

## AYR FRED PAHL PASSION AWARD

### JOHN R. MOTT TRIBUTE:

A philanthropist and YMCA leader and Nobel Prize winner (1946), John R. Mott once said 'YMCA WORKERS SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALS WITH INTENSE MORAL ENTHUSIASM, ABLE TO ORGANIZE, LEAD AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO WORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED TO BE GREAT IN CHARACTER'.

The Mott Award will recognize a retired YMCA Director for his contributions and efforts in the initiation of Fund Development practices in order to sustain and grow community programs and maintain support and development of various initiatives throughout the movement in service to the YMCA/AYR and or other community service groups. With the likeness of John R. Mott, this nominee is a person of great character and vision to 'STAY THE COURSE' and to plant the seeds of YMCA discovery and growth in the development of funding opportunities.

### INTRODUCTION OF FRED PAHL:

During his 27 year YMCA career, Fred Pahl worked in various Associations where he supervised and trained professionals and support staff in fiscal management, program development and innovation of new programs. He developed successful Annual Giving and Presidents Round Table Campaigns, Golf fund raiser classics and Good Friday Prayer Breakfast that today exceeds over 500 in attendance at the Riverside City and County YMCA. Furthermore, Fred eliminated operational debts and balanced budgets throughout his YMCA Career. Fred was also active in raising funds for the YMCA of Tijuana, Mexico and chaired the fund raising efforts for a number of years.

Since his retirement in 1991, Fred has conducted and supervised numerous YMCA capital campaigns for "Y"s in California, Texas, South Carolina, Missouri and Hawaii. He continues to share his talent by managing Capital Campaigns, conducting feasibility studies and presentations, working on foundation development, financial development, readiness studies, proposal writing, public relations programs, board development and training, long range planning and deferred giving programs.

In addition to his continuous involvement with YMCAs, Fred has also assisted other nonprofits such as YWCA Shelters for Battered Women, Theater and Arts Groups, Community Centers and Ronald McDonald House to mention a few.

His fundraising skills have empowered many individuals and made it possible for thousands of people to access much needed services.

Fred Pahl was instrumental in starting the National YMCA Rag and Leather Program and Christian Leadership Conferences throughout the US in 1974. During his "Y" career he also presented the YMCA

Rags and Leather Programs to the Osaka and Yokohama YMCAs in Japan. Fred continues to be connected and most recently attended the Christian Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this past April and serves as a prayer partner for the National Christian Leadership Conference Prayer Team.

Fred continues to work as a 'mentor' to local YMCA Executives in Annual and Capital campaigns and programs. He is a member and volunteer in his local Y's Men Club and a member of the Marston Chapter.

#### JOHN 17:21 AWARD STATEMENT:

In John 17:21 Jesus prays for his Disciples "THAT THEY MAY 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 Fred Pahl who has given of himself for the betterment of our movement, his community and for humanity.

We wish to recognize this INTREPID 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, Fred Pahl has "STAYED THE COURSE" and has followed the vision of John R. Mott that YMCA leaders should be individuals with intense moral enthusiasm, able to organize, lead and inspire others to work for the development of their community. But above all – Fred is GREAT IN CHARACTER! In other words "TO BE ONE WITH THE FATHER". This is the inherent vision of early YMCA leaders such as John R. Mott and has been the inherent vision of Fred Pahl.

#### WELCOME FRED PAHL:

Recounting the lyrics of our Praise Song "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!"

Fred Pahl was not able to be with us today, but I invite Bea Halk to stand and accept the JOHN 17:21 PASSION AWARD for Fred at this time. Fred will be presented this recognition at an upcoming Marston Chapter meeting this fall.