

“TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT”

Y's CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Groucho Marx once said, “Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.” I am staggered by how fast a month flies by especially as President of such an active Club. It's all good though, as the ASSOCIATION allows me to focus on other things outside the work-a-day world, and gives me an overall perspective ... a great advantage.



We had a good turn-out at the September Dinner meeting and a good program presented by Program Chairman, **Bobbi Forest**. **Hal Alpert**, Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, gave us some background on Stress prevention and some pointers on how to get through the daily grind. I predict allot of meditating around the Christmas Tree Lot, this year.

At the same meting, the Club officially met **SHANE RUFFIN**, our new W.V. YMCA Executive Director. It looks like Shane has found the location of our Club House and has an idea of the energy we can generate. *Here is a serious invitation to you Shane*, to join the Club and share the news and needs of the Y with us anytime.

By the time this article comes out, the Y's Men, Pacific Southwest Regional Convention will have come and gone. I look forward, with the rest of the Club, to the reports from the **DRENGSONS**, **HOLDEMANS** and the **TRENTS** as they attended the event in Arizona. Also, as they are planning a side trip to Laughlin the Brotherhood, wheel-spin should be pretty good this month.

At the Y's Family Picnic, where we served up about 400 burgers and dogs, ever approachable **RAY MORSER** made contact with the Y-Guides Chief, and inked the group commitment to helping out at the Tree Lot again this year. This is a good time for all of us to remember that we should now be reaching out to our family and friends and invite one and all to help man the Tree Lot and Tee House. Why not call a few people now ... before you finish the news letter?

Speaking of the Tree Lot, look forward to a big change in the look of the North tree barn this year. We have made a change in the foundation that will, in a sense reduce the size of the barn to 1/3 it's previous size. Let's hope it translates into half the set-up work.

Our support at the Kirk Community Fair, Sept. 30 at Kirk of the Valley, was well attended by the Club. **CHARLES ELSWICK** worked an information booth while **PETE, TAIRY, SHARISE, TIM** and **CHUCK** worked the BBQ for the school. Of course **Bobbi** was there as her affiliation with the school was our primary lead and **Joy** came in as relief for both areas of operation. The event was well attended by the community. Another 400 dogs and burgers were cooked and I am sure we reminded many at the school, that the Tree Lot would be open again this year. Thanks again to all of you that helped out.

October is *Extension and Membership* month. This month our **DUES are DUE**. If you are not current, or you are not sure if you are current, please have a one-on-one with **RALPH**. He gets a little shy about this subject and I would appreciate your making sure you are current.

Regardless though, let's set aside a moment this month to make **ONE** good request of someone new *to become a member of the club*. We want the fruits of our rich history together to extend beyond our time. Remember, Groucho also said, “I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member”. Let's feel empowered by the tremendous success of our efforts.

Then, let's share the wealth of ASSOCIATION!

Y'spectively Y'urs,

—TIM SINGLETARY



ALL'S WELL AROUND THE Y...

Shane Ruffin, Executive Director

Today marks my 114 day on the job here at the West Valley Family YMCA. 17 Staff Meetings, 4 Board Meetings, 2 Y's Men's Meetings and 2 special events later, I'm happy to say that things are going well. Thanks to the help of a dedicated and adept team of seasoned staff and volunteers, the transition into my new role has been much smoother than I anticipated.

Looking to the future, there are many exciting things on the horizon for the West Valley Family YMCA:

- **Tis' almost the season.** The Y's Men's annual Christmas tree lot is in the planning and set up stages and is scheduled to open on December 1st. A large portion of the proceeds from tree sales goes directly to funding YMCA programs that cannot operate without subsidy. Countless volunteers will log hundreds of hours in this effort. Make sure you tell your friends and neighbors to support the cause.
- The new **modular building** is getting closer everyday to completion. While this important project is not without its share of challenges, dedicated volunteers like **PETE McAFEE** and **CHARLES OSWALD** and **TIM SINGLETARY** continue to guide me through the process not afraid to get their hands dirty to get the job done and done right! The new building will provide valuable Healthy Lifestyle program space for as many as **2,000** youth per year. The additional space will assist us in doing our part to help combat the epidemic of youth obesity in our community.
- Another season is upon us as well, **Campaign season**. Each year the staff and volunteers at the West Valley Family YMCA team up to raise over \$200,000 to ensure the YMCA has enough resources to make certain that everyone in the community has access to the YMCA and its programs regardless of ability to pay. Campaign also underwrites many of the youth serving programs we are able to deliver like; Youth and Government, Childcare, Camping, and many more.

These are just a few examples of the YMCA's continued good works in the community. Again, we could not do this great work without a supportive staff team, volunteer support team, and community and member support.

Thank you for your commitment to the bettering the YMCA, keep up the great work!

