



THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF MIDLAND, ONTARIO, CANADA

NEWSLETTER

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**“To Acknowledge
the Duty that
Accompanies
Every Right”**



The Y's Men's Club of Midland had a 'FIRST' in its long & storied history as a Service Club serving Midland & North Simcoe. Our first 'Virtual Meeting' was held with all but 2 members joining in 'on line'.

Meeting highlights included the impact of Covid19 on the club' activities & possible strategies....

- **Midland Y's Men Music Festival:** after more than 70 years it has been put on hold for this year & will come back next spring. The Music Committee have applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Town of Midland for web & volunteer development seed money.
- **Bryson McQuirter Annual Golf Tournament:** normally held the first week in June, it has been cancelled for this spring as it will be difficult to get sponsorship from local businesses that are hurting.
- **Walk A Mile in Her Shoes:** our annual fundraiser for Huronia Transition Homes to assist women & children seeking shelter from abuse & violence is questionable for the fall and Kevin will report back on status at the next meeting
- **Time To Dine:** this annual fundraiser for free Youth Nights at the Y may be affected this fall but Tim will check with a variety of local sponsoring restaurants.
- **Midland YMCA:** Naomi Murray sent a letter to the club asking for ideas and ways that the local Y can improve services to members & the community at large. Rob to respond to Naomi with any ideas Y's Men may have.

International &/Or Regional Report

International News:

International President Jennifer Jones circulated the IP E Newsletter for April highlighting the impact of Covid19 but the continued need for hope & community service, the Roll Back Malaria partnership with the Global Fund to Fight Malaria, the cancellation of the International Convention in Denmark in August & the international Youth Convention work being done by some local clubs to support their communities during the pandemic. International Headquarters in Geneva Switzerland continues to be closed & HQ staff are working remotely to minimize disruption.

Checkout the COVID-19 page on the YMI website. Even the crisis can be an opportunity to reach out to the potential new members as well as connecting with former members of the club.

Canada & Caribbean Area News: (re-printed from the most recent issue of YMI World) Region Caribbean partnered with the Jamaica Environment Trust Foundation for their 'Nuh Dutty Up Jamaica' campaign in February to execute a community clean-up in Mandeville. Y's leaders understand that engaging youth in community service projects provides them with the opportunity to become active members of their community and has a lasting, positive impact on society at large. In the clean-up drive the youth collected various items to fill over a dozen garbage bags that included 250 plastic bottles, candy wrappers, styrofoam containers, etc. "Respect, protect and preserve the space you occupy; you are responsible for environmental change!" is the motto that governs the youth in the Region.

Regional News:

Dave Hall's term as Regional Director (RD) will ending in June and Rob will be taking over as the new RD. Dave & Rob are planning virtual meetings with all the clubs over the next month to introduce Rob. A new Edmonton Club will be joining the region shortly!



UPCOMING PROGRAM

May 12th: Virtual Meeting @ 6:30 pm

May 26th: Virtual Meeting @ 6:30 pm

June 9th: Annual Meeting & Election of Executive for 2020-2021

June 23: Member Social @ Drew's Island (Covid permitting) Bring a new member to a virtual meeting!

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