

# CANADA and CARIBBEAN Y Service Clubs



March 2021 #7

## From the Desk of YMI Area President Canada/Caribbean

Dear Club Members

Here we are in March, the year is closing in fast. The Regions of CAC have identified more training for Leadership and information sessions for members to come, more virtual meetings as very crucial for clubs and Regions to stay connected and grow all year long. Looking for opportunities to grow in our pandemic times, we are service to community working with groups and bring new members in from activities we do. Working with youth on projects is crucial to our growth. I still believe that Recruitment is hard, but the retention can be harder. New recruited members and modules for the potential members need to be done to have them be inclusive. We also need to support our Y's International Programs.

Focusing on the DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING A Y'S MEN, embodying our MOTTO; "Acknowledging the DUTY that Accompanies every RIGHT."

### **March** is the Emphasis Month for **Community Service**

Giving back is the definition of what it means to be an affiliated club of Y's Men International, and our clubs regularly and diligently serve their communities.

Central and Western are in talks of starting new clubs in Cambridge, Ontario.

In Area Canada and Caribbean we need Clubs to forward to Debbie Redmond as soon as possible your history, she is requesting more history, and is working on developing a timeline for Canada/Caribbean which shows key events over the years. You can send write ups, photos, key events, power point, etc. for we will be an important part of project to the world in 2022 as being important part of starting the international start of Y's Men. Please support.

**Area CAC 2021 and Maritime Regional Convention 2021** will not take place as we are not able to meet because of COVID-19 epidemic and restrictions...

## **International News**

Since July 2020 twenty six new clubs have been chartered globally and added one new Country in Honduras.

New International Brother Club (IBC) relations are being established and existing ones strengthened. Many meetings are being held online which is a great way to build relationships and share information.

International is requesting all clubs and Regions to update their membership details in portal buzz system and remit their dues before March 31, 2021.

### **PAUL WILLIAM ALEXANDER LEGACY PROJECT**

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Project is a collective effort to honour the founder of Y's Men International in the lead up to the 100th anniversary celebrations in 2022.



**Thanks for your Service.**

**Murray Dunbar**

**YMI AP CAC**

***Keep informed GO TOysmen.org - publications – YMI World, Youth World, or IP News***

**Reminder:** Please send your Clubs interesting news to Bill Irwin for Area Bulletin or a story from your club to Koshy Mathew for YMI News.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER.2021**

31 March Deadline for endorsements of Time of Fast project funding applications.

**31 March Second Semester International Dues to be paid to IHQ (one-month extension).**

25 April World Malaria Day

## “Getting To Know Your Fellow Y’sMen”

**Dave Legassick**



I was born in Saint John NB on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1951. I am single. My parents were Kenneth and Pauline Legassick. I graduated from the University of New Brunswick with a Bachelor of Arts degree. I went on to complete certificates in Business Administration UNB and gerontology at St. Thomas University.

My work career consisted of as a corrections officer in Ontario and New Brunswick for three years and 31 years as a case manager Veterans Affairs Canada.

My main hobby is physical fitness. I go to the YMCA five days a week. In my younger years I completed 15 marathons, notably four New York City Marathons and two Boston Marathons. I was a member of the Saint John YMCA for several years where I met a number of Saint John Y’s Men. Several approached me to join the club. Y’s Keith Doiron was my sponsor and I joined the Saint John Y’s Men’s club in March 2004.

I served on the club’s executive , went on to serve as club 2<sup>nd</sup> and first vice president until I become Club President

from 2009 to 2011. From 2014 – 2015 I was Regional Director the Maritimes Region.

I have enjoyed working on club projects for the fellowship and donating funds to worthy community groups, notably the Saint John YMCA. Our club was a major sponsor for the YMCA building on Churchill BLVD in Saint John NB. Our club has committed \$500,000.00 of which \$ 350,000 has been donated.



The most influential Y’s Men to me at the club level were the late Y’s Bob Capson, the late Y’s John Manning and Y’s Max Elliot. At the Regional level have been Y’s Thane Jenkins and Y’s Earl Foster. Their advice and encouragement were very valuable to me when I was Club President and later Regional Director.

