

Burbank YMCA Service Club

The Y's Expression

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WELCOME TERESSA

Bio of our members Tony & Vicky Ballestros

Tony V. Ballestros: Birthplace LA Union, Phillipines. Education Map'ia Institute of Technology, Manila Phillipines. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan – Management courses. Professional Registrations: Registered Professional Engineer – California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan & Nevada.

Professional Affiliation: Illuminating Engineering Society, Association of Consulting Electrical Engineers, The Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers, The National Society of professional Engineers, California Society of Professional Engineers

Civic/Community Organizations: Knights of Columbus – 4th. Degree, Color Guard. Burbank Josyln Swinging Seniors Dance Club. Loyal Order of Moose, Moose Lodge #641. The International Association of Lions Club. Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

Church Organization: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Church. Lector & Eucharistic Minister.

Founded: "Ballestros & Associates" Consulting Electrical Engineers in 1987. Retired Dec. 2004

Children: Evelyn, Tony Jr., Judith **Grandaughter:** Kaia Sinclair Fink

Award/Citation: Outstanding filipino Americans in Los Angeles – Science and Technology 1997

2004 The Outstanding Map'uan (TOM) in International Field of Professional Practice of Electrical Engineering (USA)

Hobbies: Walking, Exercise, Yoga & Mat Pilates
Traveling & Playing Golf. Ballroom Dancing

Vicky A. Ballestros: Birthplace Pangasinan, Phillipines
Education: Graduate Nurse – University of Pangasinan (Dagupan Colleges), Phillipines

Registration: Registered Nurse – California, Michigan

Civic/Community Organization: Young Men's Christian Association
Retired – April 2005

Children – Evelyn, Tony Jr. & Judith **Grandaughter:** Kaia Sinclair Fink

Hobbies – Walking, Exercise, Yoga, Mat Pilates, Traveling, Ballroom Dancing.

We need more Bios – Please send or e mail to Denny. What a terrific way to get acquainted!



Winter Addition 2006 - 2007

"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"

2007 PSWR CONVENTION
CONVENTION THEME: Y's Men Make a Difference
HOTEL: The Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo CA
DATE: September 28 – 30, 2007

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REQUEST TO CLUBS:

“SUMMARY OF THE PROJECTS THEY UNDERTOOK AT THEIR YMCA THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE AT THAT Y”

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: J.R. HOLDERMEN, BRUCE TRENT,
DICK WERTZ, ERIC KIM AND DENNIS GROSSMAN


