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Editor's Note - *It's a WRAP!*

Even though it is the middle of the calendar year, with the submission of this Note, I have completed one year of serving as your YLink Editor. It has been enriching and encouraging for me to view the YWCA from my vantage point and to see all that goes on that makes ours an organization to which we can be proud to belong! I'm looking forward to another year of serving the Lord with you in this capacity.

As I wrap up a year of service and say hello to a new season of Editing, I realized that this word **WRAP** would be a nifty way to summarize what you will read about in this issue. Several themes and highlights are woven through the next few pages that I trust will serve to encourage you in the days ahead.

Worship. You will notice that many of the key events written about in this issue either begin or conclude with a time of worship. My heart warmed at this discovery, having been reminded that all we put our hands to accomplish begins with an acknowledgment of God. The now-famous song by Matt Redman speaks of the heart of worship being "all about You, Jesus!" Whether the programs/events involved award-giving (World YWCA Day), business proceedings (AGM), or food (well, that's a given!), it is vital that at the very heart of it all is our personal walk with, our focus on, and our service to God Himself, from Whom all our blessings flow – that's *worship!*

Recognition. Lots of recognizing being done in this issue – which is a wonderful thing! We are told to accord honor where it is due, and I believe the leadership of YWCA has done just that. You can read about awards being given to recognize excellence in service, as well as thanks being expressed to those who have served. Also, new leaders are introduced and welcomed into their respective posts, with blessings and best wishes for a meaningful term of service ahead.

Active Involvement. The YWCA continues to organize and carry out programs and activities that seek to involve and benefit the community. The Jumble Sale at Zhangde Primary is an example of creative fund raising that allowed the Y to build inroads – not just into the community, but also into the lives of the school children that came to rummage and to buy.

Past, present, and projections. Interwoven through the features and articles within these pages is a cumulative perspective of the heritage we enjoy as the YWCA – all 132 years of it! We realize we have come a long way in the grace and faithfulness of the Lord as we remember and thank women leaders who have served in the past; we are grateful for the current state of matters with the myriad programs and events that comprises our repertoire of service to God and community; and we experience the anticipation of greater things to come as a new

World YWCA Day 2007

World YWCA Day was celebrated on 24 April 2007 at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge. The theme for this year is "Honouring Women Leaders". It was a day of celebration of women's leadership as all the YWCAs around the globe join together to remember the successes of their work and also to look forward to even greater achievements under the leadership of our own YWCA women leaders.

Instead of the usual breakfast event, this time it was a lunchtime fellowship to encourage greater participation among the Board Members and staff. The programme started with a sumptuous lunch buffet spread at the Fort Canning Lodge Coffee House. After filling their stomachs, everyone gathered at the Quiet Room for a time of worship and an inspiring message by Reverend Malcolm Tan, who commended the women leaders who have contributed greatly to society in their own ways but whose contributions tend to go unnoticed.

In line with this year's theme, the YWCA of Singapore also paid tribute to the past and present women leaders who have given of their time and served faithfully on the Board for more than nine years. These leaders include Mrs Jennifer Ng, Mrs Helen Hwang, Mrs Margaret Chew, Ms Tan Kee Leng, Ms Vachila Marimuthu, Mrs Wee Kung Ling, Mrs Catherine Chan, Mrs Marie Victor, Mrs Lucy Tan, Dr Anamah Tan, Mrs Patricia Leung, Mrs Florence Lin, Ms Mavis Tsoi and Mrs Heng-Lim Gaik Kee. In recognition of their contributions, each of these ladies were presented with a token of appreciation by Reverend Malcolm Tan. The programme then came to a closure with a final worship session. It was indeed a great day of celebration and remembrance of our women leaders.

team of leaders stands poised to take the YWCA into our next season of blessing and growth.

To God be the glory!

Janet Tan, Editor.

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)

Annual General Meeting 2007

This year, the YWCA of Singapore held their Annual General Meeting on 19 April 2007 at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Sophia Cooke Ballroom.

