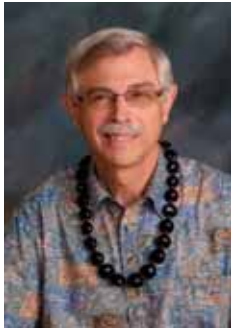




# Y's Alliance



## Aloha From Hawaii!

It was a very busy summer for me starting with the US Area Council annual meeting hosted by Immediate Past Area President **FRED LEONARD** July 6-8 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Several important decisions were made among which were:

- Approving the change of the Area fiscal year to April 1-March 31 to coordinate with the new international fiscal year. This decision must be ratified by the Area clubs in a special vote this fall
- Changing the legal name of the Area to Y Service Clubs International US Area from Y's Men International US Area.

There was also discussion about whether individual clubs can use the Area's 501(c)-3 tax exemption for their fundraising efforts. CFO Dave Craytor will ask the IRS for clarification. The Regions decided as well that the National project to support Meals on Wheels was worthwhile and should be continued. The highlight of the meeting was the chartering of the Hot Springs Y Service Club.

In late July I traveled to Yokohama, Japan for the International Council Meeting and 69<sup>th</sup> International Convention. The Council meeting was marked by a very cordial atmosphere among all participants that culminated in the unanimous approval of the formation

of a new Area Korea effective July 1, 2011. The number of Areas thus changes from eight to nine but the number of International Council members will remain the same at 21. Members decided to change the name of the Forward Plan to "Towards 2022", the date of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Y Service Clubs International, to serve as a goal for membership and organizational development. The Time of Fast program name was altered to Time of Fast-Global Project Fund to clarify how donations are used.

The International Convention was well attended with over 1200 participants on hand to enjoy the warm hospitality of our Japanese hosts. There were several interesting seminars on membership development and extension as well as guest speakers whose emphasis on Ecology echoed the theme of the convention: "From Our Hands We pass Nature's Torch". There was also time set aside for fun and fellowship including tours of Yokohama and a lively evening Japan Summer Festival featuring craft booths and Bon dancing. The US Area was well represented with over 20 delegates in attendance. All in all a fun convention!

As we head into the fall and our clubs renew their meetings and projects, we need to reemphasize membership development and extension. The US Area was the cradle of Y'sdom and must reenergize itself to insure that we reverse our membership decline and once again become leaders in the movement. We also need to reemphasize training so that our newer members will not be afraid to step up and offer their ideas and leadership. We must utilize technology to bridge distances and bring people together in a "virtual" classroom.

This fall we will be conducting the first DG Training via the internet and I hope it becomes a useful tool for training at all levels.

The continued viability of the US Area depends on all of us and I know that I can count on each Y Service Club man and woman to make an effort to expand our

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membership and to spread the word about our wonderful movement!

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#### **Club Visits Before and After the Yokohama, Japan, International Convention**

Our clubs entertain Brother Club visitors and Brotherhood travelers. We enjoy hearing about their home clubs, lives, and receiving their club bulletins. We seldom get a chance to return the visit. Recently, my husband **PETE PHILLIPS** and I got a chance to visit back and it was a tremendous experience. We wish our entire membership could participate in an exchange. We found that Y Service club members are busy, considerate, gracious, and kind the world over.

Kyoto Palace Club, Japan - Brother Club to Northwest Y Service Club, Cupertino, CA

Daughter **SUE PEARCE** and her son **MICHAEL** met us at the San Francisco airport where we boarded the ten hour flight to Tokyo. After spending the night in an airport hotel, we bought some bento box lunches and boarded a bullet train to Kyoto in the south of Japan. The train sped at over 100 mph. We arrived in the afternoon in Kyoto after about a three hour ride.

Kyoto is a historic city, the first capital of Japan. It is the home to many temples, shrines, and palaces. About ten smiling members of our Brother Club, Kyoto Palace, met us at our hotel and took us to Lake Biwa where they were holding their club meeting/buffet dinner aboard a paddleboat steamer. We met many club members and Y's Mennettes. The next morning they took us for a day of touring historic, scenic sites. We learned the correct way to eat udon noodles at lunch (slurp). In the evening the club took us to a traditional Japanese restaurant for dinner where we sat on the floor. Sue and Michael went out to a member's piano bar afterward where Michael had a chance to play the piano. The following day we toured the Kyoto YMCA, founded in the mid-1800's by an American philanthropist. The YMCA hosts a two year college specializing in social work and Japanese language training. We also continued touring local sites. One club member guide recalled with relish having visited our club. That evening we went to a private bluegrass music concert with hula dancers. The music was glorious. Leaving our Kyoto hosts the following day was difficult because they had treated us as dear family members.

