

BUE-HOO NEWSLETTER

HOOSIER-BUELL CHAPTER OF AYR

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President's Message

"He is the Reason for the Season"

The Holiday Season is traditionally a time to look at the bright side of things and be thankful and rejoice accordingly. As your Chapter President for the past eight months, I have a deeper respect for those who have preceded me in leadership roles: Don Reap, Paul Bradley, Don Stetson, Roy Gilliom, Jim Pratt, Max Fisher, Len Price, Larry Sehy and others, too numerous to list them all.

Also, I have a heart of gratitude for those currently serving on the Board; especially to Larry Hemdal, Dick Powell, and Jean/Neil Allen for their award winning Chapter newsletter.

Recently, I was asked, "What are your goals for 2010?" My response is simple; "Not to botch up what so many have done and what is being done to make Hoosier-Buell the best it can be."

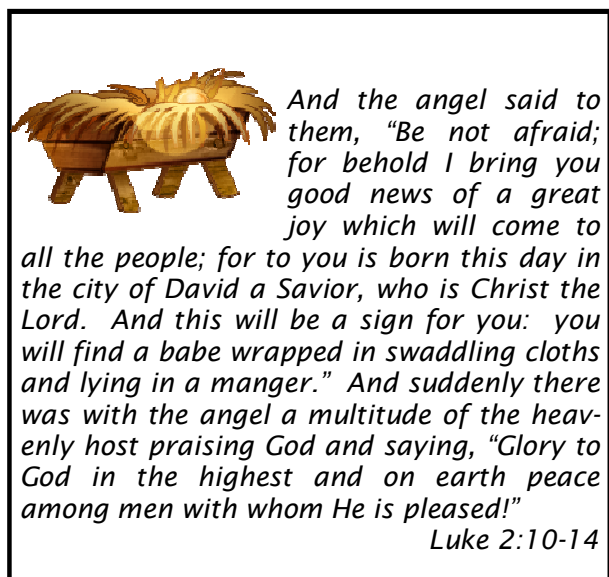
The art of Thanksgiving is Thanks Living in action. The Chapter membership, when called upon, has accepted challenges and responsibility. Whether it has been a task force to select a location for our Spring Gathering of YMCA Friends or to review the numerous "drafts" for Pokagon or Frankenmuth, you have given of your time and talent for a total achievement. As they say, "There is no 'I' in a team effort."

I'm thankful for friends, family and colleagues who privilege the gift of living in a world filled with beauty, excitement and grace to serve others. The Chapter has been one of the leaders in the number of EAF pledges for years, and it warms my heart that we can see the value of helping fellow YMCA associates.

Finally, as we approach Christmas, I want to thank and celebrate the birthday of Jesus on December 25th. He truly is the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and the Savior of Saviors. He is the Reason for the Season.

God Bless You and Your Family,

Gary L. Unruh
President, Hoosier-Buell Chapter



And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!"

Luke 2:10-14

Birthdays



January

1st	Penny Schlegel
2nd	Carol Davis
8th	Alberta Rose Petrone Linda Hagadon
9th	Shirley Ritter Joan Isherwood
12th	Jean Bast Anne Moore
14th	Virgene Price
17th	Larry Scramlin
24th	Roy Bour

February

5th	Rose Mary Askam Carol Graham
11th	Randy McNeal
14th	Angel Brittenham
16th	Ken Isherwood
17th	Millie Snell
17th	Joyce Malmgren
25th	Debbie Storms
27th	Elaine Fortune Caroline Fisher
28th	David Comfort

March

1st	Don Stetson Bob Moore
2nd	Frank Ingham
4th	Patty Bradley
13th	Web Hagedon
23rd	Keith Askam
28th	Martha Vreeland
31st	Bobbie Burton

Anniversaries



January

17th	George & Pamela Cummings
21st	Bob & Rebecca Brown Norris & MaLes Lineweaver
22nd	Tom & Judy Mulraney

February

12th	Adelia Macker & husband
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March

2nd	Duane & Ida Verschoof
4th	Paul & Patty Bradley

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Camp Exec., Detroit Y

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.



News From Our Members

Don Reap has been preaching at a small church in Kempton, IN, filling in occasionally as needed for years, and lately, for the past 9 consecutive Sundays after their pastor had a serious stroke. This is in addition to his job as a supervisor of the ushers at the Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts.

Virgene Price has shared that she continues to care for her mother, who is reaching 91 and is living with dementia and cancer. She can use our prayers for strength and knowledge to make the right decisions about her mother's care. Virgene is now in training to be a Stevens Minister and sends her love to all of us.

