



# Y's Alliance

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE AREA PRESIDENT



We greet this Christmas season of light by giving joyfully to each other. Our clubs have completed our autumn projects and now look forward to the 2012 New Year.

I heard good reports from the Area speakers at your Regional conventions. Each one of our nine Regions is unique in culture and experience, yet the same in purpose and motivation as all the other Regions. We really enjoy sharing with each other at the conventions.

In the coming new year, be enthusiastic. Your Regional Director holds one of the most important positions in Ysdom and needs your help. Help your RD. Collect dues on time, ensure rosters are correct, follow instructions in your emails, return ballots early.

Even volunteer to be on your Region Board. These simple administrative tasks well done help all of us reach toward excellence.

Be optimistic. A few years ago, one club pledged, somewhat reluctantly, \$100,000 over five years, toward a new Y swimming pool. The club's Christmas tree fundraiser fizzled out and their bank account was small. An unexpected means of fund-raising opened up and the pool pledge was paid off in three years. When we shovel out blessings, we get more in return because God's return shovel is larger.

Look for opportunities. This new year, we need your clubs to put together plans to contact local Y's. Many Y's, new or old, have forgotten how an enthusiastic service club dedicated to their well being can help them meet their fondest goals. Because one size doesn't fit all, you can propose the beginning of a new club of younger members. Just get it going.

And make time for visitors. Get together socially with your neighboring clubs and cooperate on work projects. Additionally, your club may be visited this spring by one of our traveling teams.

Remember, when we do good, we are always walking in the season of light and not walking in the dark. We can expect God's blessings. Count on it.

MARY ANN PHILLIPS, US Area President  
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## ELECTION BALLOTS SHOULD BE CAST SOON.



By now your Club President should have received a mailing which included several documents. Included was a ballot for three International Officers; International President Elect, International Treasurer and International Council Member Elect who will serve as the U.S. Area President Elect. This ballot must be returned to IHQ by January 30, 2012. The instructions about how to return the ballot are located on the ballot itself. The ballot will not be accepted if sent to the U.S. Corporate Secretary for forwarding! It is every club's responsibility to vote and return the ballot correctly. Your club's vote can make a difference!

Other documents in the mailing included bios for the candidates as well as a ballot for U.S. Corporate Secretary and a U.S. Area Leadership Roster.

If you are the Club President and have not received the mailing packet, please contact Anne Stuckel. (314-729-7242 or email [stuckinstL@charter.net](mailto:stuckinstL@charter.net)) If you are a member and haven't heard about the election, talk to your president.

One of our US candidates lost the election for International President by a very few votes a few years ago. Less than 40% of our clubs voted that year.

**ANNE STUCKEL, US AREA SECRETARY**



## MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION Learning From Prospects Rejections

If you have been active in talking to potential prospects about being members, you probably encountered a number of responses. Those responses could have been total hesitation or a blank look all the way to a genuine response, such as, too busy or not interested. All of those responses are better than if your pre-judgment was that the candidate will not be interested. At least if you asked, you took the initiative to make the person aware of the opportunities and the service possibilities to the YMCA and community.

An alternative to insisting that the candidate be a member is to request their participation as a volunteer on a club project. Thus, the intent is to gain a new member but even when there is a rejection, there is the opportunity to enlist the candidate as a volunteer. A volunteer



can later have a change in their personal status such that in the future the person chooses to be more formally active.

Seeking volunteers for club projects is especially important for a club with a growing senior membership. Clubs that are 'aging out' may have to focus more on obtaining a list of volunteers. This provides the club the opportunity to continue projects which otherwise may become impossible. Membership retention and volunteer involvement requires friendliness by all club members. It requires involvement that fits the interests of the person(s). It also requires that there be a feeling of success on the part of either a new member, a volunteer or even the long term member.

The most important aspect is that all clubs must be addressing the membership issue in some form. It would be good to implement the results of a club analysis of the ages of the members, their loyalty to service and their interest in continuing the life of the club. Remember to seek candidates and ASK...ASK...and...ASK again!

**ARLO PANNKUK, ASD - MC**  
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## ASD - EXTENSION

The Eden Y Service Club in Hayward, CA, is close to chartering. They need a few more members and to complete their constitution.



I would like to hear reports of interest in new clubs from Regional Service Directors and District Governors.

I suggest sharing with YMCA's the success your clubs have achieved so they might see what is possible. Besides the value to the community, there is the benefit members gain in fellowship and personal growth.

