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MESSAGE FROM AREA PRESIDENT

BY DAVID LUA

Dear Friends and Fellow Y's Men & Women,

While many parts of the world are reporting a resurgence of COVID-19, I am happy to note that here in the Asia Pacific countries, we are seeing a gradual easing of the restrictions in cross-border travels and physical meetings.

This trending could enable us to go about serving the segments of our respective communities that needed help. Hopefully, we will soon be able to meet in person. Recently, as I was driving along one of the busy roads in an industrial estate in Singapore, a tagline on the back of a logistics van stared right into me. It reads, **“We Make A Difference”**.

This tagline resonates with me in my belief that we, Y's Men and Women in Asia Pacific Area, desire to “Make A Difference”. This rallying call must not only be confined to making a difference in the lives of the marginalized and needy but be as much expressed in our respective leadership actions as we lead and engage our stakeholders, aligning with IP Jacob Kristensen's Theme, “Values, Extension and Leadership.”

Personally, I am much encouraged by the stories of clubs reaching out to help the vulnerable groups combat the global pandemic by providing face masks, sanitizers, meals, groceries, beds and financial aids among any other things. Thank you, CP Deepak, for sharing the story of the Y Service Club of Lumbini in giving food and educational support to the needy children in the Lumbini township in Nepal. I invite other clubs to tell us your stories, that others may learn from.

Alexander Scholarship Fund (“ASF”), is the Emphasis for the month of November. Named after our founder, Judge Paul William Alexander, these funds are raised from contributions by members; the objective of which, is to provide grants for YMCA staff development, among the many activities that Y's Men and Women undertake to support our partner, the YMCA. Since part of members' contributions to this program is retained at the Regional or club level, support has been given directly to the local YMCAs by the clubs/districts; while other local YMCAs have benefited from the support given at the Regional level. You can find out more from the ASF articles contributed by the Regions in this issue of the Bulletin. Hopefully, this will inspire clubs to give more towards this Program. I call on Regional Directors to make an effort to support your local YMCA's staff development program and share your success stories. Shared activities and stories could be a good avenue towards nurturing a healthy Y's Men-YMCA relationship.

Lastly, I commend the Area Bulletin Team for its aim to give an in-depth coverage of a “region-in-focus”, in the upcoming issues; starting with Australia Region in this issue. I appeal to all Regional Directors to make a special effort to share with the Area your Region's past and current activities. This will help us get better connected with each other. We would love to learn more about Japan East Region, the next region-in-focus in the December issue. I urge each and everyone to stay health and keep safe as you go about serving the community.

May God's hand of protection be upon you.

AP David Lua
November 2020



**AREA THEME 2020-21:
“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**

**AREA SLOGAN 2020-21:
“INSPIRE!”**

BEING AN IPIP IN COVID TIMES

BY IPIP JENNIFER JONES

We are living in interesting and challenging times, with some countries suffering more than others with restrictions of some sort. This pandemic has affected the activities of Y's Men International where we have seen "in-person" meetings such as the ICM and the 2020 International Convention unfortunately cancelled.

With ingenious thought, rearrangements were made to hold the first IEO and ICM Installation on the Zoom platform. ICM was reorganized over three days of Zoom meetings in August. Those attending, deeply missed the closeness of meeting together in person where much of what gets decided, is debated and talked about in the social activities which surround the official meetings. But we all agreed in the end, that we achieved the best result that was possible in these times.

The use of Zoom has opened many possibilities in our own Area Asia Pacific. AP David Lua organized to have the Area Council Meeting conducted online over two days in August. The opportunity to attend this event now is more open to all who would like to come, participate and even just observe. I have been privileged to be part of meetings for Region Australia set up by RD Wayne and it seems that we have had more contact online than was possible in previous years. Hopefully, this will help to strengthen and reinforce the leadership here.

It was great to be able to announce the Award Winners for my term as President, with congratulations going to PAP KC Samuel from India for taking out the "Best Area President" Award, and to PRD Johnson J Padinjath, West India Region, for taking out the "Best Regional Director" Award. It was also very special to be able to announce that the highest award for YMI, the Harry M Ballantyne Award, was to be given to Ballarat club member, Murray Stevens, for meritorious work over many years in managing the IBC Directory. Well done Murray!

