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EXCHANGE

A message from RD JOHN MASON was not received by the deadline for this issue, therefore I have included the new International Dues Schedule from International Secretary-General ROLANDO DALMAS. The new schedule is the result of the International Council's adoption of a new Fiscal Year for the movement. Treasurers and other club officers will want to make a special note of these changes.

Editor

## Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL DUES CALENDAR

### A) Fiscal Year 09/10 (short year - 9 months)

1st semester 01.07 to 31.12.2009

Same as before

3rd quarter 01.01 to 31.03/2010 (1st February Report)

Membership count as at: 31/01/2010

Report deadline: 10/02/2010

Payments deadline: 28/02/2010

### B) Fiscal Year 10/11 (full year - 12 months)

1st semester 01.04 to 30.09/2010 (1st August Report)

Membership count as at: 31/07/2010

Report deadline: 10/08/2010

Payments deadline: 31/08/2010

2nd semester 01.10.2010 to 31.03.2011 (1st February Report)

Membership count as at: 31/01/2011

Report deadline: 10/02/2011

Payments deadline: 28/02/2011

*Just a reminder that European style order of dates are: day/month/year.*

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News and Views from the Heartland

## MID AMERICA REGION SURVEY

At the 2009 Mid America Region Convention the Region Board authorized a team to conduct a survey of your opinions regarding conventions and other issues. As Chair of this task force I am alerting you as a member and as a club that this will be a great chance for you to participate at the Region level. We are anxious to discover attitudes and to collect ideas to improve participation at the Region level.

Regions are set up in the Constitution to assist with administrative tasks that a volunteer organization like ours cannot afford staff to provide at our headquarters: dues collection, membership monitoring, information distribution on current issues and projects, for example. In addition, to promote fellowship among members so widely situated geographically but united in purpose, commitment, and joint action, the Region offers conventions and district meetings at certain times in a club year.

We hope to discover what each one of you thinks about some of the issues affecting your club and probably most of the others as well: *convention locations, program offerings, new projects, leadership, YMCA relationships, membership, climate change issues, youth involvement*,—these are just a few suggestions to start your thinking!

**BUT—we will never know what you think unless you choose to respond to a survey.**

This survey is currently “in the works” but has space for your questions too. Please send any questions or issues you would like us to consider for inclusion in the survey. Please use e-mail or US Mail. Here are the contact sites.

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Thanks for assisting us in this first step—gathering your ideas for others to consider. Take this first step forward for the Mid America Region. Your opinions will help to determine the outcomes.

**RACHELLE REEG, Task Force Chair**

## MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECT

Have you ever considered that your work for your YMCA and your Community could well be considered as a Legacy? Well, as a matter of fact, that is exactly what each and every one of the members of the

organization called Y’s Men International and/or Y Service Club International have become.

Through the years, this organization has been able to raise money and provide services all over the World. We have indeed served our YMCA, our Community, our Country, and the World. We have made a difference in the lives of many people around us and continue to do more each year. Yes, our numbers are dwindling and the clubs are starting to wither. However, the legacy is already there and we just need to revitalize and get our neighbors to realize that we have a cause that is worth supporting.

Just as people will work for Habitat for Humanity or the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, they need to realize that they can also work to provide a service to our YMCA and the Community. Our Mid America Region has been a strong component of the Y’s Men International for a long time. We need to continue our contributions both local, Regional, National, and International.

As Regional Director Elect, I would like your help in finding a solution to our problem of dwindling numbers so that the Legacy can live on. I want to be there for you and hope that you will also be there for me in the next couple of years. In November, I will be setting out for the training for Regional Director Elect in California. It is my hope that I will be able to reach out and touch each of the clubs in our Region in some manner.

I want people to know that I am available by phone (314) 638-1441 at home or (314) 353-0439 my office as well as e-mail, [dredmond@ymcastlouis.org](mailto:dredmond@ymcastlouis.org). If anyone in the Region has a question, request, or just needs to talk, please feel free to call me. I want to be able to say that I have helped the clubs and that they have helped me.

