

## AYR PEG ANDREWS PASSION AWARD

### GEORGE WILLIAMS TRIBUTE:

George Williams, in 1844 founded the first YMCA in London, England. Since that eventful date, the YMCA has grown and spread throughout the world and is now established in over 160 countries. George Williams had a vision for the YMCA and this vision has been carried forward by the outstanding and excellent leadership skill of “Y” Directors for 170 years.

Most people see the short term but this nominee had the vision to see the finish line and establish the path to navigate the crucial aspects of excellence in leadership and achievement through her volunteer efforts in AYR. Recognition for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT as an AYR volunteer is not only distinguished but is a measure of endurance and the giving of oneself to the development of others.

In other words, in the likeness of founder George Williams, this nominee dedicated her time as a retired YMCA Director to the improvement of others and demonstrates ‘SERVICE ABOVE SELF’.

### INTRODUCTION OF PEG ANDREWS:

For those that knew Peg Andrews, it is easy to express why she should be nominated for any kind of award. Many have known Peg throughout her distinguished YMCA career; some of us have only known her in our retired years, but every one that knew her thinks of one who has a passion for the YMCA, our retirement organization and every aspect of the two.

After an initial career as a dental hygienist, Peg went back to College (Kent State University) to obtain her BS in Education and, upon graduating Magna Cum Laude, she began her YMCA career in 1976. She was hired by the Tucson YMCA and was their first female Director. Her success there led her to the opportunity to run the Maui, Hawaii YMCA where she and her husband Andy lived for the next four years. They then moved to Pasadena, CA as the Director of the San Marino/South Pasadena YMCA. After having a successful Capital Campaign there she joined Campaign Associates, running Capital Campaigns in Victoria, Canada, Waterloo, IA, Shawnee, Oklahoma and several other places.

Peg and Andy ended their full time YMCA career doing ‘Y’ volunteer work in Chiang Mai, Thailand before retiring in Sun City West, Arizona.

In her retirement years, Peg is well known for her work in NAFYR. For years she coordinated the work of ISSC (International Senior Service Corps). She encouraged participants to communicate what they were doing in whatever country they were located so that the Chapters could follow their activities and become supportive and interested in the international work of NAFYR participants. She maintained an excellent working relationship with her foreign co-workers as well as the NAFYR participants. She was

always an active recruiter and sometimes candidates found that they were sold on the idea just by listening to Peg. She laid a strong foundation for the future of this important program of AYR.

Peg was also passionate for support of the EAF program and encouraged her chapter membership, as Chairperson, to always strive to have 100% participation.

Finally, Peg was President of the Grand Canyon Chapter of NAFYR from 2000 – 2005. She had a great core of leaders and high participation of members. Her leadership was exemplary for fun, fellowship and camaraderie. For Chapter members, there were memorable times under Peg and they will last for many years.

It is this outstanding YMCA career and leadership in NAFYR/AYR and international work that makes Peg Andrews worthy to receive the George Williams Award for Life Time Achievement – POSTHUMOUSLY.

#### 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 was also found in Peg Andrews who has given of herself for the betterment of our movement and for humanity.

We wish to recognize one of our most ‘intrepid’ but perhaps more so ‘unsung’ hero from our YMCA family who excelled in her career and in retirement and has made significant accomplishments in developing, supporting and communicating this passion for others.

In summary “To be one with the Father” – this was the inherent vision of leaders of the YMCA such as George Williams and the inherent vision of Peg Andrews.

#### RECOGNITION OF PEG ANDREWS:

Our Praise song reminds us of Peg’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!”

Peg Andrews always knew it was time for her ‘TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND DO WHAT SHE WAS MADE TO DO’!

We regret with sadness that Peg Andrews passed away on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Bob Shelton, a member and chaplain of the Grand Canyon Chapter, who nominated Peg could not be with us today but accepting this award for Peg Andrews will be Clark Lupton, President of the GC Chapter (or Andy Andrews – husband). This Award will be presented to Andy Andrews and members of the Andrews family in an upcoming Grand Canyon meeting with grace and honor.