The current future is unpredictable as we try to imagine what life will be like at this time next year. Let's hope that we can continue to use the technology available to strengthen and broaden our movement, working together in whatever way possible we can to achieve what may seem to be "the impossible".



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Y'S MEN IN THE AUSTRALIAN REGION PAST AND PRESENT

BY RD WAYNE CAMERON

"The Australian Region has a proud and long history in Y Service International."

The first club to be chartered was **Brisbane**. This was one of Y's Men's first International chartered clubs outside of the Continental United States. The club was chartered in March 1926 and ceased activities in 1968.

Over the years to the present date approximately 57 Clubs have been chartered in Australia with all States and Territories having clubs in operation at some stage.

When the Australian Region was part of the South Pacific Area there were also a number of Clubs in New Zealand and Pacific islands. New Zealand had a total of 10 clubs. However, there are none now operating. The Australian Region was also active in chartering 2 clubs in the Pacific Islands. Honiara in the Solomon Islands and Suva Club in Fiji. Unfortunately, both clubs were only short-lived.

In the early year Y Service members were generally all highly active with the YMCA, serving as volunteers, being Board members and helping run programs usually based around **sporting or physical activities for boys and young men**. In fact, some YMCA's in country areas would not have existed without a local Y's Men's Club supporting them both in financial and volunteer support. One Club started a YMCA and financially raised funds to employ YMCA staff for several years.

Y's Menette's Clubs also supported the Y's Men and YMCA's and were very active as well. Club activities varied widely in volunteering and fund raising in support of the YMCA from building houses for sale to running car events and many other different projects and social activities as well. Generally, families were all involved in these activities as well as taking part in the YEEP and STEP programs.



The South Pacific Area has held two International Conventions; the first in Melbourne in 1978 and the Sydney convention in August 2002. Both were extremely successful. **We have had 4 International Presidents** over the years and one International Treasurer with many members also serving on the International Council or other international roles. Initially Y's Men's Clubs were only male oriented clubs in operation but as society changed, so have most clubs changed to be mixed gender clubs.

In the early 1980's the YMCA changed direction in Australia and went into a Corporate style of Business management. This meant that the role of Y's Men and Y's Menette's were no longer needed as volunteers and the Y's Men's organization had a significant problem with identity and a reason for existence. This unfortunately was one of the factors for the slow decline in Club numbers.

The Australian society has also changed with Service Clubs in decline generally across the country. Structured Clubs such as Service to the Community style clubs have great difficulty in attracting members and most clubs have an aging membership. This is not unique to Y Service clubs in Australia as all types of clubs are experiencing the same difficulties of attracting members on an ongoing basis.

With the declining club numbers, it was decided to close the Area South Pacific as we only had one Region and joined with Area Asia to create the new Asia Pacific Area in 2016.

The current situation has the Australian Region at **10 active Y Service Clubs with 6 Y's Menette's Clubs** with all but one with an aging membership. The Regional Executive has worked hard to improve Communications particularly in the current Covid 19 climate. Most clubs continue to meet or stay in contact usually by online meetings or similar methods.

The geographical isolation or distance between clubs is a factor to be dealt with by Y members in Australia. For example it is 930km by road between Canberra and Broken Hill. It is 500km by road between Broken Hill and Adelaide.

The maps show the location of the 10 active Y Service Clubs in the South East corner of Australia – clubs are in locations underlined, i.e. Adelaide, Port Pirie, Broken Hill, Canberra, Bendigo (4 clubs) and Ballarat. There is also a club in Ararat, which is between Ballarat and Adelaide.

The future is going to be a challenge for the Australian Region.



Y SERVICE CLUB OF BENDIGO'S BOOK FAIRS & CHRISTMAS TREES



The Y Service Club of Bendigo is the oldest club on Australia still operating. It was chartered in 1939. The club has produced several international level leaders over the years, including the Late Arthur Cowling, who was International President in 1992.

The Y Service Club of Bendigo is very active raising funds to support the community, including the YMCA. The club's major fund-raising projects are 'pre-loved' (2nd hand) books and Christmas Trees.

