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“ Serving Washington; Oregon; Idaho; Montana; Wyoming; Alaska; and British Columbia”

“TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT”

Web sites: Y's Men International: www.ysmen.org

US Area Y's Men: www.ysmenu.com

OUR PURPOSE

... to be a worldwide fellowship of men and women of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and with a common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian Association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind.

Our Objectives

- 1.** To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA and youth.
- 2.** To support other worthy organizations.
- 3.** To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.

- 4.** To keep members informed on, and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
- 5.** To cultivate good fellowship.
- 6.** To support International, Area and Regional projects of Y's dom.

RD NOTES

Dear Fellow Y Service Club Men & Ladies,

It is a great honor to once again serve as your Regional Director. I am looking forward to the journey. As Regional Director I am one of nine Regional Directors in the USA. We are the administrators of our regions and are members of the US Area Council, and are responsible for setting policy and casting votes on behalf of our respective Regions. That is why it is important for you to share with me any of your concerns. Thanks to my capable predecessor, **Harold Spilde**, the Region is in pretty good shape. Of course we continue the struggle with membership which seems to be an ongoing process.

We are still trying to form two new clubs in Washington State. That is my immediate goal, to bring this effort to fruition with the help of my team members. We have a great team of Service Directors.

I've just returned from the US Area Council Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas, hosted by Past US Area President **Fred Leonard** and current **AP Phil Sammer**. While there we were privileged to witness the chartering of a new club in Hot Springs. Congratulations to CP Fred Leonard and the new Hot Springs Y Service Club.

I will send out a report on the US Area Council Meeting once I have received the minutes from our US Area Secretary.

Thank you again for your confidence in me to be your leader over the next two years. I will do my best and I ask for your help along the way-*Lee*

Membership and RD Challenge

Our membership stats have just come in and as of August 1, our region has ninety three members including four youth members. I would like to issue a challenge for each club to recruit at least two new members by the end of this year. If each member would ask a friend to attend a meeting and buy them a meal, I'm sure we could reach this goal. We could then report an increase in membership at next reporting time and also get us up and over the one hundred mark. Thanks.

Regional Convention

Thank you all who supported and attended the Regional Convention in June, in Bellevue, Washington

The attendance was good with all clubs represented. As you know it was hosted by the Seattle Downtown/Metrocenter Y Service Club with assistance in planning from the Meredith Matthews East Madison Seattle Y Service Club.

At the Business Meeting portion of the convention it was decided to continue with the Roll Back Malaria Project; a discussion was held about changing the conventions to every other year but it was majority vote to continue with annual conventions. We also approved a decision to raise dues by \$ 10.00 per year due largely to the exchange rate with the Swiss Franc. The Region has been subsidizing this shortage for a few years.

Our lunch time speaker was **Dale Hoover** from the Meals on Wheels program for which the US Area of Y Service Clubs is involved. Dale spoke of the many services they offer, most notably meals delivered to seniors.

Saturday afternoon we car pooled to the new Coal Creek Y where we given a tour of that facility and were able to speak with some of the staff members about a possible new Y Service Club. Follow up will be done.

Our keynote speaker for Saturday evening was **Stanton Brown** of the MMEM Seattle Y Service Club. Stan is a long time member and current treasurer of that club. He spoke of a project he is very involved with in providing water treatment to parts of Mexico.

Among the many awards presented during the convention were the Carl Greider award to the Great Falls Y Service Club; two Golden Book recipients- **Cliff Lawrence** of Salem and **Mae Wing** of Helena. **Lee Woodard** was presented the Joe Carson Award. For a complete list of the awards, please contact **Wayne smith** or Lee Woodard.

One important fact which deserves mention and was forgotten at the convention, the Seattle Downtown/Metrocenter Y Service Club is celebrating their fifty-fifth year of continuing service having been chartered in on February 11,1955!!

Christian Emphasis

A dear friend passed away this month. At her memorial service her family shared that my friend had prayed the Prayer of Fortitude daily. It was in a prayer book she had received as a graduation present from nursing school in 1968 at the age of 41.

