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THANK YOU & WELCOME

Sharon and I welcome the opportunity to more fully participate. We thank you for the vote of confidence as we stride forward in the next couple of years with the Allen-Stone Chapter of AYR.

We look forward to the chance to work together with the Board and Membership to possibly create other activities in regional communities where activities can be more "localized". It is intended that new events can be shorter in duration and will attract more participation from those living in regional locales. We will continue the traditional events - but adding some new dimensions - and will be working with your Board of Directors on this. We will be calling upon others in our YMCA Family to help in generating a spurt of new blood.

We wish to ask all our members - by members we mean all who live in our great Northwest including Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and Montana and especially to those who must endure the warmth of the Hawaiian Islands - to take time within your schedule for 2012 to partake in at least one of our Chapter AYR events meeting some old acquaintances, and of course meeting some new people as well. Come and share in their experiences that helped accomplish the mission of the Y and share what is going on in lives today as we meet.

We are seeing a potential for clustering as a means for us to reach out and to gather in fellowship. We've reviewed our membership roster and see where there may be an opportunities to possibly gather in local areas in an effort to involve more people in smaller activities. Look forward to something coming to your community. In an attempt to facilitate this we will be traveling with Dave & Joyce Mercer on a RV trip through the main sectors of Oregon and Washington in late spring of 2012. We will be inviting members to gather, share bread and discuss the potential of clusters. Again, look for some activity coming soon.

We look forward to your support and participation. All our efforts will add to the long history of other Chapter Leaders for the support of our Allen Stone.

Many Holiday Greetings
Mike & Sharon Robinson

REQUEST FOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to communicate efficiently via the internet utilizing email. We'd like to use this with one another in our Chapter. Each email would be held confidential. Email addresses would not be shared globally. Individual's not providing an email would still receive communications by traditional mail. Please submit a viable email address by email to janerosl@wildblue.net or mikies.mike@gmail.com.

AYR WEBSITE

Have you visited the AYR Retirees website yet? There is a lot of information available and interesting reading about other chapters. Take time to see other Chapter Newsletters, Events, EAF, and World Service. If you are traveling - take a look at the Calendar Section for events on-going around our country.

Enjoy. Go to www.YRetirees.org

IT'S TIME TO CONTRIBUTE FOR 2012

Bob Goff has reported "our Allen Stone bank is open" and we're ready to move forward in our 2012 budget year. Our Chapter in AYR is most unique. All other Chapters across the country require "membership dues", whereas YOUR ALLEN-STONE CHAPTER treats all its retirees as MEMBERS. In such we have "377 members" in our fold. All receive our Old Guard Newsletter, along with options to attend five major social events. We conduct all of our Chapter business through "personal contributions" from our members, friends and families. We are able to evolve through our giving "member family" - we thank you in advance for your gifts, considerations and for your time of YMCA service.

Bob Goff, Treasurer, reported a successful 2011 program and budget year. He reported members contributed over \$2700.00 dollars and with this we've been able to provide our quarterly newsletter and conducted 5 regional events along with our ability to give additional grants for world emergencies through the YMCA World Service Movement. In essence members of our Great Northwest...and those residing in the Hawaiian Islands...have been stalwart with AYR.

OUR OPPORTUNITY TODAY. We now are almost 40 days into our new budget year of October 1, 2011-September 30, 2012 and it is time now time for each of us to consider and reconsider OUR contributions as we come to year's end and asking you consider including our Allen-Stone Chapter. It would be fantastic to have 100% membership participation - let's all try. Success will be achieved and we are very hopeful YOU WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATING. All help - no matter the dollar value - helps us achieve good things.

Consider us, as we now move towards the end of the calendar year 2011 - November and December are good times for giving - and your Allen-Stone Chapter would like to hear from you.

Send you're Allen-Stone Contribution to Bob Goff, Treasurer, at 733 Castle Pines Drive N; Kelzer, OR 97303.

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

A meeting for Board Members and anyone who wishes to attend is being arranged for Allen Stone. It will be separate from our events/social activities so we can delve into issues and subjects that are important to us all.

Adrian Greek has come through again with flying colors and has found a location that has easy access from traffic (in Portland) with a top notch meal. Much kudos to Adrian. Meeting will be held at the Town Center Village (club room) at 8609 E. Causey Avenue, Portland 97086. If planning to attend please call or email Mike or Adrian by November 25th to facilitate no host meal and room arrangements.

Topics will include minutes, budget, committee reports and all subjects requested by the Membership. Also we will discuss Cluster Activities, Membership Development, Communications, use of Internet and the AYR Website, and reports from Walt Shaw, Adrian Greek, and Dave Mercer. Come join in as we move forward into 2012.