The 'books project' has not been able to run its usual fund-raising projects this year due to COVID19, but have tried selling online, without success. The club is hoping restrictions will ease enough to allow for a small scale 'book fair' outdoors later in the year.

The community projects supported by the club include: 'Bendigo Food Share', which rescues food from food producers and retail outlets to support people on low incomes; Bendigo Youth Choir, which makes regular appearances at local gatherings, but has also performed internationally; OTIS Foundation, an organization that supports women with breast cancer; the Smith Family; local volunteer fire & rescue services; other local educational & health organizations.

The club also directly supports international projects, for example the YMCA in Cambodia and the School of St Jude in Tanzania.

ARARAT'S ANNUAL DEBUTANTE BALL

Ararat Y's Menette have for nearly 40 years conducted an annual Debutante Ball until this year when COVID beat them to the starting post. Every year about 20 young ladies (16-17 age) are presented each night to their family and friends at the Town Hall, which has a capacity of 300 people. In recent years, we have had 2 and 3 consecutive nights as other groups no longer provide this 'rite of passage'. The young people still wish to participate in this 'old fashioned' ritual.



This event is very much an "All Hands-on Deck" affair. For most of this time, training the couples in ballroom dancing has been by Y's Men – Y's Menette couple. In the beginning, Alan and Bertha Grant, and for many years now, Joe and Marlene Perry. Traditionally the junior attendants are Y'slings (which have included all 4 of the Olle children).

Particularly as our clubs grow smaller, working together to provide opportunities and events in our community has been a large part of our continued existence in this changing world. So as Deb night comes around the ladies concentrate on food, clothes and decorations while the men move tables and chairs and keep tabs on the movements of our charges and guests. When the night is over, we then prepare for the next. It's a lot of work but it's what we do.





BROKEN HILL MERRY-GO-ROUND

THE PHOTO IS FROM DECEMBER 2019 AT LOCAL MINING COMPANY CHRISTMAS FUNCTION. L TO R. RON SYMONS, BILL FITZPATRICK, NORN TWEEDIE, GEOFF WEBB, GARRY HALLIDAY, TREVOR RUDD AND RON FARQUHAR

The Broken Hill Y's Men's Club conducts a variety of fund-raising activities to support the community of Broken Hill. The city of Broken Hill is famous for being a mining town. The biggest mining company in the world, was originally called Broken Hill Pty Ltd, but is now BHP Ltd and does not have any mining operations in Broken Hill. Broken Hill is relatively remote, it is in the state of New South Wales but is 500km from nearest state capital, which is Adelaide in the state of South Australia. **One of the fund-raising activities of the club is running a Merry-Go-Round.** The club has been running the Merry-Go-Round since purchasing it in 1984.

GOWNS FOR DOCTORS

A Y SERVICE CLUB OF KANGAROO FLAT PROJECT TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL MEDICAL STAFF AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GP) IN THE GREATER BENDIGO AREA.



As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, local GP's required protective wear in their own clinics. This created a problem as there was no single use gowns available in sufficient quantity to meet the demand by local GP's. Supplies of single use gowns were being kept for hospitals and COVID-19 clinics which meant doctors in their own clinics had nothing.

Dr. Nicole Townsend and Dr. Kirby White decided that they had to do something about this. They decided to start a community project to make 1,000 reusable gowns for General Practitioners in the Bendigo and Broader Regional Areas.

The Y Service Club of Kangaroo Flat donated \$1,000 to the Gowns for Doctors Project which allowed approximately 75 gowns to be made. It is expected that each gown will be used for 6 months, that is around 120-130 times per gown. This equates to around 10,000 single use gowns which are difficult to obtain for local GP's.

PIRIE CLUB DELIVERS STORAGE BOXES TO CHILD CARE CENTER



Children at the Port Pirie Child Care Centre now have some extra storage for their toys, thanks to the Y's Men International Club of Port Pirie

The group stems from the YMCA and prides itself on its service to the community. After being approached by the child care center a few months ago, the men pulled together to build five wooden storage boxes on wheels.

With a couple of sessions on the table and the combined effort from the club's nine members, the project took about a fortnight to complete. Like the Y's Men's Club, the child care center is a not-for-profit organization that relies on community support and funding.

