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Our Prez Says



Echnoz's Notes

Spring is in the air and I am looking forward to some nice weather. At this writing Easter has already passed a Memorial Day is around the corner. It is almost time for our new officers to take their offices. Welcome Amy Ikari.

Our Installation and dinner will be June 23 at the Grand World Buffet in Torrance starting at 6:30 for social and dinner at 7:00. Look forward to having a great turn out.

Our Freeway District Spring Conference will be on May 7 at 2:00 PM at the home of Henry Fox who will be our new DG and will be installed then. If you enjoy good company and good food please attend.

The YMCA's pancake breakfast was well attended on April 16. Our Y's Men wore their purple jerseys that we were given during campaign The Y recruited many volunteers from Alcoa, Serra High School and ...

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Lets get ready to rumble....

What a wonderful pancake breakfast! So many shiny faces bright and early in the morning. Thank you all for coming out and giving your all to ensure a very successful event. We had hundreds of guests both eating and volunteering. Thank you to Alcoa for your support, thank you to our city and county firestations for cooking some good flats....and to the Y Service Club who make it all happen.

Summer is fast approaching and **Fred** has secured the fire-works stand once again! You don't miss a beat **Fred**. Y staff are signing up as we expect to be very busy working together that full week.

Camp Whittle sign ups are open and for the second summer in a row we will have a day camp from our facility..

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Gardena High and the firemen from Fire Stations 158 and 79. A great big thank you to all our members that helped out and to all the volunteers.

Can you believe it, July 4 and the Fireworks Stand is just around the corner. The permits are all filed and we are ready to begin. We will be located at Sam's. We are opening the stand on June 28 thru July 4. Let's hope that we have a good year as times are tough.

I would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day, and to all the fathers a Happy Fathers Day.

Happy Memorial Day. Remember to fly your flag,

Y'sly,
Laurel

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which is very exciting for this community. We are ramping up for golf as well..so time to take a deep breath...we will be picking up some speed here soon.....thank you all for your love and hours of service and dedication to the Y...what a wonderful cause. See you at the Y!

Audrie

Next Deadline
June 15, 2011

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YMCA

Service Dates

May

Dolores Harbold	1982
Betsy Vasquez	1982

June

George Hasegawa	1968
Donna Ward	1985
Anita Davis	2005

Birthdays

May

4	Suzanne Hasegawa
16	Scott Williams
21	Dolores Harbold

June

15	Laurel Ojeda
24	Anne Sutton
30	Donna Ward

Anniversaries

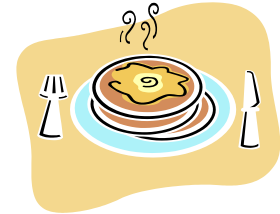
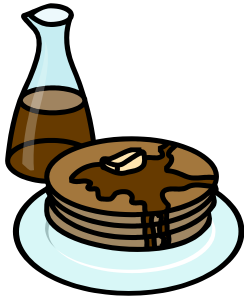
May

5	Bill & Donna Ward
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June

17	George & Suzanne Hasegawa
21	Bert & Georgette Dulac

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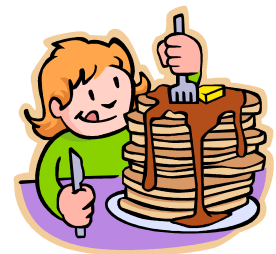
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YMCA Pancake Breakfast

The YMCA's pancake breakfast was held on April 16 and it was well attended. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day. The YMCA had the Healthy Kid's Day following the breakfast.

The Y had a great turn out of volunteers from Gardena High School, Serra High School, Alcoa, staff members of the Y and two Gardena Fire Departments, Fire Station 158 and Fire Station 79. Those firemen know how to flip pancakes.

Thanks to all the Y's Men who helped out: **Ray and Delores Harbold, Suzanne and George Hasegawa, Norm and Joanne Haroldson, Amy Ikari, Ruth Major, Ann Moler, Jose and Laurel Ojeda, Bonnie Werts, Sue Randall, James Wikkramatilleke, Donna Ward, Bert and Georgette Dulac and Ruth and Dave Myers.**

Thanks to **Jose Ojeda, Ray Harbold and Bert Dulac** for coming out the weekend before to clean the grills.



