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Home Club of International Presidents Bill Ward (2002-2003) and Jim Mueller (1976-1977)

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OUR
PREZ
SEZ



ECHNOZ'S
NOTE'S



This is a tale of two Y's men, so to speak. On Monday February 23, as I was returning from the market, buying supplies for a family dinner, my dear old Buick (1988) decided to die in traffic, in an intersection.

As you can imagine, almost all traffic stopped. One of the first people to offer help was a nice young in a panel truck. First he and a few other tried to push me out of traffic, then we all tried to start the car, and then everyone realized, we could not push or start the car, as she had truly given her last breath, and as some may have guessed by now, had dropped her transmission.

This first young man stood by the curb with me and also parked his truck so that it would defer other cars from hitting my car until tow a tow truck came to the rescue. At this time he noticed I was wearing a YMCA sweat shirt, from a previous campaign, and asked about My association with the Y. I answered in the positive and without missing a beat he said, with pride, me too. I am a Y's man. My reply was, so am I. He said Oh you must mean Los Hermanos. I said no, I am a Y's man also. In fact I am the current President of my Club. Because of his reference to Los Hermanos I knew he was from the Torrance Club. So then of course we shook hands and exchanged names. He is **Jose Karrell**, a new Y's man from Torrance and very proud to be a Y's man.

What a refreshing trade off this was. He stayed until the tow truck came. I just want Torrance Club to know they have a great new member, which I am sure they are aware of.

All is still well with the world, with nice young people like **Jose** associated with one of our clubs.

Peace, Ann Moler



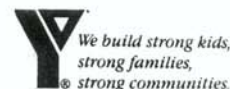
Greetings My Friends~

What an amazing and successful campaign we had. I know the meetings were loud but they sure were fun. Attendance ranged from 48 to 92! Thank you once again for your participation and involvement. It definitely would not have been the same without the support of this club. **The Gardena-Carson Y Service Club brought in a grand total of \$30,415!** This is incredible! **Norm Haroldson** was the leading campaigner among the Club bringing in \$8,890. Following right behind **Norm** was **Suzanne Hasegawa** with a total of \$7,245. Following Suzanne was **Ruth Major** with a total of \$3,760. **Way to go all of you!** The club additionally made a pledge of \$7,000. The total team division brought in \$50,111. We refused to listen to all this recession talk...and it worked! And we are still receiving pledges.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I want to update you on the success of the **Youth and Government Conference** held in Sacramento February 11th-16th. 2 Delegates and 2 Advisors were able to attend from our branch this year and we partnered with 71 participants from the Torrance branch. I spoke with **Tommy Salcedo** and he asked me to convey all his appreciation for your support in getting our youth there. "One of our youth, Alexis, was praised highly by the judge which really impacted Alexis. It meant so much to her and it seemed she learned a lot and grew very much from this experience," Salcedo said. "During the friendship service at the end of the conference, it was good to hear from each delegate and what they got out of the program and what it meant to them. This was an emotional time for many as they were crying and giving their thanks to the advisors and the many new relationships they had built." Tommy added. When you talk with Tommy personally you can see and hear how passionate he has become about this valuable program.

Our YMCA Pancake Breakfast will be held on April 18th bright and early in the morning so we will see you at 7:30-11am for some warm flats! See you then!

Your Friend, Audrie



NEXT DEADLINE
APRIL 16, 2009

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SERVICE DATES

APRIL

Ray Harbold	1957
Phyllis Ginder	1980
Bob Young	1984

25 Years



BIRTHDAYS

14	Ann Moler
24	Ruth Major

ANNIVERSARIES

23	Ruth & Phil Major
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*a Happy 60 years **

BROTHER CLUB

Jarfalla Sweden Newsletter February 25, 2009



Thank you so much for all your Y's Em Ups. Here we are again after a long winter sleep in the darkness. Now the sun is moving a little bit over the horizon and at clear days it is fairly bright but still cold and some white snow. But in spite of the climate the Y's Men activities are still going on and here comes our Club Bulletin Y-bladet #4

Our Prez **Berit Landberg** SEZ: During Feb and March we focus on the **FN Roll back Malaria** project. This Y's Men International Campaign is in co-operation with **WHO, UNICEF, UNDP** the World Bank to fight the World side spread Malaria.

