



Dear Y's Friends

This Y's Men year is quickly coming to a conclusion and many of us as leaders must look back on our year and evaluate our terms. Leadership development is one of the missions of our movement. We are to 'provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind'. As we prepare to hand over the gavel to our successors we must ensure that they are well trained to take on the important task ahead. One of the tools to ensure tomorrow's leaders are ready to help us grow is the Forward Plan. A document that deals purely with the Club level has been developed. If your Club has not already received this document I encourage you to contact your Regional Director and request a copy.

On a number of occasions I have spoken of "transformational leadership". This is based on the work undertaken by James MacGregor Burns and rests on 3 assumptions: First is that people will follow a leader who inspires them. Second is that a person with vision & passion can achieve great things. Third is the way to get things done is by injecting enthusiasm and energy. If we are to succeed in today's society we must be ready to change the way we operate as Clubs to meet the needs of today's community.

Since our last publication a new International Secretary General has been selected. Takao Nishimura (Nishi) has been unanimously chosen by the International Council to replace Rolando Dalmás when he retires next November. Nishi brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge of not just Y'sdom

but the YMCA. He will be formally introduced at the International Convention in Yokohama.

Speaking of Yokohama, I trust everyone has registered for what is shaping up to be an unforgettable experience. You will not just get to meet the new ISG but our newly elected International President Elect Finn Pedersen and our new International Treasurer, T.M. Mathew will be in attendance.

This year has been one of many challenges and accomplishments. I thank you for placing your trust in me to lead our movement. I have met many truly inspiring people and feel humbled by your commitment and dedication. You should be proud of how you have helped to shape the future of Y'sdom. I look forward to seeing many of you in Yokohama!

Yours in Y'sdom,
IP Kevin

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IP Bulletin and IHQ News

Vision of the IPE

By IPE Hirotoishi Fujii



I have chosen 'Once More We Stand' for my theme for my term 2010/11. It is the first line of the Y's hymn written by our founder, Paul William Alexander. I'd like all our members to be reminded of his strong passion and enthusiasm for the Y's Men

that he had when he established our organisation and to cherish them afresh. My Slogan will be 'Build a Bridge to the Future'. I eagerly wish to express our desire to pass our invaluable movement on to the future.

I believe that next term will be an epoch-making one for our movement as an International organisation as we start tackling global issues on a full scale on our own responsibility. We will continue Roll Back Malaria for another 5 years and we will begin activities for environmental issues which we have been leading up to for the past 2 years in accordance with the Theme of the International Convention 2010 Yokohama: 'From Our Hands We Pass Nature's Torch'. These two issues, Malaria and Environment, are two items in the Millennium Development Goal of the United Nations for achievement by 2015 for which the YMCA are also accelerating their efforts.

Thanks to the past ten years' work to create Y's youth clubs, their membership rose to 400 last term and they are expected to make a far more remarkable development next term by perfecting their organisation and communications network.

What I want all members to put into practice is to set up new projects at all levels: in Areas, Regions, Districts and Clubs, focusing on the specific problems they may have and to do their best to solve them. This will eventually result in reactivating not only themselves but also the whole movement.

Stand up Once More for the
Development of Y'sdom.

From your New International Treasurer

By T M Mathew, I T 2010-13

Nobody really wants to fail in life and everyone wants success in their area of functioning. I also think in the same way as everybody else. Every Y's Man must have a dream with a vision, whether it may be long-term vision or short-term vision. The vision must be with innovative ideas and with good initiative. As a finance man it is my vision to make our movement one of the best service organisations for the benefit of human beings. It may be through financial help or by education on the importance of human values.

In my term as International Treasurer, I hope I can handle financial matters in a proper way with transparency as earlier. I am a little worried about the present economic scenario. We are unable to collect enough funds for our service projects but at the same time the establishment cost is steadily increasing. It is a great task to make both ends meet successfully. I am confident that our members will rise to the occasion.

Poverty is not only hunger, nakedness and homelessness. To be unwanted, unloved and uncared for is perhaps the worst form of poverty. I think we must start from our club level to remedy this kind of poverty. Everybody seems to be in a terrible rush, anxious for greater achievements. Nobody has any time to spare with others, even with family members. Love should begin at home. In the absence of love, the disruption of peace begins at home. So let us practice love in our home, club and society.

At the end of my term, I know I will not be judged by how much money was generated for our movement or how many great things I have done or what positions I held but by the merit of what I have done for the less fortunate.

'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in'.

