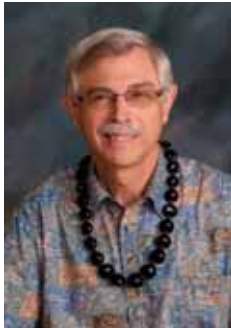




Y's Alliance



Aloha From Hawai'i!

We are fast approaching the end of the Y Service Club year and are preparing for the annual US Area Council meeting from July 6 to 8 which will be hosted by Immediate Past Area President (IPAP) **FRED LEONARD** at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The council is composed of the nine regional directors who are required to attend because this is the only legislative meeting of the Area during the year. The Area Service Directors are also invited and encouraged to attend so that they can report on their activities and interact with their counterparts from across the country. The council meeting is our opportunity to chart the course for the coming year and to air opinions and propose solutions to issues that confront the Area.

Among the issues to be discussed is the proposed change of the Area fiscal year to conform to the new International fiscal year. There has been some confusion in regard to the change. The new year begins on April 1 and will finish on March 31. Dues and program payments will now be made in February and August. The proposed change will be sent out for club vote after the council meeting. The service year for clubs remains unchanged: July 1 to June 30.

Our new International President, **HIROTOSHI FUJII**, will be installed at the International Convention in

Yokohama, Japan in August. I urge you all to consider attending and enjoying the fellowship and fun that inevitably accompanies any gathering of Y Service Club men and women. It's easy to register and pay on line and there are hotels in all price ranges to suit your budget. Japan is a wonderfully scenic and hospitable country that will surprise and delight you as will the warmth of the host Y Service men and women. You will also have the chance to meet our new International Secretary General, **TAKAO "NISHI" NISHIMURA**. The dates are August 6-8, 2010. I hope to see you there!

We have had some very good news in the area of Extension. Our newest club is the North Y's Service Club in Columbus, Ohio that chartered on April 14, 2010. We are also planning on chartering the Hot Springs Y Service Club on July 7, 2010 during the Area Council meeting. Efforts are underway to form other new clubs in various locations across the country and I look forward to reporting to you about them in the near future.

I was pleased with the response to our first nationwide service project with Meals on Wheels that took place during the month of March. Many clubs and regions participated in MOW programs including fund-raising, meal deliveries and public awareness projects. I hope that the collaboration with Meals on Wheels will continue year round with particular emphasis on National Awareness Month in March.

Finally, I would like to thank all those Y Service Club men and women who have helped make my first term as Area President a success by serving at the Area, regional and club levels. I look forward to working with you all as I begin my second and final term and know that I can count on your support and encouragement!

Aloha,

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FROM AREA PRESIDENT ELECT

Did you know that 93% of our total worldwide Y Service Club members live outside the United States? This was according to a survey made in June, 2009, of 18 small, medium, and large worldwide service clubs. This was the largest percentage of all the reporting organizations. We are truly an international organization, well-positioned in a world which is growing smaller due to the increased interrelationships of the Internet, television, and travel. We feel a kinship with everyone around the world. We need to create ways to emphasize this as we publicize our activities.

The U. S. Area has the opportunity to send out three Brotherhood travelers every year. These great opportunities are wasted when no one applies. No matter where you go in the world you are welcomed with friendship and good humor. People want to know about your Area, Region, and Club...and about you as a person. You don't have to be away from home for weeks on end, just two will do. We have people who will help you put together a presentation and pack your suitcase efficiently. Please consider this very creative way of traveling.

Your Region and club profits when you entertain a visiting Y's Man or Y's Woman from another country.

You learn about the larger world first hand. Time of Fast and the Brotherhood Fund become real, instead of paper exercises. Your Region should have a travel coordinator - volunteer for that position, if necessary. There is help available if you are uncertain about what to do. This is a very creative enterprise.

When your Region or club is asked to help, say, "Yes." Brotherhood visitors are good friends.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION JOE DOTSON, RD

Greetings from the North Central Region where the Minnesota Twins just took two out of three games from our neighboring Wisconsin Brewers. Our regional Y Service Clubs are also batting around the same percentage. We're strong in fund-raising and social networking in support of our local YMCA, but in several aspects we can and must do better. Again this year

our clubs raised over \$125,000 in various fund-raising projects including our traditional Christmas tree sales, pancake breakfasts, and a regional rodeo in Minot ND. Several clubs support the Sioux YMCA. The Greater Minneapolis/St. Paul YMCA will again send staff counselors to Camp Marrowbone on the Missouri River for two weeks of supportive youth activities.

In April, our region hosted **MICHAEL MATTHYSZ**, a Brotherhood Fund delegate from Sri Lanka. Michael visited clubs in the Metro area and we shared our Midwestern hospitality with him.