#### Okinawa Ys Men's Club

When Pete was in the Marines in the mid-1950's, he spent 14 months on Okinawa. This tropical island, physically closer to Taiwan, is part of Japan. It is known for its good weather, resorts, and stylish pottery. Over the years, Pete often talked about his pleasant stay and wanted to visit again. Landing right before a nearby typhoon brought wind and rain to the island, we were met at the airport by Ito San, a Y's man who drove us to our hotel. When the weather cleared after two days, he took us for a tour of all the sites Pete remembered. The island had become more urbanized, but was still very scenic.

The Okinawa Y's Men's Club was chartered in November, 2009, with 100 members and considers itself a "baby" club because it hasn't been in existence very long. It divides into 5 or 6 groups who have different projects. Our last evening, we had a gracious formal dinner with the club Board at the club president's hotel. This club showed us a very great hospitality and we want to follow their progress.

#### Seoul Sungahm Club

**JANG-KYO** and his wife **KY-KANG LEE** were Pacific Central Region's Brotherhood visitors from Korea in 2008. J.K. met our late plane from Beijing. Pete was sick with a respiratory infection caught in China and our clothing was none too spiffy. We ate dinner with the Lee's that evening. The next day we toured Seoul. We visited the office of the Korean Regions located in the Seoul YMCA where we stayed. Korea was voted a new Area and we are very proud of them. In the evening we attended a meeting of the Sungahm Club which featured special music and a guest speaker. Our final day we had a sobering tour to the DMZ line with North Korea. That evening we ate in a traditional Korean restaurant with six club members and two Japanese Y's Men from Nagoya, Japan. The conversation was in Korean, Japanese, and English, a wonderful picture of human understanding. Later, we moved through narrow walkways to a tea shop for more good conversation and tea. Again, as we left the next morning, we wished we could enjoy their company more often.

Pete, Sue, Michael and I feel humbled and grateful that we were able to visit three clubs and meet these interesting, generous, and wise Y's men and women. May God repay them many times over for their hospitality.

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## H. WAYNE SMITH INTERNATIONAL HISTORIAN

### Y'sdom's Historic Past

Before and after World War I, luncheon clubs and community service clubs were being organized in the USA. At that time luncheon clubs were more "luncheon" than service. In 1920, the membership secretary of the Toledo, Ohio, USA YMCA invited 17 men to a luncheon to consider the forming of a luncheon club with a central purpose of service to and for the YMCA. One of the key leaders in organizing the club was a young lawyer and later a judge, Paul William Alexander. In the beginning, they referred to this new club as the TOLYMCA CLUB taking its name from the words Toledo YMCA. Later, they changed their name to the Y's Men's Club.

In the month of May in 1922, several men from seven Ohio Y's Men's Clubs organized a meeting and developed the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF Y'S MEN'S CLUBS. **PAUL WILLIAM ALEXANDER** was elected the first President.

In November of 1922, Paul William Alexander organized a meeting of the seventeen clubs in the USA and Canada. At this 1922 Convention, the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Y'S MEN'S CLUBS was organized with a constitution, dues being established and officers were elected.

The first club to begin meeting in Canada was Vancouver, British Columbia in 1922. But, a club in Sydney, Nova Scotia was the first to submit their Charter and thus became the first official Y's Men's Club in Canada in 1923.

The first club outside of Canada and the USA was Shanghai, China in 1924 and that began the organizing of many Y's Men's Clubs on every continent.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, 1972, Convention was held in Toledo, Ohio, the birthplace of Y'sdom. At that convention, a new International Constitution was developed and approved by the delegates. In 1973, it was adopted and a new structure was developed that created several major changes. The International Convention, and an International Board composed of all Regional Directors, would no longer set policy, but a new twenty-one member International Council representing seven, and later eight, and now nine, geographic Areas would be the policy makers.

