

Y Men's Clubs International

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ACTION! Yes we can change.

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To All Y Service Clubs Members.

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Dear Members,

Having just returned from attending the Asia Pacific Area Convention and International Council meeting in Sendai, Japan I had the pleasure of attending the International Council meeting and witnessing the induction of Jennifer Jones to the position of International President for the 2019/2020 year. I am confident that Jennifer will do her utmost to promote our organisation in the most positive manner and we wish her well in this role.

International Council.

Preparations are under way for the celebration of the centenary of the formation of the movement in 2022,

As part of the celebrations the Paul William Alexander Legacy Project has been established. The aim of the Project is to raise enough money to do several things. Asia Pacific Area has been challenged to raise US\$ 100,000 over the 3 year period leading up to the centenary in 2022.

The Australian Region has been challenged to raise US\$ 5,400.

For more details on this exciting project go to our Region website www.yserviceaustralia.com and click on News in the top line, then scroll down the page to 'Paul William Alexander Project' and click on the video link.

While you are on the website have a browse, Web Master Wayne has included a lot of interesting information and photos!

Equally as important was the decision of the International Council to adopt the recommendation of the Branding Task Force to change Guideline 101 of the International Constitution to read 'The name 'Y's Men International' may also be used'.

There are a couple of reasons for this change, when the name Y Service Clubs was approved it was hoped that it would make it easier to promote the organisation and hopefully increase the number of women who would join but this was found to not be the case. Also it is more professional when dealing with other organizations to only have one internationally recognized name. My understanding is that we can, at local level, still call our clubs, Y Service Clubs if we choose.

More details of the outcome from the International Council meeting will be made available when advice is received from IHQ.

Asia Pacific Area.

I always find it uplifting to attend our area meetings as the Asian part of the area is so enthusiastic and carrying out such positive activities.

Asia Pacific Area has been instrumental in 'Extension Beyond Borders' in 4 countries; Cambodia, Vietnam, Netherlands and Haiti. The intended outcome of extension is to reach an international membership of 50,000 in 3,000 clubs in 100 countries by 2020 and we are well on the way to achieving this target. Internationally, last year 139 new clubs were chartered with paid membership increasing by 6.7% to 25,213 paid members. Asia Pacific Area reported 224 clubs with 3,660 paid members.

It was my unpleasant duty to report to the Area meeting of the closure of two clubs reducing the number of clubs to 11 and a slight reduction in member numbers. It is pleasing to note that many members from the clubs which closed have chosen to remain within the movement and we therefore retain their knowledge and skills.

Things to look forward to!

The Australian Region Conference will be hosted by the Kangaroo Flat club in early October (date to be confirmed). Clubs will have received a request from Region Secretary Brian for agenda items. Please give this some thought and if your club has any issues or items for discussion advise Brian in accordance with his request.

The Region Executive have agreed to assist the delegates from Canberra and Perth with their travel costs by releasing funds from the Development fund, so it will be an opportunity to meet our newer members and welcome them into the family.

Bendigo club will celebrate their 80th anniversary on September 29th and Ballarat will celebrate their 80th on November 6th. We congratulate and thank both clubs for the wonderful service they have provided to their respective communities and support of the programmes of Y's Men International over that period. Well Done!

Diary Dates.

International Convention, Odense, Denmark. August 13th to 16th 2020.

Bill. Schmidt. Region Director.