Although overall, our regional membership statistics continued to decline from 236 members to 233, one club in Appleton Wisconsin grew by five members in the past year. We all need to discover how they did it. Officially we have 19 clubs in the region however six of these are inactive and only stay on the roster for one or two members.

This past abbreviated year our region collected the following amounts for Y'sdom:

Endowment- Golden Book - \$400

Brotherhood Fund - \$3500

Time of Fast - \$1475.00

Dollar for Scholars - \$550.00

Alexander Scholarship Fund - \$225.00

In July, **HEATHER VINGE HANSON** will be installed as the new Regional Director. Her youth and energy level will undoubtedly add greatly to our region. Her goals include a regional Y Service Club web-site and better communication between all 233 members. Heather is honored to be selected as a youth facilitator for the upcoming Y's Men Youth Convocation in Japan where she will facilitate a session on personal development.

We look forward to our fall conference slated for October 9/10 and welcome the participation of **DEBBIE REDMOND** as the U.S. Area representative.

PACIFIC CENTRAL REGION MARY ANN PHILLIPS, RD

One of the strengths of the Pacific Central Region is its strong, capable Board of Directors. The Region had three Board meetings this year, with almost perfect attendance. Our contributions to the international funds were good despite the shortened year. The Pacific Central Line was published four times, mostly distributed by e-mail.

The Regional convention and Board meeting was held at Wonder Valley Guest Ranch in the Sierra foothills east

of Fresno. **DEBBIE REDMOND** was our featured speaker. One of the attractions was a ride to an old gold mining town through green hills covered with golden poppies and other spring wild flowers. The need to recruit new members was discussed, along with planning for approaching Y's without clubs.

We met with two Y directors who suggested two opportunities in the San Jose area: One for a new club and one for a youth club already in existence. Also, two club members in the Fresno area volunteered to contact Y's. Club formation and membership recruitment will be the emphasis for this year. We have three strong clubs who meet on a regular basis and four clubs who meet as necessary for projects. One other club will probably disappear this year.

One of our strong clubs has helped with projects at two different YMCA's with an invitation for more cooperation. This may be a model to build new clubs.

The Region has many older members so our numbers may drop for awhile, but we also have younger members coming on board, new ideas, and new enthusiasm. Now we have to get to work

MID-AMERICA REGION DEBBIE REDMOND, RD-E

As incoming Regional Director for the Mid America Region, I am in the process of taking a close look at the thirteen clubs for my region and deciding the steps that need to be taken during my time in office (and beyond) to help this Region. Our Region, like many of the Regions, is struggling with an ongoing loss of membership mostly due to the age of our members. The strength of our clubs is also the problem. The focus for a local club is mainly on their purpose which could be the YMCA or camp or support of a specific program. The focus is not on the Y Service Clubs International or even the support of International Programs. It generally also is not on membership but on the current members. Thus we have an ongoing dilemma. We need to increase our membership, be a part of the International organization, and continue to support our own club goals.

Obviously, I cannot talk about all of those difficulties in one sitting so my main concern is about membership at this time. In looking at membership, I came up with a phrase, "Visitability", that seems to fit the problem. No, I didn't misspell "visibility", this is a different word. Obviously I learned a new phrase that is becoming popular. This word is specifically used to describe the ability of a person with challenges to visit someone in

their home or office place. In other words, would someone with a wheelchair or walker be able to enter the building, move around comfortably and be able to get in and out of the bathroom without any difficulty. Would the person be able to visit on an enjoyable level.

Looking at that phrase, "Visitability", I decided I could use it for other things such as how open a Service Club is for persons to visit. Are we really accessible to anyone and everyone? Looking at the Club Membership, is the group made up of a diverse number of people? If someone were to attend a meeting for your club, what would that person see? Were the members receptive to the visitor? As a visitor, would I feel welcome or would I feel like an outsider. Did the club make reasonable accommodations for me in the meeting? I don't necessarily want to be placed on a pedestal as a visitor but I also don't want to be completely ignored or feel like an outsider. Are club members encouraged to bring visitors where this might be a normal occurrence or are visitors rare? Our continuation as a Y Service Club depends greatly on bringing in new members and are we really that "visit-able" for a potential member. Have you added any new members in the last couple of years or have you continued to lose members?

Within the last few years, the concern about our decline in membership has been a big issue for the U.S. Area. There have been discussions and workshops on that very subject. Discussing is one thing and doing something about it is another. It is time to analyze our clubs and determine the sustainability of each individual club. Those with fifteen or fewer members should look at themselves and decide specific steps to make themselves more "visit-able" by potential members. If I were looking for something to do in my free time, I would want to be involved in an activity that is beneficial for the community in some manner. It might be a big fund-raiser or it might be involvement by club members in other community activities. Can we honestly say this is the case for each of our clubs or is it the case that we participate in the activity of the month because we have always done it that way. Can we point our finger at something such as a summer camp and list the ways we have helped it or can we wave our arms wildly because we have done a variety of things but nothing stands out in particular.