In 1973, the International Office was moved to Geneva, Switzerland. The new Council membership would be based on proportionate representation of members,

with three year term limits, from the new geographic Areas. Election of officers would be by mail ballot, rather than by the International Convention delegates. Women were allowed to become club members.

Eighty-eight years later, the year 2010, the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs, also known as Y's Men International or Y Service Clubs International, is one of the world's major community service club organizations with clubs in more than 70 countries.

In every Region and Area there have been records of historic events, outstanding leaders, and the chartering of many clubs. There are many important records that need to be preserved by our historians at all levels. Some of the most important ones can be stored in the Archives located at the University of Minnesota in the USA.

Not everything should be stored in the Archives. But, what should be? It may not be something you personally want to store. Consider the kind of information you might need to find twenty years from now. Example - Club charter bulletin with names of charter members or Regional leadership roster or the Area minutes.

Send those important documents U.S. AREA HISTORIAN, **JIM MUELLER** at 1441 Merion Way 53G, Seal Beach, CA 90740-4863 and he will arrange for them to be placed in the Archives.

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## ARLO PANNKUK ASD - MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION

### Thinking Membership

To think about membership is not new but it certainly is a continuous requirement. Some of the old ideas are not bad but certainly can still be used in a modern way. We have all moved forward into some level of technology but have we moved our clubs along too?

Young prospects expect a club to be technology savvy. While senior members with less technology experience may not be able to lead into new technology ways, they certainly should not be negative to moving forward.

As regions develop a website, it is appropriate and necessary for clubs to functionally be included such

that interested persons can find out something about your club. Talk to your regional people to find out how your club can best be tied into a web system for your club's membership growth.

Prospective members can be found in friends, persons using the Y facilities, persons moving into the community, Y Partners, persons transitioning into new situations or retiring, parents who have participated in Y Parent-Child Programs, and many other situations.

One might refer to this as radical hospitality but every club member must greet a guest. Regular members should not and must not just huddle and ignore another member's guest. When members gather together and joke and laugh and enjoy each other's presence, it is very obvious to the guest that he/she is being excluded.

Use the membership brochure with your local club data on it. Every region and club has had the brochure during the past year. You can make copies or revise it as appropriate for your needs.

Another excellent source of membership information is via the CD titled ***Pride in our membership***. This was put together by a task force chaired by **PIP RACHELLE REEG** several years ago. There is information on the website or contact either Rachelle or me (ajpannkuk@visi.com).

As has been stated before, membership is your job and it's every member's job; NO exceptions! Also expect to have to ASK...ASK...and ASK again.

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## **ASHLEY "BUCK" COX** **ASD - EXTENSION/Y.E.S**

There has been a positive response as a result of the Pacific Northwest Region's convention location last June. The staff of the Bellvue Washington Y conducted a tour of their facility for Y's Men and would like to learn more about having a service club.

Pacific Northwest Region's Helena Montana Y Camp — There will be a meeting of 6 YMCA's of Montana at Camp Child, October 9, 2010. There will be time allowed to share the benefit of Y Service Clubs.

I would like to hear from the Regional Service Directors of Extension regarding who would like to have material that would help in contacting Y's. It is important to stress the benefits clubs give to members as well as to the Y and the community.

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## **DEAN CURRIE** **ASD/DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

### **What are the ASF, DFS and ASPF programs?**

ASF stands for Alexander Scholarship Fund. It is a Y's Men International scholarship fund supported by Y's Men to assist qualified college undergraduates who will seek a professional career with the YMCA. Ten dollars per member is the goal of each RSD/ASF to raise annually for the ASF program. \$12,619 is already earmarked to be awarded in 2010-11. What is raised in 2010-11 is what will be made available in 2011-12.

DFS stands for Dollars for Scholars and is a US Area Y's Men grant program available only to qualified YMCA professionals and staff. It is supported by US Area Y's Men and has a \$500 maximum award per individual per Y's Men year. Ten dollars per member is also the goal of each RSD/ASF to raise annually for the DFS program. There have already been six DFS granted totaling \$1,970 in 2010-11, and \$7,752 is still available to grant this Y's Men year. What is raised in 2010-11 is what will be made available in 2011-12.

ASPF stands for Alexander Scholarship Perpetual Fund which is the US Area's endowment fund for ASF.

