

Y'S 'em up

Serving the YMCA and the Community since 1947
Home Club of International Presidents Bill Ward (2002-2003) and Jim Mueller (1976-1977)

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SUSY
SEZ!

By Suzanne Hasegawa



KOUBEK'S
KORNER



By Greg Koubek

Thank you, **Nancy Wood**, for a fantastic year!
Your enthusiasm just sparkled our meetings.

I pray that this year, we will have a great year
preparing activities that will help the Y family to
grow.

Anita and Fred have the Fireworks booth that we
share started. They need everyone's help in
working the booth. So sign up to work and sell the
fireworks!

Dick Werts, George, and I will be going to Korea
for the Y's Men International Convention. The
tour takes us to China. So pray that we will have a
safe trip, leaving July 31st and returning August
14th.

Then on August 19th, prepare to help with the
Casino Night. Sell the tickets, \$35.00 for a single,
\$60.00 for a couple. Make a basket of goodies for
the drawings. Donate a case of water or soft
drinks. Tell others what fun we had playing the
different games. It was different because it was
like playing Monopoly. No pressure to win, just
having fun. Selling the tickets is the secret to
making money for the night. So *sell*. **Sell, SELL!**

On August 27th we will have our family picnic at
Freeman Park from noon to 4 P. M. Bring your
family, especially the little ones. We will have
prizes for all who participate in the games. House
committee will let you know what to bring.

Y'sly,

Suzanne



Greetings

School is out and kids need a place to go.
What better place than the Gardena-Carson
Family YMCA! Program registration is rolling.
We should have about 500 kids in our Jr
Lakers program, over 200 in swim lessons,
over 100 at Camp Whittle, and over 100 for
our child care programs. All of our programs
will give these kids a chance to make new
friends, overcome their fears, learn more
about our 6 Pillars of Character, learn a new
skill, have a positive adult role model in their
life, and most importantly **HAVE FUN!** Some
of my best childhood memories are from
attending summer camp. I can still picture in
my head what my counselor looks like and the
words of encouragement he gave me. We
have such an awesome responsibility to make
a difference in all of these kids lives. Camp
visitation day is **July 12th**, please let me know
if you are available to join me.

Thank you so much for all you do to give kids
these type of opportunities. Believe me, many
of them would not be able to participate
without your support and the support of the
wonderful volunteers we have at the YMCA. I
hope you all have a safe and wonderful
summer. Happy 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Greg Koubek



YMCA



NEXT DEADLINE
JULY 15, 2006

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SERVICE DATES

JULY

Dick Werts 1992

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

12 Bill Ward
27 Phyllis Ginder



**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

17 Greg & Natalie Koubek
25 Fred & Anita Davis

BROTHER CLUB NEWS

JARFALLA, SWEDEN Newsletter May 24, 2006

Hello you lucky people living on the sunny side of the Globe. Here we are again with our digitally Bulleted Y-bladet, the Mirror of the daily work in our Club in Jarfalla. This winter is now hopefully just a memory – the sun is back – but the temp is still not very comfortable, but in spite of that the Y's Men's activities are still going on.

“Loppmarknaden” Trash and treasure sale was held in unusual beautiful weather and gave our Treasure Birgitta a comfortable job to count the results

“Valmote, Klubbafton” Election Meeting and Club Evening. All our Club officials were elected without any long discussions, and new President John Wijk had a very good information about all our supporting projects both Local and National and International and how we spend the Club money.

“Olofslunds äldreboende” We use to visit Homes for elderly people in our community. Olofslund has 40 guests and we come together with them over a cup of coffee, cakes and flowers. An appreciated program.

IHQ will stay in Geneva and not move to Prag with a vote a 389 against and 186 for.

“Flygning for livet” Per-Erik Brolen a past officer in the Swedish Air Force is working with an ambulance assistance taking care of injured people at international disasters. With in six hours they are ready to take off.

