

Y's Men's Mideast Region Newsletter

October 2008.....Have a nice Fall.....Produced in Findlay, Ohio

--From the Regional Director, **Mike Sodini** : “The biggest item of ‘change’ on the Mid East Regional Director’s desk is the October 24 kick-off of the Malaria Project. This is real change. Y’s Men’s clubs all over the world are participating in the fundraiser. Y’s Men’s International has been chosen by the United Nations to help spearhead this project. The goal: to raise money for treated mosquito nets for malaria-infested areas of Central Africa. Each kit is only \$7.50 and has been demonstrated to by the World Health Organization (WHO) to be effective. And now the UN is looking to Y’s Men’s clubs to raise the money.

“This is an opportunity for us to fulfill our membership pledge of being ‘world-minded, as well as for clubs in the Mid East Region for real change. Let’s make this more than just another fundraiser, but a chance to reach outside of our clubs. Why not reach out to your neighbors or the members of your Y? We may be able to attract people who would have never known about Y’s-dom. This is a real win-win. Let me know what you think. There are promotional items available. We can really make a difference.”

“Y’sly Yours, **Mike Sodini**, Mideast Regional Director ”

Club Reports :

Cincinnati Melrose – Recently contributed \$500 to their Y’s Sustaining Campaign. Hold a Prayer Breakfast and do a Stay-at-Home Tea Project, in which they share prayers and have tea with friends. The club also contributes to TOF, BF and ASF. Currently at 13 club members.

Columbus Hilltop – Are hosting their annual Fish Fry on November 3, and are already making plans for their Christmas tree lot where they will receive the assistance of the Indian Guides (one of the oldest ongoing YMCA programs along with Y’s Men).

East Lansing-Parkwood – The club was pictured in the Y’s Alliance this past year. They donated \$50,000 to the Y Capital fund Campaign. Plan to hand over control of their club to the YMCA in East Lansing due to dwindling manpower for work projects, which includes the cleanup of Spartan Stadium after home games.

Findlay – Hosting their annual Election Night Pancake Supper on November 4. Upcoming projects include Fruit and Grapefruit Sale at Christmas, followed by the annual Good Friday Breakfast. The club contributes to TOF, ASF, BF and EF, and also plans to provide two youth memberships in addition to the two provided last spring. All this from a club of 8 members.

Grand Rapids-Kent – Gives to kids who need money to go to camp. Work as greeters at the “Parade of Homes” in Grand Rapids..

Grand Rapids Service Club – A big supporter of the Y’s camp.

Muskegon-Noon – Made \$30,000 from their annual White Elephant Sale last year and support their YMCA camp very generously.

Saginaw – no report.

Toledo West – no report.

Toledo Central – no report.

--From the Regional Treasurer, **Bernard “Bernie” Marshall** : Regional dues are (past) due, so please send to **Bernie** ASAP if you are tardy. Much appreciated! There is currently a bit over \$8,000 in the Regional Treasury, but dues must be paid to allow expenditures and giving.

--From the Regional Director of Christian Emphasis, **Jerome Gray** : “Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.” **Proverbs 8:6**
In these days of peril and distress we can take comfort in knowing who truly leads us.

Note – The Regional Convention for Summer of 2009 will again be held at Bear Creek Farms on September 26.

*That concludes my 9th newsletter. I apologize for any mistakes or omissions. Take five minutes and submit a blurb for newsletter #10 (or nudge someone from one of our brother clubs who did not report). **Ron Ammons**, Findlay Club (est.1948), rdckammo@aol.com