My standpoint comes from the Mid America Region. Although our membership numbers have dropped in recent years, we have been able to add a few members here and there. Looking at the thirteen clubs in the Region, we're not all strong and able to continue. If we

use the fifteen members as the rule of thumb for being strong for a club or at risk then there are eight of the thirteen clubs that have membership below fifteen people. Therefore those eight clubs are considered at risk. That is something like 60% of our clubs in this one Region are at risk and in looking at the numbers, we have lost nine members in the Region overall between October and January. We have lost several key members since the reporting was done in January. When our numbers are compared to the other Regions, it is obvious we are all struggling in the same manner. Although we might be stronger than some Regions, it is simply a matter of definition of strength. It isn't as if any of the Regions have reported much in the way of an increase and there aren't exactly a large number of clubs waiting to be chartered.

What is the cure? This is not going to be an easy solution. We will lose more clubs and members before we will be able to see any progress in the other direction. Our Clubs need to be **visible, visitable, valued and vision driven** in the community. We can't just rely on the YMCAs for our visibility or our value. We must be able to show the community that our work provides a value for the service. We must be able to do more than a simple fund-raiser to help the YMCA, we must also be able to do something for the sake of the community. That is why the Meals on Wheels Project and the Rollback Malaria Project can add value and visibility for a club instead of just the YMCA. Each club needs to have a defined vision. What I am trying to say is that we are more than just a part of the YMCA and need to prove it to ourselves as well as to the community. There are some clubs out there that no longer have YMCA's yet they continue to have value for their community. If you had to make a thirty second commercial to sell your club, could you do it and provide enough excitement that a person would want to become a part of this wonderful organization? I probably couldn't but that is simply because I talk too slow (something about being an OKIE). What would be included in the commercial . . . *that we are a part of the United Nations (non-governmental organization) and have helped to raise money for mosquito netting in areas dealing with Malaria.....that we are working to increase the awareness of "Meals on Wheels" as a necessary part of this community....We have raised more than ??? dollars to help our YMCA or other Community groups. Want to be a part of an organization that is striving to change the World, one person at a time. Then come help us. Let us add "value" to your life and provide our own "Community Well-being."* *We ARE the Y Service Club and we need your help.*

HAWAII REGION RUSS LYNCH - RD-E

Just seeking to increase membership is not enough, attendees at the 74th Hawaii Region Conference of Y Service Clubs International were told. First you need to develop a mission, and what better mission could there be than world peace, **HARRY KIM**, former Hawaii County mayor, told the Sunday devotional session at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki.

The session had started with a film of **GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR** presiding over Japan's formal surrender aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay at the end of World War II. Talking about the horrors of war, MacArthur said such events should never be allowed to happen again. "We must go forward to preserve in peace what we won in war," MacArthur said.

Later Kim, who had also served for many years as Hawaii County's director of civil defense, said the generation that survived that war had "failed miserably" to heed the general's words. Kim, who is of 100 percent Korean ancestry and married a Caucasian woman of Scottish, Irish and German descent, said continuing racism also is a defeat of the ideals that were held by the generation that came out of the war. His grandchildren are of mixed descent, one mostly German Caucasian and the other predominantly native Hawaiian. Which part of these children is he supposed to love or not love because of their race, Kim asked. (A 31-minute video of Kim's speech can be seen at the Hawaii Region web site, <http://ysmenhawaii.org>)

Earlier, 90-year-old **JIRO YUKIMURA**, a member of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club, talked of his unsuccessful effort as a young man of Japanese descent to join the Army and go fight the Japanese. Eventually, more than a year after the Pearl Harbor attack, he was allowed to enlist but ended up as a highly trained interpreter/translator. That role brought him to one of the decks on the Missouri to watch the surrender ceremony with a more than 100 war correspondents. Commenting on how quickly the Korean War came after World War II, Yukimura also talked of the continuing lack of peace in the world.

After a short religious service, donations totalling more than \$200 were collected to be given to Meals on Wheels, a program adopted earlier this year by the region's Metropolitan District. The March for Meals in March had generated more than \$700 in donations from the Y Service Clubs in Hawaii.

The two-day convention was one of the Hawaii Region's most successful, with more than 100 attending the Saturday dinner, including members from Japan and the mainland. **MARY ANN PHILLIPS**, U.S. Area President Elect, also spoke to the convention.