“Ulf Rasmusson, Orebro” an old very active Y's Men member, PAP Europe and involved in his local YMCA has suddenly past away and left us in his early 70's. We all miss him so much.

Our thanks to Gote Wallenhammar for this English translation.

SETAGAYA, JAPAN Newsletter May 18, 2006

President Ogawa: I am very happy and also very proud for our club that we are able to greet the 45th anniversary as an international service club that supports YMCA. Let's get together and talk about our club's mission and celebrate our success to date.

Special Officers Meeting: By Onizuka

1. Discussed the club's plan to carry out the 45th anniversary commemoration meeting and compilation of articles for the special edition of May newsletter.

UNIQUE DANCE PARTY: On Sunday, April 2, the 45th YMCA Unique Dance Party was held. It is sponsored by Tokyo Mukade Club twice a year, in spring and autumn. It is a dance for physically handicapped people who lack hands, legs or eye sight. These handicapped people are coupled with normal people and dance together. They really enjoyed dancing. Thus, it is called a unique dance.

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Forty-fifth Anniversary for the establishment of the Club: Senji Tomita, charter member and Chairman, Commemoration Executive Committee:

In 1961, Mr Kotake who was the director of the then Japan Region asked me to build a Y's Men's club because Setagaya YMCA is being established. On June 3, a charter night was held at Setagaya YMCA under the sponsorship of Yamate Club. It was an unusual event as both the Setagaya YMCA and Setagaya Club were established at the same time.

Mr. Sen Ikeda, who was the general manager of YMCA Alliance, was also our charter member. In 1962, he visited Gardena YMCA in America and formed IBC relationship between Setagaya Club and Gardena Club. In 1967, the first exchange student, Greg White, came over for a month's stay. The exchange student program was continued until 2003. Setagaya Club is proud to be known as “IBC's Setagaya Club” in Japan.

English translation curtesy of Jim Mueller



TURNER CLUB REPORT

MAY 2006

1. Gardena Valley	5435
2. Seal Beach L W	5301
3. W.hittier AM	4201
4. W. Valley-LA	3844
5. W. Valley-Phoenix	3662
6. Torrance	3584
7. Lohse Tucson	3254
8. Golden West	3190
9. North Coast	3093
10. Fullerton Sat. AM	3086

EDITORS NOTE

Thanks to all the members who wrote articles this last year when I asked. You are the best! Special thanks to our resident ARTIST **Lee Vasquez** for the beautiful art work of our new Prez **SUZANNE!**



ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Area Totals for 05-06 were ASF \$14,487.00 and DFS \$13,116.00. We are proud of the PSWR, as we collected \$4,356.00 for Alex and \$8,975.00 for Dollars of Scholars for a grand total of \$13,332.00. PSWR, give yourselves a big hand.!

Ten DFS grants totaling \$4,705 were awarded in 05-06. There will be \$8,992 DFS available for grants in 2006-2007.

Four students were awarded ASF \$5,500 in 05-06. There will be \$6,900 ASF available, plus the students at Aurora College will have \$6,000 of pre-committed ASF fund, for a total of \$12,900 available to award in 2006-2007.

Any unused DFS funds (not ASF) from the previous year are carried over and available to grant the following year.

RSD/ASF Bonnie Werts

IPRD Dick Werts, RD Bill Porter & RDE Carl Walther



SPRING CONFERENCE '06

Dick Werts is probably sighing in relief following a very successful Spring Conference. The conference exemplifies the great effort Dick made to make 2005-06 a very successful year for the Pacific Southwest Region. Dick will serve the Region as Immediate Past Regional Director. Approximately 120 Y's Men attended this annual event at Seal Beach Leisure World.

Bill Porter, who is a member of the Lohse Tucson Club, was sworn in as Regional Director for the coming year. During the Induction Ceremony, **Ed Wood** was sworn in as District Governor for the Freeway District.

Other club members who have been appointed to regional responsibilities are **Bonnie Werts**, RSD Alexander Scholarship Fund; **Dick Werts**, Leadership Training; **Donna Ward**, RSD and ASD Liaison to the YMCA of the USA; and **Ed Wood**, Youth Mentor.

