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Hoosier-Buell Chapter Officers Wish You
And Your Family A Very Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year.



BOO-HOO NEWS

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CONNECT TRAVEL SERVE

Annual Meeting Date, Location Changed;
Reserve Now As Concert Space Is Tight





The best laid plans... Well, our original plan was to meet in April at the Amish Acres in Nappanee, Ind. but they have decided to close permanently Jan. 1, 2020. But, never fear, we have a great new plan.

Plan to attend our YMCA Alumni gathering at Shipshewana, Ind. at the **Blue Gate Theater/Restaurant** located one hour south of Kalamazoo and one hour northwest of Ft. Wayne, **Thursday, May 14, 2020.**

Our chapter meeting will be from 1-5 p.m. in the Lilac Room at the Blue Gate Garden Inn. Agenda will include chapter updates, election of officers, investment options for YMCA Alumni/Retirement Fund information, health awareness session focused on your personnel balance and more. Look for more detailed information in our February newsletter.

Dinner will be served buffet-style at 6 p.m. in the Blue Gate Restaurant. A concert with Clint Black, a country music legend, will perform live in the theater at 8 p.m. With 22 #1 singles, having sold over 20 million records, he will tell stories and sing a celebration of his 30th Anniversary of *Killin' Time*.

NOTE: Don't delay. This concert is already more than 50 percent sold out so get your registration in **ASAP.**

Registration for dinner and show is \$93 per person in the green theater seating. Send your check to Don Stetson, Hoosier-Buell Treasurer, 5501 West River Road, Muncie, IN 42304.

Deadline for dinner and show is **Feb. 26, 2020**, but if you really want to attend this show, send in your check ASAP as it could be totally sold out

by men.

Make your own hotel reservation by calling **Blue Gate Garden Inn** at **260-768-4725**. Be sure to reference the quote under “**YMCA-Dan Sager**” in order to honor this rate: Mini Suite: King or Queen, \$110 plus 12 percent tax. Handicap accessible rooms available by request. **Call Blue Gate Inn before February 26, 2020.**



A SPECIAL NOTE: Your chapter officers believe the **May 14** event will be attractive to current YMCA employees, especially those who are contemplating retirement soon. Hence, we encourage current alumni to invite Y staff personnel that may be interested in attending. Alumni are encouraged to personally invite the Y staff in your home area to join us. It is the same registration process and fees. Just let **Don Stetson** know. Yes, we hope this invite will encourage future chapter membership.

Nomination Of 2020 Officers



Are you interested in becoming more involved with our chapter? Contact **Lou Drexler** to put your name in the ring for the election to take place at our Annual Meeting in May.

Information From Treasurer Don Stetson

CONTRIBUTORS TO HOOSIER - BUELL CHAPTER:

Jean (Neil) Allen
David & Jean Bast

CONTRIBUTORS TO YMCA ALUMNI THROUGH THE HOOSIER - BUELL CHAPTER:

Marv Lou Beraman

Don & Carol Hemdal

Mary Lou Bergman
David & Angel Brittenham
Robert & Rebecca Brown
George & Pam Cummings
Ralph & Barbara Drake
Lou & Sandy Drexler
Don & Mary Franklin
Roy & Mary Gilliom
Virginia Hayes
Larry & Carol Hemdal
Don & Valerie Keys
Pat & Kathy Nelson
Dale & Joy Packer
Shirley & Charles Ritter
Don & Barbara Rowe
Dan & Marilyn Sager
Larry & Linda Scramlin
Eugene & Glenna Sheets
Barry & Diana Stephens
Don & Ramona Stetson
George & Terri Stewart
Reid Thebault & C. Duchon

Our chapter is planning on developing a book of memory (several chapters have done this). You should have received information regarding this. Please fill out the form and return to Don Stetson in the enclosed envelope.

Some Stats: Chapter membership includes 162 individual members --
71 men, 91 women
48 households live in Michigan
44 households live in Indiana
8 households live in other states

Mary Lou Bergman

David & Angel Brittenham
Robert & Rebecca Brown
Lou & Sandy Drexler
Kirby & Claudia Falkenberg
Don & Mary Franklin
David & Peggy Himes
Dale & Joy Packer
Don & Barbara Rowe
Larry & Linda Scramlin
Barry & Diana Stephens
Don & Ramona Stetson

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Dave Bergman from Mary Lou Bergman

