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**William S.
Chambers Chapter**

September 2019 Newsletter

Serving: Ohio, West Virginia, N. Kentucky and W. Pennsylvania



**Dick Fullmer
Chambers Chapter President**

"President's Ponderings"

Welcome to Fall, Chambers Members; it is right around the corner and with it will be the highly anticipated **Reunion '19 hosted by the Central Region in Louisville, KY**. Sounds like we are in for a great time and our thanks to Cincy Koenig-Daggs for serving on the organizing committee and for taking an active part in putting on this event. There will be an opportunity for the Chambers Chapter to meet while we are in Louisville and we can discuss upcoming events and begin looking forward to 2020!!

Speaking of 2020, we will **need to find some volunteers to take leadership positions** within our chapter:

Newsletter editor, with Mike becoming president in 2021 we need someone or a couple who will train under Mike and Jackie to take responsibility for the Newsletter by January, 2021. Talk to Mike about what is involved.

Chair/World Service: After many glorious years, Chuck Zech has asked to be relieved and will help his replacement with a smooth transition. Talk to Chuck.

2nd Vice President: A vice president to follow Mike Frith is needed. 2nd VP would be for 2020, then 1st VP in 2021 & 2022 followed by President in 2023 & 2024. Those interested can talk to any officer, current and past they will tell you about what it takes and how important it is to the Chamber Chapter.

Representative to the YMCA Alumni Travel Club: We need a person to represent the Chambers Chapter on the National YMCA Alumni Travel Club and communicate to our members.

Finally, my sincere thanks to **Tony Delisio**, who has agreed to take over the **leadership of our prayer chain**. Several got together to talk about the details and you can look forward to a great new part of Chambers Chapter Mission. More information later in the newsletter.

See you in Louisville!

Fall Is Right Around The Corner!

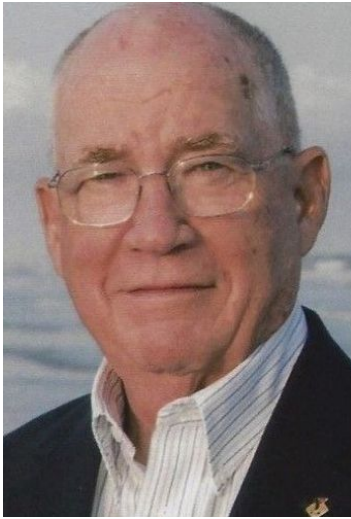


The **Mission** of the **YMCA Alumni** is to enable members to promote a nurturing Worldwide Christian Fellowship that provides educational, social and charitable opportunities.

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Dale Packer

YMCA Alumni National President

It is almost time for the **Central Regional Reunion 2019** held in Louisville, Kentucky on September 24 - 26th, 2019. I hope that you are registered to attend.

To date we have a great membership report with **1,146** units or **1,848** members. That is a growth of **209** units or **384** members over the past 2 years. You may not be aware, but we have 4 Corporate YMCAs, the YMCA of the USA and the YMCA Retirement Fund has corporate sponsors of the YMCA Alumni. The corporate Y's are the YMCA of the Greater Rochester, Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA, YMCA of San Diego and the YMCA of Greater San Antonio. We sincerely appreciate all that they do for us.

Your **YMCA Alumni** leaders have identified several things we want to look at over the next year. We decided we would enlist members to be on committees to study the issues we had and help the Board make carefully considered decisions. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered. We are truly a volunteer organization with more than 100 volunteers currently serving.

"Everyday starts with some expectations, but every day ends with some experience."

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Membership Details

From

Dave Patterson

Membership Details

NEW ALUMNI ~ Welcome these new members that have joined the Chambers Chapter since the June Newsletters:

Cindy & Tom Blomquist ~ Oxford, OH

Jim & Barbara Gilchrist ~ Bridgeport, WV

William & Gretchen Jones ~ Wexford, PA

CHAMBERS CHAPTER by the NUMBERS

2019 Membership Statistics ~ 101 membership units = 172

- 16 new memberships
- 80 renewed memberships
- 5 Lifetime memberships (age 90+)

SURVEY SAYS ~ TOP 5 Answers

Why did you join YMCA Alumni?

