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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AREA PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Y's Men and Women.

As we pray for the victims of natural disasters that are happening in the USA the Caribbean and in Mexico. We have stepped up to share our support in Southeast Texas disaster by making \$1,000 donation to the YMCA USA Southeast Texas disaster relief. We will be making another donation of a \$1,000 for the YMCA USA Florida disaster fund relief. The YMCA was shelter for many victims. You can donate to the Y Service Clubs U.S. Area Disaster relief fund. If you have not given to the support of relief efforts in Texas and Florida, now is your chance. Make check checks payable to: Y Service Clubs International U.S. Area. Note on your check that it's for the disaster relief fund. Send Checks to CFO **GENE KOESTER**, 23300 Henry Court, Torrance, CA 90505-3127.



We had a BF delegate **ERROL GIBSON** and his wife **LILANTHI** from Sri Lanka as guest of the PSWR after the Area convention in Las Vegas. I thank all the following for your efforts that made their stay more memorable --- **GENE** and his wife **PATTIE KOESTER**, **KARL WALTHER**, **BOB SCHAEFER**, **FRANK VAN DER BAAN** and wife **KAREN**, **TIM SINGLETARY** and wife **JOY**, **JIM** and wife **ANNE ENGERT**, son **NICHOLAS** and daughter **Amanda**, **KATHY NAYLOR**, **LAUREN HENRY** PSWR Youth member, **MARILYN HEDGES** and **MONTY MCCORMICK**.

I also had a guest from Thailand, a member of the Chang Mai Y Service Club, **SALVATORE DEL MONACO**. Congratulations go out to **JERRY CALIGIURI** for getting the **ELMER CROWE** award for outstanding RD. Our Area membership is holding around 1015 members. It is a constant challenge to maintain and it rests on all of us to constantly pursue new members.

I encourage all of you to open and check your email. International is sending all of correspondence via email. Please read RD memos. You your region or club don't want to miss out, or miss a deadline. Brotherhood Cultural Exchange Grants. I have not heard of any interest for this opportunity. One can take advantage if qualified for convention partial grants also there are three available.

Proposed nominations closed September 22 for ICM -APE. Your Region may have nominated IPE. Make sure your club votes when the times come. Also, upcoming you will get a ballot for Area Corporate Secretary. **NANCY LIBBY's** term will be up at the end of June 2018. **See the next article regarding changes in voting eligibility for International positions. Changes do not apply to Area positions.**

We are gearing up for RDE training in St Louis in November. RDE's be sure to attend.

Until next time.

TIBOR FOKI, APE

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BF couple enjoys breakfast with Whittier Club.

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM ISG NISHI

One decision made at the International Council Meeting 2017 was the deletion of Guideline 411 from the International Constitution with immediate effect. Guideline 411 mentioned requests for exemption from the "minimum requirement" for clubs to have voting privileges on international issues (see deleted Guideline 411).



The "minimum requirement" for clubs to vote on international issues has two parts:

1. From Guideline 409: "Have at least fifteen (15) paid members for the last three (3) semesters"
2. From Guideline 410: "Paid Regional, Area and International Dues as requested for 100% of its reported membership during the last three (3) semesters" (this is what is known as Good Standing)

Guideline 411 allowed clubs in good standing with 5 - 14 members to apply for exemption from Guideline 409. With exemption no longer a possibility, all clubs must meet the requirements of Guidelines 409 & 410 - without exception - to vote on international issues.

The exemption system was put in place to encourage small clubs to grow. In discussions at this year's International Council Meeting, Council agreed that the exemption process was not influencing club growth as hoped and other special measures were needed to reverse the trend of a decline in membership. Over successive years, many of the same small clubs were requesting and being granted exemption despite no increase in membership. It is felt that having to attain 15 members to have the right to vote on international issues may stimulate growth where exemptions did not.

The message from International Council to the clubs that have benefited from the exemption system (141 clubs out of 1,453 in 2016/17) is that your active involvement is valued and is to be encouraged. These efforts assist in the overall work of the organisation for membership growth and they have an important role to play in the continuity of the Movement.

