



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

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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



MEETINGS:

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.

SHOP LOCAL RAFFLE: Done in partnership with the Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce the sales of raffle tickets took off leading up to the February 2nd draw with over 1,000 tickets sold. Congratulations to our Shop Local Coupon winners:



1st Prize - 20 x \$100 (\$2,000) Gift Coupons - Peter Koskiw

2nd Prize - 3 x \$100 (\$300) Gift Coupons - John Zurawski

3rd Prize - 2 x \$100 (\$200) Gift Coupons - Beth Bray

Funds raised will be designated for YMCA Youth Programs and other youth service projects in the area.

Thanks to the following business's that bought tickets in bulk for their clients: Bourgeois Ford, Desjardins Insurance, The Cooperators - Jill Richards, Home Hardware Building Centre, The Four Seasons on Little Lake, Midland Toyota & Realty Executives On The Bay.

NEW WEBSITE: Thanks to Michelle Rogers from Willow Graphix who has almost completed the redesign and upgrade to the club's website with focus on providing on line capabilities for fundraising. Check it out at:

<https://www.midlandysmensclub.ca/>

SIMCOE/MUSKOKA Y UPDATE: The Midland Y is still closed as they continue to raise funds for re-opening. Health & Fitness is closed at all branches due to Simcoe County COVID restrictions but Day Care & Employment Centres remain open.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: In an effort to further the Club's community outreach Club Members approved setting up a feature page of a local charitable organization each month on our website and, through links to these organizations, encourage the community at large to donate what they are able to. Y's Men would donate each month to the feature organization and promote others to participate and help in any way. The preliminary monthly schedule is as follows: March - The Guest House Out of the Cold Program @ \$500; April - Big Brothers & Sister @ \$500; May - 2 Local Food Banks @ \$500 each; June - Hospice Huronia @ \$500; July - Georgian Bay General Hospital Foundation @ \$500; August - Community Living Huronia @ \$500; September - Huronia Transition Homes @ \$500; October - Wendat Community Mental Health Centre @ \$500; November - Cancer Support Centre @ \$500. Each month someone from the Feature organization will attend one of our virtual meetings to highlight current programs and assist in the promotion of the website campaign.



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL REPORT

February Emphasis - Time of Fast (TOF)

This past month members were encouraged to skip a meal or two during the month & donate the equivalent cost to the Time of Fast Fund which funds projects sponsored by both Y's Men and the YMCAs all over the world. Since its inception in 1972 to date, TOF has raised about US\$ 7 million for development projects and disaster relief. funds For more information go to <https://www.ysmen.org/our-work/international-support/time-of-fast/>

WEEK4WASTE: Y's Men International has adopted a new international project, Week4Waste under the leadership of IP Jacob Kristensen and it is hoped that all clubs worldwide will take part in it. On that day or week volunteers and partners worldwide can come together to rid our planet of trash – cleaning up litter and mismanaged waste from our beaches, rivers, forests, and streets (see www.ysmen.org/week4waste). World Cleanup Day harnesses the power of everyday people to achieve incredible things by joining together. Its beauty lies in cooperation and collaboration: building bridges between disparate communities and including all levels of society – from citizens to business, to government. COVID-19 has delayed spring and summer cleanups scheduled in most countries. As a worldwide organization, YMI has settled for two periods – one in September 2020 and a Y's Men Clean-up Week from April 18th to 24, 2021.

ALOHA: Y's Men International Convention 2022 - Honolulu Hawaii USA - August 11-14, 2022

Save the date for this event in your calendars! Debbie Redmond, International service Director for Y's Men History is wanting clubs around the world to send her information on the history of their clubs and any current projects for sharing at the convention in 2022.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 9, 2021 - Virtual Meeting - 6:30 PM

March 23, 2021 - Virtual Meeting - 6:30 PM

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