1. Free membership first year
2. Stay connected with YMCA
3. Read chapter newsletter
4. Learn something new

5. Have Fun/Fellowship with Y colleagues



Steve Gunn
EAF Chairman

Emergency Assistance Fund

The Chambers Chapter has made a recent gift to the **National EAF** in the amount of \$500.00. Our total contributions to EAF for 2019 will be \$1,000.00. **Thank You** Chambers Chapter!! The **total giving** for the Y Alumni in our Chambers Chapter as of August 12 is **\$2,670.00** on our goal of \$4,000.00 for **2019**. We have a way to go with only four months left.

Thus far in **2019 the National EAF** has **awarded** nearly **\$75,000.00 to 12 grant recipients** nationwide. Total requests thus far in 2019 have been 24 applications for a total need of over \$137,000.00. The Caring Committee continues to review all applications and have awarded some needy applicants, turned some of the requests down due to insufficient information in the application process and some applicants have not been awarded due to not

satisfying the requirement(s) for an EAF grant.

The requests will continue to grow in 2019 with most requests coming in the last quarter of 2019. This year we most probably will experience more awards and thus the need for more EAF money will need to grow as well.

The **Y Alumni and the Y Actives** have given thus far **nationally over \$55,000.00 for 2019**. The Y Alumni (**198 Y Alumni givers**) have contributed over **\$30,000.00** of that total amount. Yea Y Alumni! Keep the pressure on for the Active staffers. Ha!!



Stay In Touch: 'Like Us' On Facebook

There's lots going on with YMCA Alumni and it's Chapters. Events, People and Places, Newsletters, Board Decisions and much more. At least one-third of YMCA Alumni members visit our Facebook Page each week. Give it a look!





Chuck Zech

World Service Chairman

YMCA World Service

Our effort to promote **World Service** has not been denied, however, the primary marketing source has come from the National YMCA office in Chicago. Our role at the Chambers Chapter level, is to continue to notify our members of the need that exists on a worldwide basis for financial support. It is difficult to assess how successful we have been since some contributions are not made until the end of the year. In keeping with the Chapter's direction, the following individuals have made a World Service contribution this year: Paul Atkinson, J. Richard Bennett, Donald E. Binkley, Harry L. Bradbury, John Carney, Constance M. Clark, Anthony R. DeLisio, Mike Frith, Stephen Gunn, Jean Hedges, Harold Hewitt, James M. Hoffman, Richard N. Jones, Bruce D. McAtee, Ronald P. Moore, G. Dale Packer, Michael P. Todd, Wayne Uhrig, Charles E. Zech and the Chambers Chapter.

The **total raised** so far is **\$3085 from 20 donors**. If you plan to make a year end gift to World Service, would you send me an email to that effect. My email address is chuckymca@aol.com or you may call me at 513.624.9882 and leave me a message to that effect. That way I can concentrate on those who have not made a commitment. I trust everyone has had a wonderful summer and that you are committed to making each day a better day. Personally, I am having right hip replacement on October 21, 2019. Also, no serious progress to report regarding communications with our grandchildren. I encourage all of us to "Keep the Faith" always.

Celebrating The Life Of:



Robert Edward Alexander

June 9, 1946 - July 8, 2019

Robert Alexander passed away unexpectedly at his home. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Christopher Edward and Anntoinette. On March 19, 1999 he married Stephanie Dames in Charlevoix, MI.

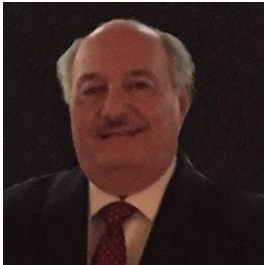
Robert received his Bachelor's degree from Villanova University in 1968 and remained an "extreme" fan of its basketball team, cheering on his Wildcats through three National Championships. He received his Master from Springfield College.

