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“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”

“SOUTH SCUTTLEBUTT”

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Life Is Like A Journey On A Train

with its stations, with changes of routes and with accidents !

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our Parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e., our siblings , friends., children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realise that they vacated their seats!

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all the passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way – Love., forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life without us.

I wish you a joyful journey for the coming years on your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love and be happy.

More importantly, be thankful for the journey !

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

This story of life was given as a Devotional Session at a recent meeting by Marion Shay. The simplicity of the story and how it encapsulated LIFE appealed to me, and I enjoy sharing with readers of this Newsletter. (GPU. Editor)

Thank Heavens for Friends.

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

Dale Carnegie. 1888 – 1955. American Motivational Writer.

From Cumberland YMCA – Nova Scotia - Canada.

Kevin Cummings (PIP) shared his Facebook Post about this remarkable lady.

Barbara “Bep” Van Leeuwen has been coming to the Y for as long as she can remember. Since she was 7 years old Bep has loved to swim and hasn’t stopped enjoying it since. At the now young age of **90 years**, Bep swims in our YMCA pool 5 days a week; almost always at 7:30am and almost always in the first lane.

She moved to Nova Scotia from Holland in 1952, starting out in the community of Diligent River, before eventually moving to Amherst with her husband Bert. When our building first opened, Bep was the very first person to jump into our beautiful pool, and she has been doing so gracefully ever since. We are constantly inspired by our members’ Y stories, and hers is certainly one that speaks to our hearts. Thank you Bep for being such a special part of our YMCA community.

(Thank You Kevin. I guess you must keep fit to get through your Winter weather. GPU.- Editor)

Where Is It ? We Miss It !!

I am referring of course to our YMI International Magazine. Every dues paying Y Service Member is entitled to a HARD COPY of each edition.

We know that it is being circulated world-wide by e-mail and via the internet., but it is not the same as having the printed copy to read at leisure. Not every member owns, or has access to, a computer and so they are, at present, being denied up to date information on our organisation and the good works being done in so many parts of the world.

Are there Clubs in other English-speaking parts of the world which have the same problem that I, as Editor, have expressed. I don’t think I am a lone voice in the wilderness, but the situation has gone on too long.

It would be great to have all the issues we have missed arrive at our postal address.

The Plight Of The Farmer.

The poem that has gone viral after NSW farmer Joanna Collett posted it on the Prime Minister's Facebook page:

G'day Mr Morrison, I trust that you are fine,
Sorry to be bothering you, but there’s something on my mind.
I listened to a bloke last week; he had a bit to say.
You lot may have heard of him? He delivers all that hay.
He spoke of countless hours and the distances they drive
Feeding starving stock, to keep bush hopes alive
They do not get assistance from your tax funded hat.
They do it on their own, all off their own bat
I’m not politically minded and I don’t have any clout
And I know you’ve done a tour, to learn about the drought.
But there’s just some burning questions, that have left us feeling beat
Why did we fund a foreign land, to learn to cut up meat?
And what about those soccer boys, who went and got all lost
You pulled out all the bloody stops, plain just showing off.
You’ve bigger problems here at home, there’s drought up to our necks,
So, what does your mob go and do ? Give them big fat cheques!
Don’t they have a government to deal with all this stuff?
Why should it be up to us, what’s with all your fuss?
Should we not be reigning in and look after our own
Have you never heard the phrase “charity starts at home”?

I realise there's many things, that need an allocation
And I also can appreciate, complex trade relations.
I'm not sure if you realise, but if our stock all die,
There won't be any trade you see, your deals will all run dry.
As a rule we're not a whinging lot, our requests are but a few.
Most of us who work the land, are tested, tried and true.
We respect that we are guardians, and sustain it for the kids
But I often have to wonder, what future will it bring?
I guess all that I'm wondering, is "where's the Aussie aid"?
Wrapped up in a swag of tape, only then to be repaid !
There's Aussie blokes and chicks out there, putting you to shame
Helping fellow Australians, in their time of pain
I'm just a simple farmer, grazier, wife and mum
And even though we're feeding stock, we're better off than some.
I've never had to shoot a cow, who could no longer stand
But many have before me, and I pray, I'm not dealt that hand.
So, will you take another look; admit that we're in strife ?
And do more than bloody empathise, before another farmer takes their life ?
I'd like to think you'll do what's right and put Australia first
And help your own damn country, before this drought gets any worse
Joanna Collett - Wee Waa NSW

As Y Service Club Members, we agree not to become involved in political issues, but in my opinion, this rises above mere politics and gives a heartfelt insight into what politics should be about. This poem gives tremendous insight into the plight of our primary producers, one of the back-bones of our country.

A very well penned plea to our governing members.

HAPPY EASTER! – Carl Hertz – Jensen *Intn'l / Area Service Director – Christian Emphasis.*

It is said in our Constitution, that our movement is "based on the teachings of Jesus Christ". Does that include Easter? you could ask. To answer the question, you have to know, what is Easter. The dictionary says, as follows: Easter is the religious anniversary of the resurrection of Christ. So, Easter is celebration, not teaching. The resurrection of Christ is an event beyond our understanding. Easter is the time right now for celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

But did Jesus include the Easter event in his teaching? Did he before this event say anything to prepare his disciples and his followers? Oh, yes!