I have been and continue to be active in my own club and have served as President and Secretary for more than just a couple of terms, I also have been the U.S. Area Corporate Secretary since 2004 (the term will end 2010) so am aware of a variety of plans out there to increase membership as well as a variety of fundraiser ideas. If I don’t know the answer to a question from any member, I will certainly find out for you. It is my belief that there is a job out there for all of us. It takes a team to build a legacy. Let’s see about continuing our service.

**DEBBIE REDMOND, RDE**

## BROTHER CLUBS

"Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things" - IP Kevin Cummings' Slogan

IP KEVIN CUMMINGS has designated November emphasis to be a month to promote International Brother Clubs (IBC). ISD-PR/PISD-IBC JOSEY JOSEPH has recently noted the following;

### What is International Brother Clubbing (IBC)?

Brother Clubbing joins in partnership and friendship with two or more Clubs (YMCs) each located in different Countries or different Regions. It is a program designed to assist Y's Men to know each other better and exchange ideas between the Y's Men's Clubs whether over the closest border or across ocean.

### How can a Club join the IBC Program?

It is very simple. Contact your Region RSD-IBC and inform them of your Club's desire to join with a partner Club and what area or region you would like to partner with. You can choose a Club if you wish. Or ask your RSD-IBC or ASD-IBC to provide you with the address with E-Mail address of the IBC Correspondent of a prospective partner Club (give the names of Countries preferred). E-mail is the most economical and fastest communication media. You can also exchange your ideas by air mail or surface mail for IBC correspondence purpose.

### What are the benefits of a Brother Club relationship ?

By using the IBC program, Y's Men can gain a greater understanding of world brotherhood. It would promote International peace. Regular communication between clubs of different countries on a

continuous basis strengthens the International scope of Y's Men movement. Since IBC is so important for the continued acceptance as an International movement, it is the responsibility of each leader to promote this program enthusiastically.

### How can Brother Clubbing be Organized?

Select a small committee of enthusiastic Club members under the leadership of a Chairman. Be sure to appoint an efficient and dedicated leader as the IBC correspondent. The committee should plan immediately the initial operation to the formation of the IBC program for the Club. As soon as the club makes a formal decision on this matter especially the names of countries preferred, the Chairman of the committee or a duly appointed IBC Correspondent can start communications. Always mark a copy of such letters to RSD-IBC and RD and DG. When two or more communications are effected between the Clubs, you can treat that the Brother Club linkup has materialized.

Now the Partner Clubs can request their RSD-IBC to recommend the case for IBC Certification. The RSD-IBC will provide the Partner Clubs with blank IBC certificate forms. The Presidents of the Partner Clubs will fill up the blank certificates and affix the signatures. The RSD will again forward these certificates (with the knowledge of ASD-IBC) to ISD-IBC for his signature. It is the responsibility of ISD-IBC to put his signature on these Certificates and forward the same to RSD-IBC or even can send one certificate each to each Partner Club President. ISD-IBC will also officially inform the details of this IBC linkup to the IBC official Directory for final Registration at the IHQ.

### TRIANGLE IBC - QUADRANGLE IBC

If the two partner Clubs invite a third Club in to their partnership, & if it is effected, such a relation is known as a Triangle - IBC. If the 3 Partner Clubs of a Triangle IBC invite 4th Club and create relation, such linkup relationship is known as Quadrangle - IBC relationship.

### How can the Relationship be maintained?

Once the Registration of the partnership is made, it is the responsibility of the partner Clubs to safeguard and maintain the relationship by frequent correspondence, exchange of Club Bulletins, District News letters, Regional Publications, Photographs of various Club functions, Service Projects etc. Members having same or similar professions of the Partner Clubs can exchange their topic of interest using electronic media. Occasionally they can make mutual visits to the country of the Partner Clubs. The Partner clubs

From the Y'S EM UP - Gardena Valley Y's Men's Club bulletin:

"BILL WARD, PIP and US Area PAP, had exploratory surgery and stomach cancer was discovered. Time will tell what options and expectations lie ahead ..."

Prayers are invited for Bill, Donna and the family. Cards may be directed to Bill at:

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country or both using this IBC relationship. In addition the Partner Clubs in different countries can exchange youth/lings students by Youth Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) which helps at developing the bonds of IBC relationship effectively. In nutshell, to find out ways and means to maintain the everlasting and interesting IBC relationship with the Partner Club are basically on their own.