Recruiting Seminar

March 26 Karl Walther presented a training seminar on new member recruitment. Attending this presentation were **Donna Ward, Bonnie Werts, Bert Dulac, Ray Harbold, Suzanne Hasegawa and Laurel and Jose Ojeda.** It was a good presentation with many good suggestions that would help our club to recruitment new members. This is a challenge for our club. Without members we as an organization cannot exist as membership is the foundation of any organization.

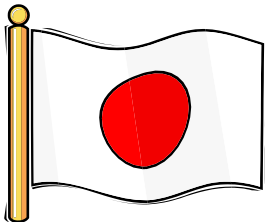
No one is going to get new members to join, EXCEPT YOU. It is simple when you boil it down, JUST ASK SOMEONE.



Fireworks Booth
June 28th through July 4th
Sam's Club in Gardena
We will be having an annual Fireworks Booth at the Sam's Club in Gardena. Make sure to sign up for a time to volunteer. Let's make this year netter than last year!

Japan YMCA Update

The Japan YMCA provides critical support to survivors; donations to the Japan YMCA Relief Fund exceed \$135,000



March 25, 2011 – Mr. Shigeru Shimada, National General Secretary of the National Council of YMCAs of Japan, reports that the Y is making progress in several hard-hit areas. So many people remain in crisis, reeling from

unimaginable loss and uncertainty. The Y's support, especially of vulnerable populations like the young and elderly, offers hope, stability and a sense of security. Despite incredible circumstances and damaged facilities, Ys in the impacted areas provide survivors with a range of aid from basic needs (food and shelter) to Y services (day care and recreation programs for refugees of the nuclear threat zone).

Nationally, the Japan YMCA has deployed Y staff and volunteers to conduct needs assessments, support the immediate relief efforts and begin preparation for the long-term rehabilitation of impacted communities. Below is an excerpt from Mr Shimada's update from March 22.

Iwate: The Morioka YMCA has been sending staff and volunteers in Miyako city, one of the severely damaged cities. They are working closely with the churches in the area. The Yokohama YMCA will send directors to help them for one week. Also, special mountaineers will be sent there.

Miyagi: The Sendai YMCA started to help people in the community by offering them a place to stay and offering food to the victims immediately after the Earthquake. Now sending a team to the affected areas for further investigation for possible activities.

Ibaragi: The Tsukuba YMCA is helping refugees from Fukushima Nuclear Reactor threat area by offering child care and recreation programs cooperated with social welfare council.

Tochigi: Offering elderly programs in eastern area of Utsunomiya and Haga area, which had damages in many houses. The YMCA is also planning to take care of the people evacuated from the Fukushima Nuclear Reactor problems. The YMCA had some damages in its buildings and facilities. Continued in Next Column

Tokyo: The Tokyo YMCA has been sending their staff to the affected areas and helping them plan the rescue activities. They collaborate with Y's Men's Club to deliver emergency commodity. Some of the YMCA buildings were damaged.

Kanagawa: The Yokohama YMCA has been sending their staff to the affected areas. Some of the YMCA buildings were damaged.

Japan YMCA Relief Fund

To date, individuals and Ys across the United States have donated more than \$135,000 to the Japan YMCA Relief Fund. 100 percent of the contributions to this fund donated through World Service will be designated for the Japan YMCA. All donations to World Service are administered by YMCA of the USA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered by the state of Illinois. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and are acknowledged in writing. If you would like to help, please give to the Japan YMCA Relief Fund:

Online: via YMCA of the USA's secure World Service web site at <https://donate.ymca.net/world-service-donation.aspx> (Please note: When donating online, it is important to specify "Japan YMCA Relief Fund" in the "Comments/special instructions" box at the bottom of the online donation page to ensure immediate designation of your contribution.)

By Phone: Call the YMCA of the USA International Group at (800) 872-9622

A Note from our Brother Club in Setagaya, Japan



A member of our Brother Club in Setagaya let us know that they had escaped major damage from the earthquake. They assured us that there was nothing to worry about them in Tokyo. Most of the damage occurred on the Northern Pacific

side of Japan far from Setagaya.

School Days

On Thursday March 24th, our club was invited to tour one of the most delightful schools and day care centers I have had the privilege to see.