Dale & Joy Packer had a wonderful 12-day Danube River Cruise this summer, starting in Budapest, Hungary and ending in Passau, Germany. Then they boarded a bus to Prague, Czech Republic for an additional 3 days. Since Dale will soon be President of the Ohio Chambers Chapter, they were able to attend the NAFYR meeting in San Diego in September. They continue to help with God's Pantry, and delivering Meals on Wheels as substitutes.

Keith & Luana Bixler have purchased a lakefront condo unit in Adrian, MI. To keep busy, he has about 90 customers he transports to the Detroit Metro airport on a weekly basis. His new address is: 1015 Bent Oak Ave., Unit #3, Adrian, MI 49221-1570.

Gary & Karen Unruh spent a week babysitting their grandchildren. Their activities with the kids included basketball, fishing, paddle boating, Clue, Phase 10, hearts—and it never stopped! It was then time for rest and recovery before the San Diego Pre-conference meeting for Gary.

Key Leaders Meeting, Lansing, MI

Six Hoosier-Buell members and officers were present at the Key Leaders Conference in Lansing on Nov. 10th to hear Neil Nicoll, President of the YMCA of the USA, talk on "Revitalizing the YMCA Brand." Extensive research by a leading marketing consultant revealed that the public now regards the YMCA as a provider of fitness and swimming services, in competition with other providers, rather than a unique "movement." YUSA has developed a campaign to change this perception. We are all over the lot in what we say, do and publicize, which dilutes our image. Example: there are over 150 different Y logos in use across the country. The result is fewer members and income than we would like to see. The plan is much too comprehensive to summarize here, but it is being rolled out nationally over the next 10 months. The hope among some (not unanimous) of the retirees present was that YUSA is at least on the right track with the campaign. We will pass on more information as the details become available. **Neil Allen**

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**Hoosier-Buell Gathering of YMCA Friends
“WINTER RETREAT”
Tuesday, January 5th through Thursday, January 7th
2010
POTAWATOMI INN, POKAGON STATE PARK**



WHO: ALL Hoosier-Buell members and prospective members are invited to a special “WINTER RETREAT” at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, near Angola, Indiana. Just a few miles south of I-80 off I-69 (see map on page 5).

WHAT: The “Winter Retreat” is a combination of business, special presenters, entertainment, and super food in a serene setting of woods and relaxation. Of course, fellowship and creating memories with fellow retirees heads the list of why you need to register today. **NOTE:** all meals are at your own expense.

Winter Retreat At-A-Glance

Tuesday, January 5th

1:00-3:00 pm Registration
3:00-4:30 pm Business Session, or explore Pokagon grounds. (Note: ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO ANY SESSION LABELED “BUSINESS”)
5:45 pm Meet in lobby to car pool to Clay’s Restaurant
6:00 pm Home-cooked meals and “pies to die for” at Clays
8:00 pm Fellowship/social at “fish tank” lounge in Potawatomi Inn

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00 am Breakfast in Potawatami Inn’s dining room
9:00 am Business Session
9:45 am Break
10:00 am **World Service Presentation with Mary Tikalsky** (see story on page 5)
11:30 am Lunch in Potawatami Inn’s dining room
1:00 pm **Norris Lineweaver’s presentation: “An Oasis in a Sea of Crisis on the Seam of Conflict: The Jerusalem International YMCA”** (see story on page 6)
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm Business Session
4:00 pm Enjoy the winter wonders of Pokagon
5:30 pm Car pool to Caruso’s Italian Restaurant
7:30 pm **Music by “Little River Sweet Adelines” and “Vocal Bling”** in private room
8:30 pm Social at the “fish tank” lounge in Potawatami Inn

Thursday, January 7th

8:00 am Breakfast in Potawatami Inn’s dining room
9:00 am Business Session
11:00 am Closing/Safe Trip Home

