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President's Message



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Hopefully this year finds you and your YMCA in better spirits. It was only a year ago we found ourselves in the throws of the worst recession since the Great Depression. There is certainly a better attitude among our members seeing their 401K's pick up and the prospects of finding a job. But, this may be a deep recession in terms of job unemployment and we need to be cognizant of that. I am hearing from many that applications for their annual support campaign are up. We also need to be aware that many of our colleagues in the movement lost their jobs during this recession. Ensure that your YMCA is doing everything to make certain your community knows of our mission work and that no one is denied access to the YMCA due to the inability to pay.

Spring Workshop

Once again we are having our spring workshop in Saratoga Springs at the Gideon Putnam Hotel. This year's theme is about Workplace Theft and Fraud. If you think this topic does not pertain to you, you are wrong. Theft affects us all. There is a saying we use at Saratoga, "someone is trying to beat you every day". I have heard this topic presented before and the stories you will hear will amaze you! Not only will we have great speakers, you will also get to mingle with your peers.

Emergency Assistance Fund

We will once again have our EAF request. This year we would like you to fill out your cards at the event. For those who return a card of \$25 or more, you will be in contention to win a gas card valued at \$100 or \$150.

Recognition

You should have received information from Amanda Coyle concerning our recognition program. Last year, some of the staff at the Burlington YMCA was recognized for their great accomplishments. It was great to see another YMCA besides Saratoga and Capital District receive awards. We know you all have great employees, so please submit their names for an award.