All ASF, DFS, and ASPF dollars are held in bank accounts completely separate from all other US Area Y's Men International bank accounts. The money is under the custody of the ASF treasurer, and is not the same person as the US Area treasurer. ASF bank accounts are set up under the name "Y's Men International-ASF" which is how checks are to be issued when making a contribution. The check's memo line is where to indicate which of the three ASF programs the check is to be designated towards; ASF, DFS, or ASPF. So it is important for all checks be written out to "Y's Men International-ASF" and to either add ASF, DFS or ASPF on the check's memo line. Otherwise the check may not be accepted by the bank and will be returned to sender to be reissued.

Starting in 2005/06, the ASF Trustee board agreed to make \$6,000 of ASF funds available each year to qualified undergraduate Junior's and Senior's of Aurora University's YMCA Senior Directors Program. The ASF Board believes a better return for the support of ASF would be achieved. And, if sufficient funds are available, ASF are available to the family members of Y's Men if the undergraduate is Y oriented and will seek a professional career with the YMCA upon graduation; and, to qualified students sponsored by a Y's Men Club.

DFS support funds grants for YMCA professionals and staff to attend a seminar, short course, or training to learn new skills or obtain certification. DFS support from Y's Men is requested each Fall. If your RSD/ASF has not set a goal, any support is appreciated. But \$10 per member, or family name, will be recognized in the December issue of Y's Alliance Christmas Greetings List. This minimum amount has proven to be successful as DFS support has increased since this minimum has been put into practice. It is a very common practice to set minimum levels of support to be recognized. Regional bulletins may choose to have a different minimum to be recognized.

Clubs will receive credit for DFS contributions when they give directly to their YMCA for staff to attend a conference, training, or acquire certification.

To help prevent qualified names from inadvertently not being published in the Y's Alliance Christmas Greetings List please send your contributions to your club or RD by their deadline. The names to be recognized in the Alliance for their support of DFS must be submitted on one list per Region and emailed to the ASD/ASF & DFS at: [kidcurrie@adelphia.net](mailto:kidcurrie@adelphia.net) no later than **November 15**. It is the responsibility the RSD/ASF to coordinate this effort. Names can not be accepted individually by the ASD and must come from your RSD/ASF.

The ASF programs website is [www.ysmenusa.com/asf1.htm](http://www.ysmenusa.com/asf1.htm) where the information and applications are available for all three programs.

Thank you for your continued support of ASF, DFS and ASPF and the opportunity to serve as your ASD/ASF & DFS.

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### **McKINLEY JOHNSON US AREA TRAVEL COORDINATOR**

Our area will have two brotherhood delegates visiting us this fiscal year 2020/11. Our US Pacific Northwest Region will have **DOCTOR JEAN JOSEPH CHENDJOU** visiting from Cameroon, Africa. Pacific Northwest Region will share BF Jean with the Pacific Central Region. Our BF Delegate is scheduled to arrive on or about March 2011. The two regions have planned an extensive itinerary for our BF Delegate one that he probably will remember for the rest of his life.

We shall have a BF Delegate from Australia visiting our Mid America Region. He is **MARK ALLEN LOWNSBOROUGH** and he will arrive in Chicago on or

about September 24, 2010 for the region convention on September 25, 2010 in Kankakee, IL

The Mid America Region will share our BF Delegate with the North Central Region as he is scheduled to visit NCR in October when they host their annual Regional Convention Both Regions have setup homestays and several activities for our BF Delegate.

Our area was awarded three (3) Brotherhood Grants for BF Delegates to visit other areas. This year we have two approved applicants. BF Delegate **MARTHA ZIEHWEIN** will be going to Area South Pacific/Australia on or about late October 2010.

Visiting Latin America from our Pacific Southwest Region is **DOUGLAS JONES**. He is scheduled to travel on or about May/June 2011. Our third grant was unfilled. It was a grant to visit Canada/Caribbean Area. It may not be too late to apply for this BF grant.

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### **DAVE CRAYTOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

#### **US Area Fiscal Year**

We are currently in the shorted nine month period of time to convert the July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year to the new fiscal year of April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. After the fall semester dues are paid at the rate of \$8.50 per adult member the dues will again be collected to be paid by March 31 at a rate of \$ 4.25 per adult member. This schedule will put us back into compliance with the International dues schedule. At that time an adult member dues will be back to the \$8.50.

