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Greetings!

We had great fun at Blue Ridge YMCA Assembly on our 60th Anniversary as around 60 people came to celebrate. We're sharing pictures, stories, and other information. Charles and Sherrie Cleveland have made great plans for our May Spring Fling 2020 which will be May 4-6 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Fall Festival Fun & Fellowship

Our Fall Festival opened with registration and then a memorial service to remember those who have passed away in the last year. This year's service was led by Dave and Gail Cotten. We then made the short drive to the Red Rocker Inn for a fabulous dinner Monday evening. Of course, bidding for the silent auction items opened that night and the selection was impressive.





Tuesday morning Bob McGaughey and Harriet Hoskyns-Abraham shared with us their experiences with the Sioux Indian YMCA in South Dakota. Harriet participated in an International Service Corps experience there earlier this year, and Bob has served on the Board of Trustees for several years. We were saddened to learn of the extreme need and poverty there, but were also deeply grateful to learn of the amazing work the YMCA does in serving those in need.



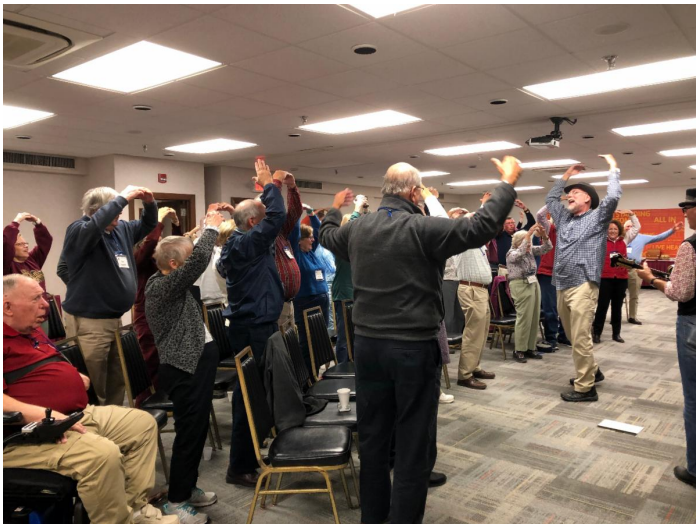
Tuesday afternoon was free time or the opportunity to do a service project helping Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA prepare additional small green rockers, which are given to donors.



Tuesday afternoon, we had a reception celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Weatherford Chapter meeting at Blue Ridge. We went to the Weatherford home at the top of the mountain, a place many of us had never been. The views were amazing and the time of celebration and fellowship very special. Our special guests, Dale Packer, President of YMCA Alumni and Lou Falk, Eastern Regional VP, joined us for our entire Fall Festival.



Dinner on Tuesday evening, the conclusion of our silent auction and entertainment by Whitewater Bluegrass rounded out the day.





SAVE THE DATE - MAY 4-6, 2020

Spring Fling 2020 will be in Winston Salem, NC May 4th-6th, 2020. We'll be staying at the Marriott Twin City Quarter in downtown Winston Salem. Monday dinner will be in in downtown Winston Salem , then we'll journey to Mt Airy, hometown of Andy Griffith. We'll enjoy time in "Mayberry", eat at the Old State Winery, and tour both the history and Andy Griffith museums. Wednesday we've been invited by fellow members, Joe and Jeanne Warwick, to their home (about a 20 minute drive) for a Cowboy Shooting demonstration on Joe's Ole West Shooting Range. We'll also enjoy a cowboy lunch.

Mark your calendar now and watch for registration information coming in our February newsletter.



World Service and EAF Updates

World Service

Weatherford Chapter World Service - A big thank you to all of our members who are already 2019 World Service supporters. As of November 4th, our chapter has donated \$17,925.



Our Weatherford Chapter is again leading the way in retiree support both in dollars and number of participants.

