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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AREA PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Y's Man and Y Service Club members

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The second half of 2017 been very active A lot of ideas, assumptions and changes have been going on.

I urge all of you to vote. All clubs are eligible to vote on constitutional changes. Bylaw changes made clubs not eligible to vote in international elections with less than 15 members and there is no exemption given. This change was given a lot of attention by clubs, it will be addressed again at the YMI Mid-year meeting, in Chile.

The response to the merger with Area Canada-Caribbean is mixed as of this time. We have taken preliminary steps. We need to look at this and all the options. Don't think for a minute that this will save membership, but it will help with efficiency and economy. We also need to look at merging regions for the same reason.

We still need to work on increasing membership and chartering new clubs. **HAVE YOU ASKED SOMEONE TO JOIN YOUR CLUB?** Some might say that why me or why now? It's too late. I say **IF NOT YOU THAN WHO? IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN?**

The task force reports: the website will get an update and a new look hopefully before next April. We have switched to Go to Meeting for improved web meeting communications. Were also working on a new email based newsletter. Everyone please check if the email you have posted on Portalbuzz is up -to-date and correct. **IF NOT YOU WILL MISS OUT!!** As of a few weeks ago **CHARLEY REDMOND** did not have the names and emails of some club presidents in several Regions.

In November, we had our RDE training in St. Louis MO. Thanks to **DEBBIE** and **CHARLEY REDMOND** For making arrangements at the Mother House. Also, a big thank you to the Carondelet Club for hosting the dinner at the YMCA for attendees. Incoming RDE's **TERRY BRADLEY, KATHY NAYLOR, SHARON MEADOWS**, RDs that missed last year training **JEFF BRANDEEN** and **CARLA MURPHY** also attended. Thank you to Trainers for the meeting LTOD **Debbie**, CFO **GENE KOESTER, WAYNE SMITH**, input from Area Secretary **NANCY LIBBY**, Terry, **FRED LEONARD, BOB DANIELS**, and Charley. Internationally, **IPE SANG BONG MOON** and **INGILL RA**, who was the interpreter, Sang Bong Moon talked about his vision and the things he would like to accomplish in his term as IP. **TAKAO NISHIMURA** from IHQ giving prospective and updates on International matters. As a group, we went to see where the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers merge.

Sang Bong Moon, Ingle, Nishi and I left for the International Service club leaders conference held in Cincinnati Ohio. Before the meeting they talked me into a game of golf in 40 degree weather. They told me it would be fun. We did have fun. I shot 170. So much for my golf game.

The conference was great, a lot of information, which I will share as soon as put it together. A lot of the organizations have similar problems with losing members. I have made some contacts, hoping we can work together making our organizations better and grow.

Please note time is running out on BF application's deadline for 3 partial grants to the International convention in Korea in July of 2018, and a grant from US via the Philippines to Shri Lanka in 2019.

One of our members, **ANDREW GOODY**, was shot multiple times during the Las Vegas shooting. Andrew is from the Minot Club in North Dakota and has not been able to work while convalescing, He is self-employed and could use some financial help. There has been a go fund me page set up.

We also had some of good friends who passed away recently please keep them and their Families in your prayers: **ART WETTON JR.** past AP, Foothill Club; **JERRY CALIGIURI**, PRD PSWR, Long Beach Uptown Club; **JOE POLLACK** Pasadena Club; **MARY DAVE** Fullerton Club. Dave Smith Pasadena club.

Again, I wish you and yours a safe, healthy Christmas and New Year.

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NOTES FROM PAST AREA PRESIDENT

VOTING UPDATE

All clubs should have received ballots that include the International President Elect and constitutional amendments. As most already know, the voting exemption for clubs with fewer than 15 members has been removed from the international bylaws. That only applies to voting for international officers.

Smaller club voices are not completely gone. The removal of the exemption does not mean clubs cannot vote on constitutional issues. All clubs can submit votes for or against changes to the international constitution. I hope all clubs take the time to read through those issues and submit their votes. If your clubs have questions, please do not hesitate to send those questions to your RD, AP or to me. These are important issues that need your input.