—SHANE



MEET OUR MEMBERS

PETER McAFEE

Pete was born in Los Angeles in 1927. He was the oldest of 3 boys. The family moved from West Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley when Pete was 10. He attended Canoga Park High School. Upon graduation he joined the Navy and was sent to Great Lakes for boot camp. He finally ended up in Corpus Christi Texas where he served as an electronics technician maintaining control tower radios. Upon discharge Pete returned to Tarzana where his brother Denny introduced him to a young lady who had moved in down the street while Pete was in Texas. Aleida and Pete were married in 1949 and moved to San Luis Obispo where Pete attended Cal Poly. While in San Luis their oldest daughter, Debbie was born the first of five children, two girls and three boys. At graduation they moved back to the San Fernando Valley. Pete went to work for Packard Bell TV on development of color tv. After several jobs he was employed as a design engineer by Scientific Data Systems (purchased by Xerox). After 30 years he retired from Xerox as a consulting engineer. When his oldest son was in the first grade they joined Indian guides, this was the beginning of his YMCA association. Three boys and one daughter were in various programs. In 1970 The El Camino YMCA was opened and he joined the CalWoodPark Y's men's club as a charter member. When the El Camino Y closed and the club disbanded he took a few years off then joined the Reseda Y's Men's Club. He has held various offices in the club and served as DG and LRD west in the region

RESEDA Y SERVICE CLUB TO THE RESCUE

Kirk O'the Valley Presbyterian Church held it's annual Community Fair September 30th.

They decided to do their own barbeque this year instead of using a vendor.. They did not have anyone with the experience to mass produce hamburgers and hot dogs. West Valley Y Service Club to the rescue. Thanks to our President, **TIM SINGLETARY, CHUCK OSWALD, PETER McAFEE, TAIRY VOGEL** and **SHARISE MAYER**, they managed to keep the long lines moving swiftly. The Fair committee said they were the "Angels" of the day.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

November is setup time for the tree lot. This is a lot of work with just a few members able to do the construction, non-members are very welcome. Saturdays 8 AM till noon or so. The lot opens on the first of December, there are many open spots that can be filled, check with **RAY** or **RALPH** to get your name on the list. I am looking forward to a good season, remember this is our big money maker for the year.

—PETE, Tree Lot Chairman

2006 PSR REGION CONVENTION

BRUCE, JOAN, RALPH, MARILYN, GLORIANN and **J R** attended the 2006 PSR convention.

Those of you that did not attend the 60th PSR Convention missed a great event. The rooms at the Embassy Suites were fabulous! They consisted of a bedroom, a large bathroom and a separate large room, which included a kitchenette and a sitting area. There were even two T V's in the room. A complete breakfast and a free bar between 5:45 and 6:45 P M was included with the room. Food provided at dinner and two lunches was good provided you liked iced tea.

The opening event Friday night was a BBQ at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Saturday Morning. began with the opening flag ceremony that was well done and also featured a "living historical speaker" who told stories about early Tombstone and the famous fight at the O. K. Corral. There were three forums, "Honesty", "Fractured Fairy Tales" and Regional Service Directors presenting Y's Men's International programs. The evening started with a reception, continued with a prime rib or fish dinner, great musical entertainment and finished with another reception. Sunday Morning included Church Service, a morning meeting and lunch. One of the best things that happen at a Regional Convention is the chance to meet and talk with a Brotherhood Fund Delegate. This years Delegate was **LAMBERT OKURE DRATE** from Uganda. The convention closed on time at 12:15 PM. A final big plus, speeches were short and to the point and even had a couple of jokes that I had not heard

—**J R**



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

**Success in marriage
is more than finding
the right person.
It's becoming
the right person.**

In Thornton Wilder's play *The Skin of Our Teeth*, the character Mrs. Antrobus says to her husband, "I didn't marry you because you were perfect . . . I married you because you gave me a promise."

She then takes off her ring and looks at it, saying, "That promise made up for your faults and the promise I gave you made up for mine. Two imperfect people got married, and it was the promise that made the marriage."

In every marriage, no matter how well the two people know one another, great mysteries remain! Very often, each person comes to the marriage

- not fully knowing himself or herself,
- not fully knowing about life, and
- not fully knowing about his or her spouse.

What is unknown is far greater than what is known!

Becoming a faithful, loving spouse not only takes courage and faith, but patience and a desire to keep learning and growing. Better than the question, "What kind of spouse do I desire to have?" is the question, "What kind of spouse do I aspire to be?"

*But thou, O man of God,
flee these things; and follow
after righteousness, godliness, faith,
love, patience, meekness.*

1 Timothy 6:11

From Gods Little Devotional Book

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 4 Tree Lot Work Party #1
- 7 Election, VOTE
- 11 Tree Lot Work Party #2
- 14 Business Meeting
- 18 Tree Lot Work Party #3
- 21 Dinner Meeting
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 25 Tree Lot Work Party #4
- 27 Officers Meeting, Monday 7:30
at Y's Mens bldg
- 28 1st load of trees arrive

DECEMBER

- 1 Tree Lot Opens

COMING CONVENTIONS

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