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“TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT”

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December Emphasis: Christian Emphasis

International President Kevin Cummings
Theme: “The Power of One”
Slogan: “Ordinary People Doing Extra Ordinary Things”

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Our Christmas potluck dinner will be on Saturday, December 12 at 5:30 pm at **CHUCK MICKLEWRIGHT'S** house at 1355 Beaverhead Road. **PRES. BILLYE VINCENT** will help coordinate the food. There will be a short meeting after the dinner. In lieu of an exchange gift each member is asked to bring \$5 to be used for a donation to one of the International programs.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

It is not too late to donate to the Dollars for Scholars program. This is the part of the Alexander Scholarship Fund that provides scholarships for current YMCA staff to attend additional training.

YMCA NEWS

There is a new Zumba dance cardio program starting at the YMCA. It will be on Mondays at 9:00 to 10:00 am, Thursdays 6:30 -7:30 pm, and Fridays 4:30 – 5:30 pm. It is open to teens – adults. It sounds fun.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of former Helena YMCA Executive Director and Y's Man Leon Clark who passed away on November 11 in Phoenix, Arizona, after several years of failing health. Leon was Executive Director when the current YMCA building was built and opened in 1973 and was instrumental in getting the Y's Men's Club of Helena (Y Service Club) chartered later that year. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Betsy, and family at 17823 N. 132 Avenue, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

BELL RINGING

We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 to 3:00 at Van's Thriftway. The 19th was already taken at that location. **BILLYE** will call members for work schedules.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

A. The answer to last month's question was "neither." Both PNW and PSW Regions were started at the same time when the Pacific Region was broken into these two regions in 1937.

Q. Where was the first Y's Men's Christmas Tree sales lot opened? Answer next month.

NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR

The Salem YMCA President's Round Table has started their major fundraiser for the YMCA.

The Salem Club will be ringing Salvation Army bells on December 9.

Our deepest sympathies go to Y's Man and U.S. Area webmaster, Bob Daniels. His wife, Diane, passed away suddenly on November 19 in St. Louis, Missouri, within 24 hours after their return from RDE training in Los Angeles.

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

JAY SHELDEN will be enjoying Thanksgiving with a visit from his mother and sister who live in Lander, Wyoming.

HARVEY and **ILA STEEN** will be flying to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with their son, Greg, and his family in Naperville, Illinois.

MAE WING will be hosting a family gathering for Thanksgiving. Included in the group will be **BILLYE, VIC, TIM, RAYE,** and Travis **VINCENT** and Travis' family from Richland, Washington.



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

A Wonderous Gift

*A blessed time, so long ago
The night of Jesus' birth
When angels sang a joyful choir –
Their message: "Peace on earth."
The moonlight turned the world to gold
And stars came out to see
The wonder here of God's true love,
His gift for you and me.
One star set out to travel far
With word long waited for:
"The Child is born; He yearns for you.
Come follow and adore."*

*Humble shepherds and three kings, proud,
All journeyed to give praise.
With grateful hearts, they worshipped Him
Each in such different ways.
And now, not just at Christmastime,
His love will fill each heart
If we but show our brotherhood.
Lord, help us do our part.
Whatever season casts its spell
With Nature's beauty 'round,
How conforing for us to know
God's peace may still be found.
- Helen M. Motti*

*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace, good will toward men."
- Luke 2:14*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