**BUCK COX, Area Service Director - Extension**  
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## TIME OF FAST GLOBAL PROJECT

Time of Fast Global Project is our annual outreach to communities in developing countries around the world. Traditionally we give up a meal in February and donate the money saved. Projects are located in many countries and selected because of their potential for life changing benefits in each community. Working with the World Alliance of YMCA's and local Y Service Clubs, each project is monitored to maximize the benefits of our donations.

Please refer to [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org) and select "Downloads" from the left hand column for detailed descriptions of this year's projects. Go down to "One-page summaries of

all recent TOF Projects/Approved by ICM 11 for 11-12. If you have a project for TOF from your YMCA, criteria and applications for your project are also included at this site.

Our deadline for donations this year is March 31, 2012. I must receive your club or individual donation by March 20th. Working together I am confident that we can support these seven worthwhile Time of Fast projects.

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### EMAIL ALERT FROM ASD - IT

Many of us have recently received e-mails from Y's Men and friends suggesting that they have financial needs as a result of an emergency in some foreign land.

**JAMES OLLE**, International Webmaster sent the following email after one recent scam:

"Dear Y's Leaders,

This is a common scam that has just reached IHQ. Many of you may have received it also - please become aware of these types of hoaxes.

<http://ysmen.org/index.php?id=328>

USA leaders – please contact \*\*\*\* by phone and make him aware of this if he is not already. His account has been hacked and he has most probably lost access to it.

If you are ever in doubt over the content of any email regarding Y's Men International or its members, contact IHQ immediately.

Kind regards,  
James"

Submitted by **BOB DANIELS**, Area Webmaster

### ASD/Travel

We were blessed to have our International President-Elect **PHILLIP MATHAI** and our International Secretary General **TAKAO NISHIMURA** visit our United States. They participated in the training of our Regional Director-Elect held in November and they represented us in the meeting of International Service Clubs held in St. Louis, Missouri.

They were hosted by clubs in the St. Louis area when they had free time.

In addition, several regions to include the North Central, Mid America and Pacific Southwest had the honor of hosting BF Delegate **DANILO MARQUES DE OLIVEIRA**. He is a native of Brazil. I would surmise that we shall be hearing a lot about this young man as a future leader.

**MCKINLEY JOHNSON**, ASD/Travel

### ASD/Disaster

We are still encouraging members and clubs to make donations to our US Area 9/11 disaster fund. Send your donation directly to our Chief Financial Officer **GENE KOESTER**, 23300 Henry Court, Torrance, CA 90505-3127.

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### PACIFIC CENTRAL REGION

In the previous issue I shared information about the Fresno Y's Menettes Club in my region that has contributed more to International Funds than some Y's Men's clubs in the region.

The Clovis-Fresno Y's Men's Club have been in existence more than 50 years; their members have supported the Pacific Central Region as Officers and Regional Service Directors continually, and sometimes in US Area positions

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as well. The following information shows their dedication to the support of the camps at Lake Sequoia near Sequoia National Park, CA.

The Clovis Fresno Y's Men's Club supports the Y at the Lake Sequoia Y Camps. There are five camps at the lake and they operate two stores, Camp Sequoia and Camp Gaines. The money raised at the stores goes towards capital projects at the lake and major repairs at the lake. The club has established a Committee of members which includes **JAN & RUSS SUYDAM, DAVE COLEMAN, ROBIN MCDONALD, DAVE HEMBREE and ROD KELLENBERGER.**

Some of the projects that the club has completed in the past include an apartment with two bedrooms, front room, and bathroom with a shower at Camp Sequoia. They have replaced a number of cabin roofs at Camp Gaines, with metal roofs that will last longer. They have remodeled a life jacket and oar building into a craft shop for youth camp a Camp Gaines. They restored a cabin next to the craft shop to use as the second store. Currently they have money to build another apartment at Camp Sequoia to replace the old Camp Lodge which was used by the staff at Camp Sequoia. They will use the new apartment for campers and then move the staff into the two older apartments that will be separate from most of the family camper's cabins.

I am very fortunate and appreciative on behalf of my region. I extend to all our wish of a Merry Christmas and prosperous and successful New Year.