Several times Jesus has been teaching about this, saying such as:

"We are now going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be given up to the chief priests and the doctors of the law; they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the foreign power, to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised to life again." (Matthew 20, 17-19)

And in some other way:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. In truth, in very truth I tell you, a grain of wheat remains a solitary grain unless it falls into the ground and dies; but if it dies, it bears a rich harvest." (John 12, 23-24)

So, we find the Easter event in the teachings of Jesus Christ. So, let us, as we approach Easter, remember the passion of Christ, his suffering and his condemnation, his crucifixion and his death, and his resurrection and his rising from the dead. It is somehow the greatest happening at all in the world. Here we find what is vital for faith and hope and love.

If the Easter event did never happen, and some will say that we would never have had any knowledge about Jesus at all. We would have heard and read about his teachings nothing at all! I believe that all Christianity was born and began, because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. The teachings of Jesus Christ is based on the Easter event. He has been teaching, because he had to give his life, dying on the cross, and because he was risen from the dead. We know about his teachings, because something impossible happens in the Easter event!

Let us remember and celebrate Easter in our movement.

"Happy Easter! "Christ is risen!"

A Change to Our Club Address .

For some time, through the generosity of the Kangaroo Flat Club, we have shared their Postal Box at no cost to our Club. Kangaroo Flat Club has decided to relinquish the postal box, as most communication is by e-mail, and we will share their postal address for “snail mail” delivery.

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Bendigo Y Service Men’s Easter Book Fair Was on Again.



Working under strict COVID-19 restrictions, the BOOK FAIR was held over Easter 2021. It was a free ticketed event so that numbers could be controlled and the directions of the City Council required under COVID-19 restrictions were strictly followed. Book Fair Co-ordinator, (L)(Peter Searle) and Club Treasurer, Colin Lambie, are holding samples of the excellent quality books for sale. Results were very pleasing and the co-operation of the public in adhering to the necessary restriction was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Bendigo Club members and the “army” of volunteers who helped over the Easter weekend.

After a disastrous 2020 Easter when the Book Fair was cancelled, it was good to see the regulated number of customers browsing and buying. City Council officers were present checking that the free ticketed event was conducted according to the regulations covering COVID-19 in place at the time.

My Little Treasure

Browsing through the thousands of books on display, I came across one “The Optimist’s Handbook” a companion to Hope., which halfway through, commenced from the usual back cover as “The Pessimist’s Handbook”, a companion to despair. I will share some of the stories and quotations via “Scuttlebutt”, from time to time. The book was first published in 2008 by Doubleday.

Book Fair – General Layout – 2021



As Editor, I have chosen to include publicity photos of the recent Easter Book Fair, a project of one of our co-sponsor Clubs, a major event on the Bendigo Easter list of events and, also, the major fund-raiser of the Bendigo Club. Despite there being restrictions on patron numbers each hour, the public were very understanding, and only minor problems occurred.

Congratulations Bendigo Y Service Club on a job well done.

A Miss Is As Good As Thousands of Miles.

In January 2002, a stadium sized asteroid named 2001 YB5, big enough to wipe out an entire country, hurtled towards a rendezvous with Earth – but luckily we had moved on a mere four hours earlier and it missed us by twice the distance of the Moon – a whisker in celestial terms.

In the last seventy years or so at least 22 asteroids are known to have come even closer than this one: in fact, for every object that does hit us, such as the 1908 Siberian asteroid whose impact was 600 times that of Hiroshima, tens of thousands miss, and 100 tonnes' worth are burned up in our atmosphere daily. Still more fortuitously, so far, no object has ever hit a densely populated area.

Meanwhile, Apophis, a 20 million tonne asteroid homing in on us with, a 1 in 45,000 chance that it could hit on 13 April 2036, is concentrating minds wonderfully.

With the UN now taking the problem seriously, we look set to develop the means not only to locate and track such threats to our survival, but also using solutions such as a massive spacecraft as a “gravitational tractor”, to divert them.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid : and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together: and a little child shall lead them.

The Bible, Isaiah 9 : 6

A Comment on Monarchy.

Those who imagine that a politician would make a better figurehead than a hereditary monarch might perhaps make the acquaintance of more politicians.

Baroness Thatcher, British Prime Minister, 1995.



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The Emblem and the Logo



The Y's Men emblem consists first of a red triangle, the symbol long employed by the YMCA to denote its threefold programme of spirit, mind and body. In the upper border of the triangle appears the word "INTERNATIONAL", indicative of the scope of our purposes.

Within the triangle a golden star sheds rays of light on a blue "Y". This is a modified version from the earlier one which had the words 'Y's Men's Club' in the field inside the triangle and downward the stroke of the 'Y'. By thus modifying the emblem the Stavanger 2012 ICM took one more step toward projecting an image of inclusivity.

In 1972 and as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, an official logo was designed to create an identifying statement for the organisation. The logo consisted of the original Y's Men Emblem with a globe added near the point of the triangle and words "since 1922" placed at the bottom of the globe.

Released by Bangalore District II as part of its member enrichment programme

The "Information Nuggets" have been collated by the Bangalore District II Y's Men and a total of 50 have been produced, Each one gives a "snapshot" of a particular aspect of Y's Men International and encourages you to seek further information from our International Website.