The Area is also starting to file the necessary forms to get a group exemption as a 501 ( c ) 3 organization. This group exemption will apply to all clubs who wish to join with the Area to be tax exempt and be in compliance with giving donors a receipt for their tax filings. The Area will let you know when this group exemption status has been obtained.



### **HAWAII REGION RUSS LYNCH - RD-E**

For the small delegation from Hawaii who attended the 69th International Convention in Yokohama August 5-8, the highlight was meeting up with old friends from our international brother clubs. The Brother Club events included the signing of a triangle brother club

agreement between the Central Y Service Club from Hawaii, the Kyoto Palace Y's Men's Club of Japan and the Northwest Y Service Club from Cupertino, California.

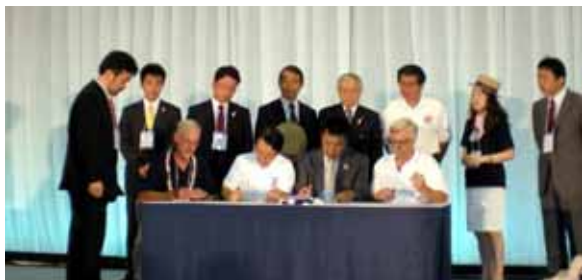


Central's **PHIL SAMMER** and **RICK LAU** represented the Hawaii club. **MAURICE SHIMONISHI**, president of the Nuuanu Y's Men and Women Club, enjoyed getting together with old pals from his club's triangle clubs, Osaka Centennial from Japan and Bauhinia from Hong Kong. And the other delegates from Hawaii, **RUSS LYNCH** and **JIM KANEHIRA**, both of the Windward Y Service Club, were able to spend time with members of their brother clubs, Osaka-Senboku from Japan and Taipei Union from Taiwan.

They tried to persuade the Taiwan club to come to the Hawaii Region Convention next May, but Taiwan's clubs are unlikely to make it because they will be heavily involved in planning for the Asia Area Convention to be held in their country in August.

Meanwhile, back home in Hawaii planning has been rolling on for the Regional Convention which will be held in Hilo, on the "Big Island" of Hawaii, May 20-22 2011. To Y's Men and Y's Women everywhere: This will be a great opportunity to visit Hawaii. Aside from the convention itself, Hawaii Region's 75th, arrangements are being made for tours, such as a visit to the Imiloa Astronomy Center and other attractions in Hilo as well as a possible trip to the volcano, which has been very active in recent months.

In other Hawaii news, the East Kauai Y's Men's Club celebrated its 60th anniversary with a luncheon on July 17. U.S. Area President **PHIL SAMMER** and Hawaii Regional Director **RUSS LYNCH** flew over to the "Garden Island" for the well-attended occasion, where Kauai Mayor **BERNARD CARVALHO** thanked the club for its decades of service to the Kauai community.



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## **DEBBIE REDMOND, RD** **MIDAMERICA REGION**

### **What is Y's Men International?**

A few years ago, I found myself as President of the Carondelet Y Service Club. As such, I would receive mailings from Y's Men and did not necessarily understand why I was receiving the information or what I should be doing with them. Yes, I did go through the Club President training too. As I have worked a few more positions within Y Service Clubs since that time, I have learned more about the make up and dynamics of this International Organization. The things I know now would have helped if I'd known them earlier. I didn't pay too much attention to the International Roster or read many of the reports sent to me. My thinking was that it was a totally different part than what we were doing locally. My thinking was wrong because we are all an important component to the larger picture.

It is important to know the basics for our own Service Organization. International Headquarters (IHQ) is located in Geneva, Switzerland. The number of paid staff are not exactly a large number even in comparison to other International Organizations such as Rotary Club and Lions Club. The top employee is the International Secretary General. That person is paid to know about the organization and to answer questions for the volunteer leadership. He/she does not make the rules, change the rules, or make any of the major decisions for the organization. The Governing Body is the International Council which consist of 21 individuals elected from their Area to serve for them. The number of people from each of the 9 Areas depends on the number of members for that Area who have paid their dues. United States, for example, only has one Council Member since our numbers have dropped as some of the other areas continue to grow. The Areas include India, Asia, Canada/Caribbean, South America, United States, Europe, South Pacific, and Africa. The newest designated Area is Korea which will officially occur in 2011. The number of elected individuals will remain at 21 for the entire International Community. The International Council Members (ICM) make the decisions which are passed down to the individual clubs in all of the Areas. Major decisions such as constitution changes as well as election of the Council Members are left to the individual clubs. In order for a Club to vote (they have to be in "good standing" i.e. having paid their dues on time) and have a minimum of 15 members. Those clubs with less than 15 members

have a process to get approval before their vote will be counted.

