



FALL Y'S GATHERING

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U. S. AREA-Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

Y'S MEN – "An Opportunity for Service"

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DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

First, let me say THANKS for being a Y's Men and at least knowing about the importance of the whole organization.

Although your club is small in numbers, it tells me that you are serious participants. Thank You for your generous gifts in past years, and Y'sdom appreciates your continued support. As part of the success of my job I need you to give me some input as to if the graphics came out on your computer. I am especially interested in everyone knowing that the above logo is my symbol for Dollars for Scholars. Is it hard to read? After reading the following information, does it make good sense? Are you a member that knows about the Dollars for Scholars from past campaigns or are you not sure what it is all about? More importantly, how can I help?

Many clubs do not meet on a regular basis during the summer and I am finding out that when the fall convention takes place (this year on September 26-27 in Brea CA), many members do not have a clue what Dollars for Scholars is all about, or they are just not ready to think about Christmas. Whatever the reasons, I have decided to start early.

Now I know that many will say, "CHRISTMAS", who is starting this early?

Well I for one am already receiving advertisements from the catalog companies.

Many people bargain shop during the summer to avoid the strain on the budget during December. And, if we ship gifts to missionaries or military personnel we have already bought and mailed their gifts. Also, many clubs sell Christmas trees as a fund raiser, and in order to do this they must buy from suppliers during the summer. So why not get started early with Dollars for Scholars?

Please know, the money for Dollars for Scholars is used honorably for the formal education of YMCA professionals and staff, and the funds need to be available way ahead of their granting. **And your donation also pays for the publishing of your name as a Christmas greeting in our Y's Men's Pacific Southwest Region and U.S. area publications.**

Therefore, I want to start out by encouraging everyone to get started early with their Dollars for Scholars. I know that many wait for whatever good reason, but I want to encourage everyone to give early. It has been my experience that most donations are made by individuals. So why wait until the deadline in October? Yes, October.

Because of the editing requirements of both the *Y's Gatherings* and the *Y's Alliance* the copy deadlines need to be very early in

order to insure that there will be enough room for all the names.

Remember:

#1 I need \$10 from each person (the goal is \$10 from each person) that wants to have their name published in both the Y's Gathering and the Y's Alliance. If a person wants to only have their name in one publication then they pay \$5 and state which publication they wish to have their name appear.

#2 Print name(s) as they are to be published.

#3 Your club name.

#4 Write your check payable to: Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL - ASF and on the Memo line write Dollars for Scholars or just DFS

#5 Mail to: Pat Vallefuoco RSD-ASF - 8224 Arnett St - Downey CA 90241. Please call (562) 869-5517 if you need more information

**HAPPY NEWS
PLEASE SEND WORDS OF
FALICITATIONS**

Past International President Dr. Choi Han Ki (Korea) has been awarded with the highest honour given to a person in Y's Men International "**The Harry M. Ballantyne Award of merit**" for the outstanding contributions to our great Movement during the year. This prestigious award was ceremoniously presented at the Asia Area Convention Colombo, Sri Lanka on 31st July 2009 by our IPIP V.S Bashir in the presents of eminent leaders like IP Kevin Cummings, IPE Hirotooshi Fuji, IT Klaus Dietzel, PIPs Benson Wabule, John Choa, Kazuyoshi Aoki ect

Ym. Josey Joseph ISD - PR

George Washington never told a lie, but he never had to fill out Form 1040 either.

Christian Emphasis - Curt Nilsen

What's the Good of Prayer

It is not part of the life of a natural man to pray. We hear it said that a man will suffer in his life if he does not pray; I question it. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer. When a man is born from above, the life of the Son of God is born in him, and he can either starve that life or nourish it. Prayer is the way the life of God is nourished. Our ordinary views of prayer are not found in the New Testament. We look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves; the Bible idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

"Ask and ye shall receive." We grouse before God, We are apologetic or apathetic, but we ask very few things. Yet what a splendid audacity a childlike child has! Our Lord says—"Except ye become as little children." Ask, and God will do. Give Jesus Christ a chance, give Him elbow room, and will ever do this unless he is at his wits' end. When a man is at his wits' end it is not a cowardly thing to pray, it is the only way he can get into touch with Reality. Be yourself before God and present your problems, the things you know you have come to your wits' end over. As long as you are self-sufficient, you do not need to ask God for anything. It is not so true that "prayer changes things" as that prayer changes me and I change things. God has so constituted things that prayer on the basis of Redemption alters the way in which a man looks at things. Prayer is not a question of altering things externally, but of working wonders in a man's disposition.

Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

Taken from My Utmost for His Highest, By Oswald Chambers

PUBLIC RELATION INFORMATION 2009-2010

Even though the new Y's year commences on July 1, 2009 our new International President Kevin Cummings would be ceremoniously installed as IP (09-10) only on the last week of July 2009 at the International Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. On behalf of the new Public Relations team appointed by IP Kevin, let me offer most hearty felicitations to the incoming President. Let us also pray Almighty God to shower His blessings on the new Top Executive of our beloved Movement

IP's Theme- "The Power of One"

IP's Slogan- "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things"

Theme:

As an International Movement, we need to put aside, thoughts of what is best just for our Clubs, our Districts, our Regions, and our Areas. We need to work in harmony and understanding and at times compromise what is best for us as individuals to ensure the global development of Y's Men International.

Slogan:

When we look at the membership, the average Y's Man in our Clubs, they are just ordinary people; people with a common interest of helping our neighbors. Some times thus neighbor may be a Continent away. They do this for the most part, with out thought of the global effect they are making on this world we live in. The Y's Men Leaders in position (2009-10) especially the APs, RDs, DGs, ISDs, ASDs, RSDs, DSDs, Club Officers are expected to give wide publicity, emphasis and projection to the IP's theme and slogans through out the year.

IP's Challenge:

1. To achieve and sustain a membership of 35,000+
2. Revitalization of Areas with decreasing membership
3. To attract youth to Y'sdom
4. To continue the implementation of the Forward Plan

5. To improve the image of YMI to develop as a globally recognized Movement

Please Remember The Following

- Our Motto- "*To Acknowledge the Duty that Accompanies Every Right*"
- Theme (2009-10) "*The Power of One*"
- Slogan(2009-10)-"*Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things*"
- Our Global Project *HIV/AIDS Awareness*
- UN Project- Roll Back Malaria (*Malaria Prevention in Africa*) -Y's Men are Partners in-service with the UN.
- International Convention 2010 5th to 8th August 2010 Pacifico Yokohama Convention Center , Yokohama, Japan
- International Youth Convocation-2nd to 4th August 2010 Yokohama, Japan

Emphasis Months 2009-10

JULY –Youth Activities

AUGUST- Community service

SEPTEMBER- Membership Development

OCTOBER- Extension of new Clubs

NOVEMBER- International Brother Clubs-IBC

DECEMBER- Christian Emphasis

JANUARY – Brotherhood Fund (BHF)

FEBRUARY – Time of Fast (TOF)

MARCH – Short Term Youth Exchange Program(STEP)

APRIL –Leadership Training and Organization Development

MAY –Forward Plan

JUNE

- Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF)

During the designated month, leaders are requested to give special concentration to the subject so as to get maximum consideration to the respective subject. The modus operandi depends on the talent and imagination of each leader. The basic idea is to get the maximum result in each subject.

This is for your kind attention. Once more, I wish all the best to all the incoming Leaders (2009-10) in our Movement. ISD Joey Joseph

TIME OF FAST FINAL REPORT

2009 has been a difficult year to raise funds for projects. PSR giving to Time of Fast is down by \$ 3,615 from the 2008 donations. As I write this article, contributions total \$ 7,837.93. The goal I had set for PSR was \$ 12,000. I wish to send A BIG THANK YOU to the 20 clubs who were able to contribute to the 2009 Time of Fast Project. Harbor District receives A SPECIAL THANK YOU for their having their district clubs contributing 100%.

It will be my hope that the 14 PSR clubs that were unable to contribute in 2009 will make TIME OF FAST a priority in their club in 2010 and make a donation. Every dollar goes such a long way to help others less fortunate than we are in these United States. Some clubs have a jar or can marked Time of Fast, and put it out every meeting to collect those pennies, nickels and dimes. By next Spring your club will have a nice donation to contribute. Your participation in your local YMCA is very important, but so are the International Y's Men's project.

Our world needs our help today more than ever. Participation and help in bringing about PEACE.

My goal for 2010 will be \$ 8,000 for Time Of Fast. Lilian Porter, RSD for Tim of Fast

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Has your club had a Time of Fast program?

Orange District had a District Time of Fast Program and those attending had a great time.

Gardena Club held a soup supper with different types of soup for everyone to try and enjoy. They also had an auction with interesting items being auctioned.

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The Bellflower Club celebrated 50 years service to the YMCA.

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East Valley Y's Men's Club hosted another successful Kalbi Night. Watch for this year's.

ROSTERS

You will soon be receiving the rosters for the next six months. PLEASE check each member's information!

It is also a good idea if you can pass around the roster at a meeting and have the member check information.

Everyone makes mistakes!