Port Pirie Child Care Centre director Rebekah Angione said they are grateful for the club's assistance with the storage boxes. "All the children made a thank you card for them, which they got to draw on and we explained what they were for."

"We know exactly how it feels to not be able to do anything unless we fundraise for it or do get it donated, so we really do appreciate it."

Club President Peter Standen said they are always willing to help the community. "We are always on the look out for small groups that need help. If we can help out we will," he said. "We like these sort of jobs." Past President Peter Bairstow said the project is one of many that the club gets involved with to help the community. "We cut it out, glued and screwed them together, painted them up... it was a club activity," he said.

"This is not the only thing we have done, we have done lots of things for different organizations. "We have done some work with Cancer Council and given cash donations to people. We brought a fridge for Meals on Wheels and brought a new saddle for Riding for the Disabled (RDA). "It is all about giving back to the community."

Y's Men's Club gives to child-care centre

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Port Pirie Child Care Centre director Rebekah Angione said they are grateful for the club's assistance with the storage boxes.

"Anything that we can get donated, or community involvement really helps," she said.

"Anything donated we just love, but the kids love new things and we have got to fundraise if we want anything new."

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"We like these sort of jobs." The club would like to thank Steve Dite for the kind donation of paint and Frank D'Agostino for their supply of timber.



GIVING: Y's Men's Club's Daryl, left, Alan, Peter, Peter, Alan, Bob, with Jo, Bree, Rebekah and children McKenzie, Gracie, Ed, Charlotte, Cooper, William, Hunter, Cleo.

PHOTO AND STORY FROM THE RECORDER, PORT PIRIE

PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO GEELONG YMCA



When regrettably, the Y Service Club of Geelong returned its Charter during 2019, the principal beneficiary was the YMCA of Geelong. The amount involved being AUD\$35,000.

The Club was retired due to both the ageing and health of most of the members however, due to the long and productive association with the local YMCA, generous donations from the Clubs funds were contributed to provide essential support both at the main YMCA Centre in Geelong and the YMCA Camp Wyuna located at the coastal town of Queenscliff, some 30 kilometers from Geelong.

AUD\$5000 was provided to upgrade air-conditioning in staff rooms at the Centre in Geelong while the remaining AUD\$30,000 was used to provide staff facilities at Camp Wyuna which, in normal times, hosts numerous school and community camps throughout the year.

There were no specific staff facilities at the Camp with staff having to share with groups attending the facility. Staff now have a dedicated facility for meetings and breakouts. The pictures above, show the new facility, which will be officially opened once this COVID-19 epidemic is brought under control.

Y SERVICE CLUBS SUPPORT YMCA STAFF IN AUSTRALIA



Y scholarship Peter Burns from ausleisure.com.au

The Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) in Australia has been a joint project between Y Service Clubs and a YMCA Life Governor Ian Howard.

The Y Service Clubs have sponsored the IC Howard/Y Service International Staff Scholarships for many years at a rate of AUD\$2,500 per annum. An example of a scholarship was AUD\$5,000 to a YMCA Canberra employee, Peter Burns. Peter used the scholarship to fund a 25-day US study tour of 3 to 5 leading providers of outdoor recreation for people with a disability.



World YWCA & World YMCA

WEEK OF PRAYER AND WORLD FELLOWSHIP

8-14 NOVEMBER, 2020

RAYS OF HOPE

CREATING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Since 1904, the World YMCA and the World YWCA have traditionally come together to deliver the **World Week of Prayer and World Fellowship**.

Celebrated each year in the second week of November, the Week sees both organizations joining forces to produce a booklet with a theme, a set of Bible studies for each day, and an annual Bible reading plan so that communities around the world can unite in prayer for a specific cause linked to current realities. (To know more about the WOP visit <https://www.ymca.int/week-of-prayer/>).

TOMORROW'S LEADERS ARE MADE TODAY: ASF'S EFFORTS IN THE JAPAN EAST AND JAPAN WEST REGIONS

BY OHNO BEN TSUTOMU, ASD-ASF

One of the most critical aspects of the YMCA movement is the development of youth. To pass on the legacy of a generation to the youth, many Y's Men and Women have continued to work for the youth with a stern look on the future.