Robert began his career with the YMCA at age 16 as a swimming instructor. Throughout the years he served the organization in many cites and roles including Physical Director, Executive Director, Vice President of Operations and eventually **retired as the CEO of the YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo in 2014**. The joining of these two organizations exemplified Robert's life motto of "bringing people together."

Robert was a marathoner and a ultra-marathoner. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Club member, volunteer at the Food Bank, The Victory Center and The Ability Center of Greater Toledo.

Robert is survived by his wife, Stephanie, mother Ann McGrath: Two Children and two step children. Per Robert's wishes, the family will be holding a Celebration of his Life at a later date.s In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online to YMCA Storer

Camp, YMCAStorerCamp.org . Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com



Michael David Panas

August 9, 1952 - July 25, 2019

Michael Panas passed away in Wheeling Hospital in St. Clairsville, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Beverly. Also, his wife Karen Sue, his brother and step-father.

He is survived by his son, daughter and one granddaughter, sister, brother and several nieces and nephews.

Michael retired as the **Executive Director of the Wheeling YMCA.**

A graduate of Warwood High School and West Liberty State College. He was an avid tournament bass fisherman and Pirates and Steeler fan, lifelong member of the Warwood Vets Club and very involved in the Wheeling community. Mike enjoyed spending time with his family, watching sports, and rooting for the Kentucky basketball and Oklahoma Sooners footballs teams.

His funeral was July 28, 2019 at Kepner Funeral Home in Wheeling, WV. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Guernsey County Bass Association C/O Mark Choma, Designated to Relay for Life Cancer Awareness and mailed to: Kepner Funeral Home, 900 National Road, Wheeling WV 26003 or at kepnerfuneral.com



William Raymond Rayle

**January 18, 1949 - July 26,
2019**

William Raymond Rayle, 70, of Findlay, OH, passed away on Friday, July 26, 2019 at Bridge Hospice Care Center. He was born January 18, 1949 in McComb, OH to the late Donald F. and Phyllis Rayle, Sr.

William was a 1968 graduate of Findlay High School and attended Anderson College. He worked for 40 years at the **Findlay YMCA**. He enjoyed over 30 years of active leadership and performance at the Fort Findlay Playhouse where he was honored with a lifetime achievement award. He was known by all to be a gentle, kind and loving soul.

His memorial was at Hufford Family Funeral Home in Findlay on July 31st.



Lillian C. Crick

**October 28, 1936 - July 29,
2019**

Lillian C. Crick, age 82, of Summerfield, FL. passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019. She was born in Painesville, OH on October 28, 1936 to parents Warren and Flossie Sumner,. Lillian was the aquatic director for the **Central YMCA** until her retirement in 1994. In retirement she was the aquatic instructor at Dale Webb Fitness from 1994 until present.

She is survived by her husband Peter and 8 children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Cornerstone Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL. 32162 or Special Olympics or Autism, 1133 19th St., N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036 in memory of Lillian C. Crick.



Larry Lev

May 10, 1952 - July 31, 2019

Larry Lev was 67, but always 29 when asked, died unexpectedly on July 31. A memorial service was held at Temple Shomer Emunim in Sylvania, OH on August 29th.

Larry was born in Cleveland, OH. He is survived by his wife, Laura of 36 years. Larry was a Cleveland State Grad by education, but was a Buckeye at heart. He had a distinguished career with the YMCA, beginning as a lifeguard in 1968 at the **Cleveland Heights Y**. Over the next 47 years, Larry served the **YMCA movement in Jerusalem, Israel, Yakima WA, Aurora, IL, Dayton, OH, Rolling Rock TX, Toledo, OH, Naples, FL**, and ultimately retired as chief operating officer from the **YMCA of the Oranges in Central New Jersey** in 2015.

