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**YWCA IS ON  
A MISSION**

### YWCA Launches New Initiative

#### *"Tell Your YW Story"*

Who better to convey our story than YW members and stake-holders?

Board member and initiative chair, Sheri Siefke graciously agreed to go first.



*"Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today."*

*Robert McAfee Brown*

### Noodle Notes 53: Harriet's Cranberries By YWCA Food Service Manager, Nola Haiss

When I first worked at the YWCA the tutoring program was in full force. Harriet Fahnert was one of our tutors, and her signature dish to bring to potlucks in the winter was cranberry salad. I never had a chance to try **Harriet's cranberry salad made by her**; I had to wait for our volunteer Sandy to bring it to our Christmas party. She does now every year - it saves trying to think up something "different" to bring. Sandy has also been kind enough to make me a copy of the recipe, not once but twice. I "know" exactly where it is, except for the kitchen gremlins having eaten it - or something like that. She was kind enough to write it out one more time, and I include it now here making it gremlin-proof for posterity.

- 1 pkg. fresh cranberries
- 3 C water
- 2 C sugar
- 1 lg. pkg (or 2 small) cherry Jello



Combine the first three ingredients in a saucepan, and cook until cranberries pop. Add the package of cherry Jello and stir until it dissolves. Cool.

- When cool add the following:
- 1 ½ C chopped celery
  - 1 ½ C chopped apples
  - 1 ½ C chopped walnuts

Pour into an 8x8 pan and refrigerate until firm. Sandy also notes that the salad may be frozen, if you actually have any leftovers.

Happy holidays, Happy New Year and the symptoms of chocolate withdrawal can be handled with Valentine's candy now available.

I remember the enjoyment I had as a child taking classes at the YWCA. I went to special holiday events, took guitar lessons, gymnastics, even a babysitting course to help me get my first job!

Later as an adult when I moved back to Alliance, I became involved in my children's schools and eventually was elected to the Board of Education. That is when I truly saw how much the YWCA was contributing to our educational process and the many ways they support the children in our community. Chess Clubs, Sparkles, Navigator's after school programming, Summer Explorers, and scholarships; from elementary school to high school graduation, YWCA Alliance is helping our children and families year-round.

I later came to appreciate another service of the YWCA when I ordered Meals on Wheels for my father-in-law during the last 6 months of his life. This program fulfills a vital need for our seniors. I cannot thank the YWCA employees and volunteers enough for what they do to make Meals on Wheels happen in Alliance.

These life experiences have led me to support and want to be a part of YWCA Alliance.

Sheri Siefke



**CONGREGATE DINERS GO GREEN**

Thanks to Brenda Oldfield, Branch Manager at Buckeye State Credit Union. Buckeye State Credit Union provided forty insulated canvas bags so that our Meals on Wheels congregate diners at Alliance Towers would have reusable bags to use. These bags are environmental friendly and can be used over and over. Thanks, again, Buckeye State Credit Union, for helping diners at Alliance Towers go green.

**YWCA Women's Clothes Closet Additional Hours**

Just a reminder....our YWCA Women's Career Clothes Closet will be open the first Saturday of every month. Enter the Closet using the double doors located on the west side of our building. Take the short little street between the YWCA Alliance and J&J Custom Woods. Follow the signs. All women's clothing and accessories are .50 cents each and \$1.00 for new items with tags.

**YWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2019 - 2020)**

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**Celebrating Black History  
February 2020**

We urge all YWCA members, and friends to take this opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our community.

**PRESERVING OUR ORAL HISTORY**

Through oral history interview forms developed by Martha McClaugherty and revised by Dr. Gloria Malone, the YWCA has continued to preserve valuable biographical information of residents in our Alliance community. Past oral history interviews are placed on display at Rodman Public Library each February, in observance of **Black History Month**.

**Meals On Wheels**



**Do you or someone you know who needs the services of Meals on Wheels?**

**Please contact us at the YWCA Alliance at (330) 823-1840.**

YWCA Alliance Meals on Wheels is a home delivery food service provided to assist the homebound, ill, elderly, or persons temporarily indisposed who reside within the city of Alliance.

Meals are prepared by the Nutritional Services Department of Aultman Alliance Community Hospital. All meals are nutritionally balanced and packed in disposable containers.

Meals on Wheels are delivered Monday through Friday (except for major holidays) between 11:00 and 12:30 p.m. Meals are delivered by volunteers as a community service. of the YWCA Alliance. If desired, a two or seven day plan pay be arranged.

Customers may select either a hot meal or hot meal and a cold sack lunch

Meals on Wheels has a non-select menu that rotates every four weeks.

**YWCA MISSION**

**YWCA Alliance is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.**

**2020 YWCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment. Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 25, 2020 for a special program at our 94th Annual Breakfast Meeting.

The right to vote guaranteed that women would have a voice in our democracy.

***94 Years of Service***

**2020 FULLMER VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Since of March of 1990, the estate of Grace and Roy Fullmer has continued to provide funding for the recognition and training of volunteers and staff. This annual award serves as a tribute to the Fullmers and to the role the volunteer plays at the YWCA Alliance.

It is easy to recommend a member, get a form at the front desk or call and we will send you one.

**2020 YWCA NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY BEE**



The YWCA Alliance was honored to sponsor the annual YWCA National Geographic Geography Bee at Alliance Middle School on January 7, 2020.

Lily Walker was the first place winner and was awarded a \$100 cash prize by the YWCA Alliance. Caroline Reich was the second place winner and was awarded a \$50 cash prize.

Winners are then each eligible, providing they meet the criteria, for a \$1,000 one-time scholarship to continue their education.

In 2007, a YW Board member asked how she could encourage middle school youth and assist them in their academic endeavor. 2020 marks the 13th YWCA Geography Bee.



**YWCA CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2019 WRAP-UP**

**Big Christmas -**  
Families - 12 families

**Hams - 2**

**Cookie decorating party and treat bags for Girls Together from Quota - 21**

**Meals on Wheels clients**

**Home delivery**

treat bags - 36  
filled with  
toiletries and hand  
made ornaments

**Congregate Dining**

30 - treat bags  
filled with  
toiletries, hand made  
ornaments and candy treats

**Christmas Outreach Tree**

**221 items** hats, scarves, mittens, head bands, gloves, were distributed to Navigators, Inter Faith, Women's Clothes Closet, and OATO Blessing Box

A total of :

**15 families, 29 children, and 5 adults** were served through the generosity of members and friends of the YWCA Alliance.

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