What should be happening on the club level will include discussions on a name change for that club. If you still call yourselves Y's Men or Y's Men and Women then think about changing it to Y Service Club. Having the clubs in the U.S. Area with similar names will give them a sense of identity to Y Service Clubs International. Another thing to think about would be the fundraising for Rollback Malaria as well as establishing a connection with the local Meals on Wheels as a club. Each club should consider themselves as a part of the organization and make efforts to support the International Organization as well as their own club and Community. After all, we do have International in our name.

The Y Service Clubs International is a unique organization and each member should be able to know that there is a benefit to being a part of something that is located in over 71 countries. We provide service for our Community, our Region, our Country, and our World through this organization.

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### **GEORGE MICHA, RD MID EAST REGION**

Two clubs are struggling. Grand Rapids Service and Muskegon Noon Clubs are off to a good start. Findlay and Hilltop are starting up. The new North Y's Service Club in Columbus, Ohio, started with 16 members, now have 21, with the emphasis on younger members. They are working on a number of projects, such as working with the YMCA and a groups of volunteers to do work around the YMCA, and have painted a hall, refinished floor for a local Community Christian Church.



Regional Director, Regional Treasurer for many years, and a club member of the Melrose Y's Men Club in Cincinnati, OH. He is one of the members who helped form the Mideast Region from what was before the Ohio-West Virginia, Kentucky, and the Michigan Region.

Bernie will be missed very much by his family, friends, and the members of the Mideast Region.

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### **LEE WOODARD, RD PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION**

Greetings from the great Pacific Northwest. I am pleased to once again represent the PNWR as Regional Director. I have chosen as my theme "Say Yes to Ysdom". It has been a busy time since taking office on July 1. Within two weeks we were off to Hot Springs, Arkansas to attend the US Area Council Meeting hosted by PAP Fred Leonard and AP **PHIL SAMMER**. This is where the Regional Directors from around the US gather as representatives of our respective regions and make laws and set policy on our member's behalf. It was great seeing friends again and acquiring new ones.

One of the highlights while there was witnessing the chartering of a new Y Service Club. The new Hot Springs Y Service Club was born. We wish President **FRED LEONARD** and his new club much success.

After the Council Meeting was over, we were able to take a little vacation time and fulfill a year's long dream of visiting Elvis' Graceland in Memphis. We also toured the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, another great experience.

My goal as RD in the short term is to continue the great work of my predecessor, **HAROLD SPILDE**, in cultivating new clubs in the region. We currently are working with members of the new Coal Creek Y in Bellevue, Washington. We were given a tour of that facility during our Regional Convention this past June, and they seem enthusiastic about forming a club. We also have a great opportunity of making a Y Service Club presentation at a YMCA camp meeting comprising of six YMCAs in Montana. This will take place in October.

We have a great team of Service Directors who are committed and enthusiastically support the Ysdom movement. With their help I am sure we can grow this great region in both membership and new clubs.

### **Obituary of Bernard Marshall**

Bernie Marshall, treasurer of the Mideast Region of the Y's Men's International organization, passed away this past December.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughter, Lisa Scott; son, Bernard Marshall and grandson, Samuel. Bernie loved his family, his church, and the Y's Men's Association.

Bernie held many positions of importance; such as, serving on the International Y's Men's Board,

I also plan on visiting each club in the region at least once during my term.

Thank you Pacific Northwest Region members for your confidence in me to serve once again as your leader. I plan to have an article of interest (hopefully) in each edition of the Ys Alliance.

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## CARONDELET Y SERVICE CLUB DEBBIE REDMOND, REPORTER

### Thirty two years and still serving.

It started as a simple Book Fair, a way for a group of volunteers to raise money to support the Carondelet YMCA (in St. Louis) in 1979. This group, called the Carondelet Y Service Club, was chartered in 1978 as a part of the Y's men International Organization. Although this Y's men had been exclusive to men previously, the Carondelet Y Service Club opened its doors for St. Louis women to join and serve the mission. To belong to the club, a member only had to be willing to donate time and energy to help support the YMCA as well as other community organizations.