Harry Kim



Jiro Yukimura

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION J. R. HOLDERMAN, RD

Greetings from the Pacific Southwest Region. I hope your Regions did not have the confusion and problems collecting dues, rosters and contributions that our members and Clubs had. Most Clubs collect their contributions for the various Funds at meetings throughout the year; consequently, none of the Funds reached their goals. As an example, my own club budgets \$10.00 per member each year for the Time of Fast. In addition, at a Time of Fast dinner meeting in the latter part of February only soup is served and the Club members make individual contributions. These contributions are usually greater than the Club contributions; however, this was too late to be included in the new fiscal year.

At the Regional level, the Brotherhood Fund total contribution was \$7,162, or 89.5% of a goal of \$8,000. Since the close of the new fiscal year, I have received \$1,210 which would be above the goal for 09/10. Part of the requirements for receiving a Brotherhood Fund Grant is that the home Club of the applicant must have contributed \$5.00 per member to the Brotherhood Fund the preceding year. Are the members of the Clubs that sent their contributions after the closing date for the new fiscal year not eligible for a Brotherhood Fund Grant?

Internationally, you now have to collect International Dues and U S Area Dues at different times until the U S Area changes its fiscal year. After the change of the fiscal year is completed, dues and rosters will now be collected during the summer when a number of Clubs are dark and change in Regional Officers is occurring or in December most Clubs are busy with Christmas Tree Lots.

It is my understanding that the change in fiscal year was to allow auditing the books prior to the meeting of the International Council. It seems to me that delaying the Council meeting until after the audit would have been a much simpler solution.



DFS AND ASF DEAN CURRIE, ASD

Dollars for Scholars (DFS) support in 2009-10 has raised \$7,419 available to grant in 2010-11. Seven of the nine Regions made contributions. \$7,134.00 was granted to 22 YMCA employees in 2009-10 ranging from \$95 to \$500 each. Thank you all for your support.

The average DFS contribution was about \$4.00 per member for the Region. These dollars are used to grant YMCA professionals and staff to attend seminars, training and certification courses. DFS contributions received in 2009-10 are available to grant in 2010-11 and have a maximum of \$500 per person per year.

DFS grants are awarded on a first come basis, as long as the applicant is qualified and funds are available. The \$4,585 of unused DFS funds from 2009-10 are rolled into 2010-11 and available to grant. DFS applications are available on the ASF web site: www.ysmenusa.com/asf1.htm.

DFS support is also credited to Regions when a club gives directly to their Y for staff training and is reported to their RSD/ASF. PSW Region was again the only Region that reported clubs which contributed directly to their YMCA's (\$150).

The names of Y's Men, or their family names, are published in the December issue of the Y's Alliance "Merry Christmas" page when \$10.00 is contributed per name or family name. This program originated from the idea that dollars a Y's Men would spend buying and mailing Christmas cards to each other is instead given to the DFS program and their **Merry Christmas wishes** are as an alternative passed on through the Y's Alliance and Regional bulletins. Regional bulletins may still publish names at any price they choose (usually \$5), but for the US Area Y's Alliance bulletin it is \$10.00.

The Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) contributions in 2009-10 have made \$6,549 available to award in 2010-11. All nine Regions contributed in 2009-10! An average of about \$5.00 per member was contributed in 2010-11.

ASF awarded 3 students in 2009-10, for a total of \$13,479. Two of the awarded students are from the Hawaiian Region and the other from Aurora University near Chicago.

ASF awards are for YMCA oriented undergraduate students who will seek a career working at a YMCA upon graduation. Scholarships are available to students attending Aurora Universities' George Williams College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in their Human Services program with a **YMCA Management Certification**. ASF awards are also available to both qualified undergraduates of the families of Y's Men and undergraduates who are sponsored by a Y's Men Club. Applications may be obtained from the ASF web site: www.ysmenusa.com/asf1.htm.

Individual and club contributions are also accepted for the Alexander Scholarship Perpetual Fund (ASPF), an endowment for the long term viability of ASF where the interest is also used to help fund scholarships.

Please be sure to make your checks out to Y's Men International – ASF, and write on the check's memo line which of the three programs the check is to be credited towards; ASF, DFS or ASPF.



ALISSA TANIGUCHI (Left) and **DEBORAH THIEBACH**
Flanked by RSD-ASF **LARRY HIRANAKA** (Left) and RD
RICK LAU

The third student is **KRISTINA BLAIR**.



"I am very grateful and have been asked to give a short biography of myself. I am twenty-one years old, I have three other siblings, I transferred to Aurora University from Waubensee after receiving my associates in science, and I have been working coaching gymnastics for about seven

years now. After graduating from AU I am anticipating continuing school to obtain my masters in either sports medicine or exercise science if finances will allow that.

Thank you once again!"

DEAN CURRIE, ASD/ASF&DFS
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US AREA SUPPLY OFFICE TIBOR FOKI, MANAGER

Order your supplies early. New club officers pins, certificates, Stickers with emblem, Letter openers, Y's Men logo for plaques etc.

