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"TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT"

FROM OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

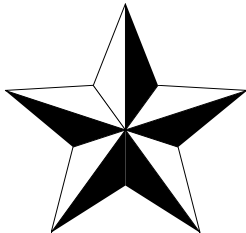
The 7th annual South Atlantic regional convention of Y's Men International was held at Lake Junaluska Convention Center in N.C., September 29 – October 1, 2007.

The attendance was good. The main speaker for the occasion was the **U.S. Area President Elect Fred Leonard**.

Knowing that the fellowship was very good, I hope you are planning to attend the 2007 USA Area Convention July 12-15, 2007, in Charleston S.C., which will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Convention Center.

Thanks

Regional Director, Clarence Lockett



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

The man whispered, “God, speak to me”, and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So the man yelled, “God, speak to me!” And the thunder and lightning rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, “God, let me see you.” And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

And the man shouted, “God, show me a miracle.” And a new life was born. But the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, “Touch me, God, and let me know you are here.” God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted...even in our electronic age. So I would like to add one more.

The man cried, “God, I need your help.” And an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement. But the man deleted it and continued crying.

The good news is that you are loved. Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Do you miss an encounter, an experience with God simply because you are too involved with daily chores and activities, even good and necessary things, to feel the touch of THE MAKER'S HAND OF LOVE.

If so, DON'T ALLOW that to continue happening in your life!

Excerpt from the convention worship service at Lake Junaluska, presented by **Tom Hartis**.



The following Regional Service Directors reported during the Regional Board Meeting on Friday, Sept. 29.

- Alexander Scholarship Fund report given by **Bobby Eagle** reported \$975.00 collected during the 2005-2006 year.
- Brotherhood Fund Director **Terry Bradley** reported a 69.9% increase in contributions for the year for a total of \$1,698.00.
- Community Service/Public Relations Director **C.C. Kurtz** indicated the difficulty of maintaining an effective public relations campaign without reports from the clubs in the region. PLEASE SEND IN REPORTS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES TO C.C.
- Extension Director **Charles Johnson** reported a very good possibility of chartering a new club in Raleigh, N.C. Discussions will continue in that city with Y Officials.
- Membership and Conversation Director, **Terry Bradley** indicated that membership is down. We need to face up to this fact. He

stressed that we need to continue to with emphasis on membership.

- Regional Bulletin Director, **Linda Michael** indicated that bulletins are forthcoming. We need to get information to Linda on club activity.
- YMCA LIAISON, **Jamie Morgan** reported that there have been many changes in the YMCA culture over the past few years. We must adjust to these changes.
- **Terry Bradley**, Chairman of the US Area Convention 2007 gave a progress report on the planning process. Some decisions have been made. The work continues. We are emphatically reminded that this host responsibility is not his and Bobby's alone, but the entire South Atlantic Region.

US Areas President Elect, Fred Leonard presented a message "The Handwriting on the Wall" based on the book **Who Moved My Cheese.**



Convention delegates were asked to participate by selecting one of the 7 ideas that Haw learned from his journey in the maze and relating it to our life experiences.

1. Having cheese makes you happy.
2. The more important cheese is to you, the more you want to keep it.
3. What would you do if you weren't afraid.
4. Smell the cheese often so you know when it is getting old.
5. When you move beyond your fear, you feel free.
6. When you change what you believe, you change what you do!
7. Be ready to change quickly and enjoy it, again and again. *They keep moving the cheese.*

Basic objective: Exploring ways Y'Mens clubs need to change. Changes in technology and service needs are multi-faceted and overtaking us quickly. How can we apply the above ideas to tailor our programs, recruit younger members, and establish new clubs.



Jamie Morgan, YMCA Liaison, related several ways the YMCA's are addressing the decline in fitness of our youth.

After citing statistics that indicate that for the first time in the history of America, this generation will not live as long as their parents, he described the "YMCA Activate America" program.

The Y's are partnering with local hospitals to sponsor healthy activities for after school programs.

He explained the importance of the "Invest in Youth Program." He encouraged our clubs to continue to support this program by continuing their fundraising projects. The needs are becoming more demanding.

In conclusion, he stressed that Y Service Clubs need to build relationships with Y executives. Find out what's important to the YMCA and give support to those goals.

CHARACTER CANNOT BE DEVELOPED IN EASE. ONLY THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF TRIAL CAN THE SOUL BE STRENGTHENED, AMBITION INSPIRED AND SUCCESS ACHIEVED. Helen Keller



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL - 2007 U.S.A. AREA CONVENTION
JULY 12, 13, 14, 15, 2007-EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State/Province: _____
 Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Region: _____ Club Name: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Last Name, Given Name	How you want your name on badge.	Y's Man ?	Y's Menette?	Spouse/Guest?	Youth /Age

Please Indicate

	Yes	No	
First USA Area Convention	_____	_____	
2007 Brotherhood Fund Delegate	_____	_____	Country _____
Area Officer	_____	_____	Office _____
YMCA Staff	_____	_____	Position _____
International Guest	_____	_____	Position _____
Please specify special needs (medical, wheelchair, dietary restrictions, allergies, etc.): _____			