Yours sincerely,

TAKAO NISHIMURA (NISHI)

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FROM YOUR CFO:

Since 1994 the Alexander Scholarship Fund by action of its trustees has had its own treasurer. At the 2015 Area Council meeting in Grand Rapids the Council moved that the trust be dissolved by June 30, 2016, such that the ASF would be under control of the Council and the funds be deposited with the Area CFO. After two years of investigation the Council at its meeting in Las Vegas decided to have the ASF funds moved to be under the cognizance of the Area CFO. The funds totaling approximately \$155,400 (Including the Alexander Scholarship Perpetual Fund) had been deposit-



ed in a bank account, "Y's Men International – ASF"; and invested in three CDs and four Putnam Funds. Moving the funds will resolve an issue with the IRS since the Area is 501(c)(3). The current ASF trustees consisting of **DAVE CRAYTOR**, **JOHN MCFADDEN** and **BRUCE MILLER** will continue the administration of the fund. All contribution checks to ASF and Dollars for Scholars should now be made payable to "Y Service Clubs International U.S. Area" (Just like we do with our other program funds.) with a notation on the memo line designating the fund and mailed to our ASF ASD **DEAN CURRIE** who will forward them to the CFO. We extend our appreciation to **DAVE EVANS** for his many years of service as treasurer of the Alexander Scholarship Fund.

In 2002 we established the 911 Disaster Fund with the provision that 50% of the money raised would stay with the regions and 50% would be placed in the U.S. Area fund. There has been no activity with the U.S. Area fund in the past six years which had a balance of \$4,090.60. Recently the Area Executive Officers approved giving \$1,000 to the YMCA's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund which will be invested directly back into areas impacted by this historic storm.

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GREETINGS TO YOU FROM THE ALOHA STATE

I am delighted to announce PRD (2012-2014), now RDE **SHARON ISHIDA** (2017-2018) was unanimously approved by the Regional Counselors, effective immediately and to begin her term as RD (2018-2019) for one year beginning on the last day (May 6) of the Hawaii Convention in Hilo, with the option to serve a second year (2019-2020) if we are unable promote a new leader coming up from the ranks. Sharon had consented to her nomination as RDE after **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI**, though uncertain of the results, had graciously stepped down to pursue his nomination for US Area President. Current Secretary/Treasurer **DUKE CHUNG** has agreed to serve another two Sharon ensuring a smooth transition and solid leadership for the Hawaii Region. Congratulations Sharon and Duke, you have the full support of the Hawaii Region. US Area, CAC Joint Convention: I had the honor and pleasure of attending the US Area Council Meeting and my first Area Convention in Las Vegas in August, and it was a bonus that being a joint convention with the Canada Area/Caribbean as well as the ICM meeting there, having met Y's men and women from all over the US and the world. The Hampton Inn Tropicana is a non-gambling hotel that allowed attendees to focus on business and fellowship without the distraction gaming brings. After the council meeting I was joined by the veteran Hawaii contingent of **RAY SETO**, **MAURICE SHIMONISHI**, **DUKE & LINDA CHUNG**, **RICK LAU**, **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI** and newcomer **JAMES DANG** for the rest of the convention.



It was nice seeing our second year RDs **ARIANI FIEDL, JOE DOTSON, DICK MOFFATT AND BRUCE MILLER**, and meeting the new RDs **JOHN MCFADDEN, MATTHEW CHAMAKKALA, CARLA MURPHY** and **JEFFREY BRANDEEN** and Area Youth Representative **MATT RODRIGUEZ**. And of course **DEBBIE REDMOND, GENE KOESTER, NANCY LIBBY, WAYNE SMITH** and others.

Congratulations **CHARLEY REDMOND** for your outstanding leadership the last 2 years, I understand as IPAP you're not done yet; and to AP **TIBOR FOKI**, I look forward to serving my last year as RD under your direction.

It was a privilege to witness as Secretary/General **TAKAO "NISHI" NISHIMURA** officiated the changeover of the International leadership ceremony as **IPIP JOAN WILSON, IP HENRY GRINDHEIM AND IPE MOON SANGBONG** exchanged pins. Congratulations Joan for a great year!

