

AYP DIRECTIONS

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Virginia AYP Chapter 25:
Dedicated to the support of
Virginia YMCA professional staff.

Give a Pat on the Back

Every Spring Chapter 25 members honor a select few for their hard work and dedication. However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be thinking all year long about the great Y work that is being performed every day by those around us. To this end, don't forget to keep your coworkers' accomplishments in mind this Fall and Winter; one of them may be the perfect candidate for the 2012 Recognition Awards next Spring!



2011 Director of the Year
Excellence Award,
Allison Reynolds.



Letter from our President, Bill Zazynski

In a few months I will be passing the AYP Chapter 25—Presidential hat to Jay Parker, from the YMCA of Central Virginia. Jay has been a long-time Y professional and AYP Board Member. He has a strong passion for his family, his faith, triathlons and outdoor sportsman activities. One of the things I like the best about Jay is that he is a straight shooter. Jay is always telling you how he feels whether it's the answer you want to hear or not.

Jay and I will be meeting soon to help the transition go smoothly. I am sure he will have many questions and carry some anxiety of what to do and where to go. During this time I will share with him the ins and outs of the Chapter and how we connect to our national offices. Not many chapters are only one state; we are very unique. I hope to also share what I see as our strengths and weaknesses of our chapter

and what I see as things that still need to be accomplished.

What will be so helpful to Jay is that we are very blessed to have a dedicated core of Board Members and At-Large Board Members from around the state and our Conference Committee Members are second to none. I strongly believe that if our Chapter 25 was asked to put on the AYP National Conference we could do a great job. Why are they so good? Because they understand what it means to serve. I know we all have high demanding jobs in the Y world. Staffing and resources are tighter than ever. We are stretching our dollars in wages, supplies, marketing and training. Long hours, finding additional time to get the administrative things done, even bringing the work home with you to complete just before bed or rising up earlier in the morning to get it done is common.

The people that I have been surrounded by have gotten "it". They understand that they have a responsibility to serve our chapter members. They understand that serving others helps to see them learn and improve their well-being. I have seen many unselfish acts to get the job done. I am so thankful for the wonderful AYP colleagues in Chapter 25.

I know Jay may be nervous his first few months with his new hat on, second guessing whether he can take our Chapter 25 to newer heights. My advice to him is to look over his shoulders. He will not be alone; there will be many to help carry the load up the mountain with him.

We are blessed to have so many great people in our AYP Chapter 25!

Bill Zazynski, President, YMCA of South Hampton Roads

CALL FOR PHOTOS

We are always accepting submissions for our Photo of the Month on our website, www.ayp25.org. Please consider sending us a recent photo from your center or from a YMCA activity in the community—we love to

showcase the good work we know is being done in your communities! Please email your photos to Kim White at kwhite@ymcashr.org. Thank you!

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The Season For Giving

As we approach the end of 2011, it is a great time to reflect on all of the challenges and blessings that our YMCAs have experienced. In August alone our state was hit with a hurricane, earthquake and forest fire. These are all uncontrollable disasters, and they could or may have affected all of us. Natural disasters are not the only obstacles that our Chapter 25 members may have faced; many families found themselves ill or with a sick child or spouse, leaving a once flourishing family now burdened by how they will care for one another as the next month approaches.

Our chapter needs us and as we near the giving season please don't forget about your YMCA family. It is not too late to help.

Last year alone we gave out over \$15,000 to those who would be suffering without our assistance. It is not too late to donate. You may have missed the opportunity at the Spring Conference, but rest assured knowing that your donation to www.ayponline.org can help today. Thank you for all of your support.



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SAVE THE DATE!



AYP Spring Conference May 10-11, 2012

Mark your calendars! Your conference committee is pleased to announce that Virginia Beach will be your conference destination for the next two years!

Your South Hampton Roads' friends are looking forward to sharing a little bit

of the beach life with the rest of the Chapter during your stay at the four-star Westin at Town Center. We look forward to seeing you all there!