#### Concerns;

Lack of effective communication between the Regional Directors of different Areas in Y's dom affects the smooth communication on this subject. Also lack of motivation from the RDs to the ASDs and RSDs results negative effect on the functioning of the respective Service Directors. As per the IBC Directory published by the IHQ, we now have about 1500 Club Partnership with 50 Countries participating in the Brother Club Program. The alarming situation here is that, most of the relations are either defunct or non-responsive. November being the emphasis month for the promotion of IBC, sincere and dedicated leaders at all levels are requested to take effective steps to promote this IBC program through your own home Club. ASDs-IBC and RSDs-IBC may organize a special drive to provide email addresses of Clubs in other Countries/Regions to local Clubs so as to enable them to begin communication immediately.

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### CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

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people to Him." (II Corinthians 5:19) Each individual who calls Christ "Lord" has the responsibility of assisting, helping, prompting others to hear the message of reconciliation. This is the work that God, through Christ, has given us clergy and lay; to prayerfully minister to and lead others to a point of discipleship and/or renewed commitment to the Kingdom of God. We, clergy and lay, become "ambassadors for Christ," telling others of the excellent possibility for hope and renewal.

Submitted by CARL E. MILES, RDE - CE

\*\*\* Mosaic fragment with image of Saint Paul the Apostle -- ca 799 -- restored 1625 -- currently in the Vatican Museum.

### INDIANAPOLIS INNER-CITY Y'S MEN'S... NEWS NOTES!

Recent programs of the Indianapolis Club have included a presentation on October 14 by JOE ZELINKA, who organizes and leads a group which, under the auspices of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, visits and prays at sites in the Indianapolis metropolitan area where homicides have occurred.

On October 21, MIKE TERRY, the President and CEO of our Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation ("Indy Go"), was our speaker.

On October 28, CLIFF CHAPMAN, Conservation Director of the Central Indiana Land Trust, presented the purpose and work of the Land Trust in preserving central Indiana habitat in perpetuity. The Land Trust presently has 3,132 acres protected. Cliff informed us of a special wetland area which is a part of our YMCA Flat Rock River Camp at the Ruth Lilly Outdoor Center and which is home to three very rare plant species.

The YMCA Week of Prayer & World Fellowship will be observed with a luncheon meeting on November 18. REV. TANYA V. BECK, an Episcopal pastor, will address the World YMCA theme, Striving for Global Citizenship for All, and more particularly inform us about work of which she has been a part in Haiti.

The club continues on a regular basis to obtain suitable snack food, reading material and personal care items which are packaged by our club embers and sent to American military personnel in Iraq.

We continue to pursue the possibility of establishing a new club or new clubs in one or more of our YMCA of Greater Indianapolis branches.

Submitted by DAVID REES, Club Correspondent

### HOT SPRINGS, AR Y SERVICE CLUB

This club is still working on getting chartered. Its most recent task was to help run the "Halloween House" which was part of the Halloween at the YMCA. The house was constructed by Y Adventure Guides, but because they have children with all the activities centered about Halloween, they were unable to provide leadership that night. STEPHEN EZELLE brought 3 guests to pitch in. Over 450 kids went through the house. Admission was answering a Halloween Riddle. One of them was: "Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts."

Submitted by FRED LEONARD, Club Correspondent

## B.R. Ryall Y Service Club

BENNO & TIPPI FRIEDRICH attended the Region Convention and enjoyed it a great deal and got some good ideas from it. It was also good to see old friends.

We have started our program year with two great programs open to the public. Our September program was given by a man who hiked the entire Appalachian Trail from south to north over several months. His story and that of the people he met along the way made for an inspiring evening. Our October program was a costumed lady posing as Mistress Stacy owner of an inn built in the 1840's and now a historical museum, talking about her life in those days. We attracted many people who were not familiar with our movement. The November meeting will be about World Service and youth. Representatives from the YMCA of the USA will speak.

Our Christmas Fannie May candy sale will kick off next week.

