



Chapter News April 2010

Greetings, Chapter 2 members;

We do hope this news letter finds you well. It has been a while since you have heard from us . We have been very busy planning our next learning event and thinking about some new exciting opportunities for end of summer and fall. Our goal is to meet your needs the best we can and provide educational and fun learning events . We hope to make the next year and a half more inviting then ever. With your help I believe we can accomplish that . AYP is a huge benefit to all of **YOU** who give so much of themselves to their Y's and deserve a little something too.

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Chapter 2 Officers 2009-2011
President: Nicole Jezairian,
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Secretary; Open
Treasurer: Anne Cullinan,
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Membership Chair: Bridget Philipp,
New Canaan
EAF: Alan Hurst, Central Ct. Coast
Recognitions Chair: OPEN

.SAVE THE DATE!!!!

,May 7, 2010

11:00am—2:00pm

Location: Out Back Teen Center in New Canaan CT.

Join us for a very special opportunity.....

AYP CEO Donna Dunn will be making a special trip just for us to facilitate a very unique “Un-meeting” earning event . Donna will be using a specific process that is sure to have your question or issue brought forward. This meeting is sure to connect you with people who can help you create solutions.

Did you ever attend a conference or program and come away with the best idea -- that you learned from a colleague during the coffee break?

Have you ever attended a program where your question never got answered and you were pretty sure that other people in the room had the same question?

Did you ever stop to consider that you are an expert at what you do and have knowledge and experience to share?

AYP Chapter 2 is holding a unique meeting an “un-meeting”. An un-meeting addresses just those situations. using an innovative and creative format you can bring your ideas, challenges and concerns and have your peers provide insight and possible solutions. The confidential conversations at an un-meeting make it a safe place to share what you know and what you wish you knew.

The meeting is designed to give you an opportunity to meet your YMCA peers from our chapter; to offer you a structured time to capitalize on others' expertise, experience and thoughts; and to give you a place to think about and plan to address your particular challenges.

Goals for this year...

The board has spent a lot of time planning what we would like to accomplish within the next year and how we can make this year as beneficial to you as AYP Chapter 2 members. As some of you may know we have lost two very valuable board members, who had dedicated their time and energy to benefit all of us in many ways. A BIG THANK YOU to Tom Swancigar and Randee Ganser-Bok for making the time for chapter 2, Good Luck on your new endeavors, we will miss you .

Board development

WE NEED YOUR HELP.! If you or someone you know are interested in serving on a fun board with opportunity to further your career, please contact Nicki Jezairian at 203-966-4528 ext 157 or by email at njezairian@newcanaanymca.org.

Increase our membership by 5%

Maintain at least 80% of our membership. We understand that with budget cuts, due to the economy, some CEO's are cutting AYP memberships, we are hoping to change that.

Achieve 40% of member participation at each of our learning events.

To increase nominations in all recognition awards.

Continue to survey the membership at each learning event for ideas on future workshops and to evaluate each Chapter learning event.

Increase fellowship and networking opportunities for our members.

Increase the number- of EAF donors and donations.

With your help and commitment to Chapter 2 the board feels very confident that we will meet all of these goals.

AYP Chapter 2 2009 Recognition Award Winners



Front row from left to right
Lisa Tidball, Rye YMCA, New York, Spread the Word Award

Ed Philipp, Rye YMCA, New York, Leadership award
Nicki Jezairian New Canaan YMCA, Connecticut, Project Award

Back row left to right
Helen Gatesm, Rye YMCA, NY, Golden Quill Award
Joeffrey Gardner, Rockland County YMCA, Nyack, NY, Rookie of the Year Award
Barbara Hughes, Rye YMCA, NY, YMCA WOW Award

Lynn Gabriel, Bridgeport YMCA, CT, Project Award
Carol Antrum, New Canaan YMCA, CT, YMCA Spirit Award
Davie Cedela, New Canaan YMCA, CT, Rookie of the Year Award
Not present; Alicia Guerrette, New Canaan YMCA, CT, Imagineering Award

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

The 2010 recognitions are coming up soon, don't forget to recognize someone in your Y for a Great Job well done.



interested in learning with a group of your peers? Would you like to be part of an unstructured group of learners who decide on their own what subjects they're interested in and how to approach studying them? The learning circle program, sponsored by AYP and Y-USA, provides the opportunity for lifelong learning as well as personal and professional development.

A learning circle is a group of six to eight self-selected learners who meet several times over the course of two years to study and explore ideas together.. for more information visit. http://www.aypymca.org/learning_opps.htm

THANKS FOR READING!

Recap of the 2010 Albany Conference

The 36th annual AYP Conference in Albany was held March 3 – 5, 2010. If you missed it, you missed a tremendous conference.

Our opening keynote was Bill Grace speaking about Leaders as Stewards of the Common Good. His words set the tone for the week. “Leadership finds its fullest and deepest expression when it is aligned with the intention to advance the common good – the good for all.”

The opening day also gave us all the opportunity to have some face time with our new National Director, Donna Dunn, who introduced herself, gave us some background on where she comes from and what she envisions and made herself available to the AYP membership the entire week.

The vendor exhibits were terrific and it appeared that we had a nice mix of new exhibitors and the usual group that we hope to see every year. It is a great opportunity to talk business, try product and share stories.

Workshop sessions were geared to what we, as past attendees, had asked for and covered the gamut from Social media to Leadership ethics with just about every relevant topic in between.

Additional keynotes were provided by John Pries (Our Retirement Fund is in good shape!) and Ralph Yohe talking about the Melrose YMCA.

2009 EAF Campaign Report Memorandum from AYP CEO Donna Dunn

2009 was a challenging year for the EAF campaign. The support at the national level slipped. We did not extend campaign contact throughout the year. The economy presented a challenging fund raising environment. Chapter contributions were down 26 percent. Only four chapters had an increase in the number of givers in 2009.

The economy hit everyone hard. Many organizations and charities had to cut back to make ends meet including cutting services. We were fortunate that we had the funds to support every EAF request that we received in 2009.

We're in a new year. The total amount we have to give through EAF is limited by the amount raised in 2009. We need to make the 2010 EAF campaign a rousing success. The EAF campaign will kick off in early February with a direct mail piece to every member. There will be new stories and testimonials to share about the impact an EAF grant can have on the AYP member recipient. Chapters, as always, will be encouraged to incorporate EAF fund-raising in their meetings.

While the 2009 report is disheartening, we should keep our eye on 2010, raising the funds that mean we can support our friends and Y family members who are struggling. Ask your friends and colleagues to support EAF. Direct mail and letters raise awareness. A personal ‘ask’ gets results.



The Benefits of AYP

Perspective Journal—12 issues that help you stay on the cutting edge of your profession.

Learning Opportunities—chapter workshops, regional and national conferences, the AYP leadership forum and Learning Circles.

Professional Resources—Free electronic, booklet and Power Point resources.

Training Grants—that will directly contribute to your preparedness to more responsible positions in the YMCA

Volunteer Involvement—including numerous opportunities to become involved in the planning, management and or leadership of AYP programs and Activities.

Recognitions—programs that recognize individual achievement at the chapter and National events.

We Care Network—guidance for coping with job termination .

Emergency Assistance Fund—financial aid during personal crisis .

You can find more information about AYP at www.aypymca.org