The 1979 Book fair, led by the Service Club took up only a section of the gymnasium in the Historic Carondelet YMCA building. After a successful fair, it was agreed that the Service Club would do it again the next year and since then, the Book Fair has grown to be an annual event that you need to see to believe. Because of the drive and dedication of the Y Service Club, the annual Book Fair grew to a capacity beyond the hands of its 25 members. It now takes over 8,000 hours of volunteer service to pull off the 6 day event. The funds from the millions of books, CDs and records support the YMCA in the areas of Youth Programs and the YMCA Literacy Programs. Following the path paved by the Service Club, other volunteer groups now share in the leadership and service hours to make it one of our regions largest and most successful fairs.

The Carondelet Y Service Club is also known throughout the World thanks to it's dedicated volunteers. **RACHELLE REEG** has served on numerous committees with the Y's Men International and was elected as the only female International President in the 88 year history of the International Organization. At least four club members have served as Corporate Secretary for the U.S. Area. **BOB DANIELS** is currently the Webmaster for the U.S. Area as well as International Endowment Chairman. Other club members have held District, Regional, Area, and International positions as well. Several of the younger members have had the opportunity to travel to Youth Convocations throughout the World. An August meeting in Yokohama, Japan included two of the Y Service Club Members.

**DEBBIE REDMOND, Reporter**



## EAST KAUAI Y'S MEN'S CLUB DONNA SCHULZE, REPORTER

The 60th Anniversary of The East Kauai Ys Mens Club in Hawaii was celebrated on July 13 and July 17, 2010.

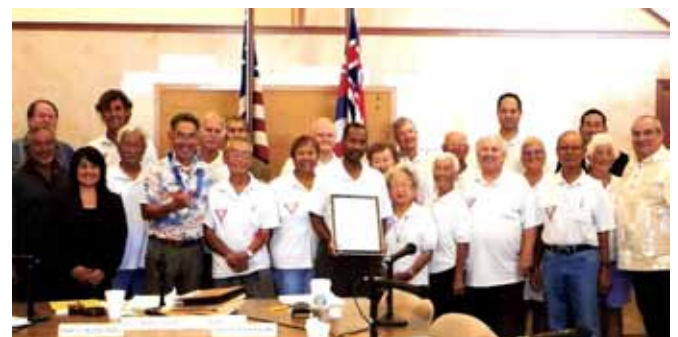
On July 13, all 19 members were hosted on a half hour TV show by the Kauai County Council (governing body) and received a proclamation citing their 60 years of volunteer service. To the Island of Kauai Council Member **DEREK KAWAKAMI** sponsored the proclamation signed by all seven council members and a copy of the proclamation was given to each Ys Men Member. Their membership includes six females and thirteen men.

**NATO MIKASA** and **CHAMP ONO** were congratulated by being Charter Members of 60 years starting 1950.

On July 17, their 60th Anniversary date. A luncheon was held at Kauai Beach Resort Hotel where former members and family attended

Kauai Mayor **BERNARD CARVALHO** presented the club members with a proclamation honoring the East Kauai Club for 60 years of volunteer commitment.

Attending as guest speaker was U.S. Area President **PHIL SAMMER, RUSS LYNCH** - Hawaii Regional Director and members from the Hilo Club and Oahu Clubs.



Kauai Council Members honoring East Kauai Y's Men's Club for 60 years of service to the community.

## SOUTH ROWAN Y SERVICE CLUB TERRY BRADLEY

**MARK WOOTEN** was the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship for help with his first year of college at NC State in Raleigh, N.C. Congratulations to Mark and to **BRUCE MILLER** for the presentation on behalf of the club's scholarship committee. Mark also had his picture with **ALAN LAMBERT** our YMCA Executive and member of our club, as well as our YMCA Aquatics Director **AARON CROWE** who is a member also, and Club President **TERRY BRADLEY**

Congratulations to **TOM LENTZ** the winner of the 2010 Ford Fusion car or \$12,000 in cash as an option. Our car raffle is another success at our Farmer's Day in China Grove, NC on July 17 where we sell BBQ, beverages, and desserts. We had our raffle with all 200 tickets announced as the 8 finalists who won \$150 each, and the last ticket drawn the grand prize winner. We sell tickets at \$150 each and the YMCA will receive more than \$10,000 from our profits as to our YMCA Invest in Youth campaign pledge for financial help at the YMCA, and our help with building the Frank Tadlock Splash Park at our YMCA.