Club Structure

Clubs can be chartered with 5 members now. That seems to be counter intuitive to the removal of the voting exemption but it is true. The intent is to make it easier to start a club and help maintain our movement. We do need to work to increase our membership. We can start with new smaller clubs or rebuild our current clubs. I realize some clubs will not be able to do that and other clubs are content with what they have. We do have options to help bring our voices back.

There are some novel ideas on what constitutes a club. With the current technology, a club does not necessarily need to meet face to face in the same place to do business. Virtual clubs have been discussed in the ICM. Online meetings are available and have been used by many of the International Task Forces and discussions with ICM members from all parts of the world.

Those meetings have lead me to think of a new way to keep our active members together and potentially bring back some voting privileges. While we have many clubs with fewer than 15 members, a very large number of those are very active in their communities and deserve support and to have a voice for all international matters. Bringing back that voice may require "merging" clubs in some form that could include online/virtual clubs. That means fewer clubs. These online clubs will dilute the voice we had but by building a different kind of club with membership greater than 15, we will have a larger voice than we have now.

Meetings of the larger groups can be done via Skype or other online meetings where Regional, Area and International issues can be discussed, and decisions made. That could include voting for international officers if the online/virtual club has more than 15 members. Our Youth have already met this way. Debbie and I have participated in meetings in California from St Louis. It is not difficult. Skype is free and the Area has a subscription to Go To Meeting. It is very important that our members do not completely lose their voice. I do not expect everyone to agree with my idea nor do I expect everyone to agree to work towards "merging" clubs, but I am looking for input and other ideas for the US Area to keep our voice heard. There are no ideas or questions that are out of line. Please send me your feedback and ideas.

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HAWAII REGION

A warm Holiday greetings from the Hawaii Region, I hope the holiday season fares well with you all. By this time our members should have already tendered holiday good cheer and are settling down to focus on family and love ones heading into the New Year.

Giving the Gift of Holiday Joy

The Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club just concluded their signature 68th Annual Christmas Tree Sale bringing in upwards of 350 trees from Washington State. This amazing 8 day (from set-up to take-down) project brought together upwards of 100 volunteers from a number of private businesses and non-profit organizations such as Youth Challenge, Hope Services, Circle K of University of Hawaii Hilo, BISAC (Big Island Substance Abuse Council), Men of Paa and others. Click on Hilo Christmas Tree Sales to see DG **LANCE NIIMI's** interview on this year's sales. Portions of the proceeds go to the YMCA of Hawaii Island youth programs & projects and the club's sponsorship of YAG (Youth & Government), which by the way DG Lance was once a participant in the '70's.

The Central Y Service Club held their annual Central YMCA Residents Dinner on November 19th serving up a spaghetti & meatballs (and all the fixings) dinner for nearly 30 residents of the still-open residential section of the now vacated Central Y.

West Oahu Y's Men's Club president **DUKE CHUNG** reports the club's signature project for 2017 brought in contractors to reroute the rain gutter downspouts at the Mililani YMCA to eliminate the flow of rainwater through the Y's entry area and allow the club to install landscaping and walkways. Once completed, it will beautify the entry area that was previously an eyesore.

The Nuuanu Y's Men & Women's Club and the Windward Y Service Club held their annual joint-club Christmas party on Dec. 1st at the Pagoda Restaurant. As customary, invitations go out to the RD and I accepted along with RDE Sharon Ishida for a wonderful evening food, fellowship, games, grab bags and carols. It was a nice way to kick-off the holiday season.

The Kalihi Y Service Club and members of the Kalihi Y hula group were joined by members of the Windward club for their annual Christmas caroling and hula performance spreading Christmas cheer to the senior residents at the Maluhia Hospital.

2018

In what is becoming the unofficial biannual Metro District (Oahu) project, the Nuuanu club will be hosting another Joint-Club clean-up/maintenance project at Camp Erdman sometime in February or March. The popular project attracts members for all 6 metro clubs, youth groups and Y program kids.

The Hawaii Region sponsored Peace Through My Eyes Drawing Contest will take place in March during the spring intercession on Oahu and Hawaii Island. Fourth and fifth graders compete to submit images of Peace, whether it be at home, their community, country or the world, through their innocent eyes.