Y's Men's Clubs of Japan have contributed significantly to youth empowerment through their ASF donation to the YMCAs of Japan. In other words, ASF is linked to "The leaders of tomorrow are made today. In this article, I would like to look back on the Y's Men's and Women's thoughts and activities embodied in the phrase "Tomorrow's leaders are made today" to make our activities even stronger.

Japan YMCA Youth Leader's Workshop

Every year, YMCA youth leaders from all over the country gather to exchange information about their activities, discover and solve problems, share their hopes for tomorrow, and return to their communities.

They will go into their future programs with broadened horizons, improved leadership skills, and strong intentions. It is a great pleasure for the Y's Men and Women to support the training sessions.

By changing locations each year, YMCAs across the country take turns running this training. Through this, the leaders and the YMCA staff can experience more encounters, broaden their horizons, and interact with each other so that they can entrust their future to the youth.

YMCA Global Citizenship Project

Through a year-long curriculum, we draw out the analytical, communicative, and actionable skills of young people from all over Japan and nurture youth (global citizens) to tackle global and local issues. Every year, about 20 young people participate in the program, receive a certificate, and leave to join in activities that support local communities.

Some of the youth who took part in the program said, "It takes courage to take action alone when you want to take action for society. Taking action and giving shape to your thoughts is the first step in taking action."

Many young people with a full understanding of the Global Citizenship Project's significance have been born and are going into the world.



JAPAN YMCA YOUTH LEADER'S WORKSHOP



YMCA GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Where the ASF donation goes

In Japan, ASF has undoubtedly contributed significantly to the development of youth and staff at the YMCA. On the other hand, is the generational change within the Y's Men's Clubs successful?

We need to nurture tomorrow's leaders for the generational change of the Y's Men and Women themselves. I hope that the significance of ASF will be reaffirmed not only in Japan but also in the Asia Pacific Area and Internationally, and that all of us will share the common challenges and make effective use of ASF donation. Let us make our dream a reality through our donations to ASF!

ASF PROGRAM IN TAIWAN REGION

Since 1987/88, Taiwan Region has provided ASF to YMCA colleagues to study abroad. So far, there have been more than 50 people, including 2, who because of COVID restrictions have not been implemented this year. Example: 2019/20 Sponsor 2 YMCA Staffs

1. Nantou YMCA Ms. Yu-Ling Chen - CHF 960.00
Date: 4th August to 6th September, 2019
Place: YMCA Tochigi, Japan
Study Subject: Community Service and Long-Term Care for elderly.
2. Tainan YMCA Ms. Hui-Chuan Lin - CHF 960.00
Date: 4th November to 30th November, 2019
Place: Hong Kong YMCA
Study Subject: Children education & YMCA's Social responsibility and service.

Taiwan Region has always maintained a good partnership with YMCA. In addition to providing ASF, also assists YMCA in various service ministries such as summer camps, blood donations, charity sales and anti-drug activities. We hope that Y's Men and YMCA will continue to complement each other.

HOW GOLD CAME TO BE

BY DAVID HALL, ISD FOR GOLD 2.0



My interest in leadership development was sparked early in my Y Service experience

In the 1970s my Region held annual leadership workshops for anyone interested. The leader was so innovative and engaging with his presentations that I kept copies of his material and added more to that collection over the years, from different Y service leaders from around our movement.

When PIP Joan Wilson called me from the 2017 ICM to ask if I would head up a Task Force to design a leadership development program for our younger members, I jumped at the chance. With the ideas I had collected from my years as a science teacher, there was no need to start from scratch. In science teaching it is normal to use a science experiment to stimulate discussion and form some conclusions.

The **Experiential Learning Cycle** used in **GOLD**, provides a structure for an interesting and engaging process of developing new skills and refining existing skills. The four stages guide a group through an Experience that leads to a Reflection on what had happened. The group then finds truths and trends that can be put into Generalized statements that eventually lead to an Application in a real world situation. Usually the process leads to a consensus and helps build a team approach to solving problems.

The common approach to training in our movement is a one way sharing of information from an “expert” to the group, using a PowerPoint presentation. This can lead to an unwanted result we call “Death by PowerPoint”.