EAF from Bobbie Burton

Gary Unruh from Clark & Marilyn Ewing

Don Fortune from Elaine Fortune

EAF from David & Peggy Himes

Bob Howard from Sally Howard

Tom Mulmaney from Ken & Joan Isherwood

Gary Unruh/Don Reap from Virgene Price

Don Reap from Dorothy Reap

Don Reap from Dan and Marilyn Sager

World Service from Larry Sehy & Emily Egan

Gary Unruh from Reid Thebault & Cathy Duchon

Gary Unruh from Barbara & John Usmial

Gary Unruh from Larry & Carol Hemdal

AGE RANGE OF MEMBERS:

90+ = 12; 89 - 85 = 7; 84 - 80 = 31; 79 - 74 = 24; 73 - 69 = 28;
68 - 64 = 20; 63 - 59 = 11; unknown 28



Connecting With Kirby And Claudia Falkenberg

Kirby Falkenberg was born the third of nine children Jan. 5, 1946, the fifth day of the Baby Boomer generation. He was named after Kirby Higbe, a star pitcher of the **Chicago Cubs**. He was baptized into the Catholic faith on the eighth day of his birth and became an adopted Son of God and Brother of Jesus Christ.

After high school, **Kirby** joined the U.S. Navy and served as a Machinist Mate on both an aircraft carrier and a destroyer, serving two tours in Vietnam. While in the Navy, he met Claudia Ellis and after a whirlwind romance, got married Thanksgiving weekend during his freshman year of college.



Kirby attended **University of Wisconsin, Green Bay**, an environmental college. During his junior year, he did a semester team project internship at the **Green Bay YMCA**. He was offered a staff position as Youth and Family Director which included overseeing the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program where he later was elected State Director.



Kirby served the Green Bay YMCA for six years and then went to work for the **St. Louis YMCA**. He was the director of two branches and worked within the corporate office. After seven years in the Show-Me State, he became the Central Branch Executive Director in **Fort Wayne, Ind.** During his years there, experienced a capital campaign and construction of a new central branch.

His final assignment was as President & CEO of the **YMCA of Michiana** in **South Bend, Ind.** Kirby retired as President Emeritus after 18 years and a 38-year career with the

YMCA.

In retirement, **Kirby** continues to serve on several boards and major gift

tundraising for his church. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Christians In Commerce (CIC) International and started CIC in Uganda. He is now involved in three different ministries in Uganda and visits every other year.

Kirby and **Claudia** are blessed to have two daughters and recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They celebrated their 50th on a 10-day Caribbean Cruise and look forward to making this a habit.

Friends say **Kirby** is the most "un-retired, retired person" they know. He and **Claudia** bought a second home in **Sarasota**, Fla. and spend six months in each community. **Kirby** is an avid racquetball player and enjoys hitting the courts three days a week and is now very involved with the "Save Our Y" project of the **Sarasota YMCA**.

Claudia is a warrior who has undergone two open heart surgeries and is actively enjoying her beloved Florida. They are currently planning a trip to **New Zealand** for **Claudia's** 80th birthday in February 2020.



Let's Start Packing; 2020 Trips Selling Out As 2021 Trips are Finalized

The **YMCA Alumni Travel Club** has established itself as a hit. We're not into 2020 yet and two of the scheduled trips are already **sold out** and accepting waiting lists. So, be sure you click to the Official YMCA Travel Club Information Center, pick a trip and don't delay. Remember that we book most trips through major tour providers to guarantee that those trips will go, regardless of the number of sign-ups, so signing up early is crucial.

The big news is the Travel Club Committee is finalizing ALL 2021 trips later this month. The first trip is all set. Join us on a Viking Ocean Cruise called "Trade Routes of the Middle Ages," April 25-May 9, 2021. Ports of Call include Barcelona, Cartagena and Malaga, Spain; Porto, Portugal; Falmouth and Portsmouth, England; Paris, France; Bruges, Belgium; Amsterdam, Netherlands, and concluding in Bergen, Norway. This trip is rapidly filling. Don't worry over the long time before sailing by simply purchasing medical cancellation insurance as part of registration.

Both river cruises: AMA's Colors of Provence (April 20-May 3) and Viking's River of Gold in Portugal are sold out, but you still can get on the waiting list for cancellations. Check out all the other terrific trips still available in 2020.

Just click on the screenshot image below and get all the information you'll need. Start packing.



Two Important Links: Visit Them Often



Be sure to check in at our **YMCA Alumni Facebook Page**. It's updated five times each week. Click on logo.



Visit our **YMCA Alumni website** regularly. It's a wealth of information and always up-to-date. Click on image.

Hoosier Buell YMCA Alumni Chapter Leaders



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