Numbers can be changed.
Names, streets, cities, may be misspelled.

Circle, Lane, Street, Drive - check Spaces not put or put where they should not be.

PLEASE check your e-mail address. Communication is important to Y's Men.

Please list all officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Membership
- Christian Emphasis
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Past President
- Y Staff
- Brotherhood Fund
- Bulletin Editor
- Historian
- Publicity
- Project Chairman

If you have other officers, please spell the title out for Area Roster information.

When you have new members, please fill out the new member sheet.

If you lose a member. Please notify.

TURN IN A MONTHLY TURNER REPORT.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION 62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 26-27, 2009

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, BREA
900 East Birch ST.
Brea, CA 92821-5812

Hotel reservation DEADLINE: Aug. 26, 2009

Room Rate: One king bed, \$99.00 Two double beds \$109.00

Tax is 10.07 percent. Call hotel for reservations, **1-714-990-6000**

Mention you are making reservations for Y's Men International, Pacific Southwest Region Convention.

Room rates include cook to order breakfast, manager's reception and there are no parking fee.

From South Orange County: Take 57 Freeway North to Imperial Highway. Turn left to State College. Turn right to Birch St. Turn left to hotel. From North Orange County: Take 57 freeway South to Lambert Rd. Turn right to State College. Turn right to Birch St. Turn right to hotel.

Convention Registration: Postmark on or before August 26, 2009 \$79.00

Late Registration: Postmark after August 26, 2009 \$89.00

Mail to: Laurel Ojeda 13522 Cerise Ave. Hawthorne, CA 90250

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CODES: P= Club President; R= Region Officer; Y= YMCA Professional; I= International Officer; F= First Convention

G= Guest Banquet menu selection: V= Vegetarian; B= Beef; S= Salmon

Select the appropriate codes and circle opposite registrants name.

CLUB NAME: _____

Names as they are to appear on name tags	circle where applicable										
_____	P	R	Y	I	F	G	V	B	S		
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Number of Registrants _____ @ **\$79.00** \$ _____
Total

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

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62nd ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

September 26-27, 2009

This year the convention is for only one overnight hotel stay. Plan to arrive at hotel for the Saturday, September 26, 1:00 PM Luncheon. The Normal check in time is 3:00 PM. Plan to check into the hotel after the luncheon. If necessary, there is a place to store your luggage until you can get a room assignment.

Each club is to bring one door prize valued at \$15.00

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Brotherhood Fund

Aug. 15 DG's Schedule due to RD
Aug. 18 Clubs to receive Rosters
Aug. 31 BF Applications Available

Community Service

Sept. 20 Regional Board Meeting

Sept. 26-27 **CONVENTION**

Extension and Membership

Oct. 1 Dues & Rosters Due
Oct. 15 Dollars for Scholars Deadline
Oct. 15 BF Grant Forms
BF2 and BF3 Due
Oct. 31 Y's Gathering Deadline

Alexander Scholarship Fund

Nov. 1 IPE Ballots mailed to clubs
Nov. 15 International President's
Dinner Information Mailed
Nov. 15 Regional Board Meeting
Nov. 15 Regional Nominating
Committee Meeting
Nov. 16 Y's Gathering Mailed

Convention Highlights

An opportunity to attend a Regional convention
at reduced cost.

SATURDAY, September 26

1:00 - 3:00 PM: Opening, Lunch, and Awards.
3:30 - 4:30 PM: Information Forums, 1 & 2
6:00 - 7:00 PM: Reception
7:00 PM: Dinner, Speaker, Awards, and
Entertainment.

SUNDAY, September 27

6:00 - 9:00 Cooked to order breakfast (hotel
guest)
9:00 - AM: Inspirational message by our own
Amos Johnson Jr.
11:00 AM Awards and closing

NOTICE!!!!!! NOTICE!!!!!!

PSWR will reimburse travel expenses for members in San Diego, Inter-Mountain Districts and Ventura County attending the 2009 convention in Brea. You may be reimbursed 0.505 per mile up to 100 miles one way. Regional Treasurer will have expense vouchers available at the convention. Obtain a voucher, complete and return with receipt to Regional Treasurer, Pete McAfee, or Regional Director, J. R. Holdeman. The treasurer will issue the check.

CONVENTION

**How many have attended a Convention lately?
Pacific Southwest Region**

62nd Annual Convention

WHEN	Sept. 26-27, 2009	Brea
WHERE	Embassy Suites Hotel	
REGISTRATION	\$ 79.00	
LATE REGISTRATION	\$89.00	
ROOM RATE	\$99.00	

DO NOT MISS THIS! IT IS CLOSE BY!

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