To find out for yourselves how GOLD works, look over the GOLD material in the June 2020 issue of YMI World. Then visit www.ysmen.org and read the introductory material and get an idea of the array of resources available. Finally talk to your newer and younger members about what they would like to have in a leadership development program that is made for specifically for our movement.

The Asia-Pacific Area is setting a great example for the other 7 Areas and I was very excited to have had so many of your leaders be part of your Zoom presentation on GOLD 2.0. Next comes the Latin America Area and by 2022 perhaps all eight Areas will be on board to start the next 100 years.

USING THE GOLD CURRICULUM

BY NATASHA LELIEVRE, PAST AYR CAC

The **GOLD 2.0 curriculum** is divided into three levels of formal training; labelled **GOLD 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3**. They are designed to be used in online groups of 6 people.

However the curriculum is very flexible and can be used in different formats; in small online groups, individually, within a club, or at a Regional workshop.

The learning process with GOLD 2.0 is to introduce and elaborate on topics that form the basis for future Leadership Training and Organizational Development (LTOD) Programs. The learning activities relate specifically to our movement.

In Level 2.1, the first two modules give an introduction of the Movement, mission and values, membership requirements, programs, history and youth involvement.

The other modules focus on the basics for all future leadership development: Communication, Presentation and Facilitation Skills.

As a member progresses through the Movement,, he or she will recognize that more is needed and GOLD 2.0 will be there. Once you have earned your 15 credits you could be recognized as a “Certified GOLD Trainer” at the Club, District and Regional levels.

