

## *My Green Lake Story: Susan Soria*

I attended youth conferences 1950-1953, was contralto soloist on the music staff, attended ABWM conferences, music conferences, missions conference, and visited just to roam around.

The summer of 1958 on music staff was absolutely the best. Singing for the various conferences was wonderful. Living in Stambaugh with the staff was a great experience. Our baritone was an African American man. He and his wife lived with us at Stambaugh. We had such fun. When they left, his wife cried and said this was the first place they had been treated as just two other people!



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Every experience was a closer walk with God. When my husband became ill it was a difficult four years. I would dream of being at Green Lake, sitting by the lake by myself. I did that the summer after he passed away, a blessing! I love the peace and quiet of the grounds and the camaraderie of the people. Because of Green Lake I have a place to find that closer walk with God. I give thanks for Green Lake throughout my life.

## *My Green Lake Story: Arlo Reichter*

Having served at ABA as Vice President of Program 1983-93 I have many wonderful memories. At the top of my list is inviting and then hosting Yolanda King who spoke at our Green Lake Chautauqua. Having dinner with her that evening she told me coming to ABA fulfilled a lifelong wish of hers since her father, Martin Luther King, Jr. and her grandfather, Martin Luther King, Sr. had spoken to the family frequently about their experiences at ABA. Yolanda’s traveling assistant was caught off guard when he discovered the only TV in Roger Williams Inn was in the lobby area and his room had neither TV nor telephone!



*Yolanda King pictured with (left) Rev. Dr. Walter Pulliam, President of American Baptist Churches USA and Rev. Dr. Arlo Reichter at Green Lake Chautauqua, October 11, 1987*

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