

## AYR ADRIAN GREEK PASSION AWARD

### ELLEN BROWN TRIBUTE:

Ellen Brown was the first full time YMCA Secretary in America and was employed for working with boys. Whether employed as a program director or a business administrator, Ellen Browns personal quest was to make a difference in a child's life. Often working late into the evening hours mentoring and guiding the youth who needed compassion and direction, Ellen Brown would counsel and give strength along with friendship through her caring and trusting support. From this 'mentoring' many young boys returned to the YMCA movement in their adult years as professional directors and key volunteer leaders. What was a friend in need and a guide during difficult times and always ready to listen and often with a 'hug' Ellen Brown was a pioneer 'Mentor' in the YMCA movement.

The Ellen Brown Award will recognize today an individual for his contributions and efforts in Administration of program and business operations of an AYR Chapter. As Ellen Brown recognized the importance of Mentoring and Educating our youth, successful "Y" Director in their active and or retired service understand the relevance of developing and nurturing those around them. With the likeness of Ellen Brown, this nominee is a person of stealth judgment, superior qualities and master of motivation while 'staying the course' in the area of service.

### INTRODUCTION OF ADRIAN GREEK:

Scotty Washburn in his nomination of Adrian Greek noted that Adrian has served his Allen-Stone Chapter of AYR for the past 18 years including a two year term in 1997 – 1999 as Co-President with his wife Anne. Adrian continues to serve on the Board of Directors with major leadership roles in finance management and membership development of the Chapter. He is the organizer and 'keeper' of statistical information regarding member attendance, financial support and contributions to all projects and programs. He provides the management data and insures sound decision-making by the Committees and Board of the Allen-Stone Chapter.

(THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY SCOTTY FOR ADRIANS NOMINATION – PERHAPS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO CAREER HIGHLIGHTS OR OTHER INDEPTH SERVICE ACCOUNTING TO HIS CHAPTER CAN BE FOUND AND ADDED TO THE ABOVE.)

### JOHN 17:21 AWARD STATEMENT:

In John 17:21 Jesus prays for his Disciples "THAT THEY MY ALL BE ONE FATHER! MAY THEY BE IN US JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU. MAY THEY BE ONE SO THAT THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE YOU SENT ME". It is this application of unselfish giving and oneness for all humanity that was instilled in the Disciples that is also found in Adrian Greek who has given of himself for the betterment of the Allen-Stone AYR Chapter and for humanity.

We wish to recognize this 'INTREPID' but perhaps even more so 'UNSUNG' hero from our YMCA family who has not only excelled in his career but also in his retirement and has made significant accomplishments in developing, supporting and communicating his passion for others.

In summary "TO BE ONE WITH THE FATHER" – this was the inherent vision of early leaders of the YMCA such as Ellen Brown and has been the inherent vision of Adrian Greek.

#### RECOGNITION OF ADRIAN GREEK:

Our Praise Song reminds us of Adrian's dedication and application: "I REFUSE TO SIT AROUND AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO MYSELF. OH I COULD CHOOSE NOT TO MOVE BUT I REFUSE!" Adrian always knew it was his time "TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND DO WHAT ADRAIN WAS MADE TO DO!"

We are sad to say that Adrian could not travel to be with us today but we have asked Scotty Washburn to stand and accept the AYR REUNION 2011 JOHN 17:21 PASSION AWARD for Adrian Greek. This award will be presented to Adrian at an upcoming Allen – Stone Chapter meeting later this year.