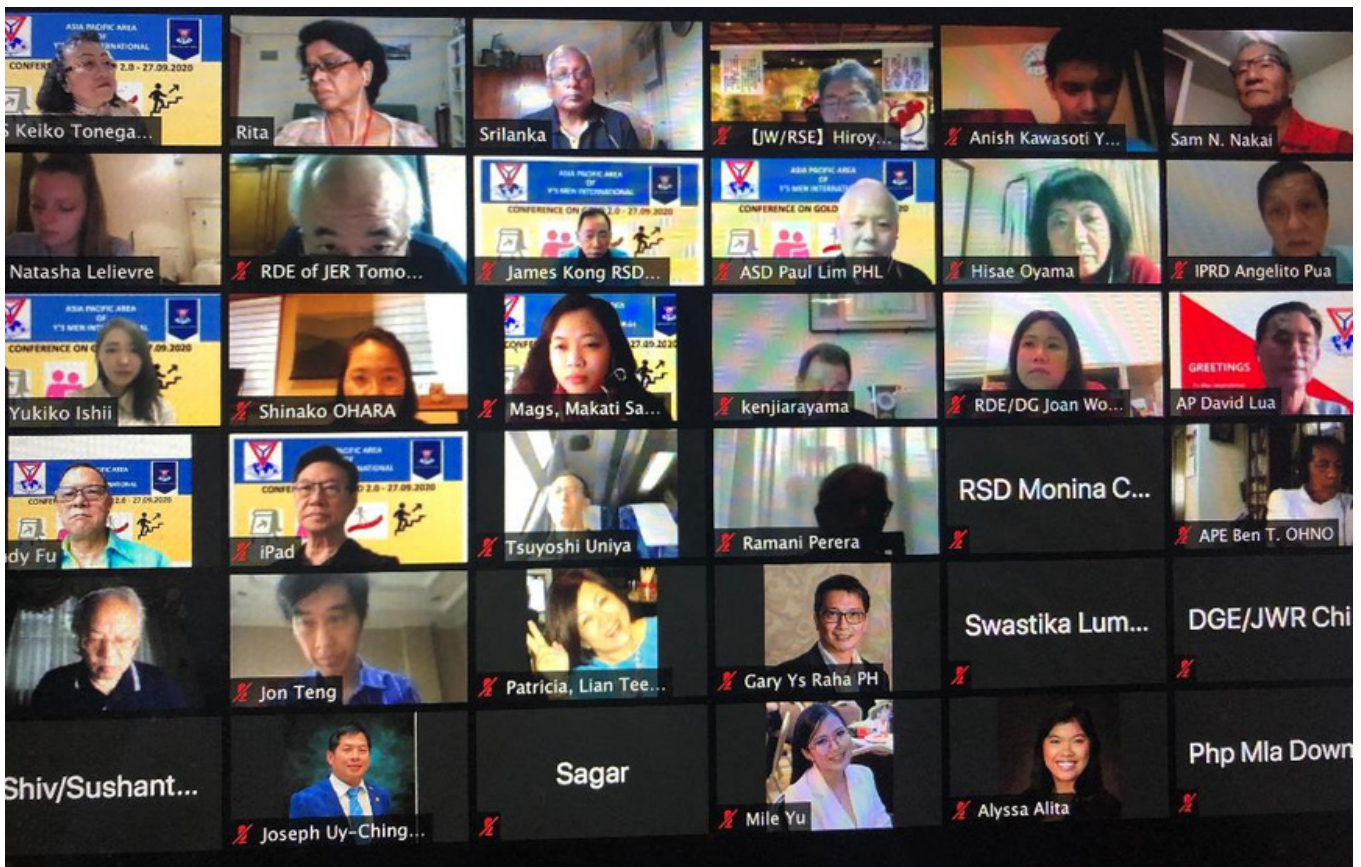
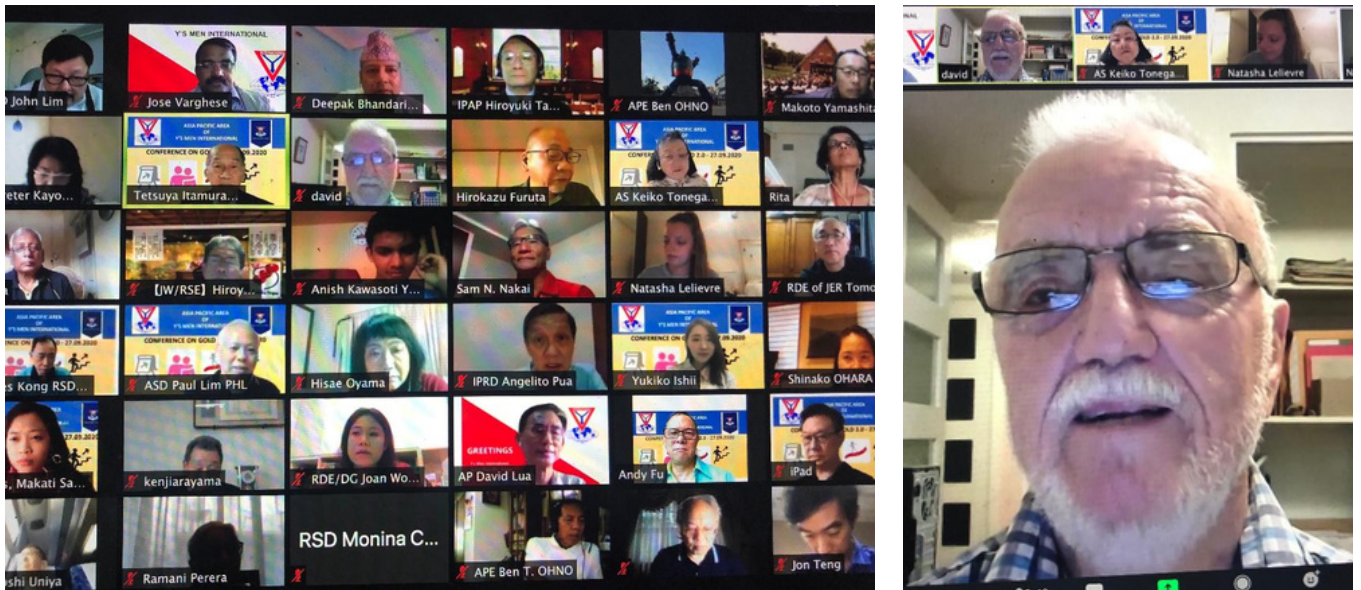
GOLD FOR ASP MEMBERS

BY PAP RITA HETTIARACHCHI, ASD FOR GOLD AND LTOD

58 members from different Y's Men's Clubs across the Asia and South Pacific (ASP) Area participated in the Information Sharing Session about the **Gold 2.0 Program** held last September 30, 2020 via zoom.