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Live in love, not hate.  
Live in hope, not anger.  
Live in truth, not rumor.  
Live in kindness, not rudeness.  
Live in generosity, not selfishness.  
Live in peace, not frustration.  
Live in joy, not doubt.  
Live in movement, not fear.  
Live in love.

original words by natalie maine martin  
findings.net  
the love art of motherhood

*(Thanks to Rosemary Gillis Bowers – Y’s Menettes AD/RD)*

# Area Club News

## Maritimes Region

### Charlottetown – Blair Cutcliffe

WINNER!!!!

The Toonies for Youth winner for Feb.11th was Anne Gaudet of Summerside. All proceeds go to ongoing projects for youth. Representing the Charlottetown Y's Men's Club was President Blair Cutcliffe.



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### Woodstock – Rick Scott

We are having meetings since back to orange twice a month .The Club is doing fine during pandemic but with major changes.

We were able to reopen our Day Care in the fall with strict regulations. We are not allowing any individual bookings such as showers, anniversaries or birthdays. We have had provincial elections and municipal election in May will be allowed as they are able to regulate covid plan . The Club is able to meet our financial obligations and T.O.F, ASF, & Brotherhood annual contributions are scheduled to be forwarded to the Region.

Our club has just expanded our 'Grant Kirkpatrick Y's Men Scholarship' to include the Maritimes Region. We used

to just cover the Saint. John River District.This year the amount is \$1,500 to a medical student who is child or grandchild of Y's Man. Editor's comments....Gordon Sparrow wanted me to remind everyone that Wayne McCallum will be turning 94 on September 21<sup>st</sup>. He is still a very active member of the Club. I know that his big day is months away, but Gordon wanted everyone to know about this milestone.



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### Cumberland County Y Service Club – Nancy Trenholm



On February 20<sup>th</sup>, several members of the Cumberland Y Service club volunteered for traffic control for the



Coldest Night of the Year Walk. There were about 100 walkers who walked a 2k or 5k course and raised over \$14,000 for the hungry, homeless and hurting people in our community. The event is organized by the Cumberland YMCA. The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk and since 2011 has raised over \$33,500,000 in 149 communities across Canada.

As for other club activities, we are meeting face to face again at the Y. It is open and they have to follow the government protocols very carefully as the daycare is open also. The Y membership numbers are staying very good. We are planning a Spring Tune-up virtual race for April.  
*(Thanks to RD Glenn MacDonald for his contribution)*

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### **Sydney Riverview Y Service Club**

Ken Jones

Last month I reported that this Club would not be hosting this year's Maritimes Convention, but would be hosting the 2022 Convention.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, they will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their chartering which means that this Club is interested in hosting the Convention in 2023 instead. More later on this! This would be super if this happens.

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### **Fredericton Capitals**

Dan Fitzgerald

The Capitals are still meeting, once in person since the New Year, then virtually now since the city has been in orange phase the last months, hopefully back to in person again soon.

"Most of its effort is on the camp at Magaguadavic Lake. This past summer we embarked on a major project to level and restore the foundation of the main lodge, which was built in the 1940's. Because of this and the effect of COVID on our fundraising, we have not had the opportunity to give much. We gave \$785 to an upstart club in Belize as part of the COVID relief project in May 2020 and this has been documented already. Aside from that we gave \$200 to each of the Fredericton Community Kitchen, the Fredericton Food Bank, the Fredericton Salvation Army and the Fredericton Grace House Shelter for Women."

*(Thanks to Phillip Gilks)*

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### **Fredericton Epsilon Y Service Club**

Rick Ellis



The passing of member Steve Hayes took place recently. He was a hard

working Y's Man. He was the force behind the TOF project for the Fredericton men's shelter. He was always ready to lend a hand to assist the club and anyone in the club. He is going to be missed greatly by this club. For those with Cape Breton roots, Y's Steve was born in Glace Bay!

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### Midland Y Service Club

Kevin Leonard

The Club held two virtual meetings this month on Feb 9th and 23rd. The Club's Board of Directors also met on Feb 16th. 9-10 of the 13 members have met each time



### Ottawa Y Service Club

Joan Wilson

The February issue of the new newsletter BITS and BYTES contained the "Who Are We" section. The first member to be featured was Marni Crossley.

Area News

The May Pen Y Service Club participated in a community drive in January and was able to provide food and clothing to many in need. We hope to follow up with this story.

Our Area President elect, Brian Minielly and our Area president, Murray Dunbar as well as our very own members Joan, Dave and Seham participated in a virtual midyear meeting of our International Council. That was a treat for everyone that participated since they could connect with so many around the world.

