

# ***THE PACIFIC NORTHWESTER***

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## **Regional Director Message**

Greetings fellow Y'sMen & Ladies. As I reported in the current issue of the Y's Alliance, all of the clubs in our region have been busy with their ongoing activities. The winter doldrums have not lessened the spirit of you, the members. We are a small region but we have a lot going on. Indeed, as spring is just around the corner, we will be looking forward to our Board Meeting on April 12 in Seattle. During the week following the Board Meeting, Sharon and I will be leaving for Pacific Grove, California to attend the Pacific Central Region's Convention, hosted by my good friend and colleague, the big guy, Buck Cox. After the convention is over, we plan on spending a couple of days in the San Francisco area. It will be my first time in San Francisco in over forty years, wonder if it's changed.....

The first part of May will see the visit of our Brotherhood Fund Delegate and his wife, from

Korea, who will be travelling throughout our region before heading down to Southern California and back home to Korea. My thanks go out once again, to our Regional Travel Coordinator Ila Steen for her hard work in planning their itinerary and the many details of such a trip. My thanks go out also to the many members who have graciously agreed to host them as they visit within our region.

In June is our own Regional Convention which will be hosted this year by the Meredith Mathews East Madison Y's Men's Club, officially know as the East Madison-Seattle Y's Men's Club. I understand they are looking into the official name change. Club President Fordie Ross and his Convention Committee led by committee chair Carl Phillips are hard at work making the arrangements. They promise a great convention for one and all.

My report would not be complete if I failed to mention the ongoing problem we and most service

clubs have-membership-or more specifically, lack of new members. Please everyone, let's talk us up. There is an excellent article in the Y's Alliance by Arlo Pannkuk, ASD for Membership & Conservation titled: Approaching Prospects for Membership. If you haven't yet read his article, please do so.

On the brighter side, there is the possibility of a new club being chartered in our region. More to follow on that.

On a personal note, I lost my dad this past December, just before Christmas. He had been in a nursing home for several months. Dad didn't exactly understand Y's Men. All he could see was that when I was away attending meetings, I was not visiting with him. I spent as much time with him as possible though, most everyday when I was home, and I am certainly glad that I got to spend that time with him.

In closing let me repeat my theme during my term as your RD: "Share the Joy of Service."

RD Lee

### Time of Fast

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Y's Men of the Pacific Northwest Region,

It is my hope that you are all in good health and spirits. For those of us who have been around, and for the benefit of new members, may I remind us that February is our designated month for donating the cost of one or more meals to Y's Men's Time of Fast. (TOF). The money is channeled through YMCA's around the globe to help children and adults in many different ways.

Schools for the blind, orphanages, and many smaller projects get funding. Historically, mini loans or grants have been given directly to families or women with children to fund small business endeavors to help feed their families. Each project must help people directly and also be approved and administered though a YMCA in their location. More recently, there has been a strong focus on the prevention and treatment of AIDS and Y's Men International is helping.

We as Y's Men and Women have elected to address the problem of AIDS through our TOF programs. To review some of these programs, go the Y's Men International web site < [www.ysmen.org](http://www.ysmen.org) > and click on Programmes, click on TOF, then TOF projects approved by ICM for 07 for 07-08. Or click on summaries.

It is, in my opinion, our human compassion and empathy for others less fortunate that motivates us to reach out and do something about their situation in relationship to our own and the Christian principles that we espouse. This is the teaching of Jesus that we find in St. Mathew chapter 26 which gives us a clear and definite directive for outreach. Please take a moment to read that passage or review it again. Then please give generously as you are able and make your gift a part of sacrificial giving apart from what your club may be doing. That way, the people who are depending on your support will receive a blessing because of your own personal caring and generosity apart from what your club's contribution.

Thank you in advance for what you may have done in the past, and for what you are about to do on behalf of others through our Time of Fast program.

Y'sly and sincerely,

Robert Sims, RSD TOF

## Brotherhood Fund Delegate to Visit

As you know we are blessed to have Brotherhood Fund Delegate Lee Jang Kyu and his wife, Lee Kye Kang, visit our Region from April 29 – May 7. They will be spending two weeks in the Pacific Central Region and attending their Regional Convention before coming to our Region. Here is the schedule of when and where they will be staying in each club.

April 29, 2:52 P.M. - arrive in Helena on Delta Flight 3933 from San Jose

April 29 -30 - Helena staying with Harvey and Ila Steen

April 30 - will be transported by auto to Great Falls in afternoon

April 30 - May 2 - Great Falls – Harold Spilde host

May 2, 7:00 A.M. - fly Alaska Air Flight 2321 from Great Falls to Yakima 11:20 A.M. - arrive in Yakima on Alaska Air Flight 2202

May 2-4, Yakima – hosted by Tony and Joyce Sagare

May 4, 11:50 A.M. – Fly Alaska Air Flight 2203 from Yakima to Seattle.