The Metro District Annual Endowment Dinner honoring our

Golden Book recipients will be held on May 18th at the Manoa Grand Ballroom at the Japanese Cultural Center.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day on Oahu will be held at Camp Erdman this year on April 14th, the Y's Men & Women will be manning the shave ice (snow cones) booth, the proceeds are split 50/50 with the Y and the Metro District. The Hilo club will partner with the Y to host HKD on Hawaii Island on April 21st

82nd Hawaii Region Convention Information Flyer & Registration form went out the first week in December and you are all cordially invited to join us May 4-6, 2018 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on Banyan Drive along Hilo Bay. Convention cochairs Duke Chung, Bobby Stivers-Apiki and Joe Ann McCarthy promise another amazing convention coupled with Hilo hospitality. We are looking forward to having Corporate Secretary Nancy Libby as our US Area representative. Interested? For information & registration click on the Hawaii Region website or the US Area website.

2022 International Convention: Debate over the Hawaii Region submitting a proposal to host the International Convention in 2022 will be ongoing between now and the end of March when we need to get back to IC cochair **DEBBIE REDMOND** on our decision to host or not. RDE **SHARON ISHIDA** and PAP **PHIL SAMMER** are heading up an exploratory committee to work with Debbie in first answering our concerns about our region's stagnant and aging manpower needs to host the 5 day event and how much this is all going to cost the Hawaii Region. We are told that Areas Asia Pacific, Korea and Europe would like to have the convention in Hawaii.

Congratulations APE-E **BOBBY STIVERS-APIKI** (Hilo): When International election materials were distributed in the first week of November, it was announced that Bobby was the only one to qualify on the ballot for US APE (2018-2019). Bobby will be only the 3rd Y's Men from the Hawaii Region to hold the distinction of AP, the former being **PHIL SAMMER** (2009-2011) and **RAY SETO** (1993-1994).



Bobby has 40 years with the YMCA of Honolulu and the Hawaii Island YMCA that includes two stints as CEO of the Hawaii Island YMCA before finally retiring in 2015 and currently sits as a member of its Board of Directors. A member of the Kaimuki club since 1995, Bobby joined the Hilo club in 2007. Bobby is the sponsor and mentor for Hilo club's young adult and youth members **TRAVEN APIKI**, **RHETT APIKI**, **KEA CALPITO** and **CHRISTIAN OMEROD**, and is a driving force behind the Hawaii Region.

The Amalgamation of the US Area and CAC will result in two APEs whereas we can only have one and I believe we'll still only qualify for one ICM. Though uncertain about Bobby's status as AP in 2019 when Amalgamation may occur, all nine of Hawaii Region's clubs voted in favor of consolidating the 2 Areas.

Removal of the Small Club Exception, formerly Guideline 411

of the International Constitution, has many in the Hawaii Region upset that four of our region's clubs, Central (12 mbrs including 1 PAP & 2 PRDs), E. Kaua'i (9/1 PRD), Maui (5) and West Oahu (14/4 PRDs) were not able to vote for International Officers this election. All four of these clubs have a decade's long history with our organization as 100% paid membership, not to mention their contributions to the World Service areas. West Oahu club will have their 15th paid member officially on the roster for next semester and were surprised to learn that they have to wait 3 semesters and maintain their 15 members before earning the privilege to vote.

On the plus-side, the Central club has increased its membership by four and West Oahu to 15 members, so they are working on it. But with the trend of decreasing membership in areas such as the US, CAC and Europe, we are already seeing smaller clubs, hence a weaker voice in the International arena. AP **TIBOR** has already promised a spot on the agenda for the next Area Council Meeting, so RDs please come prepared for a lively discussion for him to take up to the next ICM.



Bobby, Lance & June and a corps of young contributors.



Central members serving it up.

EDDIE MIWA, RD - Hawaii

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SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION NEWS

As part of our regional convention, held September 30th, our regional board conducted a fund raiser that netted \$2017 to support our International service projects. 201 ten -dollar tickets were sold on a chance to win \$200. The winner donated the prize back, allowing us to keep all the proceeds! Thanks, Board, for a great team effort. Don't forget to also send along your club contributions to these service projects over the next several months.



