

Word To The Y's

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Home Club of International President:
Rachelle Reeg (1990-91)



Hello everyone. This has indeed an unusual year not only for the

Club but for everyone out there. As we look to finish our year, we need to refocus on our Mission as a club and as individuals. That being said, we obviously will not do a meeting in August (we normally don't do that anyway). Hopefully, each of you will consider donating to the "Virtual Book Fair" that the YMCA is holding. More than just the amount of money we

receive or the amount of time we spend on the Book Fair this year, we must consider that the three main groups are not receiving the financial support that this Book Fair supplies for them. That means that Carondelet Park Rec Complex does not have the money to help support the Annual Campaign or the money for the support of the youth and families that need the YMCA. That

THERE'S ALWAYS A BLESSING

Christian Emphasis

By

FRAN GOEBEL



EIGHT MONTHS AGO, OUR FAMILY of five moved from a four-bedroom, two-bath rental home to a nine-hundred-square-foot, two-bedroom, one-bath rental home. It squeezed us in more ways than one. We lost a bathroom in the process, and bathrooms are important. There have been harsh words exchanged over who gets the bathroom first and discussions over how long a shower needs to be. (Both are followed

by pounding on the bathroom door). We have struggled with the loss. *Don't we deserve two bathrooms?* Really, we have more than we deserve. Over two billion people in the world don't have basic sanitation. One bathroom is over-the-top living. This small home has been an eye-opener and a reminder of how easily we take for granted the extravagances of modern life. Not only has Jesus provided us with eternal

life, but He's provided for our physical needs here on earth. From the electricity that lights up our homes to the food on our table. He gives us so **much**. Often, we take it as if we deserve it. Like rich kids who don't recognize their dad's generosity. In the presence of Jesus's daily abundance, we easily feel entitled and forget how truly blessed we are. But we don't have to forget. We can choose to

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Check out the new U S Area web site at “yserviceclubsusa.org”

Newsletter Deadlines:

If you are submitting an article or picture for the club newsletter, please be sure to send your information to Editor, **Bob Daniels** and consider the following deadlines:

Sept newsletter Aug 22

CLUB DUES

It is now the time to update our roster and make dues payment for the winter. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address , phone numbers and email. Most of the things coming from all four levels come by email today. The levels are IHQ, US Area, Mid America Region and our club. Dues for this semester is \$39.50. Please mail your check to :

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move away from an attitude of entitlement and embrace an attitude of gratitude. Jesus has blessed our socks off. Let's decide to live with open hearts, full of thankfulness, for every good and perfect gift that Jesus has sent our way.

FROM: “Mornings With Jesus” DEV

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

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means that the Community Development YMCA will not receive the money for their programs from the Literacy to the STEM programs to the Youth and Government to all the other programs provided out of that one building. That means the Campus YMCA will not have money to support the unbelievable groups that work with and for the community and led by the Student Leaders. The goal is to raise \$10,000 this year (last year that wouldn't have even covered

the cost of the usage of the Basement of the Community Development YMCA and the cost of utilities).

Please take the time to consider donating something to the Virtual Book Fair so that at least one small program might be able to get a little bit of funding.

<https://gwrymca.org/book-fair-donate>

Debbie

Honoring our Past International Presidents

For those that follow the Facebook Page for the U.S. Area Y Service Clubs, you know that I have been featuring and talking about the Past International Presidents each week. When I sat down to look at the 15th International President, I realized that this was indeed a unique individual and worth saying more than a few words about him as well as his wife. His name was **George W. Keitel** and he was from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Like many of the Past International Presidents, he was a Lawyer but also had spent some time in the Publishing business. **George** wrote two of the history books about Y's Men. In my research about the early years, he was mentioned often. When I looked into his life, I discovered that he was unable to serve in the Military because of "shaking and palsy" of his arms. **George** had Parkinson's Disease but that

didn't seem to slow him down. As I said, he researched and wrote the first two history books about Y's Men. More than likely, the books were actually typed by his wife, **Bertha**. In 1960, **George Keitel** received the **Harry Ballantyne Award**. In 1976, **Bertha Keitel** received the highest award given in Y's Men, the **Harry Ballantyne Award**. While there were husband and wife teams that received this award, they received it as a team. **Bertha** received the award separate from her husband but in recognition for her outstanding service. (The first female to receive the **Harry Ballantyne Award** was **Agnes Grimes** in 1965. **Agnes** was the wife of **Henry Grimes** and assisted in running the Y's Men Office from 1925 until after **Henry's** death in 1962).