Transportation

	Yes	No	
Car	_____	_____	
Air	_____	_____	If yes: Airline _____ Flight # _____ Arrival Time _____ Meet at baggage claim for transportation needs
			Departure Time _____

Registration fee (not including hotel): 5 Meals, Entertainment, Middleton Plantation Dinner and Tour

– Deadline June 20, 2007

Full Registration \$285.00 per adult x _____ = \$ _____

Late Registration \$300.00 per adult x _____ = \$ _____

Youth Registration \$175.00 per child (ages 1-12) x _____ = \$ _____

Middleton Plantation Dinner and Tour Only for non-registered persons- \$100.00 per adult or \$90.00 per child under 12. This is part of registration fee if you register for convention.

Additional Events

Golf –Yes, I am interested-----. If interested, we are playing on Thursday morning July 12, please contact Jamie Morgan at 704-216-9622 W or 704-213-3339 C, Jamie Morgan% YMCA of Rowan County, 503Faith Road, Salisbury, N.C. 28146 for more information.

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Saturday Afternoon

Runs Concurrently (choose only one option)

Options	Description	Cost
1	The Aquarium Tour – The rate includes roundtrip transportation, admissions, taxes and gratuity.	\$35.00 Adult \$30.00 Children
2	Patriots Point Tour –Naval Museum. The rate includes round-trip transportation, a privately guided tour, admission, tax and gratuity.	\$35.00 Adult \$30.00 Children
3	Fort Sumter Tour - The rate includes round-trip transportation, a privately guided tour, admission, tax and gratuity.	\$35.00 Adult \$30.00 Children
4	Charleston Tour and Shopping - The rate includes round-trip transportation, a privately guided tour, admission to one historic house museum, shopping time in the market, tax and gratuity.	\$32.00 Adult \$28.00 Children

Option #1	\$35.00 per adult x _____ = \$_____	\$30.00 per child under 12 x _____ = \$_____
Option #2	\$35.00 per adult x _____ = \$_____	\$30.00 per child under 12 x _____ = \$_____
Option #3	\$35.00 per adult x _____ = \$_____	\$30.00 per child under 12 x _____ = \$_____
Option #4	\$32.00 per adult x _____ = \$_____	\$28.00 per child under 12 x _____ = \$_____

Make payment (check or money order) to:
“ Y’s Men Convention 2007”

Please mail registration form and check to:
2007 Convention
% David Roberts
309 North Zion Street
Landis, N.C. 28088, U.S.A.
Phone 704-857-3800

For more information, contact Terry Bradley @ 704-857-3206
E-mail: scbradley1@aol.com
Web site-www.ysmenusa.com and click on convention.

Total Registration with Special Events \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Hotel Information:

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

Please contact: Embassy Suites Hotel Airport/Convention Center

5055 International Boulevard

North Charleston, S.C. 29418

Phone: 843-747-1882 Fax: 843-747-1895

Specify to reservation personnel: Y's Men International
Deadline June 12, 2007!!!

Room rates per night: Single/\$129; Double/\$129; Triple/\$139; Quad /\$159

Current rates do not include sales and occupancy taxes.

Make Charleston a vacation/convention, as these rates are good 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention. This rate includes a fully cooked breakfast each morning at the hotel. Breakfast hours in the restaurant are 6-9 am weekdays and 7-10:30 am on weekends. Each room is a two room suite with either a king or two double beds, queen sleeper with pull out sofa, two remote televisions, wet bar/microwave, coffee maker, dining room table, iron, hair dryer, mini-refrigerator, and other amenities. The hotel is located two miles from Charleston International Airport. The hotel provides shuttle service, and we will also have Y's Men available for specific times.

Check in time is 3:00 PM and checkout is 12:00 noon

Convention opening begins at 3:00 PM on July12.



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL – U.S.A. AREA CONVENTION

July 12 – 15, 2007

**Embassy Suites Hotel/Convention Center
Charleston, South Carolina**

The South Atlantic Region is proud to be the host for the 2007 Y's Men International/U.S.A. Area Convention in beautiful, historic Charleston, South Carolina.

Charleston offers a variety of activities for all ages from the beach, history, ghost tours, plantation tours, the state aquarium, museums, excellent dining, and many shopping areas. Charleston is well known for its history and its hospitality. Come early and enjoy the area as we will receive the same hotel rate 3 days before the convention as well as 3 days after. The quote we have is \$129.00 per night, plus tax, which includes a fully cooked breakfast each morning at the hotel's restaurant. Each room is a two room suite with either a king or two double beds, queen sleeper with a pull out sofa, two remove televisions, wet bar/microwave ovens, coffee maker, dining room table, iron, hair dryer, mini refrigerator, and other amenities. The hotel provides shuttle service from the airport, which is only two miles from the hotel.

Come and join the South Atlantic Region in 2007 and enjoy the Southern hospitality, the tours, the Middleton Plantation, and the fellowship.

Terry Bradley, Convention Chair

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