"MAKE NO LITTLE PLANS" The South Rowan Y Service Club was chartered in May 1988 under the wings of Y Exec. **CHARLES JOHNSON** and founding president and PRD **DAVID ROBERTS**. Although we didn't have a Y facility in our community, we had Y programs and they needed a bus. Our club considered purchasing a used school bus but decided to buy a new one. Our fund raising efforts led to our first car giveaway at China Grove Farmers Day. The winner got a new red Ford Mustang convertible and our Y got its new bus. Since then our club has netted from this annual project over \$400,000 to help construct, expand and enhance our local Y, along with supporting numerous other community needs and International Y's Men projects. That early decision to go first

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

class instilled in us the vision and drive to be bold in our service to the Y and our community.

To conduct our car giveaway we partner with a local car dealership, our Y staff, the Y board of managers, the local Civitan club and the local FFA Alumni Affiliate. We also have several non club members who help sell numerous tickets.

DANIEL HUDSON BURNHAM (1846-1912) was a Chicago architect, landscape designer and urban planner who helped in the rebuilding of Chicago after the fire of 1871. In 1907 he wrote the following quote.

“Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work...” Let this our plan as we move Y’s Men forward!

Be Bold - Dream - Collaborate - Partnership - Share - Achieve - Succeed.



JAMIE MORGAN (L) and **TERRY BRADLEY (r)** pose with **ADAM** and **ASHLEY PETHEL** and children in front of the new ticket display board that the Pethel family constructed and donated to our club. The picture was taken under our club tent after the drawing at China Grove Farmers Day, held July 15th.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Winter just settled upon us again. Just in time for selling Christmas trees. Five Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Y’s are pertaining with our Y Service Clubs in our annual tree sales raising over \$50,000 to send kids to camp. This year it’s truly a labor of love and support since many of our clubs have aged out and depend upon the assistance of Y Staff, Y Community Board members, other local service groups and many community volunteers to make it happen. Tree lots are also a great way to entice volunteers as well as customers to become members. Membership is declining due primarily to the recent constitutional change defining a club as three or more members. Unless clubs come up with additional paying memberships, we’ve lost three clubs – Albert Lea, Fargo/Moorhead and Mankato. We have seven active clubs presently in our region.



We have another light turnout for our annual fall regional conference highlighted by a visit by **NANCY LIBBY**, our Corporate Secretary. Nancy gave a great presentation on recent Y Service Club news from a U.S. Area as well as an International perspective.

The Minot ND Colin Brown Club continues to be one of our more active clubs. They recently completed another annual rodeo weekend raising a substantial amount for their local camp.

Merry Christmas to all our fellow Y Service Club members from all of us in North Central Region.

JOE DOTSON, RD - NCD joedots@gmail.com

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION:

An invitation is extended to all Y Service Club members and guests to consider attending the 2018 International Presidents

Dinner with IP **HENRY GRINDHEIM**, from Norway. PLEASE consider attending this GALA event. It is not often that we are honored with a visit from our International President. When we do, we like to put out the red-carpet treatment.

This year we will be holding the party in a wonderful venue, with great food, fabulous entertainment (Sylvia & the Rhythm Boys) and all hosted by a couple of young leaders from our newest “Y’s Youth Club of Southern California”.

So please register as soon as you can. Registration end December 26th. Hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Pacific Southwest Region.

TIM SINGLETARY DG, Valley District

**THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION'S
ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS DINNER**

Wednesday, January 3, 2018
THE GRAND, Long Beach, CA 4101 E. Willow St.
6:00 PM Fellowship, 7:00 PM Dinner
REGISTRATION COST \$26.00

Registration must be received by Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Mail to: **Bruce Trent**
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Make checks payable to Pacific Southwest Region



LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

One of the components to being a “trainer” is the variety of training material that is needed at various times for this organization. For example, I might prepare something for Area Council Meeting, additional information for a Workshop held at the Area Convention, an informational presentation for a possible new club, and provide another training part for the Regional Director Elect Training. However, I am also available to help with providing information about various parts of our Service Clubs such as information about Brotherhood Fund, the listing of the groups receiving money for Time of Fast Global Project Fund, statistics about Rollback Malaria, or History stuff too. I am willing to help clubs individually with information, power points or can even do a ses-

sion by Skype if a Club feels they need it. If I don't have the information, there are some Power Point Presentations on the ysmen.org website that have various subjects from things for a Club, District, Region, or Service Directors. If you can't find it or can't find what you need, please feel free to give me a call (314-703-8657, cell phone) or send me an e-mail.