The programme started with a worship session led by the staff. It was then followed by the presentation of the Staff Long Service Awards and the Centre Awards by our YWCA President, Ms Tan Kee Leng. This year, the Best Centre Award was clinched by Bedok CDC. Bukit Gombak CDC, Jurong East CDC and Pasir Ris CDC received awards for consistent performance while West Coast CDC, under the leadership of Ms Faith Tan, received the award for good progress. After the award presentation ceremony, it was time for the 132nd birthday celebration of YWCA. Everyone sang and clapped along to the birthday song as Ms Tan and the oldest YWCA member present, Mrs Margaret Chew, did the honours of blowing out the candles and cutting the cake.

After a short break for refreshment, the programme resumed with the Annual General Meeting being called to order. Ms Tan Kee Leng gave a report on the YWCA's activities for the year 2006 – 2007 which revealed an eventful and fruitful year for the YWCA. The new Board of Management 2007 – 2009 was also unveiled to the members present at the meeting. The YWCA Chaplain, Reverend Melvin Huang, gave a short meditation before the installation of the new Board of Management. It was also a time of rededication of their service and commitment to the community when Reverend Huang led the Board and the YWCA members who were present in a prayer of dedication.

Glory be to God! We look forward to another fruitful year under the leadership and direction of the new Board of Management!

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
(Colossians 3:23,24)*

President's Luncheon 2007

On 12 May 2007, the Board of Management, Committee Members of the various National and Sub-Committees as well as the staff of the YWCA gathered together at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge for a special luncheon hosted by Ms Tan Kee Leng, our YWCA President.

The programme opened with an ice-breaker 'Human Bingo' where everyone gamely joined in the fun to search for someone who matched the descriptions on their bingo cards. It was a good opportunity for everyone to learn something new about each other. Ms Tan also took the opportunity to introduce the newly appointed Board of Management for the Term 2007/2008 and Committee Members to everyone present. Not to be forgotten, the staff members were also introduced by Mrs Leung Yee Ping, the Executive Director of the YWCA.

There was also a meaningful session of Praise and Worship where people were ministered to by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our YWCA Chaplain, Reverend Melvin Huang, then prayed a prayer of blessing for everyone and committed the leaders, volunteers, staff and the work of the YWCA to the Lord.

Lunch was a sumptuous buffet spread with mouthwatering dishes such as Olive Rice with Seafood, Tom Yam with Assorted Mushroom, Fish Fillet with Thai Honey Mango Sauce and also dessert like Red Ruby and Tapioca with Coconut Cream. Everyone enjoyed the food and had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Indeed may God continue to bless the work of the YWCA abundantly and grant the leaders, volunteers and staff of the YWCA strength and wisdom as they seek to fulfill the YWCA motto 'By Love Serve One Another'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Tan Kee Leng for her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity in sponsoring the sumptuous lunch for everyone.





Jumble Sale at Zhangde Primary School

The YWCA held a jumble sale over two days at Zhangde Primary School on 26 and 27 April 2007. An assortment of toys, books, magazines, games and display ornaments, which were donated by well-wishers were among the large variety of items that were being sold. The booth was being manned by both volunteers and staff of the YWCA.

On the first day of the sale, the excited and eager children quickly formed a crowd and gathered around the booth even before the items were being displayed. There was an overwhelming response from the children, which resulted in much pushing and shoving from those at the back as everyone made a beeline for the 'popular' items such as the soft toys and the games. Sales were brisk and by the time it ended at 3.30 pm, most of the items were snapped up by the children and teachers.

Stocks were replenished for the second day and business was equally brisk. Almost two hours into the sale and all the toys were sold. Some children who only had their breaks during the later sessions were sorely disappointed when they realised that by then the more coveted items were not available.

The total sum of money collected from the jumble sale over the two days amounted to a whopping \$871.95. All proceeds from the sales go toward the funding of the YWCA's community services projects. It was indeed a fun and meaningful time for all involved knowing that their contribution in terms of time and money goes a long way in helping the poor and needy in our community!