The school and day care center is “Children’s Journey Learning Center” in Hermosa Beach, which has to be seen to be appreciated.

The Director of this marvelous center is Elaine Wikkramatilleke, wife of our member **James**. They are also the proud owners of this facility.

When in the company of Elaine, you can tell there is no doubt she has a real feel for all the caring for her center and all the children who are lucky enough to be able to attend when discussing the various sections of the school. This wonderful place has children as young as 6 weeks (accommodating 6 infants at a time) and then advancing to toddler care and pre-school care. They also have an after school care program for children up to age eleven. All of these programs are well thought out and carried with a large staff of teachers and care givers.

Makes me want to be a kid again...almost. **James** and Elaine also sponsored a very nice dinner catered in from Pick Up Stix. On behalf of the club, I would like to say Kudos to James and Elaine for a wonderful evening.

Ann Moler

Chaplain’s Corner

Ann Moler, CE Chairman

TRUST GOD, AND DO SOMETHING



As long as you’re willing to live with the problem, you won’t solve it! Sometimes a situation that infuriates you, or unlocks your compassion, is a situation God’s calling you to tackle. Nehemiah couldn’t bear to think of Jerusalem

in ruins, so he rallied God’s help and rebuilt it. David, tired of Goliath’s threats, put his life on the line and defeated him. Elijah couldn’t tolerate idolatry so he took on the prophets of Baal, and won! If you’re tired of the status quo, God may be calling you to change it. If so, He has promised, *Do not...be dismayed...I will help you*

Henrietta Mears taught at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood and influenced leaders like Billy Graham, Bill Bright, and former Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson. Disappointed by the lack of good educational material, she Started her own publishing house-in her garage! Later it became, Gospel Light Publications, one of the most effective in the world. When she couldn’t find a good single-volume introduction to the Bible, she wrote one. To this day, it remains a best seller. Motivated by the lack of good retreat facilities for Christians living in crowded Los Angeles, she found the perfect spot in the San Gabriel Mountains. After praying in faith and negotiating, she got her retreat. It’s now Forest Home, a top notch conference center. Her final thought after all this was, “I’d trust Christ even more”

Peace and Love
Ann Moler

**2012 INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
STAVANGER, NORWAY**

Y Service Club International

2011 US Area Convention

July 7th—10th , 2011

St Louis, MO

Theme: “Inner Strength –Centeredness”

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Gardena Y Service Club

RSVP by June 12th, 2011 with
Suzanne Hasegawa via phone or email.

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Leave your Name, Club, and Phone Number when RSVPing



Samariteam Website

Join our club's Samariteam Website! Please make sure you join and register. If you need help don't hesitate to call or email **Dave** (dave@rndimages.com).

Once you are registered you will start to receive reminders of our clubs upcoming events.

<http://ysmengardena.samariteam.com>



Happy 50th!

Our International Brother Club in Setagaya, Japan will celebrate its club's 50th Anniversary in May. The Tokyo Setagaya Y's Men's Club was founded in 1971.

We all wish them a Happy Anniversary and hope they bring another 50 years of service to their community.

**INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS FOR MAY IS LEADERSHIP TRAINING &
JUNE IS PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Dates to Remember

MAY	7	Freeway District Spring Conference
	26	Dinner Meeting at YMCA 7:00pm
JUNE	11	Spring Conference Seal Beach
	23	Installation Dinner 6:30pm at Grand World Buffet
	28	Fireworks Booth Opening

Gardena Y Service Club Roster

532-6036	Davis, Fred/Anita	2027 West 149th Street, Gardena	90249
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532-8510	Randall, Sue	1953 W. 185th St, Torrance	90504
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329-7895	Ward, Donna	17909 Mahnattan Place, Torrance	90504
370-9136	Werts, Bonnie	21013 Ladeene Ave. #D, Torrance	90503
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 V-President.....Jose Ojeda
 Secretary.....Amy Ikari
 Treasurer.....Fred Davis
 Past President.....Ann Moler

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Bert Dulac
 Suzanne Hasegawa
 Ann Moler
 James Wikkramatilleke

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 Hank Ishida
 Chuck Maciejewski
 Audrey & Jim Mueller
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 Scott Williams

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