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

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

Regional Director Message:



Received e-mail from International, all dues paid by PNW region clubs. Thank you to all the clubs for taking care of your October reports on time.

Y's Men's World has an article on Roll Back Malaria. As I remember clubs can donate to this project from October 24-March 30 2009, with the U.S. Area. The money will buy mosquito nets at a cost of \$7.50 each. An article also was in the Y's Alliance.

Nice article in the Y's Men's World about the project the Great Falls club is a part of FISH.

NEW PROGRAM FROM Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL:

YES (Y's Extention Support Fund) It is a new program and will not have any effect on the Time of Fast, Endowment Fund, Brotherhood Fund. I will be mailing club presidents the info from the International Council meeting minutes about this program.

Harold Spilde Jr. RD

(8) ROLL BACK MALARIA

Now, Y's Men International has again taken up another UN Project, without replacing the already existing HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme. YMI has become a global partner of ROLL BACK MALARIA, along with other organizations, and will assist in the implementation of this Project in a country in Africa . YMI will collect U.S. \$ 150,000 cost of 20,000 packages containing insecticide – treated nets and insecticide re-treatment nets, immunizations, Vitamin A (or Multiple Micronutrient supplementation) and anti-Malaria “blister packs” for managing fever at home.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING FUNDS FOR “ROLL BACK MALARIA”

Some confusion has arisen regarding how to handle the funds for the “Roll Back Malaria” project. This procedure is designed to try to clarify that confusion. In general, funds will be forwarded to **Dave Craytor**, US Area CFO, and he will send them on to Geneva. He will receive funds and maintain records by clubs and regions so that appropriate recognition can be given.

Since no RSD exists for this project, clubs could send their contributions to their Regional Treasurer or

directly to Dave. Regional Directors should make that choice for their region and communicate his/her direction to Region Team, club presidents and members.

Contributions given to the US Area are tax deductible if given in the proper manner. Checks should be prepared with the Payee recorded as Y's Men International - US Area. Then the memo line should be filled in with Malaria Project or Roll Back Malaria. These checks must be forwarded intact to Dave Craytor, US Area CFO
12405 W. Lewis Ave.

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Checks will be deposited in the US Area bank account and forwarded to Geneva in another check. Contribution checks should be forwarded to Dave promptly so that donors do not have to wait for checks to clear. Personal checks for more than \$250 will be acknowledged individually for tax purposes.

If you have any questions re: this procedure, contact either Fred Leonard,

fleonard@cableynx.com or Dave Craytor, dcraytor@cox.net.



Upcoming Events

PNWR Board Meeting
April 2009 time and place to be announced

PNW Convention
June 12-14, 2009 Heritage Inn
Heritage Inn, Great Falls, MT



One Dozen Soccer Balls shipped to Uganda in October 2008.

During October 2008, Hans Leistina shipped one dozen Adidas size #4 soccer balls to the new Jinja YMCA Soccer Academy. This Adidas Finale Capitano Ball Indigo and Rave Green was created by Adidas to honor the World's premier Club Competition - the UEFA Champions League. Rave Green calls to mind the lush field on match night. Indigo is the color of the night sky above that field.

Sincere thanks go to our Salem and Helena Clubs for making these balls available to the Jinja YMCA Soccer Academy organized by our friend Lambert Okure Drata, the Executive Director of the Jinja YMCA and Y's Man District Governor.

The Salem Club donated \$200.00 for the balls and the Helena Club gave \$100.00 toward the Express Mail Costs. The shipment of six balls, on October 17th, reached the Jinja YMCA in six days - a record transit time.

This ball is a multi-surface ball for all weather and field conditions. The Cover has 32 panels of machine-stitched TPU with nylon-wound carcass for soft touch and durability. **Butyl Bladder** for air retention.

Hans Leistina, RSD Community Service

SEATTLE DOWNTOWN CLUB FORMS NEW BROTHER CLUB RELATIONSHIP

On the evening of Friday, August 28, 2008, members of the Seattle Downtown/MetroCenter Y's Men's Club, **CP Sharon Meadows** and **PRD Lee Woodard**, joined with members of the Kobe Port Y's Men's Club (Japan West) to form a new International Brother Club relationship. This special event culminated several months of correspondence and planning between Seattle President Sharon Meadows and Kobe Port member, **Reverend Yukio Yamasaki**. Making this link especially poignant is the fact that Seattle, WA is the official Sister City of Kobe, Japan, and the Seattle Downtown YMCA is a brother to the Kobe YMCA. The meeting was held at Ivar's Acres of Clams on the waterfront in Downtown Seattle.

