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**A NEWSLETTER FOR THE Y'S MEN OF THE TORRANCE SOUTH BAY YMCA
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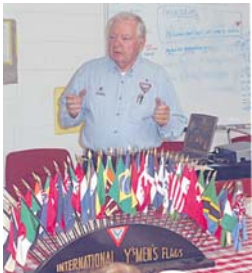
KARL WALTHER PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2005

LEONARD KASARI EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lotte and I are preparing for the PSWR



Convention Sept. 23rd-25th. On the way to San Diego/Del Mar we plan to stop and see Bonnie Testerman. In total four of our members are attending the convention, and I'll give a brief report next month.

At the last business meeting the club finalized the tree order for 2005 and the order has been sent to the grower. We changed the mix slightly, otherwise the order is the same as last year. The Tree Lot Chairmen met with the Club Treasurer and reviewed our plans for the lot set-up and operation. We intend to depart from tradition and plan in advance of the first set-up day. We'll see if we like that better than the old way.

We continue to work on a tree lot manual, and are using the information we collected last year as a basis for the planning, as well as some new job descriptions and task descriptions.

Our big annual project begins next month, and we need all club members to participate the first two days – we should get the lot set up in two days. The tents are ordered and will be up in early November. With Thanksgiving early this year we have to think about our tree drop

schedule – we will discuss this at the next two meetings. We have other issues to resolve, and I welcome the member's input at our next meeting. The next two important dates are:

Oct. 8th: First Set-up day for Tree Lot.
Oct 15th. Second set-up day, then additional Saturdays until completed.
Dec 1st. Tree lot opens for business

That's all Folks.....

Karl

Minutes for July 27th, August 3rd & 27th meetings are unavailable due to a computer breakdown. They will be printed as soon as they become available.

Torrance Y's Men's Club Business Meeting Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Minutes submitted by JAMES GERDES, Secretary

Members Present: JIM GERDES, MARK SIMS, PAUL NITCHMAN, STEVE WARNER, GENE KOESTER, RALPH MARZULLO, DAVE VILLASEÑOR, KARL WALTHER, JOE ZEILER, LEONARD KASARI, JOHN MCGEE, JOE FERNICOLA, MARTY BAUER, HENRY FOX

Sparkling cider and cookies were served before meeting.

President KARL WALTHER called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening prayer by KARL WALTHER.

Flag salute led by JOE FERNICOLA

MARK SIMS gave report on shirts. He brought in samples to try on. The samples were not embroidered. The shirts are 100% cotton, without pockets. Prices will be S-XL \$26.95, XX \$27.95, XXX \$29.95, without tax.

Discussion was whether to buy extras for new members. Prices are for 30. Please let MARK SIMS have your order. He will send out e-mail. Many members wanted two.

New Business:

US Area Roster and dues will be filled out by GENE KOESTER.

ASF Report form.

This weekend will be San Diego PSWR Convention. GENE and Patty, LEONARD and Betty, KARL and Lotte, HENRY and LeAnna will be attending.

A wreath and 6 1 pound bags of Starbucks coffee will be donated to the silent auction

We will also sponsor a youth to come to the convocation. No local youth could manage to attend.

Old Business:

RALPH'S 90th Birthday Party will be held Saturday October 1, 2005 from 4 to 6 pm at the YMCA. GENE and Patty are organizing the refreshments. Invitations were passed out. The Board of Managers will have invitations in their meeting packets. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup to arrive at 3 pm.

The Kashiwa Sister City Ice Cream Social on August 9 went well.

The tree lot committee (GENE, HENRY, JOHN, and KARL) met last Tuesday for a planning meeting. PAUL has been collecting information for two manuals, operational and setup. Some of the write ups for this were passed around for comments. General outline and pole setup. RALPH will sharpen and maintain the drills and chain saws. MARK SIMS will head up the pole

crew. JOE FERNICOLA will make sure water systems are all working okay.