PAP Rita Hettiarachchi, ASD for GOLD and Leadership Training and Organizational Development (LTOD), invited International Service Director (ISD) for GOLD **David Hall** and his granddaughter, Area Service Director (ASD) **Natasha Lelievre** to explain about the Gold 2.0 program and curriculum.

The successful meeting was attended by ASP Area Regional Directors (RDs), Regional Director Elect (RDEs), Club Presidents (CPs) and members shown in the picture below.



CROWD FUNDING – A WAY Y’S MEN CAN SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL YMCA OR COMMUNITY

BY COLIN LAMBIE, ASD GREEN ACTIVITIES & ENVIRONMENT

Crowd Funding is just another name for fund raising. But from my experience, it mainly relies on social media to spread the message about the funds being raised and the projects being supported.

I have been involved with several crowd funding campaigns to raise funds for solar rooftop systems, for example for social housing homes, sports stadiums, local library, local archive center and most recently for a ‘science & discovery center’.

These projects result in funds to pay for solar rooftop system that reduce the cost of electricity of the ‘hosts’, the people or organizations in the buildings. The solar systems also reduce the amount of electricity coming from the grid and hence reduces the ‘carbon footprint’ of the hosts.

The audience targeted for donations to these projects are individuals in the community, large & small businesses. Each donation is ‘marketed’ to show appreciation for the contribution, which has PR value for businesses that support these projects.

Projects of AUD\$10,000 to AUD\$30,000 are achievable. It may not work everywhere and may not work all the time. Our target for current project of about AUD\$50,000 will fall short at about AUD\$30,000, we believe the COVID19 uncertainty is such that people are not as generous as usual. For a club to make this work, they are going to need a strong social media presence. If your club is not already making use of social media, its worth considering.



Y Service Club of Bendigo donation of \$400



GREEN CORNER



in 2020/21 Y’s Men International introduces its **Week4Waste Campaign**. To actively participate in the campaign, clubs should conduct at least one “clean-up” activity in their community during the year... Our goal is to have maximum impact and maximum visibility! **Activities should culminate in the week of 18 – 25 April 2021**, which has been specifically selected because of the several international environmental protection actions and observations during that period, including Earth Day on 22 April.

A MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN ADELAIDE OPEN HOUSE

The Y Service Club of Adelaide recently held an "Open House" as part of the current "100-Day Membership Campaign".

The meeting was at IPIP Jennifer's home and 25 people were able to sit inside around the tables and share fellowship. Chinese-background, club member Peter, helped to cook the barbeque with skill and those who came brought salads to share. Nine people who came are not yet members and IPIP Jennifer spoke about the joy and satisfaction of being a YMI club member and the unexpected surprises and friendships that come along the way.

Other members too, were able to share some of their positive experiences, even when joining in their later lives. We are looking forward expectantly to what these prospective new members will be able to contribute to the life and the working of the Adelaide Club.



THE PASSING OF A GREAT LEADER, SEA RD LEE LIAT CHENG

It was a sad day for all of us to learn that our dear Regional Director of Southeast Asia Region, Lee Liat Cheng has departed from this world. But we must be comforted that he has gone to a far better place in heaven's glory.

Liat Cheng was a close friend of mine for more than 30 years; us having served together in the Board of YMCA of Singapore. He was a kind and compassionate man, known for his generosity and zeal in service, a mentor, a leader and a reliable friend. Since taking office as Regional Director on 1 Jul 2020, he had led Southeast Asia Region well and made a difference to the Region in building a core group of leaders to serve with him. He inspired many fellow Y's Men and Women to selfless service in Y's Men International and had left a good legacy.

Our deepest condolences to Liat Cheng's family. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by friends and colleagues in the Y's Men International.

Rest in peace, Liat Cheng. Till we meet again!

AP DAVID LUA



I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

Lee Liat Cheng
(78 years)

Our beloved husband, father &
grandfather was called home
to be with the Lord on 27 Oct 2020.

He lived a full & blessed life, filled with
the favour, grace & mercies of the Lord.

Thank you for all your prayers for him
& our family.

Wake will likely be held on Sun, 1 Nov.
Details will be provided later.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST FOR IC 2022 IN HAWAII

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