YMCA World Service is making a much needed difference in developing positive leadership and meeting needs throughout the world. Nearly all of our supporters from last year are on board again for 2019. If you are not a supporter yet, we would like you to join the 48 members who represent our chapter. Your support in whatever amount will make a big difference.

Check out the World Service web site www.ymca.net/world-service to learn more about the impact and make a pledge or contribution. Pledges do not need to be paid until the end of the year.

Any questions about World Service contact Glenn Mease at 704-321-0304 or gmease@aol.com.



Emergency Assistance Fund

Congratulations! 198 Y Alumni from across the US have donated nearly \$32,258 to EAF so far in 2019. Of those, 40 contributions totaling \$7580 are from Weatherford Chapter members. Contributions from all sources equals \$79,250 year to date.

Since January 1, EAF has received 35 grant requests. 18 requests have been approved for a total of nearly \$75,000. The other requests were denied because the individuals were not current YMCA Alumni or Y Prime members.

We had a very successful action this year, raising the most money we've done in several years - \$1572. This was split between World Service and EAF. In addition, at our business meeting, the half of proceeds given to World Service was rounded up to \$1000 and designated to be given to the Sioux Indian YMCA.



Volunteer Opportunity with the Sioux YMCA in South Dakota

Would you consider volunteering a week of your time to expand your horizons and make a difference in the lives of Sioux Indian kids?

The Sioux Y is 140 years old this year. It has programs around the reservation and a resident and day camp, Camp Marrowbone, an hour away from the Y's offices in the tiny town of Dupree on the Missouri river and Lake Oahe. The ISC (International Service Corps) Task Force is putting together a program with the Sioux Y which largely mirrors the international programs it arranges. How so? The Sioux people are their own nation, even keeping their feathers on their version of the Y's international logo.

Six YMCA Alumni spent a week last May at the Y in Dupree learning about the Y's programs and needs. Our learnings included helping to teach at a Tribal school and watching the local High School graduation ceremonies, Native-American style. Our service project was to make six BBQ tables and eight Adirondack chairs for the Y camp. We all found the week's experience personally, as well as professionally, very rewarding. This coming year we are planning another trip for June 8-14, 2020, shortly before camp opens. We will be helping to set up camp for some 60 resident kids in basic cabins and assisting with everything from sailboat repair to building a ropes course and much in between. There will be a need for unskilled as well and somewhat skilled labor, and for females as well as males. And if you know someone who can instruct paddleboarding...

Volunteers need to pay for their own transport to the airport and back, most meals and accommodation. The choices will be: bunk beds at Camp Marrowbone or a simple B&B at a town about 20 miles away. More information will be available in the New Year.

The weather should be warm, the lake water too. If you are interested in helping to broaden the horizons of the Sioux kids, who barely have any chance to leave the reservation, please contact Harriet Hoskyns-Abrahall at hh_a@bellsouth.net or leobob50@hotmail.com. Join the group of YMCA Alumni volunteers for an experience you will never forget.

Volunteer Opportunity- Grand Bahama YMCA

ISC (International Service Corps) has very recently received a request from Grand Bahama, so hard-hit by Dorian. The Y there needs a Y Alum, or alums, for a minimum of three weeks - no maximum! And ASAP. Assistance is needed in some or all of the following areas; Report writing after Dorian, marketing materials, clerical support, program co-ordination and community events. Some beautiful beaches miraculously remain untouched and Bahamians are absolutely determined to recover. Alums would need to pay for their food and lodging; the Y will help find inexpensive digs. ISC would cover air fares from home to Grand Bahama and back. For more information contact Harriet H-A at hh_a@bellsouth.net.

More Fun at Blue Ridge





New Officers for 2020-2021

New Officers Elected for 2020-2021

Bill and Teri Hooson were celebrated for their two years of service as president of the Weatherford chapter at our business meeting on Wednesday. In addition, new officers were elected and committee chairs appointed. These people will begin their term on January 1st, 2020.

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