



HARRY M. BALLANTYNE AWARD

Gratefully bestowed upon

Murray S. Stevens

in recognition of his dedicated service to
Y's Men International and to the YMCA

This award, the greatest honour Y's Men International can bestow, is given in gratitude for outstanding service.

An organisation such as Y's Men International requires dedicated and consistent support from its members in various parts of the world. For more than 36 years, Murray S. Stevens from Ballarat, Australia has rendered a unique service to our organisation in keeping and managing the International Brother Club Directory.

In 1984, Murray was invited by then International President, Toshiro Takeuchi, to be responsible for following and recording the evolution of International Brother Club relationships across our movement. Murray accepted that invitation and has individually fulfilled this important responsibility ever since.

With the advent of computers, Murray demonstrated his ingenuity, his progressive thinking and his technical capabilities by developing a dedicated computer database to store the International Brother Club records. The database simplified the tracking and updating of IBC relationships. As technological advances are made, Murray makes sure that they are incorporated into his system to ensure its relativity and maximise its functionality.

With multiple additions and changes to incorporate on a continual basis, the work requires expertise, as well as exceptional dedication and patience—which Murray has provided uninterrupted, unerringly and humbly from his home for so many years. Thanks to his enduring efforts International Headquarters, and subsequently Area and Regional officers around the world, have an up-to-date reference of the currently almost 1 000 Brother Club partnerships involving more than 50 countries.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks go to Murray for such an outstanding contribution to this important aspect of our movement.

**Awarded during the virtual IP Installation Ceremony
on 4 July 2020 by Y's Men International**

Jennifer Jones
International President 2019/20

Jose Varghese
International Secretary General