E-mail me at fokiscopeit@hotmail.com or call me at 562.598.0208. Please include your phone number on all e-mails so I can call you.

EXTENSION BUCK COX, ASD

In the Pacific Northwest Region, progress continues toward new clubs in Spokane and Bellevue (near Seattle) YMCA's. The Pacific Northwest Regional Convention will be held in Bellevue in June to heighten interest there.

In the Pacific Central Region, **JOE GLYNN**, Board Chairman of the Central Y (YMCA of Silicon Valley) attended a meeting of the Northwest Y Service Club – Cupertino, May 13th following his interest in starting a club at his Y. I have met with the Y executive of East Valley Y Branch (YMCA of Silicon Valley) on development of Youth Clubs at his Y.

I wish to express my appreciation for the effort of **CLAIRE GRAHAM**, PIP-1984, toward Extension in Pacific Northwest Region. He lives in Olympia, WA and actively promotes Y'sdom. I also want to acknowledge the value of **TERRY BRADLEY** ASD for Public Relations. The better known we are to the public the better the chance is for new clubs and more members for existing clubs. **PHIL SAMMER'S** project Meals on Wheels will be a very positive step everywhere for improved public relations.

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MEMBERSHIP AND CONSERVATION ARLO PANNKUK

Another fiscal year has come to a close but, hopefully, each club has considered what it can do to increase membership. Membership is an on-going process and should be since we have a service to do for the YMCA. It is not an easy task but a necessary one for our international organization to perform an essential service to God, to people everywhere and to our own personal satisfaction of contributing.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge several members who have brought in enough members to be awarded the Booster Award. To be eligible for the award, a member has to have brought in at least three new members. Here are the award members this year:

ROGER MIYASHIRO in Seal Beach Leisure World Y Service Club. The persons brought into the club were **BEN CHOI, KAREN LEE, and RICHARD FORTUNE.**

ROBERT KIM in East Valley Y's Men's Club. The persons brought into the club were **JONG J. LIM, CHONGAE LIM, CHARLES KIM, and JESSICA KIM.**

TOM SATHER in Appleton Y Service Club. The persons brought into the club were **BRUCE VALK, RANDY MELZER, and MIKE EASH.**

It is hoped that all clubs are using the new Membership and Conservation brochure developed and distributed this year with significant computer help from PAP Fred Leonard. Each RSD and all club presidents received copies with data on how to add club and/or local information. Each RD received a package of one hundred copies to use in their visits and at conventions. The brochure is also available as a file on the computer by using the e-mail address below. This permits individuals or clubs to add their own data and then make copies on a color copier.

These brochures are not worth the paper they are printed on unless they get used and distributed to prospects. It would be great if clubs would return their comments on the brochure usefulness. Membership is something where everyone has to talk to a prospect and ask...ask...and ask again.

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**BF TRAVEL COORDINATOR
MCKINLEY JOHNSON, ASD**

At least two delegates were scheduled to visit our USA this 2010 year and as of this writing a BF delegate from Sri Lanka Michael Matthysz completed his visit to the North Central and the Mid America Regions. One other

BF delegate was scheduled to visit our Hawaii Region this month, however, he has ran into VISA problems and we asked that his trip be canceled. It is crucial that our BF delegates began to plan for their trip immediately upon being notified of their grant.

Our US Area will have another BF delegate visiting the Mid America and North Central region hopefully in September 2010 as the Mid America Region will host its convention in Kankakee, IL, Saturday, September 25, 2010. It would be nice to have our BF delegate at our convention.

Check with your RD or RSD/Travel and apply for one of the three BF grants designated for US Area to visit other countries.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEALS ON WHEELS TERRY BRADLEY, ASD

Area President Phil Sammer and the U.S.A. Area Regional Director-Elects challenged the Regions and clubs to adopt the Meals On Wheels organization as a service project to serve their respective communities and to promote this service through publicity.

1. Phoenix West Valley With YWCA of Glendale Publicity in the Y's Alliance -- project description: delivered meals-150 hours for month of March.

2. Great Falls Y's Men \$100 donation Publicity -- Y's Alliance- Photo Presentation

3. Honolulu Y's Men Representatives of several clubs. Publicity -- Photos/Media, joined about 400 participants led by AP Phil in the annual March for Meals in Honolulu and made donations -- the Metropolitan District adopted senior meals as District program

4. Kankakee Y's Men's Club Adopted Program -- publicity in the Kankakee Newspaper.

5. South Rowan Y Had club program from Ex. Director-Rowan County Meals on Wheels-Donated \$200-delivered 7 routes in area of County on March 25-12 members and 2 family members did routes Meals On Wheels -- Publicity, Newsletter/photos

6. Pacific Northwest Region Donation Publicity: Photo- Facebook -- will have Meals on Wheels speaker at Regional Convention

7, Carondelet Y Service Donated \$2,000 to Senior Center who handles Meals On Wheels and has supported past 5 years-manned information table to educate community and recruit volunteers and 10 members of club signed up as drivers/volunteers
Publicity: Information Booth at Y

8. Seal Beach Leisure World Several members deliver meals each day and club has adopted this program for many years
Publicity: Photos

9. St. Louis Page Park Y -- Program from MOW-Donation \$100 -- Several members signed up to drive
Publicity: Presentation

Thanks and congratulations to our clubs/Districts/Regions who have participated and have made a difference in the lives of others in service.