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The YWCA Flag Day

The YWCA will be having her Flag Day on Saturday, 6 October 2007. The proceeds raised from the Flag Day will be used to finance the Association's various community and welfare services like the Adult Day Care Centre, Meals-on-Wheels for Elderly, Meals-on-Wheels for Children, the ten Child Development Centres and one Kindergarten, Kids' Club, and Family Link. This Flag Day would help us to raise the much needed funds to continue to provide services to the less fortunate in our community.

We need volunteers to avail themselves and help YWCA sells flags on 6 October 2007. For more information, please call Ms Alice Wong at 6-2231227

Change of address of Campus Crusade Asia Limited – Mass Media

With effect from 15 May 2007, Campus Crusade Asia Limited – Mass Media has relocated to the following address:

1 Lorong 2 Toa Payoh
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Singapore 319637

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Do take note of the change in address and continue to enjoy the privileges as a member when you make purchases.

Membership Privileges

Do remember to constantly check out our website www.ywca.org.sg to look out for the updated list of membership perks and privileges.

HR Announcements

Welcome New Staff

The YWCA is pleased to welcome new staff joining the team. We welcome James Teo as Assistant Supervisor at ADC/MOW, Kwe Eok Huay as Attendant at Jurong East CDC, Lee Shu Chen as Assistant Teacher at Outram CDC, Eileen Teh Mui Gek as Office Secretary at Bukit Gombak CDC, Koh Wen Zhu as Teacher at Pasir Ris CDC, Julie Abance Gaspar as Attendant at Bishan CDC, Li Juan as Teacher at West Coast CDC, Sim Soon Hua as Attendant at Bishan CDC, Fobrogo Loreen Vera as Attendant at Bedok CDC, Lily Ng Kim Guek as Attendant at McNair CDC, Tan Poh Chin as Office Secretary at Jurong East CDC, Chong Chin Ping as Assistant Teacher at Bukit Gombak CDC.

At Fort Canning Lodge, we welcome Jenny Rellon Moorthy (Housekeeping Supervisor), Haslinda Bte Abdullah (Assistant F & B Supervisor), Heng Aik Khin (Technician), Valent Lim Hui Yun (Cook), Grace Lim Ah Hoi (Housekeeping Clerk) and Lydia Tan Kim Lan (Public Area Attendant).

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Joy Talk – Lunchtime Fellowship

Date : 25 June 2007
 (Mon) – Elder Adam Hing (Little Rock International Church)
 30 July 2007 (Mon)
 – Pastor Mary Lau
 Time : 12.20pm – 1.30pm
 Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Quiet Room (Level 2)
 Fee : FOC

Bible Study (For Ladies)

Date : Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
 Time : 6.30pm – 8.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
 Fee : FOC

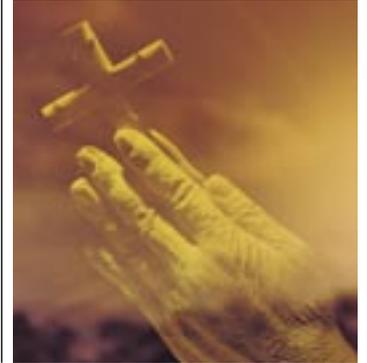


Volunteer's Lounge

Date : Daily, except Sundays
 Time : Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm, Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
 Fee : FOC (Coffee/Tea provided)

Golden Y Fellowship

Date : Every Monday
 Time : 10.30am - 1.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
 Fee : \$4 (Home-Cooked Lunch)



Line Dancing – Senior Citizens

(4 Lessons Per Module)
 Date : Every Friday
 Time : 10.30am – 12.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
 Fee : \$27 (Member); \$32 (Non-Member)

Swimming For Ladies - Beginners

(8 Sessions Per Module)
 Date : Every Tuesday
 Time : 6.45pm - 7.30pm
 Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
 Fee : \$120 (Member); \$140 (Non-Member)

Aqua Aerobics Classes (8 Sessions Per Module)