Larry was actively involved in charitable organizations in every community he served, most recently on the boards of the Sarasota YMCA and Embracing our Difference. Larry touched the lives of each and every one of the people he met along his way. His family was his pride and joy; he always put them first, and openly bragged about his love for them.

Larry is also survived by his mother, son, daughter, four granddaughters, 3 brothers, sister and numerous nieces, nephews and their children. He was preceded in death by his father.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to one of the following organizations that Larry was most passionate about; Camp Dudley in Yakima, WA, Camp Kern in Dayton, OH, Fairview Lakes Camp of the YMCA of the Oranges in New Jersey or Embracing our Differences in Sarasota, FL.



Judith (Gobel) Bryant

May 12, 1934 - August 2, 2019

Judith (Judy) Ann Bryant, 85, of Columbus, OH, died on August 2, after a brief illness. Judy was born May 12, 1934 to Will C. and Gertrude Gobel and grew up in Milwaukee, WI. She graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, MO, where she met Dudley Bryant. They were married in 1954.

Judy was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother as well as an active and energetic member of her community. She gave generously and she gave her best in both her professional and volunteer activities. Judy served the YMCA for many years, first in the Chicago area, beginning as a volunteer, and rising through the organization to become **Branch Director at the Hilltop YMCA and then Executive Director at North YMCA in Columbus**. She especially loved working with children and youth and remained an enthusiastic swim teacher her whole career. She is remembered as a mentor and friend to many of her colleagues. Judy also served with the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club and was the first woman to serve as president in 2002-2003. She received a special accommodation in 2018 for her 29 years of service and leadership. She especially treasured her work with the International Service Committee and building cross cultural friendships.

She is survived by her husband, Dudley, son, Bob Kent-Bryant and wife Jenny, daughter Leslie Levine and husband Bob (deceased) and daughter Laura Bryant and husband John Hutton, brother Charlie Gobel and his wife Maria, brother Bob Gobel. Also 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to: Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club Foundation-Dominican Republic Youth Scholarships and (Rotary Club of Dublin-Worthington, PO Box 181, Worthington, OH 43085) or to the North YMCA (1640 St. Sandalwood PL, Columbus, OH 43229).

A **service and celebration** of Judy's life will take place at **1 p.m. on October 19th in the chapel at Forest Home Cemetery**, 2405 W Forest Home Avenue, **Milwaukee**, WI 53215, with burial immediately following. The family will host a reception afterward for family and friends.



Nicholas Joseph Tippenhauer

**March 15, 1935 -
August 02, 2019**

Nicholas Joseph Tippenhauer 87, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Tri-County Care Center in Fairfield, OH. He leaves his wife of 51 years, Ruth Elizabeth (Eggers) Tippenhauer, oldest son Nicholas Robert and his wife Patricia Ferris, his second son Timothy Allen and his fiancée Miranda Ghearing as well as five Grandchildren.

Born and raised in Newport, KY., Nick had incredible stories of being a runner for the infamous gambling in the 30s and 40s when he was a child. Nick attended Newport Catholic High School and graduated in 1949. Nick then joined the Navy in 1951 and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Machinist's Mate R.Third Class in 1959.

He attended the University of Cincinnati to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in an MBA from Xavier University. Most of his career was spent as an **accountant with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati**. After retiring in 1994 Nick enjoyed golf and his family.

A **memorial mass** has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.** at St. Bartholomew Church, 9375 Winton Road in Cincinnati,

OH. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Wounded Warriors Project.

www.websterfuneralhomes.com



Wayne Uhrig - Chapter's Historian

YMCA Retirement Fund

Which famous philanthropist and financier helped the YMCA retirement Fund raise money to establish itself in the early 1920s?

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. gave a generous gift of \$1 million dollars to establish the Fund This donation --combined with money raised by dedicated YMCA employees -- helped the Fund officially begin operations in **1922**.

