

The Y's Expression

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Winter – Jan., Feb., March - 2011

**“To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right”**

Hear Ye Hear Ye!! Lets get together at the Annual Valley District 2011 Conference, Sun., Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. at West Valley Family YMCA, 18810 Van Owen St., Reseda, CA. 91355, 818-345-7393.

We will have Lillian and Bill Porter showing us slides on the current Time of Fast Projects. Also we will have New Member training by Karl Walther. We will have a barbecue.

This is a central location for those in Conejo, Simi and Burbank. About 15 miles from each club. Please RSVP to Denny, grossmand@aol.com or 818-841-0387 by Feb. 6th. It will be a great learning experience and good fellowship time to pass on our successes and accomplishments. We sure need to socialize and get to know our neighbor club members and this will be a good way to connect and learn together. Please mark your calendars and make a good effort to come! Our new members as well as old will get some good information on what our money sent to International goes for. Also the new member training is good information to have to help us all be stronger Y Service Club members. We need someone to step forward and be our Valley DGE. This position is necessary in each District to have a backup and best for having two persons working together on this important position that gets all the International information out to clubs.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

51st. Annual Christmas Fundraiser a big success!

Thanks to the work of the key people that set up and managed our 2010 tree lot, we had an excellent year. All the trees were sold by the Tuesday before Christmas. The very last tree was sold about 2 p.m. while we were taking down the lot and storing the equipment for next year. Frank was over all fundraiser operation manager including commercial sales. Frank did an excellent job as usual (over 40 yrs. now). We had the best possible tent set up, signage for direction and general information.

Bret did a great job, as usual. He had the trees organized and processed in a timely manner. Whenever there was an open spots from sales, a replacement was available to fill the spot. Trees were all priced and well displayed with good varieties and sizes. Bret instructed the workers/volunteers to do the many things that needed to be done. This included placing the trees in appropriate location, watering the trees for freshness, removing the field tags and removal of the wraps from the tree and load/tie the trees to a vehicle.

Jacques was terrific in having enough help during our 11 hrs. of operation each day. Jacques worked many

hours ensuring that the lot had sufficient staff available for the overall operation. He coordinated with Bret who set up the details of the activity for each day. Many volunteer students were made available by Mrs. Christine Krohn, Administrator of the Burbank Community Day School who organized their participation. The students were responsible young people, interfaced well with the community who came to purchase trees and were part of the team. As a token of our appreciation \$750 was given to the school's garden project. Young people from the Youth and Government also participated.

Bob got the wiring and lights all up and working plus all the electrical outlets and extra lighting for parking lot and signs. All the electrical passed inspection and served us well, all the weeks we were open. Bob has done this for over 30 yrs.

Other Club members that helped included Larry, Tony, Sue and Jane on Deliveries; Betty, Vicky, Melanie, Mary Lou, Ling on Office Operations; and Kam, Roger, Chris, Gordon, Steven, (Linettes' son), Linette, Kam, Glenda, Eric, Jeffrey, and Tony selling trees.

It would be great if we could have club members that could back up our five key management people. We need Club members to learn and be able to do a lot of work done by Frank, Bret, Jacques, Bob and Betty. They have been doing this work for so many years and now and need some relief. Betty has put in many years keeping

track of daily sales of trees (type number, dollars), rebar stands, sales tax collected and other merchandise sold. She also did the banking and paid our bills on time. **Please think of ways you can help to continue to make this fundraiser a priority item for our Club.**



Last tree sold, 11-21-2010 approx 2 p.m.





Good signs were well visible to the thousands of cars that were going by daily at this very busy intersection.

For sure this lot has served us well this year and in past. The power pole is still in place. It has been proposed to the City to replace the fence on Victory Place with a 6 ft. fence with a top rail.



You can well see that the lot was well covered with tents, even a special tent for flocking. The lot was the best setup possible, with all the space being well used, thanks to the good planning by Frank, Bret, and Bob.

The trailer served us well as Bret and Frank engineered it so that our tools, boards, and equipment we have has a good place to be put. This trailer is well built and in good shape, thanks to many club members helping with sanding, painting etc. A big thanks to Vern Larson for letting us use his driveway for working on it and for all

the welding he did on the racks. Vern also made a great stairway, for it, that works real well.



Community Volunteering

If any club member has information on how we can volunteer for any good cause please let us all know at an upcoming meeting or by e-mail. Some ideas would be to help with BTAC, Senior Center, Salvation Army, Hospital visitation, Transporting Seniors etc. We sure want to help others and many in our community would see that we are surely an organization that helps others and would want to join our club.