May it bless you as it blessed her all of these years.

Prayer of Fortitude
by Phillip Brooks

O God, give me strength to live another day, let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties.

Let me not lose faith in my fellow men.

Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness.

Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them.

Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity.

Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things.

Grant me this day some new vision of Thy truth, inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(If anyone out there has any other prayers with a special story I would appreciate them sharing them with me. Marthetta Severson, RSD Christian Emphasis)

Dollars For Scholars

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by Hans Leistina, RSD - Alex Fund

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Please help me to get a whole bunch of names, by way of Christmas Greetings, into the December 2010 issue of Y's Alliance.

It costs just \$10.00 to have your name published. Make check payable to:

Y's Men International - US Area

and notate it:

"Dollars for Scholars"

Mail your check, ASAP, to:

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I will keep careful accounting of all names and contributions.

If contribution checks are from the Club Bank Account - please be sure to attach a list of the names.

These monies are used to assist

YMCA employees in the USA to obtain additional education. The maximum pay out per application, per year, is \$500.00. Last year, the average pay out was \$333.00.

Please send me a \$10.00 check now while you still have the money!! Thank you, Hans

(Note: If you receive a Pacific Northwester but you do not belong to the Pacific NW Region, you may still send me your \$10.00 check for processing. Ha!!)

YMCA News

YMCA Rebranding:

The YMCA has reinvented itself by introducing a new logo and will now be known simply as the Y. This is keeping in line with a shift in focus from simply a place to swim and work out to one of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. How fitting with the shifting of our own identity away from the Y's Men's Club to the Y Service Club.

It is worth noting as well, that all clubs in the Pacific Northwest Region are now officially known as Y Service Clubs.

Lee Woodard, RD

Board Meeting

The PNWR Board Meeting was held in Spokane, Wa. on April 10, at the new Central YMCA/YWCA. This is a beautiful facility and the only combination YMCA/YWCA in the country. Having the meeting in Spokane gave us the opportunity of meeting Retired Y Executive **Dan Crockett** who is trying to start a Y Service Club. Dan sat in on most of our meeting and hopefully now he has a better idea of whom and what we are. We were also fortunate to be welcomed by VP of Operations **Stephen Jurich**. We had a very good attendance with all of our clubs represented.

Among the items discussed at the meeting were the dues and how they relate to the currency exchange

between the US and our International Headquarters in Switzerland.

We also discussed the idea of holding our Regional conventions every other year rather than yearly. This may be discussed and offered for a vote of the membership at the convention.

New Leadership Team

Please be sure to note the Team Roster at the end of this newsletter. July 1 is when new leaders begin their term and we are pleased to have many new leaders not only at the Regional level but Area and Internationally as well. We are also grateful that several have answered the call to continue with the great service for which they are known.

Upcoming Events

Inter Mountain District Conference
Hosted by Helena Y Service Club
August 21, 2010 11:00 AM

Cascade District Conference
Hosted by Salem Y Service Club
September 18, 2010

US Area Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
July 7-10, 2011

International Convention
Stavanger, Norway
2012

Christian Emphasis Months of IP Fujii 2010-2011

<u>JULY</u>	ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND/ ENDOWEMENT FUND
<u>AUGUST</u> -	YOUTH EDUCATION EXCHANGE/ STEP
<u>SEPTEMBER-</u>	MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
<u>OCTOBER-</u>	EXTENSION/ Y.E.S.
<u>NOVEMBER-</u>	INTERNATIONAL BROTHER CLUBS
<u>DECEMBER-</u>	CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS
<u>JANUARY-</u>	BROTHERHOOD FUND
<u>FEBRUARY-</u>	TIME OF FAST
<u>MARCH-</u>	COMMUNITY SERVICE
<u>APRIL-</u>	YMCA LIASION/PUBLIC RELATIONS
<u>MAY-</u>	LEADERSHIP TRAINING & ORGANIZATION/ FORWARD PLAN
<u>JUNE-</u>	EVALUATION & TAKING OVER

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