Y's Menettes in Action

By Carol Reynolds, International Director, Y's Menettes

The Savanna la Mar Y's Menettes of Jamaica were first formed in March of 1973. They have twenty members at present. They took over the Y's Men's club-house (the Y's Men's Club had folded) several years ago and have run many, many programmes from there.

While I was visiting in their area I had the opportunity to meet with them and go through their old building. It was very old and in terrible shape; but thanks to the Jamaica National Building Society Foundation's new programme they will have a new building. I was there the day the old building came down and that in itself was a sight to see. The building was dismantled one piece at a time, nothing was wasted. The materials were divided into several piles, each one going to one of the four communities that this new building would serve.



The design for the building is to be more modern and will have a lot more room in which to run their programmes. It will have a large auditorium that can be divided into two sections and will include a media library, a studio, a sewing room, two meeting rooms, a kitchen and two large washrooms. The new building will allow them to expand their programmes and serve more of the four communities surrounding Savannah la Mar.

I was certainly amazed at the dedication and the resourcefulness of this group. My hat goes off to them. These Y's Menettes are one of the strongest groups that I have run across in my term as International Director.

Bearing Fruit that Lasts

By Dale Fotheringham, ISD Christian Emphasis

'You did not choose me but I chose you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last'. (John 15:16)

As an organisation based on the teachings of Jesus Christ we have an opportunity and responsibility to put His teachings into practice and be bearers of fruit that lasts: personal and collective.

Personal fruit will be reflected in the depth of our relationships and through the characteristics we display in our daily living: love, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, goodness and self-control. Fruit of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Collective fruit will be evidenced in the lives of others in local and world-wide communities as we become active in building 'a better world for all'.

But, if we are to be effective in our efforts, we need to address issues such as equality, human rights, justice and social reform. We are often reluctant to confront social issues because of feelings of inadequacy arising from a misconception that what we provide is too little to have any worthwhile impact. My hope is that members will put aside this misconception, accept the reality that our contribution will make a difference, and enter into working partnerships with organisations like the YMCA and United Nations in supporting programmes aimed at eliminating inequality, and programmes which uphold basic human rights. Already, we have been effective in joint efforts in the Roll Back Malaria Campaign, one of the target areas included in the United Nations 'Millennium Development Goals', an agreed set of goals that respond to the world's main development challenges.

We are all part of an International Service Organisation, one which has special individual and collective gifts, an incredible richness and variety of God-given talents which enables us to implement the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my Name. This is my command. Love each other". (John 15: 17)

Our International Secretary General Elect Introduces Himself

After many years of Boy Scout involvement, I was invited to a preparation meeting of the Osaka Centennial Y's Men's Club in 1982 and met the late PIP Kensuke Suzuki. A year later, I moved to Tokyo and transferred to the Tokyo Club and there I met my wife who was a Y'sling. I am honoured to be 3 times charter member in my 27 years Y's life but the event that made me aware of



the power of Y'sdom was the Kyoto 88 International Convention where I served as a chief marshal and also met PISG Ingvar Wallin for the first time.

PISG Ingvar was a model servant of our movement and I greatly respect him. I have been working with the current ISG Rolando Dalmás closely through my terms of ICM, AS, ASD and ISD-LTOD and we went through a difficult time of reorganisation together but we had a good time too as everyone loves Y'sdom and is always seeking the better way for our movement.

I never imagined that I would apply for this challenging post of ISG. However, hearing one ICM's request of prayer for seeking a new ISG at last summer's ICM, I also started to pray and wondered why I should exclude myself simply because of my current businesses or other involvements. It took a long time to realise the best way to have God's answer was to apply for the position. After all wonderings and processes, I came to know that God will use me for this role upon ICM's unanimous approval.

YMI has huge fields to extend our good services to the community working together with YMCA, who is our vital partner. Conservation is also important but China, Indonesia, Africa, Russia, Latin America and North India are there waiting us to reach them.

We should not look too inward but need to open our eyes and ears to the outside people as well.

For Club Presidents, ICMs, APs and IEOs, I will be a servant of the organisation to support leaders to implement the task and vision toward 2020. I am not an IP and not an ICM but I am back stage to work for whatever is needed to make our challenge possible. 'Be Prepared' as a scout forever.

My wife Kumiko is a third generation Y's Menette and we have one son working at an audit firm in Tokyo, an elder daughter performing in a dancing musical group in US and a younger daughter still in a college in the US and she will attend her second International Youth Convocation this year in Yokohama, Japan. We enjoy swimming and golf. Now I am very much looking forward to working together with you all.

Y'sly
Nishi (Takao & Kumiko Nishimura)



*With PISG Ingvar Wallin and ISG Rolando Dalmás
at the 2010 Mid Year Meeting*