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CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS **GEORGE WILLIAMS, ASD-CE**

THE HARVEST IS GREAT

Under the chapter entitled "Made For a Mission", **RICK WARREN** writes the following message: "God is at work in the world, and He wants you to join Him. This assignment is called your *mission*. God wants you to have both a ministry in the Body of Christ and a mission in the world. Your ministry is your service to *believers*, and your mission is your service to *unbelievers*. Fulfilling your mission in the world is God's purpose for your life."

Jesus clearly understood his life mission on earth. At age twelve he said, "I must be about my Father's business," and twenty-one years later, dying on a cross, he said, "It is finished." The mission of Y'sdom is a continuation of the mission of Jesus. **DALE FOTHERINGHAM**, in his Christian Emphasis message brings our mission focus closer: —Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and striving for spiritual, intellectual and physical well-being of individuals, and wholeness of communities.

In a reference to the Prophet Jeremiah, **DR. GARDNER C. TAYLOR** says this prophet could be marked as a person of the most sensitive makeup and as belonging to that rare and wonderful breed of human beings who feel the sorrows and heartbreaks of their fellows and associates as their very own.

Y'sdom is blessed to have members who demonstrate a sensitivity and concern for others.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, ASD/CE



ST. LOUIS PAGE PARK Y SERVICE CLUB **McKINLEY JOHNSON, PRESIDENT**

Our St. Louis Page Park Y Service Club recently held its first annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 8, 2010. The weather was horrible and our turnout of golfers was less than what we expected. However, our host the Cloverleaf Golf Course in Alton, Il, was such a gracious host that our less than well attended tournament was successful. Cloverleaf Golf Course may be the oldest golf course in the State of Illinois.

We plan to be back next year to host a golf tournament until we get it right both in attendance and profit making.

Our club held its election of club officers doing the month of April. Most of last years officers were reelected for another term. Returning as President is **MCKINLEY JOHNSON**, Vice President **CARL MILES**, Treasurer **VIRGIL LUCAS** and a new Secretary **DAVID EVANS**. Also re-elected were board members **PHYLLIS MITCHELL** and **CHARLES COBBINS**.

What is next for Page Park in the fund raising area? Well it is planned to host a B.B.Q cookout sale doing the months of the Summer League Over 40 Men's Basketball League at the Monsanto Family YMCA each Saturday.

Growth is the second most important subject that Page Park must deal with. Therefore, we have established a goal to attract one new member each quarter. How do we do this? We ask people to join and we share with them the fun we have helping our YMCA and Y's Men International Family.

CARONDELET Y SERVICE CLUB **RACHELLE REEG, REPORTER**

One of the most famous activities of our club is the annual Mystery Trip. Members and friends look forward to it and trust the planners to make the day interesting, informative, and just plain fun. This year's trip blended the new with the historic in art and architecture in our Carondelet neighborhood. A big surprise included a visit to the New Art Pottery Studio of **TIM EBERHARDT**, husband of **KATHY HULL**, Book Fair volunteer and good friend. We also found the Broadway Bean (a coffee shop and small gallery), the Ivory Theater located in a renovated church, the Carondelet Library which has been in the community

for 100 years, Urban Eats (an ethnic restaurant and gallery), and a sample of Steamboat Gothic architecture just around the corner! The Carondelet Caravan attracted fourteen members and friends. Wonder where we will go next year!!

We continue to collect and process the thousands of books in over sixty categories flowing into the Book Fair marking space in the Historic Carondelet YMCA building. Our club had another traditional activity: the Book Fair Kickoff Hot Dog Sunday work session. About fifteen of us – new members and senior, staff and volunteer, youth and forever young—put a small dent into the mounds of books coming in again this year.

Three of our officers just love their jobs so much they have agreed to serve another year: President **ANNE STUCKEL**, Vice President **CHARLEY REDMOND**, and Treasurer **MARSHA BRANN**. New member **BARB RHYNE** has accepted office of Recording Secretary replacing **DEBBIE REDMOND** who has new duties rising on the horizon as Mid America Region Director.