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### IPE Election Results

Mr K.C. Samuel from India has been elected International President Elect for 2021/22. He will take office as International President on 1 July 2022.

Congratuatiions!



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“As the International Convention Committee Chair, it is my great privilege to be involved in the planning for this special convention, with its focus on our past legacy, our current successes, and our progress towards a shining future for Y’s Men International. I am very confident that you too will love being a part of history in the making as we proudly move together into our new YMI century, starting in Hawai’i!

I hope to see you in Honolulu in August 2022!”

*Joan Wilson  
International Convention  
Committee Chair*



The above photos are of Diamond Head which I climbed with PIP Kevin Cummings of the Cumberland County Y Service Club, Gloria Dalmas (Rolando’s wife) of Switzerland, Regnar Nielsen of Denmark and Anne Marie Hertz-Jensen of Denmark. The bottom photo is of Waikiki taken from the top of Diamond Head. They were taken in January of 2007 at the Mid Year Meeting when I was APE. Perhaps you will get the opportunity to do what I did

when you attend the International Convention next year!

Are you ready for the climb?

Strenuous and challenging, the hike to the summit is not recommended for anyone with heart or respiratory problems. This is not a casual stroll in a tree-shaded park.

Be prepared for the hot sun and a winding trail with sharp stairways and dark tunnels. The trail is 1.5 miles (2.2 km) long – round trip. You will return the same way you go up.

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### Community Service

March is the Emphasis Month for Community Service



Motion 7 from ICM 2019 unanimously introduced “an annual award for outstanding achievements in Community Service.”

There are two categories of awards:

#### Independent

for community service coordinated and executed by a single club

#### Collective

for community service involving multiple clubs at the District, Region or Area level.

Applications must:

Include at least one photo or video of the community service project in progress

Represent one project or activity

Directly assist or serve a marginalised population

Be coordinated and executed primarily by the applicant

Count at least 20 or more direct beneficiaries

Involve at least 20% of the implementing club members in some capacity

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the IEOs with the cooperation of the

ISD Community Service between 15 June and 30 June each year. Results

will be announced in conjunction with ICM.

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### Anniversaries

There are several clubs in the Maritimes Region celebrating their Charter Nights this month. One is the Nashwaaksis Y Service Club (having 87 members) on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It was 61 years old!! The



following story appeared in Y's Men's World in June of 1960.

***New Club in the Maritimes***



Two hundred guests were on hand for the impressive charter night program held at the Brunswick St. Gym for the Nashwaaksis, N.B. Y's Men's Club on **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1960.**

The new club brings to three Y's Men's Clubs in the Fredericton area. Clubs sending representatives were Saint John, Moncton and Charlottetown, Woodstock and, of course the sponsoring Capital and Epsilon Clubs of Fredericton. District Governor Len Jones read congratulatory messages and extended greetings from various International and Maritimes Clubs.

Harold McIntyre, President, received the new Club's charter from International Director Purdy Cogle of Woodstock. Guest speaker was Ora P. MacCollum of Saint John, prominent in YMCA affairs in the Maritimes Provinces. Keith Morehouse, President of the Epsilon Club, presided.

**Already Active**

The Nashwaaksis Club, although just recently organized, has already begun an active program of organized sports and recreation in their community. Two rinks have been in operation the winter past and the members are now working out details on junior baseball and other summer activities.

Other officers include Sam Brawn, Allison Wark, Walter Steeves, Frank Harriott, and Directors Frank MacLean, Grenville Thomas, Ross Cameron, Frank Steeves and George Staples.

Sterling Seymour of the Fredericton Capital Club, who has been active in helping the new Club organize, presented gifts to the new group from several Clubs in the Maritimes.

***(Y's Men's World – June, 1960 – The spelling of the above names was taken from the article)***

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The other Clubs celebrating anniversaries are the Fredericton Capitals on March 25<sup>th</sup>, Pictou County on March 29<sup>th</sup> and Marysville on March 30<sup>th</sup>.