Gardena Valley members in attendance were **Bert & Georgette Dulac**, **Norm & Joey Haroldson**, **Suzanne Hasegawa**, **Martha Kawada**, **Ruth Major**, **Ann Moler**, **Sue Randall**, **Bill & Donna Ward**, **Dick & Bonnie Werts**, and **Ed & Nancy Wood**.

- Bill Ward

CASINO NIGHT



Shuffle the deck, put on your game face, Y's Men's Club Casino Night is about to take place!

If you are over 21, love to gamble, enjoy good food and company, then you don't want to miss this exciting event. Casino Night will be held on August 19, 2006 at the Gardena/Carson YMCA from 6 to 10 p.m. Members, we need your help! Please contact local merchants for prize donations for the silent auction. In order to maximize the dollars raised, we need quality prizes...dinner gift certificates, small appliances, electronics, sporting event tickets, etc... Thanks in advance for your support. See you at the tables!

- Anita Davis

**GARDENA Y'S MEN ARE WATER BEARERS
AT THE GARDENA 5K RUN**

The 22nd Annual Gardena 5K Run was held on Sunday, June 4th 2006 on a hot and sunny day. Twenty (20) members of the Gardena Y's Men came to serve at the water station for all of the eager participants of the 5K Run. We were able to provide delicious cool bottled water. Was able to obtain seventy (75) gallons from the Oasis Water Company. The water was served to the runners amidst many splashes and voices saying, "thank you", "mahalo", and "gracias". Thank you to all who came early in the morning **Laurel & Jose Ojeda, Donna & Bill Ward, Bonnie & Dick Werts, Bob Young, Dolores & Ray Harbold, George & Suzanne Hasegawa, Martha Kawada, Sue Randall, Norm & Joey Haroldson, Fred & Anita Davis, Ann Moler and Amy Ikari.**

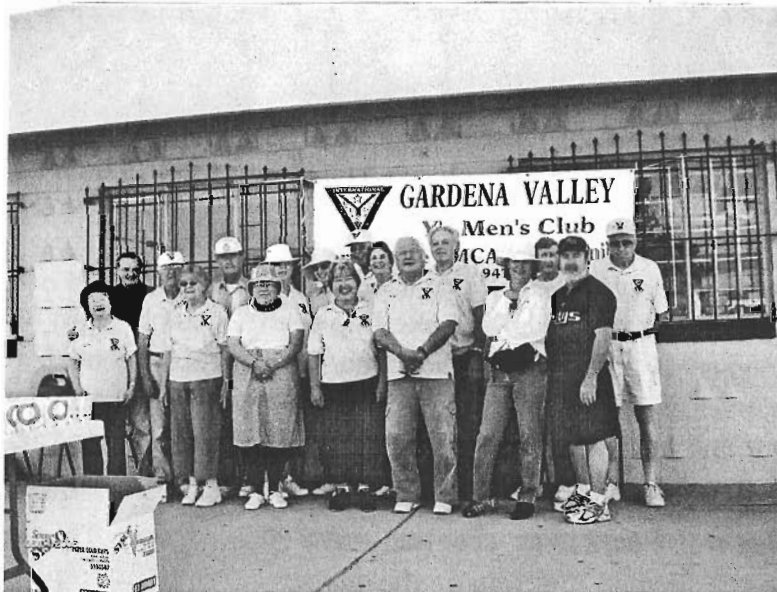
Special thanks to **Bob** for getting the tables and other items needed to serve the water. Thank you **Dolores** and **Ray** for also going to pick up the special filtered hose in case it was needed! Thank you **George** and **Suzanne** for the coffee and donuts – they were a delicious, but a bad way to start the day off! Thank you **Bill** and **Donna** for transporting the water to the water stand. Thank you, **Laurel** and **Jose**, for getting the water to quench the thirst of those runners.

