

# CASCADE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL AREA USA PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

June 2020

Lee A. Woodard, Cascade District Governor

MOTTO: To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right

"Pride through Service"

Seattle Downtown/Metrocenter YSC

Meredith Mathews East Madison-Seattle YSC

Salem YSC

**Please follow the Regional Calendar as it is "road map" of our activities throughout the year.**

TO OUR Y SERVICE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FRIENDS IN THE CASCADE DISTRICT, PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, US AREA. We are an International Service Organization dedicated to serving the YMCA as well as our local communities.

## **SPECIAL REGION WIDE EDITION AS OUR YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE**

Greetings one et al,

Here we are at the end of our fiscal year once again. My last newsletter I believe, was in February. I am sorry as I try to publish one each month. What a time it has been since then. A good time to be in the mask business. Seriously, this coronavirus has really taken a toll. I sincerely hope and pray that everyone reading these words is ok and free of any illness. Our hearts go out to those we have lost to this terrible pandemic.

### **Pacific Northwest Regional Convention**

As you know we regretfully cancelled the convention for this year, due to several factors. It was going to be hosted by the Salem Y Service Club which as you know, has no Y currently, as the Salem Family Y was torn down and a brand new one will rise in its place. Salem has agreed to postpone their hosting the convention until 2021. We look forward to that very much.

Well what about the **Board Meeting** you ask. Good news. The Board Meeting will be held via "Go to Meeting", some new-fangled thing, on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 3:00pm, PDT. This is just around the corner so mark your calendars. You should already have received sign on instructions, but RD Sharon will be sending those out again. Be sure to get your reports in to Sharon ASAP. Just prior to our Board meeting will be the US Area installation of Area officers meeting via "Go to Meeting", or "Zoom", not the breakfast cereal, which they still make

incidentally, but another product of technology. If you wish to sit in on that one, notify RD Sharon so she can send you the sign on credentials. That one commences at 12noon PDT.

Speaking of new officers, the region has a couple of changes starting on July 1,2020, the start of our new year. I am pleased to announce that **Raye Vincent** of the Helena, Mt. YSC will become our new Regional Director. Our current RD **Sharon Meadows** will become our Regional Secretary. We wish RD Raye the absolute best in her new position and Sharon as well in her new position as Secretary. In addition, I am sure you will join me in thanking Sharon for her great leadership as Regional Director these past two years. (insert applause)

Continuing, **Stanton H. Brown Jr.** (Stan) will continue as our Regional Treasurer, **Ila Steen** continues as Intermountain District Governor, and **Lee A. Woodard**, will continue as Cascade District Governor.

### What Does a District Governor Do?

Nothing you say. Perhaps not as much as I should. Seriously, there are some three hundred items a District Governor is responsible for. Of course, we are a small region so many of those items do not apply. However, as mentioned above, your DG is a ‘conduit’ between your club and the Regional Director, i.e. member>club President>District Governor>Regional Director. I am here to assist your club in succeeding, from answering questions to helping with planning meetings, finances, etc. If I do not have an answer, I will get it. As a goal I want to visit each club in the district at least twice a year.

### US Area Website

As mentioned in my last newsletter, have you checked out the newly remodeled US Area web site yet? It is fantastic! Our US Area webmaster, **Richard Porter** is doing an excellent job. It is user friendly and provides links to various resources. I would like to personally invite you to have a look and come back often. I am sure you will find the website a great resource center for many of your needs. The address is: [www.yserviceclubsusa.org](http://www.yserviceclubsusa.org). I may have been remiss and failed to thank **Bob Daniels** of St. Louis for his many years as webmaster. You did a great job Bob, Thank you. Look for a bonus in your pay envelope. I also have it on good authority that Bob has a birthday in about three weeks. I know this because he and I share a birthday. Happy Birthday Bob.

**What happened?** Where have all the members gone? We are way down in membership and if the slide continues there will be no more Y Service Clubs, at least in the US. Is that what we want? Sixteen members in Cascade District and twenty-eight members in the entire region

Ask, Ask, Ask. See you next time.