Medjuck and Lawrence F. Hashey, who received charter memberships: and Henry D. Grimes of Lawrence, Massachusetts, special guest at the event.”  
(March 1962)

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## Role of the International Youth Representative



“Charter Memberships were presented Saturday to the men who founded the Capital Y’s Men’s Club 25 years ago. The ceremony took place during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance of the club. Left to right are: Alfred Stephenson Past Regional Director, left, of Saint John, who presented the memberships: Ben

I asked Dwight Thomilson for what his job description was. His response is the following: “Well, for starters I am the voice of the youth across the 8 areas of YMI. It is my sole duty to listen to them, provide mentorship, support them and be their voice on the international platform. I also inform the youth of decisions taken at the international level as is relevant to them. This year, myself, the AYRs, Tong, and the supporting members are working smart and diligently to plan the 2022 IYC. They have brilliant ideas and I absolutely love working with them on this big event. We

are hoping to have a wonderful 100 years celebration!  
During my tenure as IYR, it is my aim to launch the GEN Y's project which I have been working on since the beginning of last year (2020). GEN Y's stand for the Youth Generation of Y's dom. It is a project I have been working on and now being IYR it now gives me an opportunity to launch this project.

Gen Y's aims are to promote Y's youth activism and engage them to bring about important social changes that are relevant to our youth, which is sometimes left behind, through a guided youthful viewpoint. Though we have long since hurdled over the issues of youth having a voice in policymaking or in YMI on a whole, this initiative sends and cements the message that youth do not have to wait to be an adult and is a way of reinforcing that their opinions matter and should be heard. Allowing the youth to have a voice via this platform will serve also as a tenet of their empowerment in all clubs globally. This platform will also provide service opportunities and other project ideas for youth to plan, implement or just participate within their respective communities.

This project proposes a podcast and blog which gives the youth of Y'sdom a forum to offer up their perspective on issues of interest both within YMI and society such as:

- Fellowship.
- Branding.
- Respect for all age groups.
- Technology.
- Mentorship.

- Networking and Development.
- Relevant Language.
- Leading by Example.
- Family Involvement.
- The changing face of Y's leadership during this pandemic.
- The Importance of Inter-generational Interactions etc.

The launch of this project will be at the end of April 2021. Promotional Materials will be made available once ready. The youth will need support on this project from our leaders and senior generation.

On another note, you asked about what projects we've undertaken since the pandemic?

The Mandeville, UWI Y's, May Pen, and Savanna-la-mar clubs have published articles and fliers that promote the covid protocols (social distancing, mask-wearing mandate, staying at home, etc). They are easily understood by the very small man and have been useful. We even had a few government agencies use our fliers to get the word across as well. We also have been distributing care packages across the Caribbean namely in Aruba, Barbados, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic- to elderly and physically challenged families. Altogether we have distributed 300 care packages. Photographs are available on the Mandeville Face book page of those deliveries. Our Youth were very much involved in these projects. We have a few more upcoming events which I will report on as they are executed next month!"

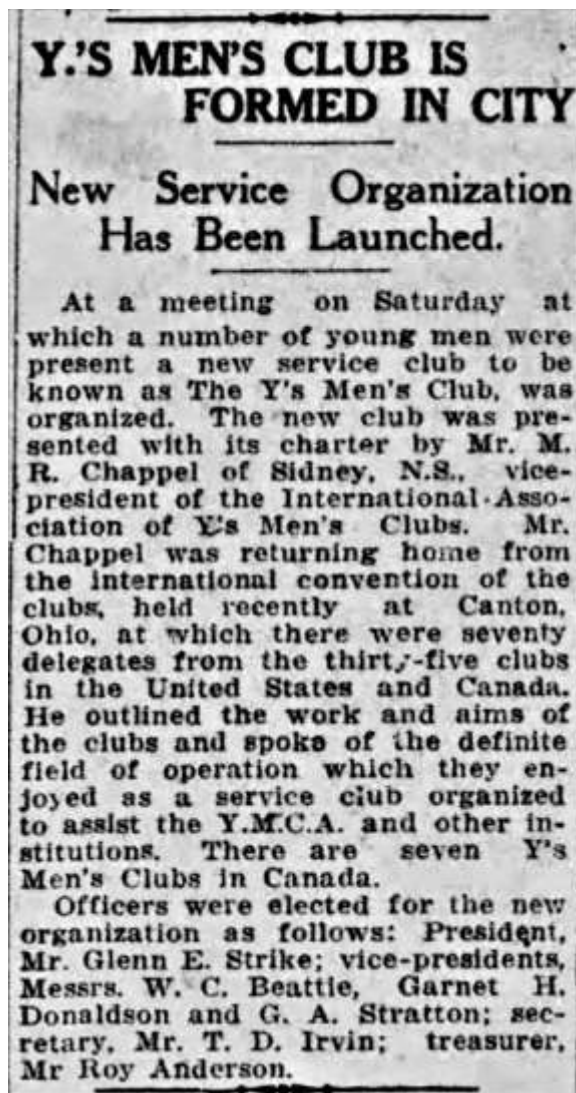
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## CONNECTING CANADA- CARIBBEAN AREA WITH YMI STRONG BONDS