The 82nd Hawaii Region Convention will be held on May 5-6, 2018 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on Banyan Drive along beautiful Hilo Bay on Hawaii Island. Host club Hilo has already been working tirelessly with the convention committee to complete the details for the registration & information flyer to come out maybe as early as November. The Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club are the essence of Hawaiian hospitality and are planning for an enjoyable stay for all. We look forward to hosting US Area Secretary **NANCY LIBBY** as our convention area representative.



Kokua for Houston's Keikis translates to A Helping Hand for Houston's Kids Donation Drive was held on September 15-17 at the Nuuanu Y in Honolulu in partnership with the YMCA of Honolulu, Pasha Hawaii (Ocean Freight) and the Hawaii Stevedores. With the basic necessities being taken care of by the Red Cross, The YMCA of Houston put out a want list for new or unused sporting, crafts, games, school supplies and equipment and backpacks/blankets. A plea for donations and volunteers (to help with the drop-off) was sent out via email to our members

and posted on the Hawaii Region Website. By day 3 of the event, the 40' Pasha Hawaii container was filled to the door and shipped out the next day bound for LA port to be trucked over to Houston. I'd like to join in on all the thanks to the Y's Men & Women and Y Service clubs for your Kokua (lending a hand) in helping to make a difference.



Members of the six Metro clubs on Oahu will be assisting Par Hawaii, the state's largest refinery of petroleum products and jet fuel, with their Charity Golf Tournament coming up on September 22 to benefit the YMCA of Honolulu and the Special Olympics guaranteeing the Y a minimum \$15K to go towards the YMCA teen program. Assisting the Y is what we do!

Until the next issue,

I bid you all, Me ke Aloha Pumehana – with warm regards

EDDIE MIWA

RD Hawaii Region Y Service Clubs

E Ola Pū Kākou... (Together, we Thrive...)

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION NEWS

Greetings to all from the South Atlantic Region. Our Region had 8 representatives at the US Area Convention in Las Vegas. Thanks to all that had any role in hosting and conducting this special event.



Our Region is holding our fall convention/ board meeting on September 30th at the Salisbury (NC) Y. We will be conducting a fund-raiser to support our International projects.

Recently, **SANDY TREATT** was installed as President of the South Rowan Y Service Club. He took over the gavel from retiring President **LEWIS JACKSON**, who had served a three year stint. Lewis and **ELVA (our RT) JACKSON** live in Reidsville, NC, 84 miles north of the South Y, our Club meeting place. They commute monthly to our meetings and also participate in most of our other nu

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Copy and pictures (as attachments please) are welcome from RDs, RSDs, Club Correspondents and others.

merous activities.

The words that come to my mind are dedication and devotion, to our Y's Men movement!



Our Region has been and continues to be blessed with dedicated members like the Jacksons. Thank you for your service!

RD BRUCE MILLER -- BruceMil@ctc.net
MID AMERICA REGION

Dear Y's Men and Women:

Just received this from a former Y's man **PAUL SCHRECK**, who lives in Bourbonnais (Kankakee area) and I would like to share it with you. We should all be so proud of our **PAP KAY LINDNER**. Her life is an example of selfless volunteer work. Let's send her our hugs and congratulations for a life which continues to be so well lived.

Congratulations, dear Kay. We love you and thank you for your lifetime volunteer work to help make this world a better world for all mankind.

Ariani

At 91, **KAY LINDNER** still volunteers for Bishop McNamara High School.

She heads into the office, helping to label the school's newsletter, assisting with the fund-raising phonathon and helping, too, with the annual sale of the Ceile raffle calendars.

It's only one small chapter in the life of a woman who has helped Easter Seals, Catholic Charities, Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Telephone Pioneers, the Woman's Club and the YMCA, along with a list of schools and churches. Her list of volunteer activities runs to seven pages.

She literally is the volunteer who could not say no.

"I would like it to be remembered," she said, "that I cared for the world."

Most of the things she has done "were for the benefit of children."