Opportunities for personal development abound in Y Service Clubs International and several of our members are taking advantage of them. Debbie Redmond will be attending the International Council Meeting and Convention in Yokohama in August as a Brotherhood Fund delegate. **MATT STUCKEL** is attending the Youth Convocation being held there at the same time. New member **NICOLE KOH** also received a scholarship to attend but had to decline this time. **ANNE STUCKEL** will serve as US Area Corporate Secretary and will be attending the Area Council in Hot Springs, Arkansas in July. An interesting sidelight is that her father **RICH REEG** served in this position in the 1990's. **BOB DANIELS** continues to serve as Chairman of the International Endowment Fund Board of Trustees and is the US Area Webmaster.

All of our clubs provide service opportunities which require that those who decide to serve take on a few responsibilities. The involvement is minimal compared to the satisfaction of having shared one's talents for the benefit of others, known and unknown. We not only share in the work, but share in the joys. It is this kind of give and take that keeps us together in this movement.

We congratulate our member **JOSEPH OGANDA** who will be ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church this month. He came to us as a guest speaker for a Time of Fast meeting and accepted membership and fellowship with us. He has been in a city about 100 miles from us but has been praying for us and our

work. His home country is Kenya and our Kenyan Y's Men know about him. He is truly a Brother in our work. We hope he will be assigned closer to us.

SOUTH ROWEN Y SERVICE CLUB TERRY BRADLEY, REPORTER



We are so proud of **BRUCE MILLER**, Project Leader and **DAVID ROBERTS**, Club President, for leading the club in helping the Meals On Wheels of Rowan County by having an informative program by the Executive Director of Meals On Wheels of Rowan County, **RITA SIMS**, at our club meeting in March, making a \$200 donation, and more importantly delivering the meals on 7 routes in the China Grove area as a club which was so rewarding and helped one day March 25 to make a difference in the lives of others in the County. We had 12 members as well as 2 family members help.

What a great experience!! Thanks to all those who delivered and for all the club members for their support.

We were recognized in the Meal on Wheels Monthly Newsletter for March.

South Rowan Y Service Club a picture from the Scrabble Scramble which helps the Rowan Literacy Council as we sponsor one of the tables for \$250 and also donate another \$200 at the tournament

Winners 5 years in a row !!!

The real winner is the Literacy Council for tutoring those in need in the County. Call for ideas on running a Scrabble Scramble -- **TERRY BRADLEY**, 704.857.3206.



HADDONFIELD Y'S MEN'S CLUB MAURICE "MO" HIGHT, REPORTER

Members of the Haddonfield Y's Men's Club held a work day at YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford. They built a shelter and installed railings along the sides of a new bridge. Seen here are (L-R) **ROB WILBY, JOHN RICHARDSON, JOHN BURMASTER, ALAN STEDMAN, ANDY LEVERING, BOB HUBBARD, MARK KERNAGIS** and **MAURICE HIGHT**. (Pictures by **JAMIE COKER**)



METRO DISTRICT - HONOLULU, HI RUSS LYNCH, REPORTER

Honolulu Y's Men turned out on March 24 to help generate awareness of the plight of many senior citizens who live alone and don't get proper meals. Representatives of several clubs joined about 400 participants in the annual "March for Meals" from Honolulu City Hall to the state Capitol a block away.

Among them were U.S. Area President, **PHIL SAMMER**, and Hawaii Regional Director, **RICK LAU**. The organizers, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, say that its delivery of some 250,000 meals a year to needy seniors in their homes does not take care of the problem. Lanakila Meals on Wheels has a waiting list that at times gets as high as 300 seniors who need the service but can't get it because the program has insufficient funds to provide for them.

The City and County of Honolulu estimates that some 8,600 seniors in the Honolulu community need home-deliver meals but don't get them.

After the March, individual Hawaii Y's Men and Women made donations to Lanakila Meals on Wheels and clubs chipped in as well. The Metropolitan Honolulu District of Y's Men International adopted senior meals as a District program and continues to receive donations and pass them on to Meals on Wheels, which says it can feed a senior at home for \$38.75 a week.

Next step is for Y's Men to provide volunteers to help the program in various ways, including delivering hot meals.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS HIROTOSHI FUJII, IP-E



I have chosen 'Once More We Stand' for my theme for my term 2010/11. It is the first line of the Y's hymn written by our founder, **PAUL WILLIAM ALEXANDER**. I'd like all our members to be reminded of his

strong passion and enthusiasm for the Y's Men

that he had when he established our organization and to cherish them afresh. My Slogan will be 'Build a Bridge to the Future'. I eagerly wish to express our desire to pass our invaluable movement on to the future.

