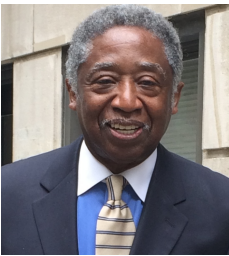




# *The Messenger*

McBurney-Morse Chapter E-Letter  
October 2019



Greetings!

Greetings to all and **Happy 175th Birthday** to the YMCA. You can read about the big birthday party held in England by clicking [HERE](#). It involved thousands of young people.



Our chapter will celebrate the holidays with a party **Dec. 2**. Please register right now. Take a look at the list of new chapter members in this issue. Our best holiday wishes to you and your family. See you soon.

[\*Ralph Christian\*](#) and [\*Bonnie Mairs\*](#)  
Co-Chairs

## **Holiday Party Is Dec. 2 At Westside YMCA**



It is time to register for our chapter's Annual **Holiday Party** on **Monday, Dec. 2**. Once again, the **YMCA of Greater New York** is hosting our party for all **YMCA Alumni** chapter members.

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 2

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Place:** West Side YMCA,  
5 West 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Manhattan

**To register:** Email [Paul Sharar](#) or call him at (201) 445

8309.

**Registration deadline is Nov. 22.**

Come for fun, fellowship and a good meal. Spouses and guests are welcome. There is no charge for the meal; instead, please bring a donation for our partnership with the **YMCA of Haiti**.

If you live beyond commuting distance, you may want to plan an overnight trip to **New York City** to attend the party, see the city's holiday decorations, do some shopping, attend Radio City's Christmas show, and eat in wonderful ethnic restaurants. To reserve a room at the **West Side YMCA**, call the reservation office at (212) 912 2622.

## It's Membership Renewal Time; Don't Delay



The national **YMCA Alumni** office will mail you a membership renewal brochure and form for calendar year **2020** in early November. The **\$50 fee** for an individual or a couple includes **both** national and chapter dues.

If you joined **YMCA Alumni** this fall, your first year of membership is free. If you are over 90, you become a life member and no longer pay dues. When you renew, you will continue to be a member in good standing, can join activities in ours or any chapter, will receive the chapter and national newsletters, and are eligible for an Emergency Assistance grant should you need one.

Look for the membership packet in the mail. It will also be available in the Nov. issue of ***The CONNECTION*** you will receive in mid-November.

**But the quickest and easiest way to renew is to do so online. Just click on the button below and complete the two-part quick form.**

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW ONLINE](#)

## Growing Membership All Over N.Y.

Recently our chapter has become responsible for **YMCA Alumni** members in **all of New York State**, which means significant growth for us.

The area includes retirees living in and around **Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Rochester** and **Buffalo**, etc. While most chapter activities generally happen around the **New York City/Northern New Jersey area**, we are seeking program ideas and encouraging greater participation from our upstate members.



Activities could include small group “just for lunch” dates, theater outings, bus trips or overnight programs at Silver Bay or Camp Chingachgook YMCAs, and more. The chapter executive committee will allocate limited funding for chapter members interested in organizing a fellowship or service event in northern New York. Looking forward to your ideas. Please contact [Ralph Christian](#) with ideas.



## A Good Time In Louisville



Four alumni from our chapter – **Bob Hastedt, Kurt Kaboth, Bob Lomauro and Bonnie Mairs** - attended the National YMCA Alumni Reunion '19 in Louisville, Ky, in late September.

It was well organized, full of information and a lot of fun. **Kurt** learned about the **Sioux YMCA** in

**South Dakota** (our chapter helps support it). He may join a service trip next spring to help set up its summer camp.

Tours included visits to **Churchill Downs**, home of the Kentucky Derby, the **Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory**, **Buffalo Trace Distillery** and the **Mohammed Ali Center**.



**Larry Garvin** of the **Willis Chapter** was elected East Region Vice President (effective Jan. 2020) and will chair the next reunion in the East region in 2021. **Jean Carmichael**, current YMCA Alumni National Secretary and member of the **Schreiner Chapter**, was named **President-Elect**, taking office in 2021.

*(Photos: Top -- View from the Belle of Louisville; Below -- Churchill Downs)*

## We Remember...

**We send condolences to the families:**

**Arthur Griffa** left us May 2. Art was a longtime chapter member who held many leadership positions both in the YMCA and on his local school board.