International News

Since the Pandemic, there have been some changes made in the number of online meetings held from local clubs to International Council. The International Service Directors generally do not have meetings as one group but this happened this year. There have been two meetings allowing each International Service Director to tell about their position and their goals. Another meeting is scheduled in

the fall. On July 4, 2020, the International Executive Officers as well as the International Council were sworn into their offices online. This was a historic moment since people from all Areas were able to watch this happen instead of just the ones that had been present in meetings in the past. On August 8th, the International Council Meeting will be held (also online).

SHARING OUR HISTORY

In working with the Y's Men Archives which is a part of the YMCA of USA Archives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Archivist, Ryan Bean has reached out and is requesting that clubs as well as YMCAs and individuals should participate in recording the history that is occurring right now. Ryan has asked that we share our experiences so they can be placed in the Archives along with other historical documents. The

link is (<https://www.lib.umn.edu/ymca/covid19>). The hope is to include the amazing work done by clubs and individuals to reach out and help. There have been amazing things happen from providing childcare for medical and rescue workers by the YMCA to food drives to handing out masks to providing funds for YMCA that were laid off.

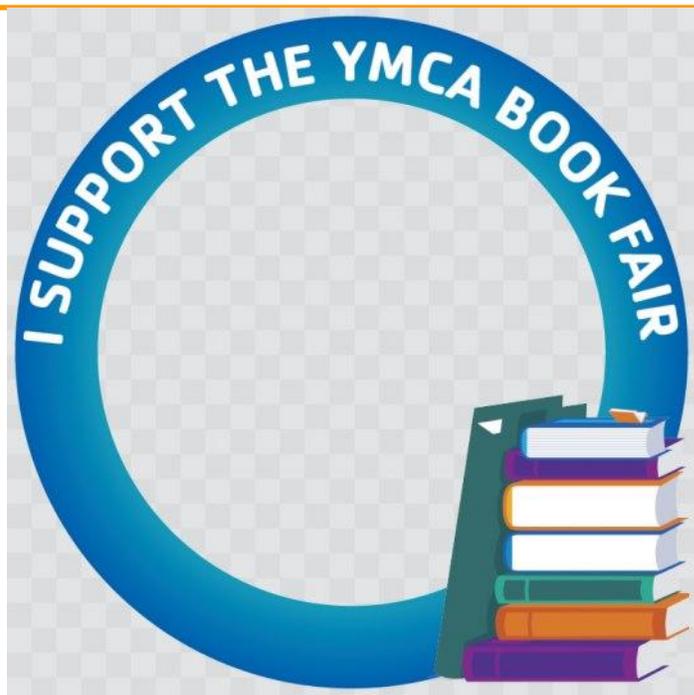
SEPTEMBER MEETING

It is too early to schedule a face to face meeting in September. Some of us are more than a little nervous to go out and try to meet in a building. Let us go ahead and plan on having our September 13th meeting online at 5:30. The invitation will be sent to you prior to the meeting. I will think about how we can make it a little more fun.....a game, a silly hat, or something and let you know possibly in the next Newsletter.



YMCA BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Daily, our YMCA Community Development, Washington University Campus Y, and the Carondelet Park Rec Complex are able to put staff and volunteers in our community to deliver life-changing programs to thousands of St. Louis area residents. Through the years, your support of our book fair has given us the ability to make programs like tutoring, leadership development, and Youth and Government available for all. Without proceeds from the annual YMCA Book Fair, many of these programs would not be possible. We hope that you will continue to support these programs with a direct gift to the YMCA.



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2020/2021
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Calendar of Events

[Carondelet Y Service Club. Book marking at Community Development YMCA.](#)

[Carondelet Y Service Club. Dinner with PIP Rachelle Reeg at Allegro. To be rescheduled.](#)

International News

Y's Men International Council Meeting. August 9 to 12, 2020.

Odense, Denmark **Delayed**

Y'S Men Youth Convocation. August 10 to 16th, 2020. Odense, Denmark **Cancelled**

Y's Men International Convention. August 13 to 16, 2020.

Odense, Denmark **Cancelled**

Y's Men International Council Meeting. August 7 to 10, 2022

Y's Men Youth Convocation. August 7 to 14th, 2022. Honolulu, Hawaii

Y's Men International Convention (100th Anniversary). August 11 to 14, 2022. Honolulu, Hawaii.

US Area News

Mid America Region News

Club News

Aug no meeting

Websites to check out for more information!

www.gwrymca.org (St. Louis YMCA –for Carondelet YMCA—
 click on “find branch)

www.vserviceclubsusa.org (US Area Y Service Clubs Rich
Porter is the webmaster!)

www.vsmen.org (International Y's Men website for Malaria Pro
 ject—click on NEWS)