

AYR UPDATES

APRIL 19, 2010

Chapter President's and Board Meeting

A very productive meeting involving the chapter Presidents and the AYR Board of Directors was held in Orlando, Florida on April 6, 7, 8, 2010. Excellent presentations were made on the work of the Strategic Planning committee, the Emergency Assistance Fund, "a Guide for Chapter Presidents", AYR Membership, World Service and the AYR Website.

INFORMATION SHARED and DISCUSSED

- Difficulty in managing AYR with no paid staff and rare meetings.
- Weakness involved in turning –over The Board every two years.
- Need for National AYR Membership
- Recruiting New Members
- Improving Service of National Officers to Chapters
- Benefits of National Membership
- Having Chapters and National Budgets on the same Fiscal year
- 2011 Reunion in San Diego
- Eligibility for Grants from EAF (National Membership in AYR is required to be eligible for Grant Assistance. This is a rule of AYP who is the owner of EAF).

NAMES OF RETIREES

Beginning very soon we will have available for Chapters the names of recent YMCA Retirees, starting with those who retire as of May, 2010. Also we will have for your information the names of Deceased Retirees from August, 2009 until the present.

STAHL AWARD

The next Stahl Award will be presented at the 2011 Reunion and henceforth at the Triennial Reunion. Bob Rule, Past President will be giving leadership to the Stahl Award process.

AYR WEBSITE

The AYR website continues to get congratulatory comments. David Bast, webmaster is asking all of us to provide him with information which could be shared with website viewers.

2011 REUNION

It's not too early to start thinking about and planning to be a part of the 2011 Reunion in San Diego. Pat Ritter and her Reunion Committee are putting together an exciting program. This program will be one that when you get old and are sitting on your porch in a rocking chair, will cause you to reflect and say: "Those guys really knew how to throw a party"!

UNTIL NEXT TIME,

Julius Jones