



# AP Monthly Letter December



Theme: Make a difference beyond the 100th  
Slogan: Be healthy!  
2021-22 Area President OHNO Ben Tsutomu (Kobe Port/JWR)

Just when we thought the pandemic was over, another threat is looming. Let's not let our guard down and make efforts to protect our own health. And let's all work together to prepare for YMI's 100th anniversary.



## <Announcements>

### QCM① (Quarterly Council Meeting) Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Reports on the activities of each region were given by the Regional Directors.

ASD's report was reported on the website, and AP summarized the report orally.

The following item was then resolved.

Only important resolution will be reported.

### Motion 5 : To approve subsidy of 5,000 US\$ to AC Host region

#### Background of Motion 5

Since the HCC did not collect registration fees for the conference, the following costs were borne by the Taiwan area members

AP would like to provide assistance from the Area. We would like to subsidize as a token of appreciation to the members of Taiwan who had the courage to organize the first hybrid convention.

As for where the money will come from, it has not yet been decided whether it will come from the ADF or the regular accounts, but that will be decided in the next QCM.

## <AP Comments to ASDs' Report>

### ASF.

Looking forward to hearing about the raffle that was introduced at the October 23 meeting.

### BF Promotion

Hope that BF will be reopened.

### TC Travel Coordinator

Will be busy in the near future.

### CE Christian Emphasis

Thank you for your contribution to the AP letter. I look forward to working with you in the future.

### CS Community Services

I am looking forward to the reports from each region, and I hope to introduce them in the AP letter.

### EMC

Thank you for the detailed data.

The most urgent issue is to increase the number of members. Let's make it happen.

### EF Endowment Fund

Thank you for attending many meetings and encouraging donations.

### GOLD

Thank you for encouraging each region and district to utilize the fund. Let's encourage more people to use it through workshops.

**Green Activity**

I think this is the most important initiative right now. Let's spread the activities in collaboration with young people.

**IBC**

Lumbini Club and Kitakyushu Club have set a good example of how to interact online. I hope that the existing IBCs will be able to interact with each other as well as the new ones.

**LTOD**

I hope that you will continue to provide good training for leadership development.

**Portal Buzz**

I wish for the day when all the members in the world can utilize the portal buzz.

**RBM Roll Back Malaria**

Let's continue to work on this.

**WEEK4WASTE**

This will also help to raise awareness of YMI. Let's continue to work on this as well.

**Y's Mennets**

This is a unique activity of YMI. Let's spread the world about this activity even more.

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***December Emphasis Month  
- CE -Christian Emphasis  
-Historian-***

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**It is God's Blessing**

**ASD-CE Mark LIN**



December is not only a very important time for the whole world but also in Y's men's Movement. We celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ on 25 December and our founder, Paul William Alexander on 8 December, as well as celebrate the very first club chartered on 12 December 1922 by the name of Toledo Y's Men. Indeed, the Toledo YMCA opened their doors on 5 December 1905 (the building in which Y's Men started).

Our Guideline 201: "Based on the teachings of Jesus Christ" means that club members acknowledge what Jesus Christ has taught and that the acceptance of those teachings leads club members to be prepared to put His words into action.

"...To be a Y's Man has never been predicated upon what a man believes, but upon what he does...The virtue of unselfish service which we insist shall be the hallmark of the Y's Man is an exemplification of love for one's fellow man..."

Paul William Alexander, 1951.

Jesus knew that he was about to be arrested and nailed to the cross and separated from his disciples, so he took a towel to tie his waist and poured a basin of water to wash his disciples' feet. Peter first resisted and felt wrong: How can I let the teacher bend over to wash my dirty feet? But in order to teach his disciples what it is to serve others, Jesus said to them: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

After three years of teaching his disciples, Jesus gave up his life for the sins of all mankind. This shows that

humility and sacrifice are the essence of love.

So how should we treat others with sacrificial love? First, we can seek God’s guidance. He created you and gave you gifts that can be used to serve others. You can...

- Pay attention to and care about the people around you.
- Help those in need.
- Serve your family.
- Provide meals to strangers or neighbors.
- Pray for those you don’t like.

May your heart be filled with joy and peace during these blessed days. Let us look forward together to a happy and healthy 2022.

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### DECEMBER --- A FOCUS ON HISTORY

As a matter of information for those who may not know; there are 3 books published for Y’s Men International history. They are as follows:

- 1st – 1944            First History book published covering the period 1920–1945, written by George W. Keitel
- 2nd 1953            Second History book published covering the period 1920–1953, written by George W. Keitel.
- 3rd – 1972           Third History book (Golden Anniversary edition) published, written by George W. Keitel.

For many, many years the position of Historian Service Director apparently just had to be filled. Historians especially on the levels below International (ISD), accepts the position; simply because he/she cannot decline the appointing leader. So, one has to make the most from the Service Director’s Manual. While there is an archive, accessing it is a struggle.

Many will say we need to be looking to the future and not gazing at the past. As I have observed in my more than one year in this job, it is only the incumbent AP who shows concern over this task. Regions may not even have active Regional Service Directors, and if they ever have, communication, sharing and exchanges of information between ASD & RSD is nil.