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HISTORIAN

On November 22, 1922, the first Club was officially chartered. It was the Toledo Central Club. In order to maintain the charter, there have been Past Area Presidents who have joined and paid dues for the membership to the Club along with other interested people. As a member of that club, I decided I should actually go to Toledo, Ohio and visit the city of the Toledo Club. Much of what was there when **PAUL WILLIAM ALEXANDER** lived in Toledo has disappeared or is no longer a vital part of the City. There is no tombstone or marker for his grave. The plaque that was placed in 1968 (a year after the death of Paul William Alexander) marking the establishment of the first club is still there but not necessarily at the right location and the flag pole needs some repair. Many of the original clubs from 1922 and even 1923 are gone. The oldest functioning club is Sidney, Nova Scotia (Canada) who was chartered in January, 1923. Washington, Iowa was chartered in 1925 as well as Grand Rapids, Michigan. I do have some photos of the older clubs and the charter members but not enough. Do you have pictures of your club charter or even a flier or information listing the charter members? Those are the things we need. I don't have to have the originals, scanned pictures and documents would be fine. These are the kind of things that I need in order to be able to work up some kind of a presentation for the 100th Anniversary. If you have something to share, please contact me. My cell phone is 314-703-8657 Let's make sure we have the pictures and documents for the Archives.

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TIME OF FAST/ROLL BACK MALARIA

Greetings and Peace,



As USA Area Service Director for Time of Fast/Roll Back Malaria, I encourage you to consider a donation to Roll Back Malaria and Time of Fast as there are many needs we can focus on together as an International organization.

I challenge all the Regions to have something special as to donating funds at their Regional Conventions/Meetings. Please also share our Roll Back Malaria program with other organizations to possibly partner together to raise funds. We are reducing the mortality rate with children with the nets so let's continue to give.

Our current amounts are \$1,348.00 for Roll Back Malaria and \$3,896.00 for Time of Fast.

Please make out checks to Y Service Clubs International-US Area and mark for appropriate area-Roll Back Malaria or Time of Fast. If any questions, please advise.

Peace be with you.

TERRY BRADLEY, ASD TOF AND ROLL BACK MALARIA
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ASD - BULLETIN

More changes for the Alliance. We plan to use a new email program for distributing the Alliance. The first new style issue will be your next issue. The program called "Constant Contact" is used by many churches for their bulletins, by Chambers of Commerce plus many other organizations. This will enable us to offer the Alliance on a more timely basis and frequency.

Advantages include a simpler preparation of the newsletter, less work in maintaining mailing lists and the fact that your Alliance will show up as a part of the email when you open it. There will be no need for the Adobe Reader program you have used to open the Alliance in the past.

For the people who have been submitting articles, there will be no major changes except for an increase in the number of requests for copy. However the copy should be easier to prepare since we will seek shorter stories and they will more timely so do not have to cover as long a time period as in the past. This new Alliance will be more like a club bulletin with up-to-date information.

It does mean, however, that we need as accurate a mailing list as possible. This is only possible if you update, if necessary, your email address in Portal Buzz. Once again I have included Charley's instructions to so that it takes just a moment.

PRESIDENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER ASKING YOUR MOST PROFICIENT COMPUTER OPERATOR TO BRING A LAPTOP TO A MEETING VERY SOON AND ASSIST THOSE MEMBERS WHO MIGHT NEED HELP UPDATING THEIR RECORD FOLLOWING THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE ATTACHED TO THIS ALLIANCE. YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE A PASSWORD AND KEEP A RECORD OF THAT PASSWORD FOR THE NEXT UPDATE. I SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER A RANDOM FOUR DIGIT NUMBER, THEIR FIRST NAME AND A % SIGN.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past years. I'm looking for to the new changes.