**Coming
Events**

February

6 Business Meeting
6 p.m. at the YMCA

20 Dinner Meeting

March

6 Business meeting
6:00 p.m. at the YMCA

20 Dinner meeting
6:00 p.m.

April

3 Business meeting
6:00 p.m. at the YMCA

7 Healthy Kids Day

17 Dinner meeting at
6:00 p.m.

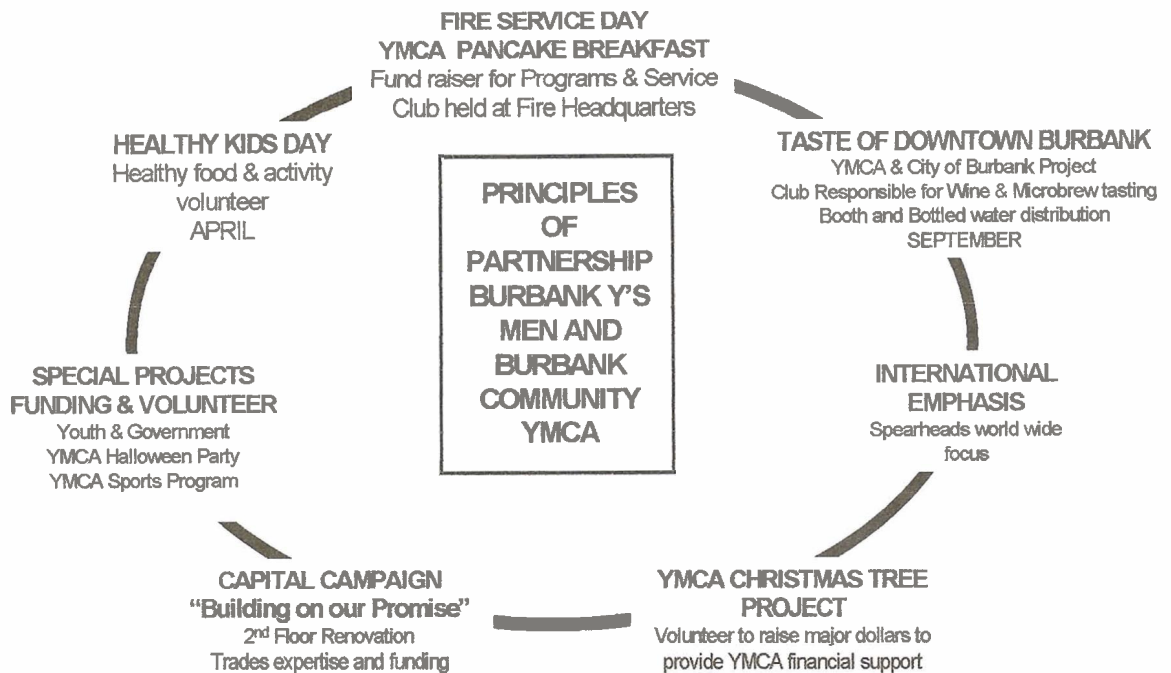
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The Burbank YMCA Service Club meets
On the first and third Tuesday of each month

OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT THE BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA



CONVENTION THEME: Y's Men Make a Difference will be the theme as this is the theme of the incoming Regional Director, Karl Walther. A letter will be sent to each club requesting a summary of the projects they undertook at their YMCA that made a difference to that Y. Eric Kim asked what the plan is after the receipt of the summaries. J. R. Holdeman indicated that he hopes to incorporate into the convention at some point a brief presentation by individuals from the various clubs that respond on their project. He, also, suggested that a booklet would be prepared as a convention handout. This would be a source for other clubs to review and possible adopt for use at their YMCA.

HOTEL: The Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo is the designated hotel. The hotel has a 150 person capacity convention room. There are four rooms adjacent to this room in which the various forums can be held.

Some of us spend a lot of time doing this when we could get exercise in going



to the convention or working with our YMCA Service Projects



BRYAN STORY

Bryan Madden has been our CEO for the past two and half years. In that time Bryan has championed improvements in our Child Care Center, made on-line registration for some of our classes possible for our members, streamlined our management team, overseen growth in the number of members who belong to the Burbank Community YMCA and in our overall revenue.

He, along with our Board of Directors took us through a Strategic Plan that laid the foundation for our current fundraising campaign, "Building On Our Promise." He saw the value in updating our membership material, so now our members and potential new members can go to a beautiful user-friendly website to get the most current Y information. We also have a quarterly publication, Connect that is another way of informing our community about all the excellent programs and services the YMCA offers.

He made it easier for more people to get financial scholarships. And it was during his time as CEO that we increased the size and scope of our two most distinctive fundraisers, our Annual Golf Classic that supports our Endowment and Taste of Downtown Burbank that funds our financial scholarships.

In January, Bryan returns to South Carolina, his home, to take the reins of the Columbia YMCA. We know he will bring his wit and wisdom to our sister Y. We all wish him and his family the very best. We send him to his next adventure with

gratitude and thanks for making the Burbank Community YMCA stronger and for helping us continue to fulfill our mission.

THERESA STORY

Theresa Zapata has been selected by the Board of Directors to be our Interim Managing Director. As most of you know, Theresa most recently served as the YMCA's Chief Financial Advisor. She will continue to oversee our financial matters as well as take on her new duties as Interim Managing Director.

