

Burbank YMCA Service Club

The Y's Expression

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Induction of two new members

At our May 5th meeting **Carla Leach** and **Glenda Church** were inducted into our Burbank Service Club. They are both great ladies and already have added a lot to our club by helping at Healthy Kids Day and the Pancake breakfast. The Club now has 32 members.

Current Support Campaign

Roger lead the Y’s Men’s Team and raised over \$10,000. Chris and Gordon were the team leader and assisted by **Robert, Denny, Vicky, Tony, Betty and Frank.** **We are now up to \$85,000.** Philip sent out his thanks for everyone’s efforts. He has another opportunity for you. **“We need you to Assist with our Phon-A-Thon on Wednesday May 20th and /or Thursday May 21st 5PM–8PM, at Dilbeck Realtors on the corner of Magnolia Blvd. and Glenoaks”.** We will have a team of volunteers, and some staff, making phone calls to current members to tell the Y story and ask for support. As you may expect, we will have a script to assist you. If you are available to lend a hand, even if only for an hour or two, please respond to Philip, by calling the Y @818-845-8551 or an e mail at philip@burbankymca.org. Your involvement in the Campaign is noteworthy. It makes a difference to each new member that comes to the membership department for financial aid. You continue to make a difference in the community.

Healthy Kids Day Healthy kids day was a big success with several hundred in attendance. Our club bbued about 250 turkey patties for burgers and had apples, bananas, water and buns and trimmings for the turkey dogs. Lots of activities for the youth, climbing mountain, boxing, jumping, hula-hoops, jump rope, gymnastics etc. The Burbank Fire dept. had fireman lead the youth in putting on the fire suits. They had contests pairing two youth, each with a fireman helper and a prize was given the one that put on and took off the uniform the fastest. Our Y Service club had about 20 helping with the food. The many Y staff did an excellent job of setting this up. It ran from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. on Sat. Apr. 18th our two newest members, **Carla** and **Glenda** were big helpers.

Summer – June, July, August

“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right”



Picture taken at Healthy Kids Day by Chris



Burbank on Parade

We had the following service club members join in with **Jodi** and her gymnastic group in this yrs. parade. **Tony, Vicky, Ling, Sue, Sepou, Karolin, Denny.** The parade had Olive Ave. lined 2 or 3 deep most of the way. **Jodi's** gymnastic students did a great job of doing flips, cartwheels, hand walking etc. They got lots of applause and cheers from the crowd. Our club members carried the Y Banner and also our Pancake Banner.



Our annual Pancake Breakfast at the main Burbank Fire Station was again a great success.

Plenty of good pancakes, sausage, drinks (coffee, milk, cranberry juice, orange juice, apple juice) apples, bananas, strawberry topping, plus reg. and low calorie syrup. Big thanks are in order to **Frank** for seeing that all the products, equipment, and help were set up and procured. Special thanks to **Chris** for getting the tickets out to all the groups and all his advertising. Thanks to **Bret, Larry and Robert** for being sure the products were picked up and brought to the Fire station. Thanks for the big-ticket sellers, **Bobby, Roger, Sue and from the Y programs - Aquatics, Sports, Child Care.** Also thanks for the special donation of \$250 received from **Rev. Robert and Peggy Bock of the North Hollywood First Christian Church.** Without the ticket sales the event would not be a success.

We had 23 Y Service club and Y Staff helping on Sat. at this event. Those that helped were **Frank, Betty, Chris, Roger, Robert, Gordon, Bret, Susan, Jodi, Doris, JC, Jim, Bob, Jacques, Sue, Ling, Eric, Larry, Glenda, Linette, Ralph, Denny, Art.** Thanks to **Jessie and her friend for picking up the premade coffee from three Starbucks.** I think I have them all but if not thanks for others that helped. Twenty three from the Y is a very good turnout! We want to thank all the Fire Dept. Volunteers and **Charlene, Chris' wife and Eileen, Bobs' wife** who were at the breakfast to help. Thanks to all of the Y staff that helped set up the event.

Thank you to all! Starting at before 6 a.m. and not getting cleaned up until almost noon. This is about 144 volunteer hours just for the event and many hours. to all those that helped leading up to it.

The breakfast is now in the books and well over 770 Burbank residents, fireman and all who came had one nice breakfast and fellowship. We had a steady line of customers from opening at 7am until after 10am when we closed. We noticed that **Cozy Pastor, Glenn & Vera Taylor** were among those having breakfast. Many other friends of our members were enjoying their breakfast.