Next year, we hope that we have enough cups to meet the needs of all of those thirsty runners. Mahalo everyone for getting up early and working hard.

Amie Ikari



Some of the members working the water station.



Gardena-Carson Family YMCA

**16th Annual
YMCA GOLF
CLASSIC**



New Location

Los Verdes Golf Course

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Registration Deadline: September 2, 2006



*We build strong kids, strong families,
strong communities.*



FIREWORKS

Be sure to buy your fireworks at our stand in SAM'S parking lot on Artesia Blvd. in Gardena.

We partner with the Gardena Chamber of Commerce for this important fund raiser.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about our stand. All profits go to programs for the YMCA.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Phyllis Ginder

ATTITUDE

Attitude is a choice and the average person wants to wait for someone else to motivate him. He believes that his circumstances are responsible for the way he thinks. But which came first – the attitude or the circumstances? The truth is that it doesn't matter which came first. No matter what happened to you yesterday, your attitude is your choice today.

Your attitude determines your actions and the winners edge is all in the attitude, and not aptitude. Attitude is the criterion for success, and is crucial because it determines how you act. Mental attitude is the great difference between winning and losing.

Author is John Maxwell from "Qualities of a Leader"

PROVERBS 16:33

We may throw the dice but the Lord determines how they fall.

16:31

Grey hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living a godly life...

You cannot climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pocket...

Respect is what we owe; Love, is what we give.

PICNIC

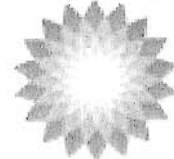
AUGUST 27, 2006
SAVE THIS DATE
FREEMAN PARK

Gardena-Carson Family YMCA

16th Annual YMCA GOLF CLASSIC

Presented By:

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The 16th Annual Gardena-Carson Family YMCA Golf Classic is fast approaching. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at Los Verdes Golf Course in Rancho Palos Verdes.

In addition to a fun-filled day, your support will greatly help the Gardena-Carson Family YMCA to meet the needs of our communities through our scholarship program, providing much needed services in child care, youth sports, senior and family programs and health and fitness. Our goal is to be able to provide quality programs to youth and families who may not be able to afford them.

As a sponsor of this year's event, you are directly ensuring that the goals of our mission are met. Our past tournaments have been huge successes – a great day of golfing, delicious food and prizes for everyone.

We encourage you to spread the word! If you know of any golfers who may be interested or are in need of additional information, please call (310) 523-3470 ext. 2814 or e-mail johnalexander@ymcala.org Last year's event was sold out, so get your spot early!

Los Verdes Golf Course
7000 West Los Verdes Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS FOR JULY IS INTERNATIONAL BROTHER CLUBS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JULY | 6-28 to 7-4 | Fireworks Booth. Be sure to sign up to work. Check with Anita Davis. |
| | 13 | Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, YMCA Conference room. |
| | 27 | Dinner meeting, 7 PM, YMCA. Fire Dept. Safety program. |
| | 31 | Leave for Korea International Convention, George, Suzanne and Dick. |
| AUGUST | 10 | Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, YMCA Conference room. |
| | 19 | Casino Nite – Fred and Anita in charge. Give prizes for baskets to Anita and Sell, Sell, Sell your tickets. Plan to come yourself and invite your friends. See page 3. |
| | 27 | <u>Annual PICNIC, Freeman Park, 12:00 – 4 PM.</u> |
| SEPT. | 12 | 16TH Annual Gardena/Carson YMCA Golf Classic. <u>New location</u>, Los Verdes Golf Course, Rancho Palos Verdes. Please sign up to work. |
| | 14 | Business Meeting, 7 PM, YMCA Conference room. |
| | 17, 18 & 19 | Laughlin Trip. Meet at New Gardena Hotel, board bus at 8:30 PM. |
| | NO | <u>Dinner meeting due to members going to the convention early.</u> |
| | 9-29/10-1 | PSWR Convention in Phoenix, AZ. See you there! |

