis. Mended Hearts is a support group for heart patients and their families. There are 300 chapters with 25,000 members in the U.S. and Canada.

The Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties in Oregon presented its President's Award to **John Mistkawi** of Salem. The award is for specific achievements. He has served as president of the Y's service club and the golf committee. John retired from the Salem YMCA in 1997 after 25 years as executive director.

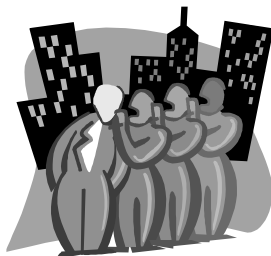
## YMCA Canada moves to protect film

The YMCA Canada Archives has been working to preserve its historical film collection, according to "Tie-Lines," the newsletter of the Copeland Budge (Canada) Chapter of NAFYR. Many of the films were becoming fragile and in need of attention, and a film conservator worked through the fall and winter of 2002-03 to prevent further deterioration and to preserve

the informational content by copying some of the films to another format. The films were cleaned, cored, repaired and re-housed in acid-free cans. Some were duplicated in high resolution DVD, then on VHS.

The films are important, holding historical and research value as evidence of the Canadian YMCA's activities and contributions to Canadian life.

Most of the film is promotional in nature, the oldest dating from 1939,



**Les McWhorter**, Jupiter, Florida, a past commander and public relations officer of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron, was recently selected as Member of the Year by the 500-member organization. The Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, promoting safe boating in the U.S. since 1914.

**Nicholas Goncharoff**, Swannanoa, North Carolina, a keynote speaker at NAFYR's 1997 Reunion at Blue



Nicholas Goncharoff

Ridge Assembly, continues to be in high demand as a speaker. He is scheduled to address six universities and 15 colleges between August 1 and December 30. anniversary of the Southeastern World Affairs Institute held at Blue Ridge in July. His topic there was "The U.S. Role in a New World Order: Management, Leadership or Statesmanship."

**Bob Mullings**, Reidsville, North Carolina, has been named Kiwanian of the Year for his club.

Another Kiwanian, **Colquitt "Coke" Clark**, Birmingham, Alabama, has been elected Governor of his Kiwanis district. He also had his second hole-in-one on a 155-yard hole, using a six iron.

Coke joins NAFYR President-Elect **Jim Lipscomb**, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the exclusive golf club. Jim aced a hole earlier this year.

made to promote Canadian YMCA war services.

Most of the film is from the 1950s and 60s and includes many animated spots encouraging people to join a YMCA.

The project was partially funded by the Government of Canada through the National Archives of Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives in Ottawa. ▼



## 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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Rick Riehman (Lorraine), dir hlth/pe, YMCA, La Canada, Calif. 10974 Via Abaca, San Diego, CA 92126.

Jim Epps (Annette), VP, YMCA, Raleigh, North Carolina. 3108 Cartwright Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612.

Michael Chapman, camp dir, YMCA, Fresno, California. 5558 W. Fremont, Fresno, CA 93722.

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## APD announces EAF Heritage Club

The Association of Professional Directors (USA) is establishing a Heritage Club for the Emergency Assistance Fund patterned after the popular endowment program used by many YMCAs, announced Executive Director John Coduri. NAFYR has a direct link to the new effort.



John Coduri

Last year, John received a letter from Treasurer Dottie Eley in which Dottie replied to a woman seeking information on EAF. The letter was from a Mary M. Dodds, age 97, in Lancaster, South Carolina.

John followed up, and during a telephone call, Mrs. Dodds said she was reviewing her will and considering a bequest to EAF. John did not give much thought following the call,

though remembering she sounded like "a very nice person—genuine in her concern for making a difference."

Mary passed away in June. Three days after her death, John received a call from her attorney who informed John that Mary had made a bequest to the fund of \$50,000.

"For quite some time," said John, "I have pondered the possible relevance of an EAF Heritage Fund to ensure the long-term financial stability of this most beneficial of services for our active and retired members." ▼

## Perspective seeks writers for HOF tributes

*Perspective* magazine, the publication of the Association of Professional Directors (U.S.) is asking NAFYR to supply a writer or writers for a series of articles paying tribute to persons who have been inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame. Biographical data and photos can be obtained through Paul Katz, YMCA relations officer at Springfield College.

Interested persons should contact Susan Schultz at the editorial office. Her e-mail address is [perspect@gis.com](mailto:perspect@gis.com) and telephone number is (978) 369-6393.

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