**“We are happy to join
with others in this
laudable undertaking
for the speedy
accomplishment
of which you have
my Father’s and
my own best wishes.”**

—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



YMCA Retirement Fund

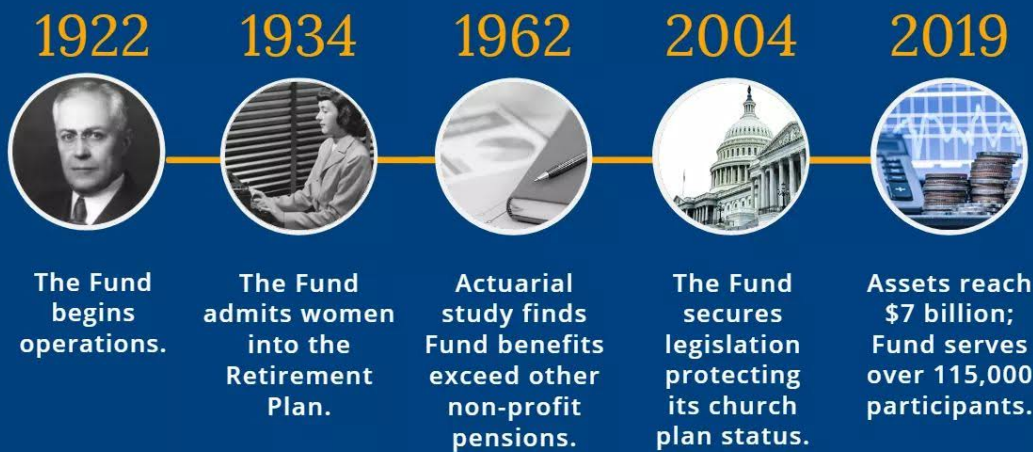
On August 14, 1935 - 84 years ago - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. But, did you know the fund was established more than a decade before Social Security in 1922? We are proud of our history as one of the first formal pension plans organized in the U.S.

The Fund was created
over a decade before
Social Security.

Today, we are
97 years strong.



Celebrating the Fund's
97th ANNIVERSARY
Committed to Serving YMCAs for Nearly 100 Years!



YMCA of Greater Cincinnati

Did You Know the YMCA has been making an impact in Greater Cincinnati for over 100 years? During World War II, troops were scheduled to stop in Cincinnati at the Central Parkway YMCA so they could bathe and swim! Do you recognize any of the faces in these historic YMCA photos?



Living in a 55+Community

Bob & Ria D'Avria



After living in Vienna, WV for 36 years last year we decided to pack up and move to a Del Webb Community in Indian Land, South Carolina. Dale Webb has an active lifestyle community in 19 different states with the larger ones designated as "Sun City". The community we chose is Sun City Carolina Lakes in Indian Land, South Carolina, located near Charlotte, NC. The main reason we chose this community was simple, we have 2 sons and 5 grand kids and they live within an hour of our house. We get to see them often and have hosted quite a few sleepovers. The youngest is 3 and the oldest is 12, a perfect age to hang out and also invite us to their activities. Seems to me that about half of the people we have met here have grandchildren in the area and is the number one reason they moved here. People have settled here in retirement from all across the country. Many folks I have met are from New York City as well as upstate New York and the midwest.

Our community has about 3,000 homes. While there are some villas and carriage homes, the vast majority are single family homes ranging in price from \$200,000 to \$600,000. The amenities include 2 large community buildings which host a variety of activities and clubs as well as live theater. Two outdoor pools, an indoor pool, tennis courts, pickle ball, horseshoes, softball, miles of hiking trails, a complete fitness center, a variety of fitness classes as well as personal training. Access to these facilities are included with your monthly home owners fees. There are more than 100 different clubs you can join at a very modest fee. Clubs we have joined include the Tailgaters which is a service club which

grills burgers, hot dogs, and chicken during various events and funds local charities. We play in a Bocce League 2 mornings a week, life long learning club sponsors weekly informative and educational speakers. We belong to the Italian American Club as well as the WV, Maryland, VA, Washington D.C. club. Cooking Club sponsors a number of classes and Ria enjoys those.