Zapata is a former Burbank Community YMCA board president, serving for two years 1997-1999. She has also acted as the Y's Chief Financial Advisor for three years. Prior to that post, she was a partner with the accounting firm of King, King & Alleman.

The board of directors will continue their executive search for a new CEO. "I'm excited to take this new position and help the Y during this interim time" said Zapata. "I've seen our YMCA's growth and expansion over the last few years and am so proud to be a part of this organization and the work that it does. With our dynamic Board of Directors and an excellent management staff, I have every confidence the Burbank Community YMCA will meet all of its future goals."

BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA 2ND FLOOR RENOVATION

As a result of the Burbank Community YMCA Strategic Plan, focus is being placed by the YMCA on fulfilling its mission *to provide people of all ages lifelong opportunities to become stronger in spirit, mind and body*. To that end, the Burbank Community YMCA is planning to embark on a capital campaign in 2006. The Burbank YMCA Service Club plans to do what they are able to assist in this campaign and work to make the almost 3,000 sq. ft. of open 2nd floor space into a usable program space. Club members are currently involved for planning and future work by its membership. Jacques Volpei, Eric Hess, Chris Nishimura, Tony Ballesteros, Bob Higgins, Roger Koll, Frank Sakata, Jim Cross, Bryan Madden and Brett Archer (YMCA Staff) have been meeting to get this project moving forward. Completion is anticipated by May 2007. It will be designated the CLUB ROOM.

The purpose of this project is to create another 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, and provide meeting space for the Burbank Y's Men's /YMCA Service Club and showcase the Burbank YMCA history.

This is what our Burbank Community YMCA, Y's Men's Service Club has been doing the last few months:

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

We support our Youth and Government Club which has about 12 members. The members come from our two local Hi Schools and are in the 9th – 12th Grades. Youth and Government have a large group of other clubs from California YMCA's with each club coming up with a bill to present to their assembly when they meet in Sacramento each year. They have different ideas for bills presented at the local club and each club picks one that they think is the most important for the current year. Then they have a weekend meeting to get together with other Y & G clubs to get to know each other.

The big event is the yearly trip to Sacramento where each club has their members run for assembly seats and then each club presents their bill. It is modeled after our Calif. government with electing speaker of the house etc.

They use the same facilities that our California government uses so this gives a very important atmosphere for all involved. Our Y's Men's service club provides a grant each year for \$1000 to assist them financially. We get a good report each year from many of the members coming to our meeting.



YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT OPEN HOUSE

BURBANK YMCA SERVICE CLUB
2006 Christmas Tree Project
Final Report – Dec. 31, 2006

Co Chair for the Project: Jacques Volpel and Frank Sakata

**HAS BEEN RAISING FUNDS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS
 BY SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES FOR 47 YEARS**

In the process:

- WE HAVE TOLD THE YMCA STORY TO THE COMMUNITY
- WE HAVE MADE FRIENDS WITH MANY THAT DO NOT KNOW THE YMCA
- WE HAVE RECEIVED **ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM CUSTOMERS WHO APPRECIATE**
 - (1) WHAT THE YMCA IS DOING FOR THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND
 - (2) HOW THE YMCA HAS BENEFITED THEIR FAMILY IN THE “GROWING-UP” YEARS
- FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE ARE SIGNIFICANT:

YEARS	TREES SOLD	GROSS SALES	NET ON SALES
1960 - 1969	3,800	\$120,000	\$37,000
1970 - 1979	6,000	215,000	65,000
1980 - 1989	12,000	374,000	121,800
1990 - 1999	22,000	843,000	299,800
2000 - 2005	11,500	644,000	205,000
2006	1,130	86,000	25,000
47 YR. TOTAL	56,430	\$2,282,000	\$753,700

Christian Emphasis

Check with Betty on Dues Bal.

Love all your neighbors – anger only hurts you.