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March Emphasis: STEP PROGRAM
Honor Bulletin 2009

International President Kevin Cummings
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Slogan: “Ordinary People Doing Extra Ordinary Things”

MARCH MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 8, at the YMCA at 6:00 P.M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member, **DAVID SMITH**. He is the CEO of the YMCA. He gave an informative talk at our last club meeting and we look forward to continuing to work with him.

YMCA NEWS

Registrations are going on now for youth volleyball for 3rd through 5th grade boys and girls. The season runs March 1- April 30.

Ladies volleyball night is in progress. The YMCA gym is now open for drop-in volleyball action Thursday nights from 8:00 to 9:45 for women ages 15 and up. For those interested league play will begin in the spring.

Spring Youth Floor Hockey will begin March 1 and run through April 3rd.

The annual FOY fundraising campaign for the YMCA will kickoff on March 3. Some Y Service Club members will be working on this campaign again this year.

YEEP/STEP Programs

The YEEP program is a 12 month educational student exchange program for youth who are ages 16-18 years old at the beginning of the exchange. The purpose is to experience culture, customs, and language of the people of another country. Each candidate lives in a family, receives education at a local school and takes part in the normal everyday life of the community.

STEP is a short term youth exchange program for 15-25 year old youth that offers a 3-11 week stay with a host family in another country or region of your own country. The candidate lives with a host family as in the YEEP program, but does not attend school.

Children or grandchildren of Y's Men, Women and Y's Menettes or youth recommended by a Y's Man's Club are eligible to participate in either of these programs.

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

The Regional Board Meeting has been set for April 10 at 9:00 A.M. at the Central Spokane YMCA at 930 N. Monroe in

Spokane. There are very good prospects of starting a new Y Service Club in Spokane, so a decision was made to hold the Board Meeting there to encourage the interested people there to attend and learn more about our organization. This is a good opportunity for them to meet and get to know the leaders in the Region and for the leaders to get to know them.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The answer for last month's question is:

A. The Bishop's Fund name was changed to Brotherhood Fund in 1968.

Q. When was the youth Short Term Exchange Program started?

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10, 2010 - PNWR Board Meeting
Central Spokane YMCA, Spokane
June 11-13, 2010 – PNWR Convention
Hosted by Seattle Downtown Club
August 5-8, 2010 – International Convention
Yokohama, Japan
2012 – International Convention
Stavanger, Norway

NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Harold and Judy Spilde went to Minneapolis in February to visit their new granddaughter, Britta Kathryn Spilde.

The Seattle Downtown Y's Men's Club has officially changed its name to **Seattle/Metrocenter Y Service Club**.

The Kampala, Uganda, Y's Men's Club and the Kampala Y's Youth Club have been very active in reaching out to the underprivileged, sick and elderly people in their community. During the Uganda-Dutch Cultural exchange program held between November 1 and 22, 2009, the Netherland YMCA youth joined the Kampala youth and Y's Men in their projects. The Kampala Club bulletin will be available with pictures to Helena Club members at the March meeting.

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

BILLYE, VIC and **TIM VINCENT** are busy with the calving season on the ranch, so they aren't getting much sleep.

NATHAN GEORGE was on a logo robotics team that took 3rd place out of 37 at a tournament in Bozeman.

JOHN, MARY ANN, BEN and **NATHAN GEORGE** took their annual trip to Yellowstone Park over President's Day.



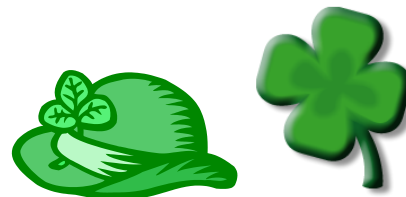
CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

An Irish Blessing

*May love, light and laughter
All dance through your days.
May your heart lift with song
And your soul sing its praise.
May the top o' the morning
Make the day come to life.
May your lips speak with kindness
And banish all strife.
May the luck of the wee folk
Bring a joy you can hold,
And the peace of Saint Patrick
In your heart will unfold.
All these are the blessings
Which the Irish will say,
Whenever they greet you
On Saint Patrick's Day.*

- Zelma S. Dennis

*“And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even
as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
- Ephesians 4:32*



HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!