Date : Every Wednesday
 Time : 6.45pm - 7.45pm
 Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
 Fee : \$78 (Member); \$88 (Non-Member)

Salsacise - NEW! (8 Sessions Per Module)

Date : Every Monday
 Time : 7.00pm – 8.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
 Fee : \$90 (Member); \$110 (Non-Member)
 *Min 10 pax to commence lesson

Groove to Fitness – NEW! (8 Sessions Per Module)

Date : Every Friday
 Time : 7.00pm – 8.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
 Fee : \$105 (Member); \$125 (Non-Member)
 *Min 10 pax to commence lesson

Pre-School Aquatics/ Children's Swimming Program

(4 Sessions Per Module)
 Date : Every Saturday
 Time : 4.15pm – 5.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
 Fee : \$81 (Member); \$94 (Non-Member)
 *Min 5 pax to commence lesson

Cha Cha Dance Class - NEW! (8 Sessions Per Module)

Date : Every Saturday
 Time : 6.00pm – 7.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
 Fee : \$115 (Member); \$130 (Non-Member)
 *Min 10 pax to commence lesson

Salsa Dance Class - NEW! (8 Sessions Per Module)

Date : Every Saturday
 Time : 7.00pm – 8.00pm
 Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
 Fee : \$115 (Member); \$130 (Non-Member)
 *Min 10 pax to commence lesson

F&B Promotions @ FCL

1. Daily Asian Buffet Lunch & Dinner Promotions

Available Daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 12.00 pm to 2.30 pm and 6.00pm to 8.30pm
 Lunch priced @ \$13.00++ per adult & \$10.00++ per child (from 7-12 years old)
 Dinner priced @ \$16.00++ per adult & \$13.00++ per child (from 7-12 years old)

So invite your friends along for a truly value for money meal and enjoyable time together.

* Menu is subjected to changes on daily basis

10% discount for all YWCA members

The above discount is not valid with any other promotions or discounts

2. Set Lunch @ The Coffee House

Available on weekdays (Monday to Friday) excluding public holidays, @ the Coffee House for Lunch from 12.00 pm to 2.30 pm @ \$7.90++ per person

Monday Spaghetti Aglio Olio with Seafood

Tuesday Half Spring Chicken

Wednesday Lavender Lamb Chop

Thursday Pan Fried Beef Steak with Black Pepper Sauce

Friday Fish Fillet with Salsa Sauce

The above sets are served with soup and dessert of the day and choice of coffee or tea

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3. Afternoon Tea Set

Available daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 2.30pm to 5.00pm

a. CAKE OF THE DAY
 Served with coffee or tea \$4.00++

b. EAST MEETS WEST SET
 Mushroom Pizza & Fried Wanton
 Served with coffee or tea \$4.50++

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4. Chef's Recommendation

Available daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 12.00 pm to 8.30 pm

a. Minced Chicken Salad \$6.00++

b. Thai Pamelo Salad \$6.00++

c. Fusion Salmon Salad With Red Cherries \$6.50++

d. Seafood Phad Thai \$6.00++

e. Thai Shrimp Paste Rice With Chicken \$6.50++

f. Fish Fillet With Thai Honey Mango Sauce \$6.50++

g. Thai Green Curry With Beef \$6.50++

i. Stir Fried Minced Chicken With Basil Leave \$6.50++

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YWCA Bishan Child Development Centre

The YWCA Bishan Development Centre underwent a major renovation from December 2006 to February 2007. During this period, the children were relocated to a temporary premises. We give thanks to God for the smooth completion of the renovation and also for the new, more attractive and conducive environment for the children and the staff. There is now a new air-conditioned multipurpose room situated at BAY 2 where computer, music speech and drama classes are conducted. In addition, there is also a cosy dining area where the children can enjoy their meals. Parents have also provided positive feedback on the newly renovated premises. The Centre would like to thank all the parents and staff for their kind understanding and co-operation during the renovation period.

