



# Y's MENETTES INTERNATIONAL

International Director 2018-2020 – Jennifer Cameron

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## **2019-2020 End of Year Report**

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It is my pleasure to present my Report for the year 2019-2020. As this will be my final report after serving the past two years as the International Director for Y's Menettes I would like to thank everyone who has helped me carry out this role during this time. Special thanks go to all the A(S)D's for Y's Menettes who have kept me informed of the activities within their Areas over the past year, and especially to our Y's Menettes International Project Co-ordinator Joy McNamara who has kept us all well informed on our current Project in Tirana, Albania. Also, my thanks go to Anne Munro for continuing her role as Sister Club Co-ordinator.

Last July I attended the International Council Meeting in Sendai, Japan as the Y's Menettes Representative, and then stayed on to attend the Asia Pacific Area Convention, where I met up with many Y's Menettes from the Area. I had planned to attend the International Convention in Denmark this August but, unfortunately, it had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Oh well, maybe we can meet up again in 2022 at the International Convention in Hawaii where we will celebrate 100 years of Y's Men's International.

During the year I have written several Newsletters and have communicated with the International Executive Officers and other International Council Members through GoTo Meetings. Communication continues to be a problem in some Areas. It is vital that A(S)D's pass on all information to their R(S)D's who are then able to pass it on to Clubs so all members feel that they are part of an International organisation.

This year we have had the added problem of the Covid-19 Pandemic around the world. This has meant that many clubs have been unable to meet personally for meetings due to lockdowns and social distancing rules. In many countries these measures are now being eased, so hopefully we can all get back to enjoying the friendship and fellowship of our Clubs again. It has been interesting to see how Clubs have adapted during this period of time. Many members are contributing to Newsletters and Bulletins as a way of staying in touch, while others have held their Meetings on 'Zoom' (or similar platforms) and still others have stayed in touch by regular phone calls. We all look forward to a brighter 2020/21.

One positive this past year has been the Charter of 9 new Y's Menettes Clubs in Taiwan. Congratulations and welcome to our new Members in Taiwan.

Our current Y's Menettes International Project is in Tirana, Albania. It is Coaching for Youth Employment and starting of a Social Business and is now drawing to a close. This has been an excellent project and thanks to our Project Co-ordinator Joy McNamara we have been kept well informed on its progress throughout the two years. There were a couple of unexpected setbacks during this time due to an earthquake which made the building being used unusable, so a new site was found and then Covid-19 hit and everyone went into lockdown for a period of time. Everything is now back on track and our involvement in the project is successfully completed. Joy is sending out a full report separately.

We have recently voted on a new project for the coming two years. The successful project is 'Sports and informal education as tools of healthy lifestyle promotion among vulnerable children' based in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. It will create an outdoor sports playground with gym equipment in the grounds of the Regional Centre where orphans and poor children are cared for. It will be a community asset.

Joy will be continuing in her role as Y's Menettes International Project Co-ordinator for the new project. Thank you Joy!

As my term as ID Y's Menettes finishes our new ID Y's Menettes Grete Baekgaard Thomsen will begin her term. I wish Grete all the best in her term of office and I hope we can all give her the support you have shown me over my term.

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Lastly, I would like to thank the team at YMI for their support over the past two years. I appreciated the help and guidance given whenever I asked.

Thank you,

Jennifer Cameron

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