This is our major fund raiser each year.

Best wishes from us to the whole Region!

Submitted by BENNO FRIEDRICH.

CARONDELET Y SERVICE CLUB

**Words to the Y's**

### We're Moving!

The Carondelet Y Service Club is moving to a new location! If you have visited our historic YMCA built in 1925, you will realize that this is an adventure beyond all. Of course, our YMCA is moving and so we move along with it.

The City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry invited the YMCA of Greater St. Louis about five years ago to consider managing this new facility while plans were being made for its construction. This Carondelet Park RecPlex is a state of the art family health and wellness resource in our section of the city. This remarkable 76,000 square foot site will feature indoor and outdoor pools, a two-court gym, elevated track, and plenty of meeting space for our various adult and senior programs and our youth and teen activities.

As our Y Service Club enters its thirty-first year, we are invited to remain strong partners with the YMCA in service, both financially and personally. We have watched its "rising from the ground up" and keep imagining how it will feel to be in such a new space. The historic site will remain available for the preparations for the YMCA Book Fair, our premiere contribution to the YMCA in Carondelet and in St. Louis. We have now an encouraging opportunity to seek new volunteers to join us in service to our YMCA and community.

Our club's November meeting will occur at the RecPlex even before its formal opening on November 19. We have a good connection: DAN SCHULZE, our current Executive Director and a faithful and supportive club member, will be managing this new facility.

Don't get too close! Our buttons are popping off because we are so proud to share in this new adventure appearing on the horizon!

Submitted by RACHELLE REEG, Club Correspondent

## NAPERVILLE Y'S MEN AND WOMEN'S CLUB

A couple of years ago Naperville Y's Men and Women's Club Secretary/Treasurer, AUDREY BUECHE, telephoned ARIANI FRIEDL to discuss creating a Golden Book Memorial Tribute for her late husband, JOEL FRIEDL. After a few minutes pause, Ariani said that she herself had never been put in the Golden Book. I couldn't believe it but a call to JUNIOR FISCHER verified her statement. Needless to say, the club agreed that we could not put Joel in before doing a tribute for Ariani. It is embarrassing that it has taken so long to do it!

Planning a time to present the Tributes to Ariani proved to be a challenge too. Audrey's back surgery has her home bound and Ariani had to go back to work to pay for special assessment due to building water problem.

Sunday, October 18th. Ariani came to the Bueches so we decided to present the tributes to her then even though couldn't reach folks to come over.

Former club president, RICH GARDNER, was there so he took the picture of Audrey and CHUCK BUECHE presenting the GOLDEN BOOK tributes to ARIANI BRENNER FRIEDL.

Submitted by Audrey Bueche, Secretary



# CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

The New Reconciliation in Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians -- A Ministry of Reconciliation

11 *Corinthians 5:16-20* is about restorations. It is about restoring relationships. First, the restoring of relationships between God and humankind. Secondly, the restoring of relationships between individuals. This passage is also about our call to ministry, as it was for Paul the Apostle. It is about our response to Paul's appeal for the act of ministry. That act is to witness to others how God has restored and reconciled our lives. That act is to witness to others how God has restored and reconciled our lives. To be reconciled means to overcome some form of brokenness. In this passage, Paul the Apostle is referring to the relationship between God and humanity. Paul reminds the Corinthians of what God has already done. "For God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (*II Corinthians 5:19*) NRSV

This passage underscores humanity's deepest need for love and forgiveness. God demonstrates the capacity to meet those needs today as He did nearly two thousand years ago. He sent His son, Jesus the Christ, into the world to challenge and defeat loneliness, brokenness, alienation and separation. This passage reminds us today that no matter how separated we may be from God, God has already done what is necessary in order to bring us together. It is in the act of atonement, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we are give an opportunity to be at one with the Father. That is the heart of the message of reconciliation. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." (*John 3:16*) Because of this astounding act, we are not separated from God, but rather united.

We are not disenfranchised, we are full partners in the grace and goodness of God. That is a wonderful revelation.

But our response to the revelation should not end there. Our acceptance carries with it some responsibility. Paul the Apostle says, "...and God has given us the task of reconciling

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