**BUCK COX**, Pacific Central Regional Director  
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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Greetings from the great Pacific Northwest. Who can believe that we are into December-already? Our clubs remain busy as ever with holiday projects and activities. Our Salem, OR Club for example is gearing up for their spring book sale. They reportedly already have about 25,000 books. They have also celebrated Make a Difference Day by doing some planting and landscaping at their Y. Great job Salem! Our Helena, MT club is preparing to host our regional convention in June of 2012. We are looking forward to that. They are also doing their annual bell ringing in conjunction with the Salvation Army. The Great Falls, MT club is busy with two of their major community events to feed the less fortunate. It is particularly generous at this time of the year. Our other clubs are all busy as well with their projects and fellowship.

**RDE HAROLD SPILDE** recently attended the RDE training in Minnesota and reported it to be very informative.

No matter how often one attends these, there is always something new to bring back. Speaking of RDE Harold, he was recently featured on the front page of their local newspaper honoring him as Director of their food pantry program called "FISH". Congratulations to Harold.

Our region did a great job in contributing to the Dollars for Scholars program. Kudos to all our members for their generosity. Thanks go out as well to our **RSD HANS LEISTINA** for his efforts in getting the word out to the clubs and members.

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

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## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

Christmas Greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year to all Y-Service/Y's Men's Clubs/Y's Men's and Women's clubs.



The old saying "time flies when you're having fun" couldn't be truer. Especially when there is a deadline that comes upon one before you know it.

The first half of the year has included a great convention in La Jolla, CA. Thanks to all the hard work by the convention committee. The second half of the year holds some great events such as the International Presidents Dinner on January 7, 2012. We are privileged to have **IP FINN PEDERSEN** visiting us. In April we are hosting BF delegate **YW DIGUMARTI LAKSHMI** and her husband traveling with her, from India, Then comes the Spring Conference. **RDE LILLIAN PORTER** is busy making arrangements for these events.

In January we will be electing IPE, IT, APE/ICME. All eligible clubs are urged to vote on International issues. Nominated for AP are **DEBBIE REDMOND** (Mid America Region) and from PSWR, **BRUCE TRENT**. In March we are electing RDE, LRD's, RS and RT. All clubs are urged to cast their vote in these elections. But first we must have nominations. Send your nomination to **RS SANDRA HATCH** by January 31st.

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## FOOTHILL FAMILY Y'S MEN'S CLUB

A few schools in our local area had an event after Halloween. Each child was to bring extra Halloween candy to their school and for each pound of candy

turned in, they would receive a raffle ticket for a new bicycle. A total of three bicycles were to be raffled off.

The candy was brought to the Santa Anita Family YMCA to be sorted out. The Foothill Family Y's Men and a few others helped with the sorting. As seen in the picture, over 600 pounds of candy was turned in. The candy will be sorted and sent to another agency which will make up "Care Packages" for the military.

Submitted by **ART WESTON**



## City North Y's Men and Women's Club

The City North Y's Men and Women's Club has been extremely busy with 3 fund-raisers, and our annual Christmas party. This doesn't even include activities for 2012!

The first fund-raiser this year was our 2nd Annual Flea Market. Thanks to a great committee headed by **MARTHA JONES**, we had over 15 outside vendors who purchased booth space including a professional chef. Yummy!! In October we hosted our scrumptious All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet. Our committee headed, by **ANNIE HOWARD**, pre-sold enough tickets in September to guarantee a great profit!

In November we proudly hosted our 20th Essence of Elegance Fashion Show. **DELORES MITCHELL** and her amazing committee did an outstanding job decorating the venue and securing an outstanding modeling troupe for the event. One of the highlights of our fashion show was the presentation of one of our "Teens and Technology Awards" to a teen volunteer for our local YMCA. Throughout the year, deserving high school seniors or juniors are given our Teens and Technology Award. This year's award was a Nook e-reader. The Teens and Technology Award was created to aid bright students in their quest for higher education.

Last, but certainly not least, is our annual Free Christmas Party. Our perennial chair **BETTY BROOKS** and her new co-chair **ANNIE HOWARD** have already secured the donations of toys and refreshments we will need for the anticipated 400 plus kids. In addition to Santa, the kids will have a surprise visit from **FRED BIRD**, the zany mascot of the St. Louis baseball Cardinals.

As you can see, our club is on a roll. So, if you know anyone in the St. Louis area looking for "something to do", tell him or her about the City North Y's Men and Women Club. We can always use another pair of hands.