BURBANK Y'S MEN'S CLUB (aka BURBANK YMCA SERVICE CLUB) HOSTS ANNUAL FIRE SERVICE DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT BURBANK FIRE HEADQUARTERS

The Burbank YMCA Service Club, where volunteering for our YMCA and youth makes a difference, hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 2009 in conjunction with the Burbank Fire Department's Fire Service Day. This event kicked off the day with a community breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. and for the next three hours served over 790 participants. Thirty percent of the participants purchased their \$4 breakfast tickets at the event.

Fire Chief Tracy Pansini, JC Holt, Burbank Community YMCA CEO, and volunteers estimated that they "flipped" almost 2600 hotcakes and browned 2400 tasty sausages. The hearty breakfast also included fresh fruits and hot and cold drinks made possible by the generosity and partnership with 14 community business leaders. Year after year, this supportive community does great work to make the event a success.

The event brought together people from all over the city and all the proceeds go to the Burbank Community YMCA Youth scholarships and YMCA programs. The event was co-chaired by Robert Stewart and Frank Sakata, who worked closely with Fire Captain Ron Bell of the Burbank Fire Department. The men and women of the Y's Men's Club were supported by Burbank Community YMCA staff, family members and friends. In addition, the fire department's cadets - youth in training also volunteered their time.

The YMCA Programs, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, YMCA Board of Directors, City of Burbank Fire and Y's Men's Club members raised \$5,878.

Pictures from the Fire Service Day – Burbank Community YMCA Pancake Breakfast are below.



YMCA YOUTH SERVICE

Current Support \$6,000, Healthy Kids Day \$1,000, Youth and Government \$2,000 Total \$9,000

YMCA WORLD SERVICE

YMCA World Service financial contributions by the club individuals - Total \$1044
Roll Back Malaria \$254, Time of Fast \$200, PSWR Fund Raiser \$240, Brotherhood Fund \$350

SOME OF OUR OTHER DONATIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Taste of Downtown Burbank \$1500, Burbank YMCA Christmas Tree Project \$ 6,000, Fire Service Day
Pancake Breakfast \$2,000, Needy Family Christmas Project \$200, Holiday Basket Project \$50. – Total \$9,750

BOOSTER MEMBER AWARD

The Y's Men International gives this award to any Y's Men member that has brought in 3 or more new members in the last year. **Gordon** has accomplished this with bringing in Bobby, Jessie, and Carla.

BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

On Thur. May 14th the YMCA held their annual luncheon meeting to install new Board members and to recognize the YMCA's 85th year of service. Four leaving Board members were recognized for their great accomplishments. Several new incoming Board Members were introduced. The new parking lot should be open in about a month and will hold 40 cars. We had a great turn out of our Y Service club members, filling two tables for a total of about 16. Last years recipients of the **Frank Sakata Award**, **Chris**, gave this year's award. It honors those that have done much for our YMCA. Other past recipients of the **Frank Sakata Award** are **Frank, Jacques, Chris, and Roger**. Two of our long outstanding worker members, **Bob Higgins** and **Betty Sakata**, received the **2009 Award**. **Bob** has been a Y Service club member for over 35 years with being in the Y Indian Guides and installing an outdoor large refrigerator, wiring in lodging area for camp workers, to the outside pool and shelters. **Bob** also has done much wiring and electrical jobs at our Y over his long membership. **Bob** was always right in the middle of any job at camp or at the Y as he is good in all trades and has many tools that are needed. The annual Christmas Tree Sales couldn't happen for the last 35 yrs. if it wasn't for **Bob** setting up all the wiring.

Betty has helped in various aspects of our Y for over 40 yrs. with helping with the swim teams when her children were involved. **Betty** was a leader and member in the Burbank Y's Menettes. This womens club was chartered and worked with the International Y's Men and was a big part of all the good that has been done in the USA and Worldwide. **Betty** has been treasurer for many years of our club as well as other offices and keeping records and making bank deposits for over 30 yrs. for our Burbank Christmas tree sales. **Betty** and **Bob** well deserve these awards as they have always gone above and beyond in doing Y work. The first annual award was given to **Frank Sakata** and the next to **Jacques Volpei**.

Below are some pictures taken at this year's award ceremony.



CALENDER: June 2nd. Tues—Reg. meeting in healthy lifestyles room, June 16, Dinner meeting TBD, Aug. BBCue, Gordon's House, date and time to be decided, Sat. & Sun, Sept. 26th and 27th PSWR Convention ***The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth, John 1:14***