International Church Day was on Jan 18th, and we attended as we have done the last 22 years The Norwegian Church – Kronprinsesse Martha Kirke in Stockholm. Members from our Club (8) and from Stockholm-Bromma Club met up to listen to the new priest Trine Farevag (woman) as well as to the beautiful music. Later we had the traditional Church Coffee with home made cakes of many kinds and with social chat between the coffee drinkers. A good start of our Y's Year.

Programs Coming Up: As you see this first half of the year is complete until June 6 our National Day when we finish for the year 2008-2009. As this is of festivities we use to take part of these according to closing the Y's Men; year. This day is nowadays a holiday.

Christmas Greetings: From our Brother Clubs and others. Anna Pettersson is supporting and running a children's home in Rumania and Natasha Andersson takes care of Russian Tjernobyl Children during the summer time almost 100 children pass through her Summer Camp every year, with a good living close to the nature, unlimited fresh air, fresh clear water, good healthy food, to grow fast, and friendly atmosphere and useful clothing and other gifts to take home. They fly so it's always use to be problem with the weight. Three contingents with ca 30 persons including leaders visit her every summer since 1990. She does together with her husband a great job to help suffering children from east Europe.

JINJA UGANDA Letter from Lambert March 17, 2009

Dear Friends,

This is to inform you that, I had very bad accident last Sunday evening. We are trying settle the matter.

I dogged some young people on the road crossing abruptly. In front was packed Fuso Truck on my side. This made me loose control of the car and ended up knocking a building. The safety belt helped and I'm okay.

The YMCA I have for 14 years may not come with good shape. This happened when we preparing advertisement to sell the car and get new one. I will keep you updated.

Lambert.

Editor's note: God Speed Lambert, you and your YMCA are in our prayers.

CAMPAIGN WRAP UP PHOTO'S



Exec, Audrie Echnoz &
 Prez Ann at our check
 Presenting dinner.
 Feb. 17, 2009



Campaign workers who
 qualified as "GOAL
 BUSTERS"
 Feb 24, 2009



Club "GOAL BUSTERS"
 Ruth Major, Suzanne
 Hasegawa, Laurel Ojeda,
 Norm Haroldson And
 Prez Ann Moler.
 Feb. 24, 2009

Photo's by Bonnie Werts



APRIL 18th 2009
YMCA ANNUAL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

The YMCA's Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 18th 2009 from 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 P.M. Ways and Means Chairman **Ruth Majors** has begun distributing tickets designed by Tommy Salcedo and encourages everyone to sell as many tickets as they can. This Pancake Breakfast will truly be a team effort as both the Y Service Group and the YMCA staff work together to raise funds to enable the Gardena Carson Family YMCA to continue to make positive contributions to the community children, youth and their families.

The tickets are being sold at four dollars (\$4.00) each and sign-ups for work can be made with **Ruth Majors**. As always, thank you everyone for your support and generous gifts of time and energy to making this event a big success! See you there!



FIRST ANNUAL Y SERVICE CLUB
OHANA DINNER

Aloha everyone! On Saturday, May 30th 2009 from 4:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M., the Gardena Y Service Club will be hosting its first Ohana (family) Dinner Fundraiser to support Youth related projects. So after you finish all of your hana-hana (activities) on Saturday, stop by to buy your genuine Hawaiian dinner and support your Gardena -Carson ohana (family) with your generosity. The dinners will have many popular dishes straight from the islands such as kalua pork, fried rice, lomi salmon just to name a few.

Dinner will be available for both "eat-in" and "take out". It will be ten dollars (\$10.00) per person. So put on your "lei" and come out and enjoy kau-kau (food) with your Y Service ohana! More news to come soon! Mahalo always for your time and support.