I believe that next term will be an epoch-making one for our movement as an International organization as we start tackling global issues on a full scale on our own responsibility. We will continue Roll Back Malaria for another 5 years and we will begin activities for environmental issues which we have been leading up to for the past 2 years in accordance with the Theme of the International Convention 2010 Yokohama: 'From Our Hands We Pass Nature's Torch'. These two issues, Malaria and Environment, are two items in the Millennium Development Goal of the United Nations for achievement by 2015 for which the YMCA are also accelerating their efforts.

Thanks to the past ten years' work to create Y's youth clubs, their membership rose to 400 last term and they are expected to make a far more remarkable development next term by perfecting their organization and communications network.

What I want all members to put into practice is to set up new projects at all levels: in Areas, Regions, Districts and Clubs, focusing on the specific problems they may have and to do their best to solve them. This will eventually result in reactivating not only themselves but also the whole movement.

**STAND UP ONCE MORE FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF Y'SDOM.**

IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES (CHUCK) BUECHE

May 15, 1928 – March 19, 2010

Chuck Bueche knew the true meaning of Volunteerism. His motto in life was "*Volunteering is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on earth*". Besides being a member and serving as president of Naperville, Illinois Y's Men's Club, Chuck was a charter member of Naperville Jaycees, past Commander and Life member of American Legion post #43 and a Life member of VFW #3873 of Naperville. Also, he was actively involved in his church, the Boy Scouts, YMCA and the High School Booster Club.

Ask Chuck Bueche how he's doing and you probably got the rejoinder; "*Bright-eyed and Bushy-tailed*", with a twinkle in his eye. His positive attitude toward life brought joy and happiness to those people he came in contact with and also helped him through so many of his health problems. He found time to be a board member of Naperville's Heritage YMCA which hosted Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners for many years.

Chuck and his wife of 58 years, Audrey, were co-editors of the Naperville "Y'ser GUYser", a monthly newsletter. They put in unnumbered hours both as co-editors and as a mailing team. The Bueches' efforts proved to be an example and incentive for many other Y's men's Clubs worldwide. A highlight of the Naperville Club's efforts was receiving special recognition in world leadership as contributors to "Time of Fast", an international project. Chuck and Audrey loved to travel, and attended several International Conventions as well as always participating in their Regional activities. Being hosts to many Brotherhood travelers has been a part of their involvement, which brought them much Joy and Pleasure.

Chuck and Audrey have 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren. Chuck graduated from North Central College with a BS degree class of 1952. He served his country during WW II in the U.S. Army. He was employed with Fannie May Candies from 1968 to 1993 as VP of Employee Benefits. Chuck's physical absence will be felt, but his Joy for Living will live on in all those who heard him say, "Bright-eyed and Bushy-tailed".

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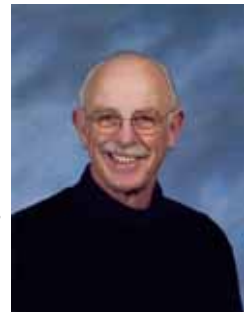
Bill was born in a log cabin in Northwestern Arkansas on July 12, 1936. When he was six years old his family moved to California.

Bill grew up in Orange County attending schools there until his Junior Year of college when he transferred to Pepperdine, graduating in 1958. That's where he met Donna and they were married during his first year of teaching (1959).

Bill spent 38 years as a teacher and coordinator for Los Angeles Unified Schools, retiring in 1996. He loved teaching and his students loved him. He was a great male presence in the elementary schools where he taught. During his early career he earned his Master's Degree in Education from Pepperdine University. Bill was a member of the California National Guard for 25 years retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1979.

Bill was a member of the Gardena Valley Y Service Club, a service club for the YMCA for 31 years and gladly spent his time volunteering for the YMCA and community projects. Along with serving in his club he also served the District, Region, Area, International and the YMCA. In 2002-2003 he served as International President of Y's Men International. In 2003 Bill was honored by the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles by being included in The Golden Book of Service.

He leaves behind his wife, Donna, his son, Ray, and Ray's wife Karin, his son Doug and Doug's wife Joy, his son Bob and Bob's wife Marliese, and the three grandchildren who have given him so much pleasure - - Opal, Elliot and Hayden.



Aloha Donna.

On behalf of the the US Area I want to extend my deepest condolences on Bill's passing. He was the epitome of a Y's Man, loyal, hard working and generous. His years of service to the movement showed a dedication that is an inspiration to us all.

He reached the highest levels of Y'sdom but remained true to his roots always humble and welcoming.

Most of all he was a good friend and we will miss him. All Y Service Club men and women are with you and your family in this trying time.

Phil Sammer, US Area President

Dear Family and Friends,

I want all of you to know how much the family and I have appreciated your care, concern and prayers over these seven months since Bill's surgery . . .

I have had wonderful care from our family and also have many church friends, Y friends, other friends and good neighbors who have been very helpful at this difficult time. What a blessing!

Love,

Donna