I have joined a Men's Golf League and play every Wednesday. Speaking of golf, the homes are built to surround the course which is a public course so you don't have to join. The course itself is not senior friendly and a number of people have told me it is among the most difficult in SC and I believe it as I have yet broken 100 while routinely am in the 90s at surrounding courses which are plentiful. I have played 4 within 30 minutes of my house. The biggest danger living here is over committing and finding some time to sit back and relax.

We purchased a 2 bedroom single level home, it has a nice open floor plan with high ceilings an office, and sunroom, a total of 1,500 square feet. Our homeowners fee is \$275 a month which includes complete landscaping, trash pick up and use of all facilities. Most people get around by golf cart since we have a shopping center that connects to the development there is no need to get on public roads. We have very close access to doctors, dentists, movie theaters, a slew of restaurants and great shopping. We are only 25 minutes to Charlotte, NC, home of the Carolina Panthers, the Hornets, triple A baseball, live theater, museums and Quail Hallow, home of the Wells Fargo PGA Tournament.

Before we purchased our home we met with a couple who are from Buffalo, NY and have lived here for 7 years. After telling us how much they love living here I asked the wife to tell me what was her least favorite part about living here. After thinking for a moment she said the thing she doesn't like is her friends keep dying. Unfortunately we find this to be true as in the past month 2 men on our Bocce League we have grown somewhat close to have died. I guess when you live in an active older community it is to be expected. Sometimes I call our community God's Waiting Room. Well, this may be true but it is a great place to wait,

Connect



The **YMCA Alumni Reunion '19** has been in the planning for 2 years. The Reunion will be in **Louisville, KY** running from **September 24th - September 26th**. There will be some very exciting tours, workshops, fellowship gatherings and great dining spots across from our hotel, the Downtown Embassy Suites.

There will be a General Council meeting for the chapter leadership. The **Chambers Chapter** will have time to meet some time during the reunion.

Our opening Dinner will be on the Belle of Louisville. There will be a Trolley Tour of Louisville, tour of Churchill Downs, tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery, tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and the Muhammad Ali Center and a tour of the Frazier History Museum and Old Forester Distillery. There will be a number of workshop that relate to those of us that have retired.

If you are still interested in the Reunion, go to ymcaalumni.org/reunion-19 for more information.

Chambers Chapter News

Dick Fullmer just sold his house in three days. He bought the house across the street that his mother in law owned. The person who bought his house is the one who sold it to him 8 years ago. Dick plans to put a mother-in-law suite on his house. Him and his wife just purchased a fifth-wheel and plan to travel more in the coming months.



YMCA RETIREMENT FUND

SAVING FOR LIFE

**YMCA Alumni appreciates the ongoing support of the
YMCA Retirement Fund.**

Travel



Connectin On The Move...

The **YMCA Alumni Travel Club** connects you more deeply with your fellow YMCA retirees, friends and families on the top priority among retirees; **TRAVEL!**



YMCA Alumni Travel Club

Open To You, Family, Friends

Every member of YMCA Alumni is automatically a member of the Travel Club. You, your family members and friends are invited to join us on any of our trips. Some trips for 2020 are filling up fast. So, don't delay.

Register now for 2019-2020 Travel. Book now as sign-ups continue for the YMCA Alumni Travel Club's exciting journeys; some trips are close to filling up: Christmas Market Rhine River-Cruise (Dec 2019); Colors of Provence River Cruise (April); America's Parks and Memorials (May); Norway's Fjords and Ireland and Iceland Ocean Cruises (May-June) Republic of Georgia (Sept) Portugal's River at Gold River Cruise (Oct.), and Canyon Country Adventure (Oct.).

Click to www.ymcaalumni.org/travel for complete details including the latest pricing v=based on availability.



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Introducing The Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain

Do you have a **need for prayer**? When you, a family member or friend is in need of prayers, you can now turn to your friends with the Chambers Chapter to help lift up your intentions to God in prayer.