The following article was written by Debbie Redmond – PAP (U.S.) and International Service Director, Historian.

There are many parts of the research for information regarding our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and much of it is an effort to find facts and photos not included in previous history books about Y'sdom. The bond between Canada and Paul William Alexander has always been a strong one. In 1922, the leadership of the newly formed International Association of Y's Men was established and in the midst of that leadership was M.R. Chappell from Sydney, Nova Scotia who served as International Vice President from 1922 to 1924. In 1924, Roy Anderson from Ottawa, Ontario, took the position of International Vice President while Frank Crosson from Sydney, Nova Scotia was International Director at Large (in other words served on the Board of Directors). In 1924, Paul William Alexander and his wife, Lorraine, traveled to some of the clubs that had been formed which included Vancouver, B.C. as well as Sydney, Nova Scotia. Indeed, that location was one of the favorite places for the Alexanders to visit and they visited often.

The following is a newspaper article dated October, 1923 telling of M.R. Chappell visiting Ottawa



There is a scrapbook in the Archives that belonged to the Alexanders and in reviewing the few pages of the scrapbook that were scanned, I found information regarding their travels in Canada. A group photo of couples having fun shows M.R. Chappell as well as Mrs. Frank Crosson and Mrs. O.N. Mann (also Lorraine Alexander standing in front of the group). The photo was taken as the group had visited Beinn Bhreagh (Alexander Graham Bell's estate and grave) and waiting for the other car of travelers who had gotten stuck in the mud.



The below is a photo of 1924 when the Alexanders got to see Alexander Graham Bell's grave.



In case you are wondering, M.R. Chappell caught my attention in researching since he was suddenly an officer in this new organization in the very beginning. His name was Melbourne Russell Chappell and was a part of the Chappell Family in Sydney. He lived 1887 to 1981 and is even listed as a well-known Architect. I wondered why he didn't run for International President or take other positions within Y's Men but realized his devotion was to Nova Scotia where he served as Alderman from 1924 to 1926, his ongoing work as an Architect, and his fame as starting the search for treasure on the island that he had inherited from his father, Oak Island.

As the research continues, there is a need for more photos (past and present) showing the wonderful clubs. In order to include Canada-Caribbean in this research and final presentations, then information is needed. If you think you have something to be shared, please

feel free to contact me at [moscholar@gmail.com](mailto:moscholar@gmail.com) , I need help in order to preserve our history for another 100 years!!!!



The above is the 1947 photo of the Alexanders receiving an "Honorary Canadian Citizenship" award at the International Convention in Toledo, Ohio.

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**Y's**

**Menette's Corner**

As the pandemic drags on, the only club in our region having regular meetings is the Pictou County Club. We feel very fortunate to be able to continue to meet albeit with an abundance of caution. Get well wishes are sent out to Anne Munro, who has been struggling with health issues this winter. Our club has been helping her out by taking turns bringing her meals on the weekends. Feel better Anne.

Our club is also very pleased to announce that we have a new recruit. Yvonne Carrigan was inducted at our March meeting. Welcome Von!



We have great hopes for our fundraisers in 2021. Dates have been set for our

Yard Sale in June and our Book Sale in August. Now if only this pandemic cooperates.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter. Take care and stay safe!

*Rosemary*

Respectfully, Rosemary Gillis-Bowers,  
RD/AD



### Editor's Comments

Well, another month is history. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all those who contributed to this issue. I always try to include all three Regions. I hope I can get a bit more news from the Caribbean Region next month as I am sure there is plenty going on.

I sincerely hope you are enjoying reading these issues. I enjoy sending it out to you. It is funny, but when I start an issue I wonder what I will have to include and then all of a sudden the articles start to appear. This month I wound up with lots to report!

Y'sly

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