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WINDWARD Y SERVICE CLUB HAWAII



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Windward YSC annual Christmas project, members brought donated items for kids to their club meeting on November 13 and we packed them in more than 40 official "shoe boxes" for distribution to needy kids in other countries through Operation Christmas Child.



From left: **JOE-ANN MCCARTHY**; GUEST, **COLLEEN SHIBANO**; **KARLA REDDING**; **FREDA NAKAMOTO**; **DONNA SALTO**; **MARION LIU**; **KEN KADOMOTO** AND **WENDY TUPPER**. Photo by **RUSS LYNCH**

INDIAN BOUNDARY Y'S MEN AND WOMEN'S CLUB

(Editor's note) **LINDA DEAN** has always been prompt in submitting her articles for the Club. Somehow with my problems with my email, I did not publish them so here is a bit of a summary of January through June of this year.)

In February, we gathered for our annual Chili Supper, with **ALAN HINS** and **MARILYN WILGOCKI** welcoming us to their home (and their kitchen) once again. As usual, the food and fellowship were fantastic! On April 22, **CATHY ADAMS** and **LINDA DEAN** helped Y staff supervise a group of 50 Comcast Cares Day volunteers as they mulched, cleaned off the patio outside the pool and painted bathrooms in the day camp pavilion. On April 29 **BARB TAYLOR** and **LINDA DEAN** volunteered at the Indian Boundary Y Healthy Kids Day; while **JOHN SIROVATKAS, SR.** and **JR.**, and **JACKSON SIROVATKA** traveled to Y Camp Maclean in Burlington, WI for the spring work weekend. We will prepare and serve a dinner meal for homeless adults and families at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Downers Grove on June 28.

June 2 & 3, we hosted **ALINE LOPES DOS SANTOS** from Brazil. Club members **ALLAN HINS** (and wife **MARILYN WILGOCKI**), **CATHY ADAMS** and **CAL CHRISTY** (and wife **LINDA CHRISTY**) escorted Aline on tours of the Elmhurst and Indian Boundary Ys, the Morton Arboretum, Navy Pier (via water taxi from the train station), the Downers Grove Farmer's Market and downtown Downers Grove, including Anderson's Bookshop and Emmett's restaurant. Club member **BARBARA TAYLOR** hosted a dinner party in Aline's honor, and we enjoyed getting to know Aline while enjoying chicken broccoli mushroom crepes, arugula salad, and mint chocolate ice cream pie for dessert.

Submitted by **LINDA DEAN**, Club President

ST. LOUIS PAGE PARK Y SERVICE CLUB

Our club is planning our ninth (9th) anniversary celebration. It is being scheduled for December 16, 2017. We are fortunately enough to be a club of fourteen (14) men and women, however, on our Founders Day Celebration we plan to induct four (4) new club members.

In addition, on our program we plan to honor several outstanding members of St. Louis and especially our Monsanto Family YMCA community. An outstanding citizen award trophy will be presented as well as we shall honor the Monsanto Family YMCA YOUTH OF THE YEAR. He also was selected by the Gateway Region YMCA to be the Youth of the Year. Last but not least a member of our club will be selected for Y-Service Club, Outstanding Y's man of the year. A person who went above what was expected of a club member.

Upcoming is our third annual Fashion Show and Luncheon scheduled for March 2018.

Several of our club members contributed to the Alexander Scholarship Fund (Dollars For Scholars Program). Their names are as listed here and should be included in the Y's Alliance: **FRANK J.** and **RITA LOGAN, SR.**, **MCKINLEY** and **DOROTHY JOHNSON**, **CARL E.** an **CAROLYNE MILES** and **VIRGIL** and **LITA LUCAS**.

Submitted by **MCKINLEY JOHNSON**, Club Secretary

CLOVIS FRESNO Y SERVICE CLUB

Merry Christmas from Clovis Children's Electric Christmas parade.



Submitted by **TIBOR FOKI**

A NOTE FROM CHARLEY'S BOSS:

This comes from the head of the Life Sciences at Merck KGaA - my BIG boss. He shared some very pertinent words for Y's Men to review.

"I have found myself reflecting on our values... a favorite topic for me... in particular courage. What gives us the courage to act?"