YMCA WORLD SERVICE

An Allen-Stone update: Earl Collins, Chairman, reported that our Chapter Family has contributed over \$17,260 with still two months to go in 2011 year. He believes - from past participants - there is another \$5000.00 potential. He is very excited by our total participation and to our continued support of the Y's International efforts.

Earl participated in a *Building Global Community Conference* hosted by the YMCA's of Mexico, Canada and the United States. Topics include * Exploring the role and responsibility of the YMCA in building a global community * How to leverage the collective strength of the global YMCA movement and more. Earl joined other AYR and AYP representatives in this San Francisco meeting this October.

To make a contribution or add to yours please do so. The Y responded well in Japan, and may be looking to efforts both in Turkey and Peru. The world is our community.

Contributions and questions can be directed to Mary Tikalsky

YMCA of USA-World Service
101 Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

I've just come from San Diego gathering with some of the most impressive people I know, your fellow YMCA retirees. There are not very many groupings of people who have contributed so much during their lives to the success of the "Greatest Generation". It is a privilege to be a part of the experience and success this group represents. An amazing part of our lives is that our predecessors have set up a healthy and productive **YMCA Retirement Fund**.

Now I see that the **Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF)** has that same positive purpose, appeal and future. Quite a few of us give. Benefits for participating:

- Your gift is tax deductible.
- If you have an emergency situation that your finances cannot handle (and you have maintained your paid membership in the National AYR organization and are a contributor to EAF) you may apply for help from this fund to help rescue you and your family.
- It is for YMCA Retirees. Support and Professional Staff alike.

It is a very inexpensive way to assure some financial protection. You must maintain your AYR National Membership annually as well as contribute to EAF. EAF Contributions mail to: YMCA of USA - EAF; 101 Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606.

Our Allen-Stone Chapter Chairman is: **Scotty Washburn**. He can be reached at (503) 585-6075 or by email at scottywashburn@a.com. *It all starts with a phone call. If you know of anyone of our members who could use some help - yourself included - please call Scotty and get the ball rolling.*

HAVE YOU JOINED NATIONAL AYR 2012?

Did you know that your Allen-Stone Chapter of AYR is also one of the major member groups of our National AYR organization as well? There are 75 individual and couple members from all our states; Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and even those who must reside in Hawaii are National AYR members.

It's National AYR membership renewal time. Dues are only \$25.00 for an individual or couple. Members receive the publication AYR Reports which maybe soon coming monthly via internet/hard copy too. As a member you are eligible to apply to the Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) with grants up to \$10,000. A great benefit for you.

If you have any questions regarding National AYR contact Lauren at (413) 748-3884. Like your Allen-Stone Chapter, the National AYR is also on a fiscal year of October 1-September 30th budget year. So it is now a good time to join/renew. Mail to:

Association of YMCA Retirees
Springfield College
Stitzer YMCA Center - 2nd Floor
263 Alden Street
Springfield, MA 01109

EVENTS & CHAIRMAN 2012 & 2013

Coast Get Away

February 7-9, 2012
Washburn, Mistkawai & Goff
(503) 585-6075
scottywashburn@a.com

Ashland Shakespeare Festival

April 17-20, 2012
Ouellette's & Robinson's
(541) 840-8168
mikiee.mike@gmail.com

Hawaii Get Get Away Adventure

May 16-18, 2012
Don & Sue Anderson
(808) 239-4614
ymcaddon@mac.com

Seabeck Conference & Annual Meeting

Sept 4-6, 2012
Virginia Stout
(206) 322-8786
virginisstout@earthlink.net

Fall Get Together TBA

Coast Get Away 2013

George & Joanne Nichols
(206) 932-1313

Spring Get Away 2013 TBA

Ashland Shakespeare Festival

April 23-26, 2013
Mercer's & Robinson's
(541) 840-8168
mikiee.mike@gmail.com

Seabeck Conference & Annual Meeting

Sept 3-5, 2013 TBA

Fall Get Away 2013

Adrian Greek
(503) 252-8700
greekab@comcast.net

Salmon Fishing Trip 2012

(503) 585-6075
scottywashburn@a.com

(NEW) RV'ers & Others Get Away 2012 or 2013

Jim & Jan Leigh
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KEEP IN TOUCH

I/We would like to contribute to Allen Stone \$ _____

Send to Bob Goff, 733 Castle Pines Drive N; Kelzer, OR 97303

My/Our Email Address is: _____

What is Happening in your Life? Please share with us: _____

Submitted by: _____