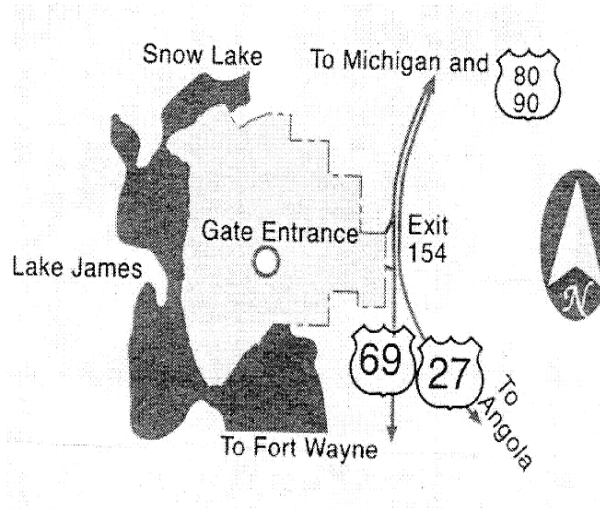
WHERE: Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. **NOTE:** The Inn offers a two nights-for-one-night price. Depending on room choice, anticipate \$98 total for two nights. Call toll free (1-877-768-2928) ASAP and request the Pokagon State Park/Potawatomi Inn. Once connected, ask for the 2-for-1 special. Note: Hoosier-Buell does not have a block of rooms, so act quickly!

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“WINTER RETREAT” (continued)

REGISTER: The Hoosier-Buell Chapter will absorb a portion of the “Winter Retreat” expense. A small registration fee, \$7.00 per person, will cover the balance. Please remit your check and detach and include the form below, to Treasurer Don Stetson.

DIRECTIONS TO POKAGON STATE PARK & THE POTAWATOMI INN: Take exit #154 off I-69 and go west, continuing straight, as this is the road into the Park. The Inn is located at: 6 Lane 100A, Lake James. There is good signage in the Park.



Mary Tikalsky — “World Service Up-Date”

Everyone has observed on television the Energizer Bunny pounding a ridiculous drum with a voice claiming “He keeps going and going.” Well, the highly energized World Service staff member, Mary Tikalsky, will be speaking at our Hoosier-Buell “Winter Retreat” at Pokagon State Park.

Mary received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Executive Master’s Degree in Human Services, with a focus on Management and Leadership from Springfield College.

Mary began her involvement with the YMCA in 1990 as a fitness instructor, child care staff member and international camp counselor. Mary’s passion for international service grew from a study abroad program in Germany, whereby she studied theology and youth work. Her commitment to building global understanding, plus her effervescent smile is contagious to all who hear her inspiring message. Ms. Tikalsky is the Associate Director of World Service for the International Group.

Dick Powell, Hoosier-Buell World Service Chairman, stated “there are countless examples of how our dollars help YMCA’s throughout the world support the development of more than two million deserving individuals.” Dick continued, “for example, \$250 will educate five hundred youth in HIV/AIDS prevention.” When we act collectively, we have unlimited potential for the Hoosier-Buell Chapter to impact the world.

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Don Stetson, Hoosier-Buell Treasurer
5501 West River Road
Muncie, IN 47304
 Make check payable to
HOOSIER-BUELL “WINTER RETREAT”
JANUARY 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 2010
(\$7.00 per person)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

From _____ State _____

Norris Lineweaver's Presentation — "An Oasis in a Sea of Crisis on the Seam of Conflict: The Jerusalem International YMCA"

Gary Unruh, President of the Hoosier-Buell Chapter, stated "we are honored to have Norris Lineweaver and his wife MaLes join Indiana and Michigan colleagues at the "Winter Retreat" at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park." The retreat will be January 5th, 6th and, 7th, 2010.

Norris joined the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis as Chief Executive Officer in November, 1994, and served in that position until he became the Director General of the Jerusalem International YMCA 2005-2008. In a November, 2009 Perspective Magazine article, Norris noted that his career began in Addis Ababa as a World Service worker. He pointed out, "I learned early on that values provide a common ground for friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation." He states that "individuals of diverse faith can flourish via the grounded Christian Heritage of the YMCA."

While serving as a volunteer advisor for a Gra-Y Club at the Hyde Park YMCA in 1964 (and attending George Williams College), the school-age boys taught him the important lesson of the power of wholesome friendships over differences of faith. Line-weaver has worked for YMCA's in some of America's largest urban settings, including Detroit, Dallas, Houston and Los Angeles. Norris has a degree in Group Work Education and Recreation from George Williams College in Chicago. He completed advanced studies at Southern Methodist University and the University of Wisconsin.

Throughout his career, Norris has devoted his energy and faith to build bridges of understanding with those of other faiths than our own. His inspiring message and work at the Jerusalem International YMCA will be shared at our Hoosier-Buell "Winter Retreat" in the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park January 5th, 6th and 7th, 2010.



World Service

At our next meeting of AYR, May 18-20th, 2010 in Frankenmuth, MI, we will hold a silent auction for World Service. We would like you to participate by bringing an item of value to this event. Bring any item that you no longer use and donate it to the auction. All funds raised will be forwarded to YMCA World Service. Your contribution will help transform lives of countless lives through self-reliant programs focused on holistic youth development.

