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MID-AMERICAN

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR



As of July 1, I officially took the office of Regional Director and hit the ground running by attending the U.S. Area Council Meeting on July 5, 6 & 7 followed by the U.S. Area Convention in St. Louis.

As a first order of business, several congratulations should be noted, in no particular order:

- Congratulations to the convention planning committee on an excellent job (**RACHELLE REEG, MCKINLEY JOHNSON, ANNE STUCKEL, DEBBIE REDMOND, BOB DANIELS, CHRISTINE JUSTICE, DAN LOVINGS, CARL MILES, CHARLEY REDMOND AND ARIANI FRIEDL**). This convention was a huge success.

- Congratulations to **RACHELLE REEG** on winning the much coveted "Ballantyne Award" (I encourage you to visit www.ysmen.org to read the article detailing Rachelle's long history of outstanding contributions to the Y's Men's movement).

- Congratulations to **DEBBIE REDMOND** on being awarded the Henry Grimes Award which is given to the outstanding Regional Director of the year. I will have big shoes to fill.

While being Regional Director can be overwhelming at times (it feels a bit like trying to drink water from a firehose), I am fortunate to have many very experienced Y's Men around who can provide guidance and direction. Our region has a past international president (Rachelle Reeg) as well as several past area presidents (**MCKINLEY JOHNSON, HARRY FRICK, KAY LINDNER AND FRED LEONARD**) and we are very fortunate to be the home of our international service director for leadership training and development (Fred) as well as area service director (**ARIANI FRIEDL**).

I have chosen the theme "Service above Self." Unfortunately, in many service organizations it is not uncommon for persons to hold an office and not invest the appropriate amount of time and energy to be effective. It is my full intent to not just hold the office of RD, but to devote the time and energy needed to strengthen our movement. I challenge each of you to do likewise.

Several changes were made during the U.S. Area Council meeting and I wanted to communicate some of this information to you.: Dues will be increased \$2 a semester effective April 1, 2012. Fiscal year for the U.S. Area will begin April 1 each year and end March 31 of the following year, the same as the past year.

A Regional Meeting was held July 8 and outcome of our discussion included some of the following;

The general consensus was to attempt to hold a joint regional convention with the Mid East Region sometime this upcoming Fall. I have spoken to **JOHN CARRUTHERS** (RDE) and

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GEORGE MICHKA (RD) about this and they are pursuing arrangements. I will keep you posted of any developments.

The need for continued officer training was discussed and **ARIANI FRIEDL, BOB DANIELS** and myself will be attempting to set-up a club president's training session via the internet sometime in early Fall of this year.

The need to update our regional constitution was discussed and a committee comprised of (**CHARLEY REDMOND, and RACHELLE REEG**) was appointed to pursue this.

A nominating committee for future regional officers was appointed. This committee will be chaired by our RDE, **RICHARD KEETHERS**. If you have ideas for regional officers please contact Richard.

In conclusion, I encourage you to contact me (see below) with any concerns about the Mid West Region. As I mentioned earlier, my intent is to not just hold an office, but rather to be effective in furthering the Y's Men movement.

HANY M GIRGIS, Regional Director
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A NOTE FOR THE REGION FROM AP MARY ANN PHILLIPS

Dear all - We three excellent choices for Brotherhood visits in 2012/2013. THESE ARE THE BEST, MOST EXCITING; CHOICES EVER!

Please think about who in your region, your district, your club or possibly, you yourself would be a good Brotherhood candidate.

A good Brotherhood candidate can share and learn. Two weeks would be a good visit. As you know, Brotherhood visitors are received with a great deal of hospitality.

BF 12/13-19 Date: October 2012 Into Asia
From USA Purpose: Club visits
Arr: Narita, Tokyo, Japan
Dep: Manilla, Philippines

BF 12/13-20 Date: Sept/Oct., 2012 Into Australia
From USA Purpose: Club visits/Reg. Conference
Arr: Sydney
Dep: Adelaide

BF 12/13-21 Date: April-May, 2013 Into Denmark
From USA Purpose: Club visits/conventions
Arr: Copenhagen or Billund Dep: Same

In addition, there will be 2 partial grants for travel to the International Convention.

Qualifications for a Brotherhood Fund Grant:

Member in good standing whose Home Club is fully up to date with dues to International for the preceding semester & whose home club has contributed at least \$ 5.00 per member, with a minimal amount of \$ 75.00 for each club, to the Brotherhood Fund during the preceding year is qualified for a Brotherhood Fund Grant.

Grants for 2012/2013 are applied for in August/September, 2011, on a BF-2 form which can be obtained from your Regional Director or downloaded at www.ysmen.org.

PLEASE CONSIDER EXPERIENCING THE REAL INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF Y'S DOM. I HAVE BEEN TO EACH OF THESE LOCATION, TRAVEL IS EASY, MOST SPEAK ENGLISH AND THE MOVEMENTS ARE ACTIVE AND VITAL.

Let me know who is interested as quickly as possible.

(There may be partial grants for the 2012 Norway Youth Convocation later.)

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CHECKING OUT WWW.YSMEN.ORG

Have you visited the international website recently? It's updated almost every day. Keep up on YMI!

SAD LOSS FOR Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL

28 July 2011 - Y's Men International is deeply saddened by the loss of Mr T.M.Mathew who passed away on Saturday 24 July. His funeral was held yesterday in Ernakulam, India.



A Chartered Accountant by profession, T.M.Mathew was serving in the positions of International Treasurer and International Accounts Manager.

His dedication to Y's Men International was admired by all who worked with him and he will be greatly missed by the entire Movement. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.

2011/12 TOF-GPF SUMMARIES

5 August 2011 - Seven TOF Global Project Fund initiatives have been approved for 2011/12. Summaries of this year's approved projects are available on the TOF Global Project Fund materials downloads page.



**MIDEAST/MID-AMERICA
COMBINED REGIONAL
CONVENTION**

**Saturday, October 8, 2011
Muskegon, Michigan**

Where: Masonic Temple
396 W. Clay Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49440

When: October 8, 2011 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration: Please complete the bottom portion and mail along with \$30 (checks can be made out to "Muskegon Y Service Club") and mailed to;

George Micha
1570 Haverhill Road
Muskegon, MI 49441

Questions can be directed to George Micah
(231) 755-3956 or Hany Girgis (815) 592-8885

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New Clothes



Two men were talking not long after they had become Christians. One was a poor man from a godless background: the other was from an affluent religious environment. After each man told of his conversion, the man with the religious background asked the other, "Why do you suppose you responded the first time you heard the gospel, while so many years passed before I did?"

The poor man answered. "That's easy. Suppose someone came along and offered to give us each a brand new suit. I'd jump at the offer. My clothes are old and worn, but your closet is no doubt filled with the finest of suits. That's the way it is with salvation. You were probably satisfied with all your goodness, so it took you a long time to see the need for God's garment of righteousness offered to you through Christ. But I was deeply aware of my sinful condition and I was eager to receive forgiveness and cleansing.

All people desperately need to be saved. Isaiah said that: "all our righteousness are like filthy rags" (64:6). Those who recognize their spiritual poverty and accept the priceless gift of salvation that comes through faith in Christ are given "new clothes" of righteousness. What are you wearing?

Richard De Haan

From: East Valley Y's Men's Club, Montebello, CA --- Erick Kim, Editor and PIP



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