For her dedication and accomplishment as a volunteer, Lindner is the recipient of this year's **SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** award. The honor will be presented at 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee.

SHARON JACKSON, a longtime friend of Lindner when both were helping at Mac, described Lindner as "forever young" and a person who is "passionate about a lot of things."

She's "always good" and "always available to help," Jackson said.

DEBRA BARON, who attends St. Patrick's Church along with Lindner, said she "doesn't know anyone who is more willing to help than Kay."

Lindner said she had a great mentor. She worked with the late **WES WALKER** at the YMCA, serving for 25 years on the staff, as well as in numerous volunteer positions. He was a "gentleman and a humanitarian," Lindner said.

Family life

She grew up in Dwight, where she was a Girl Scout and a high school cheerleader. She was a waitress at the Sip-N-Bite, Dinah's Cafe and a clerk at the M&M Dime Store. During World War II, she worked as a stenographer at the Navy shipyards in Seneca.

She married **RAY LINDNER** in 1947. He had served in the Navy during World War II. Stationed in the Philippines, he was in the Navy Signal Corps. He returned home and worked for Illinois Bell. His transfer to Kankakee brought the family here.

Married for 53 years before his death, the couple liked skiing. Both were active in the YMCA.

"There wasn't much we did, that we didn't do together," she said.

The YMCA annual award in Kankakee for helping children in the area is the **RAY LINDNER SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD**. Kay Lindner has won that award.

They started a family that includes two sons and daughters-in-law; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Her far flung charity work included two years as president of Easter Seals.

All her volunteering at Mac led to her being the 1999 Honorary Homecoming Chair. Her YMCA work led to the **Jerry Blitz** Layman of the Year award. For 24 years, she was involved with the Service Club Olympics, an event that united area clubs for one day a year.

National Y's Club President

In 2001, she was elected as the **AREA PRESIDENT** of the Y's Men's Clubs throughout the United States. That role had her traveling the world to support Y charities, including clean well water in Africa and mobile eye clinics in India. She had been the first woman to join the local Y's Club, the first woman to be president of the local club and the first woman to win the Service to the Club award.



One of the main fund-raiser of the Y's Men's Club during those years was a "Time of Fast" where members gave up a meal and donated funds to charity. One of her more unusual charities, undertaken with family support, was to collect gifts and bring them to the Cheyenne and Sioux Indian Reservations in South Dakota.

Her life has not been without tragedy. In addition to her husband; a son, **JAMES**, and a grandson, **MATTHEW**; also are deceased. The family has rallied around great-

grandson **COLLIN MICHAEL FRITZ**, 4, who has battled a brain tumor.

She sees herself as still having lots to do. She's lived in the same Bradley home for 62 years, does most of her yard work and stays young, her doctor said, by going up and down the stairs.

"I'd like to live to be a hundred," she said.

Submitted by **ARIANI FRIEDL**, RD Mid America Region
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WHAT I LEARNED AT OUR CONVENTION

So, like a mighty railroad train, the 2017 Joint Area Convention has come and gone. In Las Vegas. Through the planning and building, promoting and ordering, executing and accounting, there is not a lot of time to reflect. But, standing on the platform, watching it roll away, well, what just took place?

I know the Convention was a success:

Everyone survived and got home. No one got left behind (though, almost). The dazzling lights, celebrity sightings and showgirls were, thankfully, left behind ... perhaps for another day.

New friends were made. Conventions are great for putting names to faces. Especially when those names and faces are so prominent in the organization. Fellowship is born before it is practiced.

But great Fellowship was indeed on hand. Serious catching up and side conversations. Priceless laughs over meals. Sharing buses. And the banter that courses through meetings ... Council meetings as well as Planning meetings.

We had a terrific planning committee and we spent many hours over two years to create this Convention. We were challenged to include our Canadian and Caribbean neighbors, as well as to incorporate many delegates from all over the world. This was a great accomplishment.

