



# 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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## Elections

Canada/Caribbean Area: Martin Dand has been acclaimed for office since he was the sole nominee. He will be Area President Elect and International Council Member Elect for 2008 to 2009 and Area President and International Council Member for 2009 to 2011.

International President Elect: there are two candidates, Hirotohi Fijii from Japan and Bill Schmidt from Australia.

International Treasurer Elect: three candidates, Dr Chung Ki-sung from Korea, T. M. Mathew from India and Finn Pedersen from Norway.

We have bios and pictures of each of the above candidates.

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## Regional News

Ines Sousa-Batista has just notified us as follows: "it appears that a December get together will not work for most people. I will be rescheduling it for sometime in January 2009".

I will get back to everyone - have a wonderful December Season.

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## Alexander Scholarship Fund

This is a trust fund for young people who are interested in following a YMCA career. In Canada we work closely with YNCA Canada on seeking suitable candidates and we have been giving awards of \$500 to about 12 candidates a year.

The funds for this programme are raised through donations from clubs. Ten percent of donations are sent to our International Office for training in developing countries.

In January applications for the Alexander Fund are sent to club presidents and all YMCAs and YM-YWCAs in Canada.

The completed applications are sent as instructed to YMCA Canada and are reviewed by an awards committee in April or early May. If interested, check with your Y CEO or Club.

## Fund Raising

Our club has raised the large amounts of funds for major Projects such as Light Up Costa Rica through donations that give the donors Income Tax receipts.

Funds for Y's Men International Programmes such as the Alexander Scholarship Fund, Brotherhood Fund and Time of Fast as well as local projects are supported by other fund raising such as:

- Sale of Fair Trade Sports Balls and other Fair Trade items
- Collection and sale of used commemorative and high value postage stamps.

Collection of Zehr's cash register tapes

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The Ottawa Club and several Clubs in the Maritimes Region are reporting substantial contributions and I am sure we can add to that with our ability to issue Income Tax receipts.

Let's give it a whirl when we can get everyone together for a meeting after the New Year.

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## BC Adventure—Hot Off the Press!

We have just received the following e-mail from Brian:

"I have had a bit of an adventure out here. My knee flared up and I ended up in the hospital having an operation to fix it up a bit. I am just back at Jesse's place now and we are having to delay our flight back until I can do a whole day crammed into a plane seat. We will probably be back on the 17th - we are still figuring that out".