**Stephen Cappelli**, son of member **Brigitte Cappelli**, passed away suddenly after a short illness this spring.

## Keep Up With YMCA Retirees Around The World

You can interact with retirees worldwide by reading **Bridges**, the email newsletter of the **World**



## Fellowship of YMCA Retirees.

To get on the mailing list, send your email address to **Ken White, WFYR Communications Chair**, 46 Squirrel Road, Doylestown, PA 18901.

## All About Us...



Please send us your news so that we can share it. We are a geographically large chapter now. Sharing your news is one way we can keep in touch. Send to **Bonnie Mairs**.

**Bonnie Mairs** was inducted into the **YMCA Hall of Fame** in July. This award recognized her longtime involvement with **YMCA international exchange**. Also inducted was **Dr William K. Lee**, of

Ridgewood, New Jersey, a highly committed volunteer with the YMCA of Greater New York. **Bill** spearheaded the Y's programs for **Korean immigrants**, was International Branch Board chair, and served on the **National Board of the YMCA**.

**Ralph and Ronnie Christian** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a gala party at New York City's **Metropolitan Museum of Art** in August. Congratulations!

**David Berry**, a new member, reports: "After working for the **South Mountain Y** branch of the **Metro YMCA of the Oranges** for 28 years as a senior director for Wellness, Youth Sports and Day Camps, I retired in Sept. 2018. Since then, thanks to the **Y Retirement Fund**, I have done a fair amount of traveling to places like **Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii**, and the **Canadian Rockies**. I enjoy hiking in the South Mountain Reservation, working out and volunteering at the Y, and seeing off and on Broadway plays with my partner, **Peg**."

**Olga and Frank Knight** are vacationing on the island of **Barbados**. They send warm regards and will see us at the holiday party.

**John Hedbavny** and his wife will spend two weeks this fall visiting their many **Spanish YMCA** friends.

**Bob Lomauro** continues to chair the **YMCA Alumni International Service Corps** task force that sent him to volunteer at the **Beijing YMCA** in 2013–14. It is seeking interested YMCA alums interested in volunteering abroad. **Bob's** son, **Nicholas**, was married in May at the **Frost Valley YMCA** where he and his bride, **Emily**, work.



**Paul Sharar** has enjoyed the summer with trips to the **Jersey Shore, Cape Cod** and lots of music. His four daughters have a band and have performed at several music festivals. They also do *House Concerts* in the metro area. **Paul** continues to be involved in his church, the **Glen Rock Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**, the **Glen Rock Activities Club** and several other groups. He says, "I want to thank you all for the special recognition you gave me last year. It is deeply appreciated."



**Tatsuo and Emiko Honma** are headed to Tokyo to participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Tokyo/ Frost Valley YMCA Partnership. They directed the partnership for more than 20 years

**Cathy Guay**, who lives in the Albany area, wrote us about her summer. My son, having grown up in the Y from the age of five, has a new girlfriend. When I noticed a change in his behavior, I asked, "What's her name?" He said I had met her. Lo and behold, they have known each other since the age of eight as campers at **Camp Chingachgook** on Lake George. They reconnected in May. When in mid-June Michael announced he was going to **Ching** the next day, I paused and said, "To the Annual Meeting?" We are all members of the Y family and will continue the tradition as her son and my granddaughter enjoy their own years as **Chingachgook** campers.

**Photos:** Top -- At Hall of Fame Presentation in Anaheim, Calif. are (l to r) **Hwain Lee, Bonnie Mairs, YMCA of New York President/CEO Sharon Greenberger** and **Dr. William K. Lee**. Below -- **Paul Sharar**.

## A Report From The Treasurer

Chapter Treasurer **Kurt Kaboth** reports the third quarter was quiet financially, with no income and no expenses. Year to date: Opening balance - \$2,839.96; Income - \$1,755; Expenses - \$1,738.58; Ending balance - \$2,856.38.



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member of the YMCA Alumni Travel Club and can join us on any of our 2020 trips; bring along family and friends. Just click on the logo for details. Bon Voyage.

info on all chapter events. You may want to visit if you are traveling in the region. It's all there for you. Just click on the image above.

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