- 1) It begins with a *mission* - an inspiration and sometimes one that impacts much more than us.
- 2) From there, it's the strength and capability to overcome the risks associated, coupled with the mental and physical capacity necessary to achieve goals.
- 3) Lastly, one must be free from obsession with consequence - willing to put aside the desire for money, power, love or popularity.

In the end, it's up to each of us to decide."

Y'S MENETTES - ACTIVE Y'VES FRESNO CENTRAL

This group keeps itself busy doing good works. In November it was a lunch and movie plus bringing signed Christmas Cards for Veterans at the Living Center.

The ladies are joining the Y's Men for a tour of the Ranch which is a organization that works with autistic children and veterans using horses.

CONNIE CLAES will represent the Y's Menettes at the US Area Council.

Other activities in December include Caroling at the Veterans Living Center and a Christmas Brunch.

A recent Rummage Sale held with the assistance of club members, Y's Men and many of their family and friends made a profit of \$1700.

Submitted by **LOUISE COLEMAN**, Bulletin Editor and **KAREN JOHNSON**, President.

WE REMEMBER:

MARY DAVE was member of Fullerton Y's Men's Club and she held the position of Cabinet Secretary when **AL JACQUES** and husband, **KIRIT DAVE** were the Regional Directors.

She was recipient of the IDA award and was active with the Fullerton club. She also Chaired the Regional Convention at Erawan Gardens, in India and Casa Sirena in Ventura

She also helped out in many activities of the Pasadena Y's Mens Club.

She passed away - Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

Submitted by **TIBOR FOKI**.

DAVID LEE SMITH passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the age of 78.

Dave was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from California State University Los Angeles, majoring in Physical Education and Mathematics. He worked at the Los Angeles and Pasadena YMCA's as Executive Director/Professional Director. .

Dave was passionate about serving the community and helping others. He was a past President Pasadena Y's Men's Club and was a member of the Foothill Family Y's Men's Club. He served every office at the club level. He particularly loved the Christmas tree sales. He had been honored in the Golden Book.

Dave is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Jane, his two sons, David and Scott (Jennifer) of Alta Loma, daughter, Tracy Weldon (John) of Palos Verdes Estates, and 12 grandchildren. Dave will be dearly missed by too many to count.

Submitted by **JEFFREY BRANDEEN**.



ARTHUR WETTON, JR left this world October 14, 2017. Born in Alhambra, CA March 8, 1933, he led a full life dedicated to helping others.

Art was active in the Temple City, Pasadena and Monrovia Y's Men Organizations, US Area President for Y's Men International, React Club and so very proud of his many years as volunteer on the Pasadena Police Department. He was an active member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Alhambra and the Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

A Master Cabinet Maker his whole life, sawdust was his cologne. He so loved playing his beloved organ, baking lemon meringue pies, watching, reveling and taping old war movies, spending time in his garage workshop, his garden and being the ultimate jokester with his whole family.

Art is survived by his wife, Phyllis and her children, Daughter Kathy & Jim Steinbaugh, , Daughter Debbie Wetton, Son Jim & Darlene Wetton and his pride and joy, 6 grandchildren & their spouses and 7 great grandchildren. Also surviving are Sisters Mary Anne & Don Cardamon, Barbie & Rudy Jimenez, Margie Byers, Sister-In-Law Jo Wetton, Brother/Sister-In-Law, Robert & Nancy Bixby and Sister-In-Law Bonnie Harrison, along with countless nieces & nephews.

Submitted by **TIBOR FOKI**.



JERRY CALIGIURI was well know in the Bixby Knolls area of Long Beach when he passed away on November 1, 2017. He published a news letter about community events. He hand delivered this to his neighbors.

He became a field deputy for several councilmen in his district in-fact he held The position for 17 years. Jerry was asked to a member of the YMCA board in Long Beach. Shortly after one of our Club members asked Jerry to join the Long Beach uptown Y's Men Club. He held several offices in the club and was asked to become the Harbor District Governor. Jerry was the immediate Past Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest Region. Jerry was all about service, unknown to many, he was also member of Long Beach Kiwanis and Lions Clubs.