Clearly, history’s value is overlooked; whereas, past and present information gathered about the movement’s life are important for future reference; it just can’t be taken for granted; nor ignored. It may be a sad reality, but according to ISD Debbie Redmond “more than likely the position of a Historian Service Director will be eliminated as a Service Director”.

I hope not! Otherwise, how will the future learn of the of the achievements and glories of the past; how will the future avoid failures and mistakes, if there are no pasts records to refer to?

There seems to be little, if at all, attention or importance been given by most regions to regularly and continuously contribute history updates to Historians. This scenario is quite alarming. With this observation, I offer these recommendations:

- 1)            Club Presidents must appoint a Club Historian; Clubs are the real source of historical information; members do activities together.
- 2)            The District Governor must appoint a District Historian, whose task is to collect all Club Historian’s recorded activities;
- 3)            District Historian will submit all the club history to the Regional Historian; and
- 4)            Finally, the Regional Historian can submit this collection of records to the Area Historian through the Regional Director.

If this recommendation does not work, I don’t know what else?

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# ASD-Y's Menettes report No.2

ASD-Y's Menettes Chiharu Sakamoto

## **Taiwan Region**

### **Tea Plantation Cleanup**

**-- A Practical Learning of Y's Menettes of North District of Taiwan Region**

Jung-Hwa Ma, District Governor of the North District, Mei-Ling Chen, District Service Director of Menette Club of the North District, and Yu-Shan Wu, Club President of the Taipei Beta Club, jointly organized the "Tea Plantation Cleanup by Menettes of North District" activity, not only to provide the opportunity to further understand our tea culture, but also to invite the menettes and the club members to clean up the mountain roads around the plantation and protect the forests, pick up rubbish, and promote the concept of ecological and environmental protection.



This activity provides plenty of fun to learn and read on the tea plantation trail, allowing participants to understand that this land has nurtured a rich tea culture and learn how to get close to and understand and care the nature in a practical way during this activity. It is an unforgettable ecology journey.

This activity was partly sponsored by the "Menette Lily Chen Love and Care Special Fund". This special fund was established two years ago by the Area President-elect Charming Shen in memory of his late menette who dedicated to Y's Men Movement, cared about and Cared for Y's movement when she lived. This Fund Provides Menettes multiple learning channels, such as holding various lectures on medical and health, art and culture, talents, etc., to have Menette a healthy body, understand more medical knowledge, enhance talent and skill, and more importantly harmonize the Y's family life.

This Menette activity further confirms the purpose of Y's Men's Movement -- fitting in the crowd to serve the community, working together through enthusiastic service to build a better world for all mankind.

Mark Lin : RS of Taiwan Region, Asia Pacific Area

## **Philippine Region**



### **Community Service Report by CP Emely Valencia**



Club President Emely Valencia (2021-2022)

Project: Community Pantry Project (Thanksgiving)

- distribution of Rice, Noodles, Can Goods, Face Mask, Face Shield, etc.

Venue: Purok 1 & Purok 2, Barangay Rosario, Pasig City

Date: October 07, 2021

Beneficiaries: 300 Indigent Families of Barangay Rosario, Pasig City

Sponsored by: Y's Menette's Past President Rosario Lim

(Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, limited movement was observed and strict implementation of Safety Health



Protocols were implemented to prevent spread of the virus. Due to physical distancing enforcement, pick up time for residents were arranged beforehand)



Manila Downtown Y's Menettes' Club  
Manila Bay District, Philippine Region

★ Y's Menettes international project update information.

The next project would be voted in May 2022 but it has been able to move forward.

We will receive details of projects to look at and vote on in February 2022.

Hopefully clubs will get their donations in for the Y's Menettes International Project Fund before the 15th February 2022 so we know what size project they are able to do.

(From Y's Menettes International Project Coordinator Joy McNamara email)

I understand that each region has own rule for the donation but if the region is available, please remit the donation by the 15th February 2022.

(ASD Chiharu Sakamoto)



<Activities of AP>

1. Visit to the Japan West Region, Seto San-in District on Saturday, November 20

The first face-to-face District Convention in this term was held. The location was a four-hour drive from Kobe. It is a small island in the middle of the Naka Sea. It was the first time for me to cross the sea to attend a Y's meeting this term. We gazed at the beautiful autumn leaves in the garden and listened to a lecture on the “Chiisai Ouchi (a small house)” program, which aims to look after children. Afterwards, we were able to deepen our friendship with about 60 participants. After all, YMI is a wonderful place to learn and interact. I would like to thank DG Fukunaga of the Seto San-in District, and the other members of the District for taking care of the meeting.



2. In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the YMI, the Japan West Region, Rokko District decided to plant Someiyoshino (cherry blossom trees) in three parks in Kobe City. The first tree-planting ceremony was held at the site of the Kobe YMCA Charity Run on the same day. The event was featured in the local newspaper.



**Saturday, November 6:** Handover Ceremony of Metro & Talas Quezon City Club, Philippines  
Visit to Voice of Youth English Speech Contest, Japan East Regional Board Meeting

**Friday, November 12:** FQCM

**Saturday, November 13:** SMIT Regional Council Meeting, The 3rd Workshop, Voice of Youth Award Ceremony

**Monday, November 15:** Area Website Committee Meeting

**Thursday, November 18:** Songfest Committee Meeting

**Saturday and Sunday, November 27 and 28:** Leadership Training of incoming officers of the Japan West Region