12:30 P.M. - Arrive Seattle Alaska Air Flight 2203 – hosted by Kwame Turner

May 5, 10:00 A.M. - Fly Alaska Air Flight 2631 from Seattle to Portland 10: 45 A.M. - Arrive in Portland on Alaska Air Flight 2631

May 5-7 – Salem – hosted by Delia Miller

May 7, 12:15 P.M. – Fly American Airlines Flight 8055 (operated by Horizon) from Portland to Los Angeles 2:45 P.M. – Arrive in Los Angeles (LAX)

Thanks to all of you,

Ila Steen, RTC-PNWR

## Elections:

Kevin Cummings of the Maritimes Region, Canada, has been elected International President-Elect and Phil Sammer, currently RD of the Hawaii Region, has been elected US Area President-Elect. Congratulations goes out to these two great leaders of Ysdom.

## EMPHASIS MONTHS (Revised)

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/YouthActiv

## Summary of Upcoming Emphasis Months' Programs:

### Time of Fast.

As we are currently in the month of TOF, or towards the end of it, read the above article from RSD Robert Sims. He does a very good job of explaining this very worthwhile cause-editor

### Community Service:

The second objective for a Y's Men's Club is "to support other worthy organizations". Many Y's Men's Clubs carry out service projects in the community- either directly or through the YMCA (or other organizations). Such community service is an important part of our image as an independent international service organization serving the YMCA and the community.

### Brotherhood Fund:

The Brotherhood Fund is a service project of Y'Men International to promote world fellowship between it's clubs and members, and with YMCA's throughout the world by providing grants for travel in the interest of the Y's Men movement. The Brotherhood Fund was established in 1931 as the Bishop's Fund and renamed the Brotherhood Fund in 1969. The purpose of the Brotherhood Fund is to pay part or all of travel and related costs of selected delegates attending conventions, conferences or making inter-regional visitations. Contributions have grown to over \$200,000 a year.

Any Y's man or woman in good standing and whose home club is fully paid up to date with its dues to Y's Men International for the preceding semester and whose home club has contributed at least \$5.00 per member to the Brotherhood Fund the preceding year is eligible for a Brotherhood Fund grant.

Grants for the U.S.Area usually are announced in September of each year with a November 1 deadline for application for grants.

### Regional Board Meeting:

The Board Meeting will be held on Saturday April 12, at the Seattle Downtown YMCA, 909 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, at Marion St. Attention Club Presidents and Regional Officers-Please submit your reports for the Board Meeting to Regional Secretary Ila Steen no later than March 29. She needs time to be able to assemble the hand outs for the meeting.

### Jinja, Uganda News:

Our past Brotherhood Fund Delegate, Lambert Okure Drata, was recently the recipient of several soccer balls for his YMCA. They were sent to him by our very own Hans Leistina who paid for the balls and shipping out of his own pocket. Congratulations Hans! It is not coincidental that Hans is our RSD for Community Service. There is even talk about the "Hans Leistina Soccer Academy" at YMCA Jinja. Let's all give Hans a round of applause!

### Regional Convention:

The Regional Convention will be held the weekend of June 20-22 at the Meredith Matthews YMCA, 1700 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in Seattle. As usual it will begin with a reception and hors'dorves on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday at noon. The convention committee is busy working on the details, and will have registration forms and pricing available by the board meeting. They are also working with local hotels on rates. Club President Fordie Ross promises a great time will be had by all, including a possible Seattle city and water tour on the famous "Duck" amphibious boat.

## Christian Emphasis Message

### *Joy is the Word*

*Today, whatever may annoy,  
The word for me is Joy, just simple joy;  
The joy of life;  
The joy of children and of wife;  
The joy of bright, blue skies;  
The joy of rain; the glad surprise  
Of twinkling stars that shine at night;  
The joy of winged things upon their flight;  
The joy of noonday, and the tried  
True joyousness of eventide;  
The joy off labor, and of mirth;  
The joy of air, and sea, and earth-  
The countless joys that ever flow from Him  
Whose vast beneficence doth dim  
The lustrous light of day,  
And lavish gifts divine upon our way,  
Whate'er there be of Sorrow  
I'll put off till Tomorrow,  
And when Tomorrow comes, why then  
'Twill be Today and Joy again!'*

*John Kendrick Bangs*

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
Worship the LORD with gladness; come before  
him with joyful songs.  
Psalm 100*

*(borrowed from our Salem Club's great  
newsletter with thanks.)*

### Upcoming Events:

**PNW Regional Board Meeting**  
**April 12, 2008**  
**Seattle Downtown YMCA**

**Pacific Central Regional Convention**  
**April 18—20, 2008**  
**Pacific Grove, California**

**Pacific Northwest Regional Convention**  
**June 20-22, 2008**

**Hosted by East Madison Y's Men's Club**  
**Meredith Matthews YMCA**  
**Seattle, Wa.**

**2008 International Convention**  
**July 31-August 3, 2008**  
**Herning, Denmark**

### **Deadline for next Issue:**

**April 15,2008**

### **Editors note:**

**Attn: Club Presidents; Officers; Please  
submit articles, photos, etc. about your  
club and/or activities that  
would be of interest to others.**

### Items wanted for the Silent Auction

*If you have any items that you could  
donate to the silent auction at the  
Regional Convention in  
June, please bring them to the April  
Board Meeting. Also any items for door  
prizes would be greatly appreciated.*

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