Because of this opportunity to rub elbows with International folk, I learned an important thing too. During a discussion in **TOM STROUT's** Forum on "Brother Clubs", I came to the realization that my Club has been missing a great opportunity to make a huge difference. It turns out, that a few bucks we raise (maybe \$20 we raise for the BF in one Business Meeting in one month), can go A VERY LONG WAY towards providing relief in a part of the world that needs much relief.

Providing resources to the local Brother Club is exponentially more efficient. In the hands of **ROSELYNE SS-BALEKE BIRUNGI**, Area President of Africa, a few dollars can get right to the source of need. By partnering up with a Club in Africa, we can trade goods ... dollars for goodwill.

The Brother Club program, whereby we establish a link from one Club to another, is a tremendous asset to our Service work. It dawned on me that tiniest work we do

locally, can have a big impact on needy problems. Think of how good it would be if our Youth Members, could "Brother" up with a Club. This might give them the focal point to exert their great resources as well.

I intend to explore this within my Club. I will be contacting Ms. Birungi at roselynebirungi@rocketmail.com soon.

So, with one last wave to this train leaving the station, I am reminded by the big sign nailed on the back of the caboose. The sign on the back of the caboose says "Respect Your Deadlines".

Our primary goal in planning this Convention was to impart on all, the intrinsic value of telling your story. Your stories of involvement in Y Service are incremental to sustaining our Movement. We really need YOU to tell your story. So PLEASE, get busy writing.

Thank You.

TIM SINGLETARY, Convention Committee Chairman
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On behalf of Pacific Southwest, I would like to offer this flyer. I know its a stretch for the Area, but maybe some folk traveling through may want to partake of this great event.

Thanks,

TIM SINGLETARY

USA AREA TIME OF FAST/ROLL BACK MALARIA

Our goal for 2017-2018 for Roll Back Malaria is \$3,500.00
 Our goal for 2017-2018 for Time of Fast is \$8,500.00

Our total donations for Roll Back Malaria for 2016-2017 is \$4,121.39. Year- 2015-2016 - \$3,034.20

Our total donations for Time of Fast for 2016-2017 is \$9,749.50. Year-2015-2016 - \$ 7,279.20

As USA Area Time of Fast/Global Project Director, I want to point out the following information below from IHQ James.

What this world needs now is even more of our International service and support as we are doing things that make a difference.

Clubs and Regions are asked to send their donations made out to Y Service Clubs International-US Area and mark in memo section for Time of Fast or Roll Back Malaria. Please send to your respective Regional Service Director for Time of Fast or Roll Back Malaria.

They will credit your club and then send to me so I can credit and keep reports for the US Area and then I will send the check to our US Area CFO **GENE KOESTER**. I will acknowledge your donations.

February is Time of Fast month and hope you can send in your check in January or Feb. Thank you in advance for your support and God bless .

The one-page summaries of the eight TOF-GPF projects approved by ICM 16 are available on the website.

Download the one-page summaries: www.ysmen.org .

Given this year to As of 7/14/17

TIME OF FAST

Name	Amount
St. Paul Y Service Club	\$100.00
West Valley Y Service	\$50.00
Wakefield-Reading Y Service	\$106.00
Burnsville Y Service	\$100.00
Seal Beach Leisure World	\$155.00
Grand Rapids Service Club	\$2,100.00
Carondelet Y Service	\$550.00
Westchester Y's Men	\$150.00
	\$3,311.00

Given as of 09-09 -2017

ROLL BACK MALARIA

St . Paul Y Service	\$100.00
Seattle Downtown Y's Men	\$75.00
Southdale Y Service	\$80.00
Minnesota Valley Y Service	\$100.00
Whittier AM Y Service	\$68.00
Past Area Presidents Club	\$750.00
Great Falls Y Service	\$75.00
	\$1,248.00

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CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

THERE ARE TWO SEAS

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks, Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to dip of its healing water. Along its shore the children play.

The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills - so it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The river Jordan flows on south to another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route - unless on urgent business. The air hangs above its waters and neither man or beast nor fowl will drink. What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the river Jordan, it empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference. The sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows in, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The sea of Galilee gives and it lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea. There are two seas in Palestine.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

Which kind are we? **BRUCE BARTON**