Also please join our web site as invitations have been sent out a few times and still many have not joined. There are many benefits of being a member. Invitations and responses so much easier with web.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS (from Arlo)

Now that the holidays will consume less of our attention, we need to bear down on favoring our clubs with Prospects. Follow-up with those prospects you said to Yourself that it is necessary to do. Then get them to a Club meeting or an activity. The other club member's Actions are very important for the prospect feeling Welcome and to gain interest in the club. It takes the Whole club to make a positive impact on a new prospect. The best way to evaluate the club member's actions is to put yourself in the prospect's 'shoes'. There are other prospects out there who are persons going through a new transition, such as, new to the community or newly retired or a person whose marital status changed and needs a new healthy environment. There are many other persons with situations that make club membership a positive activity in their life. A number of clubs have made quite a few contacts by having a table managed by club members in the entry of

their YMCA. While some of those prospects choose to not get involved, there are enough that do become interested to make it worthwhile. This concept is not new but doing it is! Don't forget about persons who are utilizing and supporting the YMCA have already shown their belief in the values of the Y. The Y staff can be helpful in recognizing the prospect(s). Our biggest enemy is complacency. The membership brochure is very available to help a potential prospect become informed. Put your local data on the back and make as many copies as you can use. Every region and club has had the brochure during the past year.

PSR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DINNER

Sun., Jan. 2nd. was the first day after the New Years celebration and saw the great first event of the year for our PSR Region. This years event was well attended by about 125 members and was held at Seal Beach Club's Leisure World Clubhouse #2.

We started with drinks and social time with four grand ladies, on stage, playing Ukele's with good old time tunes. We had a grand dinner served while listening to this fine and fun music. Great food was a full chicken breast and mashed potatoes and gravy and good salad. As usual we all had a wonderful piece of pie for desert.



The MC and planner of this event was Eldon Thorp and he introduced the head table. The past International Presidents from our PSR

Region attending were: James Mueller (Gardena Valley) – **Are you Ready?** Chris Friis (North Coast) – **Youth, Our heritage, Our Commitment.** Erick Kim (Hollywood-Wilshire) – **Positive Commitment to Practical Action**, Seung Ho Paik (Korea Orange Central) – **Building New Y'sdom With the Teachings of Jesus Christ.** Our PSR Region is very proud of having these men that served all the way to being International President. Donna Ward was present at the head table as her husband, Bill, (Gardena Valley), who recently passed away, was also International President. Doug Jones, PSR RD, talked about our region being on the cutting edge with our websites and our enthusiasm in having a well attended good convention. A good convention, coming up in San Diego – Sept. 31 – Oct. 2., is being planned.

BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA “CLUB ROOM”

The Burbank YMCA Service Club pledged \$60,000 in FY 2007 to create a multi-purpose room (like the Ray Sence Room) that will generate program space for all of our youth programs, add more health and fitness classes for both youth and adults. The Club Room is now the home for the Burbank YMCA Boxing Club (with a full size boxing ring), mirrored wall for Karate Club and Yoga Club. A recent payment was made to bring our commitment to less than \$6,000. Consideration is being made to complete the commitment during this fiscal year. Frank Sakata, Trustee

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 18th Tues. 6 pm, Dinner meeting Bahia Caporales

February 1st. Tues. 6 pm - Business meeting: Nomination of Officer; Fundraiser planning at Healthy Lifestyle Room

Current Support Meetings TBD

February 13th. Sun. Time of Fast at Reseda, 3 p.m., with Lillian Porter, officer and new member training with JR and Karl.

February 15th. Tues. 6 pm, Dinner meeting TBD

March 1st. Tues. 6 pm - Business meeting: Election of officers and Pancake Breakfast Assignments. Healthy Lifestyles Room.

March 15th. Tue. 6 pm, Dinner meeting TBD

March 20th. Kalbi Night, East Valley Y Service Club, Montebello YMCA

April 9, 2011 100th Anniversary Burbank On Parade

April 16, 2011 Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA

May 7, 2011 Fire Service Day - YMCA Pancake Breakfast at City of Burbank Fire Headquarters

May 14, 2011 Relay for Life at Johnny Carson Park

June 11th. 5 p.m. Spring Conference, Seal Beach

Sept. 31st. – Oct. 2 – Convention, San Diego Embassy Suites in La Jolla. Hotel \$109 day, free parking and free breakfast and happy hour. Registration \$130 per person.