We encourage you to email your prayer request to us utilizing the attached prayer chain card. Phone calls and text messages are also welcome. Simply contact our **Prayer Chain Leader, Tony Delisio** with your request and we will send a message to all the Chambers Chapter members (via email) asking for prayers and healing.

Please send Prayer Chain Request to:

Tony DeLisio, Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain Leader

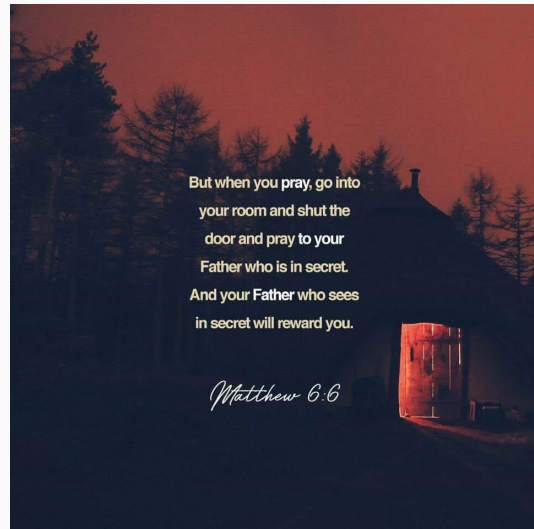
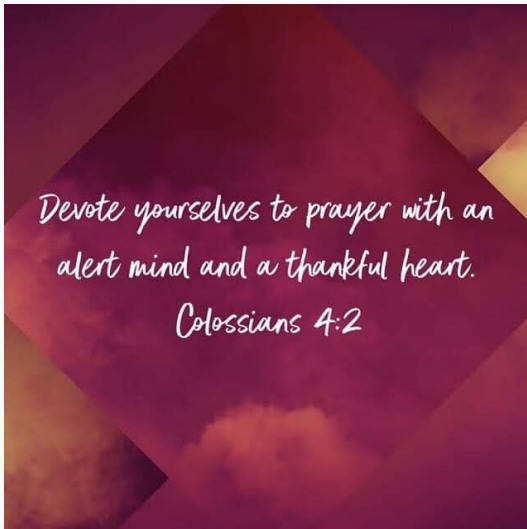
email: tdelisio58@gmail.com

cell phone 614.581.8417

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Chambers Chapter Prayer Chain. Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Dick Fullmer, President
Chambers Chapter of YMCA Alumni



Chambers Chapter of YMCA Alumni Prayer Request Card

Prayer Request for (please print):

**I have this person's permission to add their name
to the prayer chain for:**

☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months

Daily prayer will include healing, comfort, strength and peace.

Please keep us updated.

Check appropriate box(s)

☐ Surgery _____ ☐ Traveling _____

☐ Illness _____ ☐ Military _____

☐ Death of loved one _____ ☐ Injury _____

☐ Difficult relationship _____ ☐ Guidance _____

☐ Challenges at home, work or school _____

☐ Joy _____

Comments: _____

Your Name: _____



The Sioux YMCA

SAVE THE DATE

The Sioux YMCA offers volunteer opportunities in a multitude of capacities. Wayne Uhrig is our "go to person" for information. The next volunteer trip is scheduled for June 8 - 13, 2020. We will have more information in the December Newsletter. If you have a question before December just email Wayne at wuhrig.msusports@gmail.com



Notes from the Editors

Mike and Jackie Frith

Thanks to everyone that contributed to this issue of the newsletter. Without your information it wouldn't work. This is a great way to stay in touch with everyone and learn about events and sadly, deaths. We hope this Prayer Chain (that is new) will be as successful as the one we are part of at our church. This is a way to really get to know everyone's needs. The deadline for **December Newsletter** articles will be **November 22nd**.

We wish all of you a safe trip to the reunion in Louisville and we look forward to being with you. If you haven't registered please do so right away by jumping on the web site



www.ymcaalumni.org

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