JOE ZEILER was asked to supervise painting of poles and possibly sheds and trailers. Container has white and red paint, no green paint. Lots of weeds around containers. Crew trailer needs to be rewired. Roof on shed needs to be fixed, new 2x4s, plywood sheathing. KARL is building 2 new subpanels. These need to be painted. Joe Z will do this. 500 W fluorescent tent lights need to be redone to simplify installation and removal. 16 new lights are in shed. Canopy was torn apart by wind last year, needs to be fixed. Main transformer needs new cover built for it. White pole by main transformer also needs to be replaced. All unusable material should be eliminated (old shade cloth, PVC pipe, etc.). Drainage needs to be provided all the way to the road from parking area, it now drains into our tent area. Upgrade water system, look for brittle PVC, etc. GENE brought up application for flame retardant: GENE, DAVE, HENRY, JOHN, DARYL, KARL, PAUL, JEFF and ROGER are currently on the list. JEFF NAUMANN will be removed from list. JOHN MCGEE has ordered tents. Water and power are scheduled to be turned on. Lease with Exxon Mobil was paid yesterday. DAVE V. will make sure coffee machine is available. HENRY is getting Port-a-Potty for first day of setup, which will be October 8. Second day will be October 15. Other Saturdays as needed. First day goals are to empty the Seatainer, paint poles, get new poles, check out water system, bring out trailers, clean up and weed (drag the lot), and set up Port-a-Potty.

October 15 plan, drill holes, set poles, run messenger wire, start electrical (build new panels, remove power pole, modify tent lights to fluorescents), prepare and install shade cloth, and install perimeter lights.

We will not use court referrals this year.

Currently, only four Youth in Government are signed up, but they have not had recruitment yet. We may want to change the schedule for Manager and possibly the lot hours as well. One proposal is to make Sunday 10 to 8 instead of 9 to 9. There was some discussion on reducing the length of the Saturday 9 to 4 and 4 to 9 pm shifts, but no action was taken. Each Y's Man is

asked to take 6 shifts as Managers, and no Assistant Manager slots except for new members. Discussion was held on whether or not to reschedule the first tree drop, currently slated for Nov 26th, 4 days before the lot opens. Discussion was held on whether or not to allow youth assistance from bands, high school service clubs, boy scouts, golf clubs, etc. KARL will ask if GRANT LOGAN could contact the schools we give scholarships to. Another proposal was to allow only adult court referrals. JIM GERDES will look into whether or not the Torrance High School Band would be interested.

Tree lot discussion ended 8:27 p.m.

Invitation for Saturday Oct 8 for crystal rose palace in Culver City, birthday for Margurite. Her daughter and family are living with her as Katrina victims who lost everything.

Officer's Reports:

YMCA Liaison:

Y board meeting will be tomorrow.

Treasurer: Balance of \$56,000. Our custodial account reconciles. Charlotte will be retiring October 14th. Order for Christmas trees has been placed with 25% down payment. Surfing and camping (Camp Whittle parachute and balls) have not yet given us invoices for our grants to them. Patty made wreath for silent auction for convention.

We had a 2x3 foot sign at Torrance High School Golf Club tournament with ad in brochure.

Mail was passed around for examination.

2005 Good Neighbor award nominations are being solicited. Does not need to be Y member.

Discussion on recruitment brochure was tabled, as TERRY was absent.

YMCA of America will match our Katrina contributions. We are donating \$2000 of club money, and \$100 of individual contributions.

RALPH'S Birthday Party is 4-6 pm, targeting about 100 guests. Light refreshments from Lisa's Bon Appetit and Costco will be provided. The Club is providing this from their treasury. DAVE will get PA system and camera. Wear your Y's Men's shirts, as we are hosts. MARK

SIMS will be MC. We will get a big birthday card for everyone to sign.

Benediction by Chaplain MARTY BAUER

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Chaplain's Corner

The Trust of Our Children 428.4

There's no doubt about it: Trust is an asset to any relationship and distrust an enormous liability. But thinking of trust in terms of its practical value can demean and distort its true significance as an endorsement of our character and as a sign of our worthiness. I get my clearest vote of trust when I stop to appreciate the ways my young daughters -- the oldest is 12 -- trust their daddy. Knowing that they have unquestioned confidence that I will always do the right thing is a source of pleasure and pride.

It is also a source of duty. The trust of our children is a gift we must never take for granted. Trust is fragile. Children trust us completely, until we prove ourselves unworthy. It's a heavy responsibility to protect our kids from our own moral frailties, but I think I'm a better person because I treasure their trust so much. The glow of their faith in me lights the way and helps me to see traps and hazards that could embarrass them or damage their image of me -- and frankly I can't think of any gain worth that price.