We also help with the Rowan Helping Ministries, Main Street Missions, Bible Teaching Association at two high schools, Meals On Wheels, and other community needs as well as our Y's Men International's programs. It takes the whole club working together with the China Grove Civitan Club and our YMCA Board of Managers selling tickets.

Thank you **BARBARA COLLINS**, our club photographer and Club Treasurer, for the pictures.

**TERRY BRADLEY**, Club President



L to R - **TERRY BRADLEY, MARK WOOTEN AND HIS PARENTS AND ALAN LAMBERT.**

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But as the speaker continued, I found myself in agreement..

Not to say that the events of Sept. 11, 2001, must be discounted. We know that suffering continues among the many survivors, witnesses, and friends and loved ones of the nearly 3,000 people who died. We know that such suffering fueled controversies this year, including the matter of the Islamic community center and mosque being built near ground zero in New York and the Florida pastor who — until the 11th hour — promoted a church burning of the Islamic holy book on the anniversary.

But efforts have also been made to make something positive of Sept. 11. One involves using the day to do something for others. **KATELYN SABOCHIK**, who recently addressed the September 11th National Day of Service on The White House Blog, wrote that “like many Americans, I was shocked and horrified by the attacks on our country. But I was also inspired by the heroism and selflessness of so many of my fellow Americans in the wake of this tragedy.” There's nothing so beautiful as when Good rears its head in the wake, or midst, of the worst of the Bad.

Next Sept. 11 will mark the 10th anniversary of the attacks. With it being such a landmark anniversary, and with the memorial at ground zero said to be ready by then, the media coverage may well rival the coverage of the tragedy itself. Yes, it will still be a day that God has made. It will be the 10th anniversary not just of the attacks but, as Sabochik wrote, also the 10th anniversary of the heroism and selflessness exhibited afterward — not to mention the unity and the resilience. It will be another year we have been given the chance to heal.

In order to heal, we will have to do something else that will be difficult to accept — forgive. Forgive, as in stop taking precautions to prevent other attacks? No. Forgive, as in freeing ourselves from the spiritual, psychological and even physical burdens that come with allowing hatred and bitterness to be permanent house guests in our hearts.

With forgiveness comes the hurt, the pain and the anger are bound to hit Americans in general and survivors in particular.

Yet I hope that through our tears, we can indeed rejoice healing. And when we heal, we can truly rejoice.

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**FORGIVENESS SOLE PATH TO CONQUER PAIN OF 9/11**

*This is a verbatim copy of a column, Let's Talk by **HELAINÉ WILLIAMS**, from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette of Sunday, September 19, 2010. I thought it would reflect the values of many members of Y Service Clubs and wanted to share it with you.*

For me, it was a good Saturday — the latest of the fairly calm, peaceful Sept. 11 dates that have come and gone since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

It began with a visit to a local spa for services. Followed by a planning meeting for an event. Followed by a church service. Followed by a Chinese-buffet fellowship dinner among those who attended the service.

It was quite the contrast to that Tuesday nine years ago, when I first saw the mind-boggling terrorist attacks of the day played out on my own television, then on the TV sets in the newsroom where I work. As I said in my Aug. 29 column about New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit, it was hard to believe this was all happening. But it didn't take long for the numbness to give way to feelings of abject horror — and the question many of us have asked: How could this happen here?

Nine years later, the question remains. But, during the church service Saturday, that question was obscured by a new exhortation.

The speaker brought up the fact that it was the ninth anniversary of the attacks. She told of how, like so many of us, she spent the first anniversary mourning the event.

But then, when the two-year anniversary came round, she got a message from the Good Lord himself. Despite the terrorism and the pain that it caused; despite the fact that, yes, this has gone down as the deadliest terrorist attack in American history, Sept. 11 was still — to paraphrase the Good Book — a day that he had made. And therefore, it was OK to rejoice and be glad in it.

Rejoice? That's a tall order for those of any faith — let alone no faith — when it comes to Sept. 11,

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