Did you know only \$25 will provide three months of schooling for a child in Africa? So, plan to attend our meeting in May, 2010 and join with other retirees for fun and fellowship. We look forward to your participation.

Richard Powell

Newsletter Corrections/ Additions



E-mail for Adelia Macker:
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New Address for Keith Bixler:
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ANAGRAMS

When you rearrange letters—

Astronomer	Moon Starer
The Eyes	They See
George Bush	He Bugs Gore
Slot Machines	Cash Lost In Me
A Decimal Point	I'm A Dot In Place
Eleven Plus Two	Twelve Plus One
Presbyterian	Best In Prayer
The Morse Code	Here Come Dots

FRANKENMUTH, 2010— “Gathering of Friends”

Frank Sinatra, the famous crooner, sang “Start Spreading the News” and you are requested to share information with others to **SAVE THE DATES of May 18th, 19th and 20th** for a historic “Gathering of Friends” event. It promises to be a unique, entertaining and memorable time in Frankenmuth, MI.



Zehnder's Village Hotel

Frankenmuth was founded in 1845 by a small group of German-Lutheran missionaries who came to the area for the purpose of teaching Christianity to the Chippewa Indians. Authentic Bavarian architecture can be found throughout the area.

If you like to shop, you'll love Frankenmuth, at the world's largest Christmas store, or the River Place boutiques and attractions, or at the specialty stores that dot the main street. The gigantic Birch Run Discount Shops are within minutes of the lodging location at Zehnder's Village Hotel. The Hoosier-Buell Chapter has arranged for hands-on-tours of wool processing, pretzel rolling, sausage stuffing, strudel making, and a visit to St. Lorenz Church (site of Frankenmuth's beginnings).

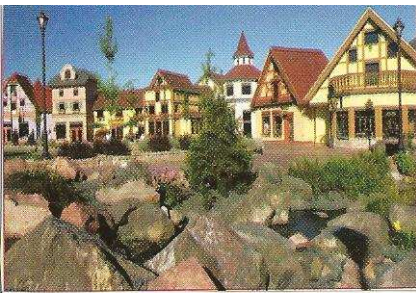
Frankenmuth offers a delicious variety of food, including the ever so famous, all-you-can-eat chicken dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant (Tuesday evening) and traditional German food or whitefish at the Bavarian Inn (Wednesday evening) followed by foot-stomping German music.

Also, Bill Cameron, a renowned YMCA trainer, will lead a life-enhancing topic for those who want to mix shopping with a brain-enriching discussion.

For the golfers, there will be a special scramble at the Timbers Golf Course.

A task force has obtained a lodging price of \$79 per night for the “Gathering of Friends” at Zehnder's Village Hotel. The special room price also applies to two days before and one day after the event, if you wish to plan additional time in Frankenmuth. The rooms are magnificent, and a hospitality room designated for YMCA socialization and renewing friendships has been reserved. Zehnder's has a free step-on small bus available for our use to and from desired locations.

People have already been saying “How do I sign up? Look for an official registration form with detailed information in early February. So, “Start Spreading the News” and reserve May 18th, 19th and 20th for a most memorable YMCA Retiree event!



Frankenmuth River Place. 37 shops and attractions featuring Michigan's largest bead store, custom-made purses, pet specialties, home décor, quilts, coffee, clothing, toys, mirror maze, riverboat ride, free laser show and more.



Neil & Jean Allen
Hoosier-Buell Editors
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We have a new name, Association of YMCA Retirees. This fellowship binds 21 area chapters from North America.

✂-Cut here and mail form today ✂

**Hoosier-Buell Chapter, AYR 2010 DUES
2010 Membership Registration**

Yes, I/We want to keep in touch with old friends and colleagues, and support the Hoosier-Buell Chapter of NAFYR. Membership begins January 1st and ends December 31st.

Spouses

Name: _____ Name _____

Address/City/Zip/State: _____

E-mail: _____

The enclose check is for:

Annual Chapter Dues (\$10.00 per person)	\$ _____
Contribution to the Chapter	\$ _____
World Service	\$ _____
Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF)	\$ _____
In Honor of, or In Memory of _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Other news you care to share: _____

Birthdates (Month/Day/Year): (Retiree) _____ Spouse) _____

Anniversary (Month/Day/Year): _____

**Make check payable to the Hoosier-Buell Chapter of AYR, and mail to:
Don Stetson, Treasurer, 5501 W. River Rd., Muncie, IN 47304**