In the play "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller, the father adores his son and the son idolizes his father, until he decides that the father did some shabby things in the past. As the son's esteem is slipping away, the father says in a desperate plea, "Son, I'm no worse than anyone else."

The son, with teary eyes, replies, "I know, Dad. But I thought you were better."

There are other reasons to be ethical but for those of us with children, there's none stronger than the honor of earning their admiration.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**RALPH MARZULLO
OCTOBER 1**

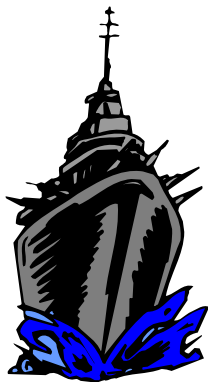
**GENE KOESTER
OCTOBER 12**

**RICK BUTLER
OCTOBER 13**

Dollars for Scholars

Contributions will be collected during September and October for the "Dollars for Scholars" program. The money provides funding for grants to YMCA staff members for professional development courses of study.

Y's Men make contributions to "The Dollars for Scholars" program in lieu of sending Christmas greetings to our Y's Men friends. Checks should be made payable to the Torrance Y's Men's Club and mark or note "Dollars for Scholars" on the check. Your contributions should be given, or mailed, by October 15th, to GENE KOESTER, club treasurer. This is to insure that your name will appear in the Christmas editions of the regional and U.S. Area bulletins.



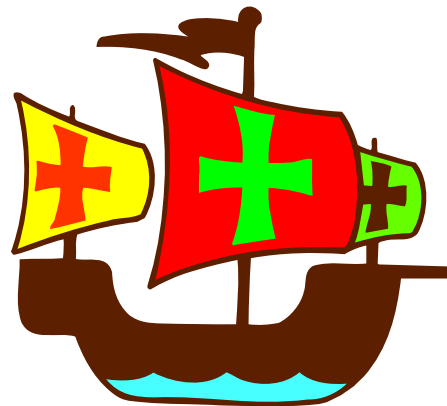
NAVY DAY OCTOBER 27

The Regional PSWR convention held in Del Mar was well attended. KARL and Lotte WALTHER, GENE and Patty KOESTER, HENRY and LeAnna FOX and LEONARD and Betty KASARI represented the Torrance club.

The opening ceremony was quite impressive with the Parade of Flags, there were flags from 80 countries carried into the conference and placed behind the speaker's platform.

There were interesting forums, among them were: Del Mar and San Diego History, Fire and Earthquake safety, Grandparenting and the various Y's Men International and Regional Programs. The free time Saturday afternoon was a chance to sightsee the attractions in the area.

The Worship Service Sunday morning was well attended. The PORTAL received the 2005 Honor Bulletin Award. The Torrance Y's Men also received the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 Brotherhood Fund Awards.



**COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 10**



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Y'S MEN'S CLUB PLANNING SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2005 – OCTOBER 2005

This schedule may be changed or adjusted as needed. For the latest information you can contact KARL WALTHER (310/542-6860) OR REFER TO THE LATEST DRAFT OF THIS SCHEDULE.

OCTOBER 2005		NOVEMBER 2005		DECEMBER 2005	
5th	Dinner Meeting	9th	Dinner Meeting	TREE LOT	
Salad.	HENRY FOX	Salad.		TREE LOT	
Bread & Butter	ED ESCOVAR	Bread & Butter		TREE LOT	
Entrée.	GENE KOESTER	Entrée.		TREE LOT	
Potatoes.	MARK SIMS	Potatoes.		TREE LOT	
Beverage.	DAVE VILLASEÑOR	Beverage.		TREE LOT	
Dessert.	PAUL NITCHMAN	Dessert.		TREE LOT	
19th	Business meeting	16th	Business meeting	TREE LOT	

The November meeting has been moved because the YMCA President's Club is being held on November 2nd. The President's Club is made up people who have included the YMCA in their will. There is no set amount, just a commitment that the YMCA is one of the beneficiaries. The YMCA says THANK YOU with a nice evening out every year and this year it is being held at the Long Beach Aquarium.

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