Programmes and Activities

The Centre aims to provide quality childcare services for our parents and is continuously upgrading its programme. Some of the activities include weekly cooking lessons, speech and drama classes, computer classes, and Chinese calligraphy classes for the K2 children. The toddlers and playgroup children are provided with many creative and hands-on activities. Our reading programme caters for children from N2 level to K2 level and most of the children are able to read by the time they graduate. To inculcate and encourage good reading habits from a young age, twice monthly library visits are also organised for the K2 children. Our Chinese programme is conducted in an interesting and fun way where the children find it enjoyable as they learn to read and write simple Chinese phrases. Character building is one of our main focus and the Centre conducts daily devotions to instill christian values such as love, thankfulness and forgiveness through Bible stories and songs taught during assembly.

Our programme also involves experiential learning where we bring classroom teaching into the real world. The Centre organises field trips such as visits to the supermarket so that the children will have hands-on experience in the process of buying and selling and also learn how to handle money. Back at the Centre, the children set up a 'supermarket' where they are able to role play their experiences. All these serve to develop language skills and also Math and Science concepts in the children.

Other activities include the celebration of Mothers' Day at the Centre on 11 May 2007. The children made beautiful cards and helped to bake brownies for their mothers. The children also gave fresh carnations to their mothers in appreciation of their love and support.

Parent Involvement

Twice a year, the centre conducts parent-teacher conferences to discuss each child's development and to provide feed back on the child's progress. The Centre has also joined the Parent Education Programme this year whereby more parent education seminars and workshops are in the pipeline to equip parents with essential parenting skills.

There will be more excursions and programmes planned for the next half of the year. The Centre will organize a holiday camp during the June holidays where the children will be able to watch theatre plays and also be exposed to activities such as mini-tennis and in-line skating.

On the whole, our aim is to provide a meaningful and fruitful learning experience for the children during their preschool years. We believe that an early learning experience which is filled with pleasant memories will serve to promote a positive attitude towards lifelong learning in the child.

May God Bless You

Mrs Rebecca Au
Principal
Bishan CDC



YWCA FLAG DAY- 6 October 2007

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"By Love, Serve One Another"

The YWCA of Singapore, the oldest women's organisation in Singapore, was founded in 1875. We are widely known for the community service programmes provided for the young and old regardless of race, creed or gender.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR ELDERLY

Since 1997, YWCA has been distributing free lunches to frail, needy and/or homebound senior citizens from Banda Street, Bukit Merah View, Cantonment Road, Holland Road, Lengkok Bahru and MeiLing Street.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOR CHILDREN

The programme provides free nutritious dinners from Mondays to Fridays, to children from low-income families at their schools, Social Service Centres and to individual families. The Meals-on-Wheels for Children programme endeavours to ensure as far as possible, that the children should not go to bed hungry – they should be "Hungry No More!"

YWCA KIDS' CLUB

The YWCA Kids' Club provides a more holistic approach to help the existing recipients from the Meals-on-Wheels for Children programme. The club aims to help needy and less fortunate school going children aged between 7 to 12 to realise their potential through social, emotional and moral support.

The programme hopes to engage older youths/ working adults to mentor the children by providing a rewarding, conducive environment to develop their self worth, character and discover their talents.

ADULT DAY CENTRE

The YWCA provides the elderly supportive day care when their family is at work. Staff and fellow service users offer fulfilling companionship and interaction, facilitated by group activities such as art & craft, sing-along sessions, etc. Simple daily exercises ensure the elderly's fitness and enrich the experience of the elderly in the Adult Day Centre.

FAMILY LINK SCHEME

The Family Link connects volunteers (made up of volunteers and friends of the YWCA) with children from less fortunate families. Since November 2002, our volunteers have been befriending children from The Haven, a children's home run by The Salvation Army.

Other services include:

- "YES U CAN...BE INCLUDED!" Integration programme for pre-school children with mild special needs.
- Child Development Centres/ Kindergarten/ Infant Care

Your kind contribution and participation in this Flag Day will determine the success of this fund-raising effort. On behalf of all our beneficiaries, we thank you for your generous support!

YWCA OF SINGAPORE

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6,7)