Jerry's time in public service gave him a lot of contacts, he was able to draw from to help the Y Service Clubs.

He was area service director for public relations. He was nominated as US Area President Elect.

We miss Jerry.

Submitted by **TIBOR FOKI** and **GENE KOESTER**



It is with great sadness that we report that **JOE POLLOCK**, a long time Pasadena Y's Men member, passed away after a long illness on Wednesday October 25, 2017. Joe was originally from Delaware, Ohio and after graduating from The Ohio State University in 1948, moved to CA where he then joined the Navy. On one of his ship's stops in port, Joe met his future wife, Joan Crawley. Joe and Joan married in 1951 and eventually had five children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After the Navy, Joe worked for the Equitable Life & Casualty Company for more than 35 years.

Joe joined the Pasadena Y's Men's Club in 1982 and eventually served as Club Treasurer, Club Secretary and Club President. Joe worked tirelessly for the Pasadena Y's Men's Club, helping them raise thousands of dollars by selling Christmas trees and holiday fruit baskets. Over the years, Joe and Joan attended numerous PSWR and International Y's Men events. Joe and Joan enjoyed the many Y's Men's trips and events as well as the many relationships that were developed along the way. In October, 2017,

Joe was inducted as a honorary member of the Pasadena Y's Men's Club as well as honored as a member of the Golden Book. Joe is survived by his wife, Joan, of 66 years as well as has his many children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Submitted by **JEFFERY BRANDEEN**

ADVENT - A Time of Renewal !

HOPE: Luke's story of the birth of Jesus begins with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, who are old and still childless.

Luke 1:13-14 reads, "But the angel said to him, 'Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. How glad and happy you will be, and how happy others will be when he is born!'" Elizabeth and Zechariah had been **hoping**, being faithful to God's teachings.

But Zechariah questions the angel in verse 18, "How shall I know if this is so?" And the angel tells him he will be mute until the day the promise comes true.

Is your **Hope** strong and true like this couple? Is our Hope for the world strong?

Prayer is our source of **hope** and we should pray daily for the world.

PEACE: Young Mary, betrothed to Joseph, also is visited by the angel. We read in Luke 1:28-32a, "The angel came to her and said, '**Peace** be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!' Mary is deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God.'"

Mary questions the angel too with, "How can this be?" The angel responds that God's power will rest on her and verse 37 reads, "For there is nothing that God cannot do." Do you believe? Do you feel **Peace** in your life as Mary did? **Peace** can bring you comfort in all your life experiences if you believe!!

JOY: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10 we read about the

wise men. "Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked 'Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east and we have come to worship him.'"

"And so they left, and on the way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what **Joy** was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was." After traveling by camel and by foot, they have reached the place the star led them. What determination ending with **JOY!!** Can you look back on your life and see the same kind of **Joy**?

The story of the Wise Men and their gifts help us to know that---

IT IS IN LOVING-NOT BEING LOVED-THE HEART IS BLEST; IT IS IN GIVING-NOT SEEKING GIFTS-WE FIND OUR QUEST!

LOVE: When the shepherds are met by the angels, they say in Luke 2:15b, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." Jesus came as a baby to bring a message of **Love** to the world. I am reminded of this hymn: "And so I **Love** each Christmas Eve, And I **Love** Jesus too, And that He **Loves** me in return, I know so well is true."

HOPE! PEACE! JOY! LOVE! Become renewed with these 4 qualities!

LILLIAN PORTER - Christian Emphasis



Each member listed below contributed at least \$10 to Dollars to Scholars to send this message of Best Wishes for a blessed Holiday Season.



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MY CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
I want to thank You for the Christmas tree,
That reminds me of Your love for me.
And under the tree, gifts with ribbons curled,
Remind me Jesus is Your gift to the world.
The colors of Christmas are so bright,
Red, green, blue, yellow, and white.
They tell me about the birth of the King,
Of joy and life that He would bring.
The meaning of Christmas is not just fun,
But Your gift Father—Your precious Son.
Through Him we see Your tender care,
This gift of Jesus nothing can compare.
Father help me this Christmas to see
All that you have done for me.
May all the symbols remind me of You,
And all that Jesus came to do.
Amen.

