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AYR Chapter Presidents/AYR Leadership:

Association of YMCA Retirees (AYR) leadership has been working with the YMCA Retirement Fund staff to develop a process to continue to share retiree contact information to help support membership with AYR while protecting the privacy of those retirees who do not wish to share their information. This requires new software upgrades and the development of protocols which will take time to get them in place. Therefore, I am pleased to tell you the following information:

-Beginning in May new retiree contact information will be shared with local AYR Chapter and AYR National leadership—these contacts will be those who have given permission to share their information with AYR and AYP when checking off a box on their annuity forms.

-The Fund is mailing a special letter to each of the current retirees (almost 9500) to request permission to share their contact information with AYR, AYP and YUSA only. This is an “opt out” option to encourage more participation. The letter is being sent in February and retirees have until March to respond. Once all the information is received the Fund will create a new Retiree Distribution List used for the sole purpose of promoting AYR and related activities that enhance connecting Y Retirees to the YMCA Movement. We anticipate this to be completed before Labor Day after which all requests for contact information (from chapters and AYR) will be processed through me and approved by Vanessa Boulous, Sr. Vice President at the Fund.

-Deceased retiree information will be shared on a quarterly basis to be published in the AYR newsletter – “AYReports”.

I am confident this will help achieve the Fund's goals of protecting the privacy of retirees while assisting AYR in promoting membership.

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