



The Bluewater Bugle

Newsletter of the Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada Y Service Club

Motto: "To Acknowledge the Duty That Accompanies Every Right"

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Kari Synove Andersen

This picture of Kari Andersen, who was an exchange student to our club several years ago, was just received.

Kari was hosted in Owen Sound by Brenda and Herman Posthumus for a year.

Kari attended West Hill Secondary School and while there taught some of the students European handball which she had played with some considerable skill in her native Norway.

Kari was tested for strength at the Family Y in Owen Sound and was found to be the strongest girl they had ever tested.

When she returned to her home in Sandefjord, Norway Kari studied to become a police officer and later on was seconded to the United Nations to do police work with the forces in war torn Kosovo.

Idy and Monroe have always been in touch with Kari's parents Kare and Dagmar Andersen and met them at the International Convention in Denmark last summer.

This is a good example of what the Y's Men International Youth Exchange Programmes can do for our young people and also adults in forming lifetime friendships throughout the world.

We Hit the Road in January

Saturday, January 17—tentatively a meeting in Cambridge to plan for Peace Action '09 and meet with a group to help reform the Cambridge Club incorporating the young people who have been involved in Peace Action events.

Monday, January 26 Brian and Monroe are off to the Nation's Capital where Monroe is to attend the YMCA Fellowship of Honour Investiture where several YMCA Staff Members are recognized for their good work.

Monroe is representing Area Canada Y'sdom at this gathering through his position as Area Liaison to YMCA Canada.

Monroe and Brian will also attend an Ottawa Club dinner meeting in the evening where Brian has been asked to make a presentation on the progress of the Light Up Costa Rica project.

Somewhere in this month Brian will have to find a time for a large scale local presentation on the aforementioned project.

Membership

With all of our many varied activities we are feeling the need for more members to fill in the gaps. All of our members, young and older need to be on the lookout for people, both female and male, who can assist with Light Up Costa Rica, Fair Trade, leadership roles, **Roll Back Malaria**, Peace Action or who have new ideas for our fellowship.

We can all have fun while at the same time are helping to make our world better for all people.

February Calendar Donations

We are again working with the Central Westside United Church Sunday School group in adapting the idea of filling in of the various dates with suggestions for donations (eg. on February 6th give 20 cents for every TV in your home).

The children in the Sunday School decide upon what to fill in thus causing them to think of all the things that we take for granted that are not even available to many disadvantaged people in the world. In addition, the money raised will go towards the **Roll Back Malaria** project.

This idea could be used by other groups.