Submitted by **JO ANN GARDNER**, President  
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## INTERNATIONAL LEADERS VISIT ST. LOUIS

ISG **TAKAO NISHIMURA** and IPE **PHILIP MATHAI** were guests of the three Y Service Clubs located in St. Louis (Mid America Region) during November. Their travels as Y's Men officials brought them here for the annual Service Club Leaders Conference.

Past Area President **MCKINLEY JOHNSON** and his wife **DOROTHY** from the Page Park Club and **JOHN DITTO**, long time Y's Man from the City North Club, made it a true St. Louis Y Service evening. A reception held at the home of **BILL AND ANNE STUCKEL**, US Area Corporate Secretary, gathered about 20 local members and guests for this rare opportunity. Names and faces from our publications became real to veteran and newer members and possible members for the future. This was a special occasion for our clubs and one that we wish could occur many times.

Greetings from both ISG Nishi and IPE Philip updated those present on the Malaria project. **DEBBIE REDMOND**, Past Mid America Regional Director, accepted a packaged mosquito net from Nishi. A highlight of the evening was the installation of new member **KEN NIHLIK** by IPE Philip for the Carondelet club. It is not very often that such a distinguished presentation is possible. Philip added his personal comments about the true work of Y's Men International. He also emphasized the value of the benefits of this movement to those in the world needing our support.

Carondelet Club President **CHARLEY REDMOND** kept things rolling while Endowment Fund Trustee Chairman **BOB DANIELS** used his photography skills to record the evening's events. A last minute surprise for Anne occurred when her mother, Rachelle, announced that the day was Anne's birthday. Before the evening had ended, all celebrated with a song – Happy Birthday – the same all over the world.

By **RACHELLE REEG**



Caption: Pictured at the Carondelet Park Rec Complex (Y) are Carondelet members and guests: L-R - Bob Daniels, Nichole Schroeder, IPE Philip Mathai, PIP Rachelle Reeg, ISG Takeo "Nishi" Nishimura and Y Exec and member Dan Schulz.

Caption: ISG Nishi presenting a Malaria net to Charley and Debbie Redmond.



## ST. LOUIS PAGE PARK Y SERVICE CLUB, INTERNATIONAL

We are proud to be approaching our third anniversary as a Y Service Club. On December 17, 2010, we shall bestow honor on members and lay guests at our annual founders day celebration. This year we will honor a distinguished political contributor and supporter of our Monsanto Family YMCA. He is our St. Louis License Collector, the Honorable **MICHAEL MCMILLIAN** with our Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award. Our Founders Day Celebration will culminate our Calendar Year of activities, therefore, a list of our success and failures will be listed in our program booklet. A member of our club will be the winner of our **DELAYZIO AMERSON** Y's Men of the Year Award. In addition, we shall honor the Monsanto Family YMCA youth of the year. Several potential club members have been invited to be our guest for this holiday social whereby they will learn more about our club and our Y Service Club International Organization. Hopefully, they will become members of our club.

Submitted by **MCKINLEY JOHNSON**, Public Relations Chair

### DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

### CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM FELLOW Y'S MEN AND WOMEN



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## THIS IS LOVE.

*This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:10 (NI)*

Christmas at our household was always very exciting. My seven brothers and two sisters and I would always wake our parents up at the crack of dawn so they could pass out the Christmas presents.

But this particular Christmas morning was extra special because under our tree was a brightly colored box with a gift that I had wrapped for a real cute girl.

Emily was one of my eighth grade classmates and I would sometimes walk her home from school.

After I got dressed I walked the three miles to her house in no time. Once Emily's mother invited me into the family room, I saw three of my other classmates, Jimmy, Sammy and Hooker. They, like me had gifts tucked under their arms, waiting for Emily to make an appearance.

My walk back home that Christmas morning seemed like 10 miles, because every step was taken with a broken heart. My heart was aching because I thought that I was Emily's one and only love.

How many times do we break God's heart with our own attention to other loves interests? How many times do we break God's heart when we treat so lightly His great gift of love to us? How many times do we break God's heart when we are too caught up in our own affairs to hear Him calling us to minister to the needs of others?

If we as Christians truly believe that the Christmas season is a time to celebrate God's demonstration of love for the gifting of His son, then we have an obligation to:

1. Spend time with Him in prayer and worship.
2. Give His will priority in our lives.
3. Share that love by reaching out to the sick, and needy.

The Christmas season should make us proud that we matter so much to God that he was willing to send His only Son to visit our Planet. This truly is love!

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