



Hiawatha Y Service Club

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Y's UP



Thoughts:

New Years Day is already past but even eleven days later I am greeted with the wishes of a "Happy New Year". The greetings and wishes are sincere. It is more than an exclamation at midnight! Despite the cheerful greetings for a good year, the news during these days are so much the same as in the old year. There are the fears of the terrorists, storms, floods, wild fires, highway accidents and on and on. We could become overly centered with all of these fears that we lose perspective. But since the Lord created us and leads us, we can live with confidence that there is a purpose for our lives. David, the Psalmist, says it this way. *"He will fulfill his purpose for me"* and then turning to God, says *"your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever"* before concluding with a plea, *"do not forsake the work of your hands"*. (Psalms 138: 8)

Coming Meeting: 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, Hiawatha Y:

Orville Lindquist will present his Youth in Government (YIG) program. This was planned last fall but was delayed due to **Orville's** schedule and too many programs scheduled by the club. Orville has been involved in YIG for many years. He has traveled to Washington D.C. (Federal) and then to New York (United Nations) with students for a more in depth study of our government in addition to using the MN state chambers.

Got a guest to bring? PLEASE DO!!! It is a good time to learn more about this youth program.

Last Meeting – Victory Dinner and Play: January 8, 2006:

I will call the Victory Social as our last meeting since I reported on the 'last' meeting held in November in the previous bulletin. Many of the club members and guests had dinner at the Old Log Theater followed by the play, "Murder at Howard Johnsons".

Christmas Tree Lot:

Our treasurer, **Tom Dowzak**, gave us a report. The total tree sales for this year was \$25,023.00. Expenses included the trees, electricity, portable, and dumpster which totaled to \$13,112.32. **Jim**, any electrical expenses? Hill Top Trailers is also outstanding. Thus, the max **net profit is \$11,910.68** for the project. There were more trees purchased this year so the profit was somewhat larger than last year. Thanks to all who worked on the lot including the South Minneapolis Y staff. It is always a pleasure to be able to work with the Y staff since we seldom get to see them at other times.

Annual Club Dues:

Like many good things, our club also runs on cash!! It is that time of year again to pay our annual dues which we do in January. The dues for the year are \$55.00.

People; Organizations:

Those of you who took advantage of the US/Canada Areas Convention in 2001 learned from our keynote speaker on the first dinner evening about joiners. **Thom Winninger**, who is a national promotional speaker and who presented to our convention for free, gave us food for thought. Thom indicated that 17% of the population is waiting to be asked to join an organization, not because of the organization, but because of a cause which interests them. 27% of the population is known as "coupon clippers" mainly interested in something special benefiting themselves. 56% of the population will listen to what you say but don't know what you are talking about. People have been invited to join many organizations, but join only those in which the organization has a cause that interests them. They do not join the YMCA because it's a YMCA; they join the YMCA because of its outreach to youth which will hold the keys to the future of our world. Thus, find those in the 17% category and we will be a club too large to fit into the Hiawatha YMCA. Keep looking!!!

Regional News:

The North Central Regional Board has there 2006 mid-year meeting on Friday, the 13th.

US Area News:

The US Area has 2,368 members as of June 30th, 2005. In 1975 there were 6,594 members. As a whole, our US Area has been losing members consistently for well over 20 years.

International News:

The International Council has been discussing moving the International Headquarters from Geneva to Prague. This is a serious decision since there are a number of issues to be dealt with and, of course, it develops strong emotions. This will have to be voted on by all the clubs in Y's Men International. I do not have a schedule for the vote but there are many 'cons' versus the 'pros'. More information later!

Christmas Wreaths in CA:

The Whittier AM Y's Men's Club received an income of approximately \$12,300 for selling Christmas wreaths.. They had expenses of \$6,580 plus CA sales taxes for a profit of approximately \$4800.

Schedule of Coming Events:

January 17	Orville Lindquist presenting YIG
February 7	Next regularly scheduled meeting

A thought:

The Bellflower Y's Men's Club is asking, if a person who plays the piano is a pianist why isn't a person who races called a racist?

Our Hiawatha Y Service Club Board within the North Central Region:

President: Dan Adams	Board Members: Richard Neuwirth (1st of 2 years)
Vice President: Jerry Funk	(Vacant) (2nd of 2 years)
Treasurer: Tom Dowzak	Immediate Past President: Dick Julin
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The Hiawatha Y Service Club was chartered on June 1, 1949 as the Southtown Y's Men's Club which was merged with the Roosevelt Y Service club on July 1, 2002.

Beyond the Club: RD NCR: **Larry Boll**

RDE NCR: **Daryl Soltau**

DG: **Tom Gilbert**

Area President: **Rob Wilby** (Theme: (Reaching out - Building Bridges)

APE: **Fred Leonard**

International President: **Ben Wabule** (Theme: Be Y's Men in Deed & not Y's Men in Need)

IPE: **Choi Han-ki**