- Amy Ikari



KALBI NIGHT

EAST VALLEY Y's MEN'S CLUB
MONTEBELLO-COMMERCE YMCA

MAY 3, 2009 (Sunday)

5 P. M. Reception – 6 P. M. Dinner

Traditional Korean Cuisine & Entertainment

All you can Eat for only \$20.00

Proceeds for the Montabello-Commerce YMCA

Make check payable to Sung Chi

Mail your reservation to: Rebecca Cho
321 N Kenmore Ave. #208
Los Angeles, CA 90004

Please respond by April 20, 2009

Contact: Erick Kim

213-249-4003 – e-mail erickkimpip@yahoo.com



TIME OF FAST
SUPER SOUP & AUCTION

By the time you read this our Time of Fast Auction will probably be over, or nearly so. Thank you !

I wish to extend my thanks to those of you who so generously donated items by the 12th. Since Donna and I will not be in attendance at the auction we really appreciate your promptness in telling us of your intentions so we could get all the info to Amy before we "left town" to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. A special thanks goes to **Amy Ikari** for filling in for us.

Bill Ward

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Amy Ikari C E Chairman

April is a month of change and growth as we reflect upon the beauty, hope and delight of new life with the coming of the season of Spring and as we celebrate in remembrance the generous and priceless gift of "life" from our loving Lord Jesus Christ. He came in all humility to experience and understand the challenges and travails of being a human. His heart was committed to restoring every person who freely sought to receive it, the gift of life and a relationship with God. Thousands of years later, this gift of life still restores us to the role of child with God.

In his letter to the Colossians, the great Apostle and reformed Pharisee Paul wrote that we are God's chosen people – holy and loved. And because we are holy and loved, that we should "clothe" or "coat" ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Because of this wonderful "clothing", we should be patient with one another and be forgiving of one another's shortcomings. Paul commands us to be as forgiving as God is forgiving to each of us.

Today the world is still filled with turmoil, crime and war – it is a time of despair, sadness, and desperation for those who do not know our Lord. As we give thanks for His priceless gift and sacrifice, I pray that each of you will show off your new Spring clothing of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. May you spring clean away all of the anger, pain and hurt from past experiences so that you are as refreshed and restored as the day you first came to know your Savior! Happy Easter to you my brothers and sisters in Christ! May His presence richly bless you and warm you as you shine your beam of lovingly light to one and all!!!



DINNER MEETING APRIL 24TH "YOUTH [n GOVERNMENT" TO GIVE A REPORT

Dinner meeting is April 23rd. Please join us in hearing all about the Youth in Government trip our YMCA youth participated in this year. See you there.

Laurel

CLINT BREEDON HOSPITALIZED

Janice and Clint Breedon have been saving large quantities of commemorative stamps for our club for many years. Just recently Janice called us to let us know that Clint had a stroke on February 24th. He is in The Little of Company of Mary Pavilion now getting therapy for swallowing.

Despite this recent bad news, Janice had stamps ready for us to pick up this week.

A few years ago The Breedons attended our Installation Dinner at the South Bay Grill and we see them often as they are heading in for their regular workout at the YMCA. If you would like to send a card, their home address is 3437 W. 175th Street, Torrance, CA 90504.

Bill & Donna Ward

**"KIDS TO CAMP"
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
COST \$4.00
APRIL 18, 2009 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM
ALL YOU CAN EAT HERE
AT OUR YMCA**

INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS FOR MARCH IS STEP / YEOP / YOUTH ACTIVITIES

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

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| 1 | Dues & Roster deadline. |
| 9 | Business Meeting, 7:30 P. M. YMCA. |
| 12 | Easter Blessings, go to your church. |
| 18 | Bellflower 50 th Club Anniversary, don't miss this fun event. |
| 18 | YMCA "Kid's To Camp" Pancake Breakfast. Sign up to work with Ruth. |
| 23 | Dinner Meeting, 7 P. M. YMCA. Our Youth & Government to speak. |
| 26 | Sunday, PSWR Officers training, TBA location. ?? TBA. |

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| 3 | East Valley KALBI Night. A good time for all, see article on page 4. |
| 4, 5 & 6 | Laughlin Trip. Riverside Hotel, Welcome Aboard..... |
| 14 | Business meeting, Y, 7:30 P M. |
| 15 | All International Funds, (Alex, TOF, BF & Endowments) deadline. |
| 30 | Ohana Festival, at Y, See article page 4 for details. |