Three other members of the Kobe Port Club, **CP Ohno Ben Tsutomu**, **RDE Seiya Suzuki**, and **Toshio Hosomi** accompanied Reverend Yukio along with **Fumiko Nagamura** and **Seiko Masuda** on the trip to Seattle, after a brief stop in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Joining the Seattle Club in welcoming our Kobe Brothers were **DG Wayne Smith** and **Grace Smith** of the Yakima Y's Men's Club. After dinner and an entertaining time of getting acquainted, **RDE Seiya Suzuki** presented the IBC Certificates for mutual signing, and the new brother club link was formed. **Seiya** made a special trip to Thailand to meet with IBC Director **Wichian Boonamapajorn** after the International Convention in Denmark to get his signatures on the documents.

While in Seattle, with the help of **Sue and Don Bird**, volunteers in the YMCA Youth exchange program, YMCA of Greater Seattle President & CEO, **Bob Gilbertson** along with **Greg Whitney** of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, **Josh Sutton** and **Samantha Bowes** of the Fauntleroy YMCA, a lively tour program was arranged for the group. Upon arriving in Seattle Thursday afternoon, they were met by Bob Gilbertson and Greg Whitney for lunch, tours of the historic Downtown Seattle YMCA, and Pioneer Square. On Friday, the visitors saw the Space Needle, Seattle Center, Pike Place Market, and took a ferry trip to Bainbridge Island. The tours on Saturday started early, with a visit to the Arboretum, the Museum of History and Industry, and a walk on Foster Island, then on to the Hiram Chittenden Locks.

That evening, Sue and Don Bird hosted a delightful dinner in their home overlooking Puget Sound attended by several others who have participated in visits to Kobe through the YMCA Youth Exchange Program. After church on Sunday, the visitors attended a Seattle Mariners baseball game, where their favorite player, Ichiro helped bring a win to the team. After the game, Yukio and Toshio met with some of their other friends, the ladies returned to the Bird's home, and Lee and Sharon picked Ben and Seiya up to run some last minute errands and to go to dinner before heading to the airport for their trip back to Japan later that evening.

The visit of the Kobe Port Y's Men's Club members to Seattle was the beginning of a great relationship between the two clubs, and the Seattle Downtown/Metrocenter Y's Men's welcomes this new link to the International Community. The Seattle Club is also a Brother Club with Jinja, Uganda – Africa Southeast; Easton, CA – Pacific Central Region; and Inglewood, CA - Pacific Southwest Region. A new Brother Club is in the works with a club in India.

By Sharon Meadows

Emphasis Months

July	Endowment Fund
August	Public Relations
September	Extension
October	Membership Development
November	International Brother Clubs
December	Christian Emphasis
January	Leadership Training
February	Time of Fast
March	Community Service
April	Brotherhood Fund
May	Alexander Scholarship Fund
June	Step/Yeep/YouthActivities

International Brother Clubs (IBC) November

Foster International peace, world understanding (out look) and Brotherhood. Brother Clubbing joins in partnership and friendship with two or more clubs (YMCs) each located in different Countries or

Regions. It is a programme designated to assist Y's Men know each other better and exchange ideas between the Y's Men's Clubs whether over the closest border or across the seas. Regular Communication between clubs of different locations 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 / Member to promote this programme. November being the month for emphasis let us work hard to create more IBC contacts by Dual, Trangle and Qudrangle Club relations.

Christian Emphasis-December

"Based on the teachings of Jesus Christ" means that Y's Men acknowledge what Jesus Christ has taught and that the acceptance of the teachings leads Y's Men to be prepared to put His words into action. They become guidelines for Y's Men's decision making, for Y's Men's mode of operation as clubs, as an international association and for the way of life of Y's Men as individuals." Our Y's Men's events, i.e.club meetings; District events; conventions; conferences, should always open or close with some indication of our Christian Basis. At some events a church service may be appropriate to indicate that we are a Christian movement. In other cases hymn singing, "The Y's Men's Grace" or some devotional words should be included.

Leadership Training-January

The Area Service Director for Leadership Training (ASD-LT) conducts and coordinates training programs at all levels of the Area hierarchy and works closely with the corresponding Regional Service Directors. Training is provided in specific areas of responsibility as well as in general management and personal development. Materials are available to assist in all aspects of organizational operations, person-to-person skills, group dynamics, and other factors affecting service club operation.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, so often times, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever
possibly know*

*Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond
measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest
treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've
provided
And bless each and every person invited*

Amen!

--Scott Wesemann

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



I-R Toshio Hosomi;Seiya Suzuki; Ben Tsutomu; Fumiko Nagamura; and Seiko Masuda, at Ivars Restaurant on The Seattle waterfront.

Our Kobe friends standing behind Sharon Meadows; Lee Woodard; DG Wayne & Grace Smith.



Our new friends from Kobe,Japan at Ivar's Restaurant On the Seattle Waterfront, exchanging club gifts and enjoying dinner.



Our Kobe friends at the home of Don & Sue Bird in West Seattle.

Seattle DT Club President Sharon Meadows signing the Brother Club certificate.



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