



Le Bon Mot



Newsletter for the John R Mott Chapter of YMCA Retirees of Iowa and Nebraska

THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Newsletter July/August 2026



Dave Rogers and Louie Warren
Attending Presidents meeting in St Louis, MO

Work is underway for the Fall meeting the third week of October in Des Moines.

First thing, I hope everyone is doing well and having a great start to their summer. I just returned from St. Louis, MO for the YMCA Alumni 48-Hour meeting. All sixteen national chapter presidents or a representative were present, plus the national board members for a total of twenty-six attendees and four spouses.

It was a fully packed training event for 3 days. Our agenda included:

- Overview
- Financial roles & overview
- Communications
- Membership statistical overview
- Chapter operation self-assessment
- Membership recruitment strategies
- Key take aways for back home action plan

Then they drop the role of a Chapter President on you:

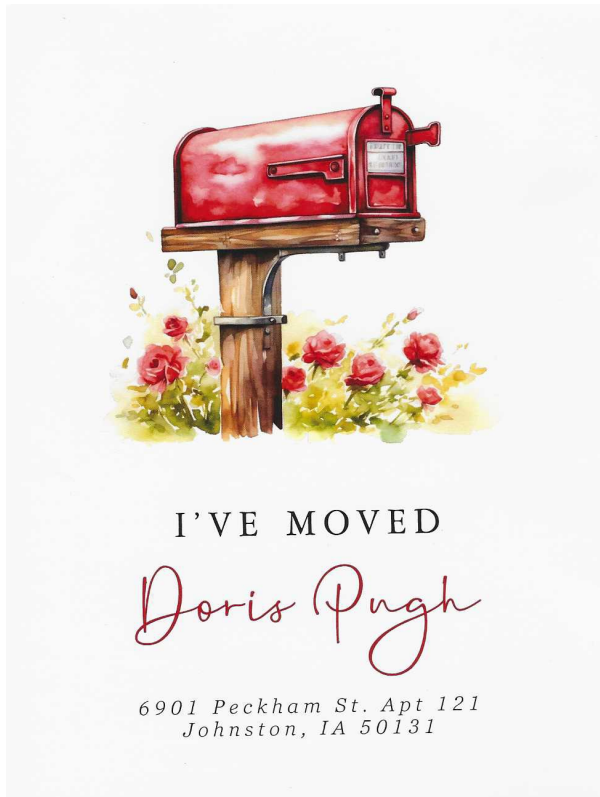
- Lead and Adapt
- Recruit
- Appoint
- Align
- Represent
- Have Fun!!

I will need everyone's assistance. I have tons yet to learn. It is quite apparent our priority must be to "stay connected and active." I learned that we have 47 retirees in NE and 80 in IA. These folks like us receive YRF annuity checks each month. WE HAVE SOME INVITING TO DO. My Lady always said, "small but mighty." Let us focus on growth to ensure the longevity of the Mott Chapter.

My plan is to keep things simple, work on a plan, and ask for help. So please say yes when asked.

Blessings, Louie

CORRESPONDENCE



The time has now come,
After 57 years,
To make a big change,
While my mind is still clear.
From my wonderful home,
In my heart so dear,
I now will be moving,
Without any fear.
We've cleaned out the house,
With much work and much love,
And with Ray looking down,
From heaven above!
Please note my new address,
And stop by if you'd like,
For this new chapter in life.

MOTT COMMITTEES

NATIONAL ALUMNI REUNION by Dave Rogers

June 16,17,18, 2027
in Kansas City, MO Wednesday-
Saturday filled with activities and
learning opportunities. The committee
has been selected and their attendance
goal is 200. Please reserve the date now.

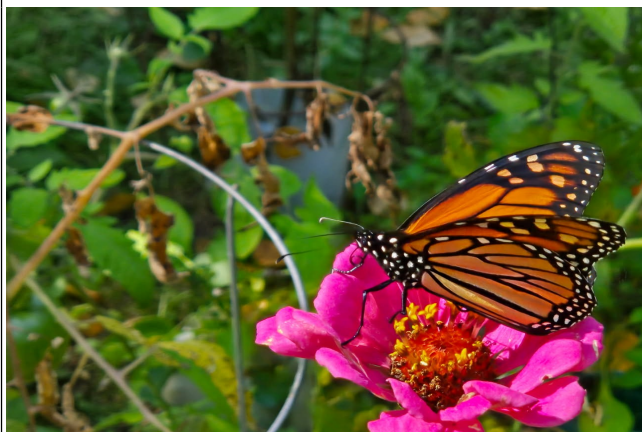
Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton, just 4
miles from the airport, with a free 24-
hour shuttle has been selected as our
hotel location. We'll enjoy special group
pricing, an indoor saltwater pool,
complimentary made-to-order breakfast
and evening reception, and a Peloton
equipped fitness center. Registration will
open later this summer.

If you have ideas for presenter topics
submit them to Dave Rogers (Central
Vice President.)

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Monthly Celebrations



Birthdays for July

John Blomstedt 07/02

Ron Davis 07/17

Birthdays for August

Joe Butkus 08/26

Debra Blomstedt 08/27

Terry Gilfrey 08/28

Hank Bagelmann 08/28

Anniversaries for July None

Anniversaries for August

John & Kathy Shepherd 08/02

Jon & Lynne Springer 08/03

A Moment of Reflection

Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness throughout the day. I release my worries of today and ask for peaceful rest tonight. Please watch over me, refresh my spirit, and guide me with renewed strength for the beautiful day to come. Amen

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Our Mott Chapter goal is 100 % participation in all Alumni organizations. Thank you for your support!