



NEWS

Trust in the River of Life
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Welcome to the September NEWS

This NEWS letter is to keep YMI members informed through the articles and updates each month with a variety of contributors throughout the year. When you receive this issue I hope you will pass it on to as many other members as possible. Better that members receive two copies than none.

Dear Club Member,

We are living in an interesting time and are adjusting the ways in which we live as we learn more and more about coping with increasing restrictions in daily living because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. I hope this virus will disappear and we soon will have vaccine against the virus, so we can run our plans for meetings and activities again.



Despite the pandemic YMI is running very well. The virtual activities run as never before. Lots of meetings, Committees, Task Forces, Youth, Installations, Festivities and also ICM20 have already been done by virtual meetings. Of course, we are looking forward to normal living where we can meet face to face in personal and can join the social life. It will come, but nobody knows when.

Dear Club Presidents,

Tell a Good Story is an important part in our life. We all look for new stories. Therefore I would like to hear from you if you have an activity in your club which could be interesting for other members to hear about. Please write an article with 150 to 200 words and add a few photos. Use the [link on the IP page of the website](#) send it to the editor for IP eNews - Alan Wallington. We all look forward listening to different club activities.



Jacob Kristensen
International President 2020/21

Monthly Emphasis - EMC (Extension and Membership Conservation).

As ISD for EMC I have been asked to inform you a little about my job. My theme for my time as AP for Area Europe was "smile and fellowship walk hand in hand", and I would like to use it here for my task for Extension and Membership Conservation. I feel it is of great importance that Y's Men are happy and feel comfortable in the club life. If we want to get new members we have to inspire them and motivate them. What is better than a smile and proudness of being a member. If you don't have a club working properly conservation can be hopeless. For me the C also stands for both Communication and Conservation. It is of great importance that the dialog between members is relevant and human, you have to cultivate the membership first then growth will come. We have to care for each other in the club. At sickness, accidents and other problems the President or close friends have to make frequently contact so he/she doesn't feel lonesome. At death we have to take care of the widow. The Y's Men's network is worth gold for all members in all cases. I appeal to everyone to fight for the fellowship and motivate others to attend our incredible movement. We are Y's Men of our heart and Jesus Christ taught us to love our neighbour. That means we will not walk alone as Y's Men. Let your smile change the world - but don't let the world change your smile.

Ulrik Lauridsen, Y's Mens Club Vejle 2

A Flyer for EMC can be downloaded from [here](#).



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IHQ News

BE PART OF 100 DAYS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

As part of [Challenge 22](#), clubs and Regions are being requested to participate in the second annual 100 Days Membership Campaign from 1 September to 9 December 2020. Last year we managed to recruit 1,600 new club members through the campaign, and now we aim to reach 3,000 more.



Chartering the Y Service Club of Johor Eagles, Malaysia, South East Asia Region.

The campaign is an opportunity for us to engage in a collective Public Relations effort, as well as a chance to reconnect with our friends near and far. In two years' time, our movement will celebrate 100-years of service, and our goal is to reach 50,000 members and 100 countries by then. We need to induct 24,000 new members into our clubs and establish presence in 30 new countries to reach our goal. This is possible for us ONLY if all club members help our campaign by identifying one new club member to join their home club (or any club in the world). All the clubs are requested to sponsor a new club in their community or anywhere in the world. Club members are requested to consider encouraging their spouse, children or grandchildren to become club members during this period of the campaign. Other sources of potential new members may include the YMCA or other NGOs with a mission that reflects our own.

Reaching our Towards 22 goals will be a historic achievement for our movement. **ONE THAT IS POSSIBLE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS!** To support the campaign, the International Council has reduced International Dues for all spouses joining the organisation and for

young people between the ages of 26-35 for becoming part of our movement as new club members. This special discount will be valid up to the first semester August 2022. If you have any questions please contact your RD or write to ihq@ysmen.org LETS ACT TOGETHER - NOW!

YMI ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019/20 Annual Report of YMI has been published and can be downloaded [here](#).

SUPPLIES

A special meeting of YMI Supplies Officers, Service Directors and other concerned parties was held on 27 August for building standards, innovations in designs, catalogues and a coordinated supply of materials through different, locally operated "stores". Look out for more information to come on the IHQ web site.

Hello, all readers of IP News! It's me Tong, I'm Youth Programme Assistant. Some of you may have heard my name before but some may not so please let me introduce myself here.



My name is Prapinporn Phongtudsirikul, but you can just call me Tong. I'm working as a Youth Programme Assistant also Youth World Editor. I started to work with Y's Men International in December last year and I am based at our satellite office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The reason that I am passionate about voluntary works it's because I grow up with the YMCA and Y's Men. I am interested in people and how can we help others. I strongly believe that the voice of youth can change the world. they just need support, encouragement and collaboration from youth all over the world and that is what I want to make happen. It is my pleasure to work with the Y's Men International team Jose, James, Tracy and Amine and I'm proud to be in the Y's Men family to serve you all as a Youth Programme Assistant. I'm looking forward to seeing you physically somewhere in the world soon. Stay safe and stay healthy until we meet!

Prapinporn Phongtudsirikul (Tong)

Youth Programme Assistant & Youth World Editor.



"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



Club fellowship while helping Vitus Bering Y's Men's Club Horsens in Denmark has a tradition - once a year the club members meet in the local YMCA-house to clean every corner inside and to fix or renovate things. It is important for the club to combine the service with club fellowship. Therefore we always start the day with a good breakfast together, give time for breaks and lunch.

This year we had planned to paint a wooden fence in front of the house, but two days of heavy rain changed that - instead we painted a room inside, cleaned the outside area and painted a sign pole. As always the club activity was posted on Facebook - this time also with a "there is also room for you" comment.

Carsten Bai, PR Vitus Bering Y's Men's Club

Tell a good story.



Serving the Community

Pictou County Y Service Club Women (Maritimes Region, CAC) wrapped up their 48th Annual Book Sale this week. Despite the challenges faced by many during the continuing pandemic the Club is celebrating another successful year. The sale of previously enjoyed and donated books has been the major fund raiser

for the Club since 1973. The sale has been held in a variety of locations wherever suitable short-term space can be obtained at no charge. This year the local curling rink allowed a space large enough to accommodate inventory and permit physical distancing. Books are collected during the year and stored in a trailer until moved to the sale location. Regular customers look forward to being able to stock up on winter reading while first-timers are pleased to find such a wide selection at excellent prices. After the sale, books are packed up and returned to the trailer for storage. The sale began as a Y's Menette's project and has evolved to be a joint effort with the Y's Men to support the local YMCA, community projects and international programmes. Although the sale requires much effort by all Club members, everyone looks forward to it as the single most important fundraising event of the Y's year. And, of course, everyone is grateful to the community that both continue to donate books and support the sale.

Carole Dunbar, Pictou County Y Service Club Women, Canada

