

Denmark's Y's Men in 75-Year



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Forword



In 1922, some enterprising men were together at a lunch table in Toledo USA for the purpose of structuring a sustainable support for the local YMCA. Unaware of that they thereby set about that cast a foundation for a world-wide movement. A movement

that was built with one value that were based on “the teaching of Jesu Christ” and was characterized by mutual respect, common loyalty and with the main purpose of providing service in spite of members of every faith and all to be benefit of all mankind

In the post-war years, a merchant from Aalborg brought the idea home to Denmark after a business trip to Prague. In 1947, the first Danish Club was chartered in Aalborg, after which it spread like rings in the water.

Here, 75 years later, Region Denmark consists of 154 clubs, of which 22 are based in Central- and Eastern Europe (CEE). Internally, the clubs began in 1922 as pure male clubs, but the trend over the past forty years has been clubs with both female and male members.

With no less than two anniversaries, it's time to look back, which is important for understanding the present and not least for shaping the future.

Despite the fact that we are in a digital age, we have chosen to have our story published in print in book form and with printed images as an illustration of the message we want to maintain precisely to manifest that part of the past.

To be prepared for the future, Region Denmark has launched a program called “A Movement in Motion” with a hope and a belief that it will ensure that the Y's Men's idea is preserved and must remain an active for especially child and youth work in the society of the future.

Regional Director
Jens Byskov

It started in Ohio

At the beginning of the 20th century, several of today's world-famous lunch clubs in the United States were founded.

In 1920, the secretary for membership in Toledo YMCA wanted to take advantage of the lunch idea for the benefit of the YMCA.

He invited "all boosters" – members who had made a special effort with money for the campaigns – to a meeting. The idea came to fruition and a club was formed and named TOLYMCA (TOL from Toledo + YMCA).

YMCA associations across Ohio wanted to take up the idea, and the laws were drafted by the young lawyer Paul William Alexander, who later became the first international president.

The purpose of the Club was camaraderie and "service for the YMCA". The idea quickly spread beyond Ohio, and an association of clubs was set up to connect the clubs with each other in service. Before this year was over, the club concept had spread to the coastal province of Canada, and as the years went by – all over the world.

During World War I, Will M. Cressy went to the Far East to help the YMCA entertain the soldiers. He wrote stories home and signed them: **"One of the Y's Men of the East"**. ("The Y" was already then the common abbreviation

for the YMCA). Here Paul Alexander got the idea for the name of the movement

In May 1922, Ohio's first Y's Men Club, Toledo Y's Men's Club, was founded, and in November of that year there were 17 Y's Men's clubs, one which was outside the United States, namely the club in Sidney (Nova Scotia in Canada). During the convention in Atlantic City, the draft laws were discussed and adopted, and thus also the name of the movement "The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs" and at the same time our motto was set to be: **"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"**.

By 1927, 22 districts had been formed, and there were 155 clubs spread over 4 countries.

The movement came to Europe in 1928 with the charter of the Tallinn Y's Men's Club in Estonia. That same year, a club was chartered in Czechoslovakia.

In 1931, a new structure was adopted. They wanted to link the management more closely to the clubs, so that the regions were divided into regions each with its own leader. 10 regions were formed in America and 4 overseas.

Denmark joined the movement in 1947 with Aalborg Y's Men's Club, Aalborghus, and then there were 371 spread over 26 countries. The Aalborghus Club was visited on Monday, September 12, 1955 by Judge Paul William Alexander and Mrs. Lorraine Alexander.

Throughout the history of Y's Men International, the movement has gone through several crises, beginning with the Great Depression of the 1930s, closely followed by the war in Asia, which spread throughout the world at the end of this decade.

Totalitarian regimes spread in many nations, which made it impossible for countless Y's Men's clubs to work through shorter or longer periods.

However, the Y's Men concept of "Service to others in common with the YMCA" proved to be stronger than these obstacles. Despite of temporary setbacks grew and flourished this concept.

Y's Men International has taken a leading role in discriminating against race, religion, gender, and ethnic origin, and the movement has consistently supported programs to improve interracial relations around the world.

As early as 1924, the movement took the first step toward gender equality by setting up Y's Menette

clubs. Extensive anti-discrimination programs were thus established in the 1960s.

Leadership has been a key word in bringing Y's Men International to the movement's current respected position in the world. Decade after decade, enthusiastic men and women have worked in the service of people in need to live up to the purpose of the movement: "To build a better world for all mankind".

Anne Marie Hertz-Jensen
Vejle Trekanten Y's Men's Club

The idea sprouted in Aalborg

The Y's Men's movement spread from the United States and came to Europe. As a result, the first Club was established in 1928 in Tallinn, Estonia. Then other clubs in Czechoslovakia, Bratislava and England came.

The germ of the movement in Denmark came shortly after World War II. Wholesaler Ejnar Davidsen traveled to Prague in 1946 connected with a trade. At the request of Pastor Poul Schou, Aalborg, he was asked to visit the YMCA in Prague, where a named member through many years in United States had become acquainted with the Y's Men's movement. Now he was a member of the Prague Y's Men's Club, which was chartered in 1930.

Ejnar Davidsen was gripped by the idea and took it home to Aalborg. Shortly afterwards, he was contacted by the then general secretary Henry Grimes, who strongly encouraged Ejnar Davidsen to start a Y's Men's Club in Aalborg.

After a general meeting in Aalborg YMCA, it was decided to start Aalborg Y's Men's Club, Aalborghus, which was chartered "the third day of June, in the year of the Lord 1947", as stated in the charter letter, but the charter party was held on August 11, 1947.



Ejnar Davidsen til venstre og Niels Vase-Jensen

It must be said that it was almost at the last minute that the connection with the Prague Club came into being, because in 1946 the situation in Czechoslovakia was that both the YMCA and the Y's Men's Club had to close due to the communist takeover of the country. Therefore, the letter contacts to the people in Prague had to cease, as it could otherwise harm the members there.

The Idea sprouted further.

In many places, the post-war period meant that youth work had to be restarted. The YMCA building in Aalborg had been seized by the Germans. The 5 years of occupation had led to isolation, and they wanted to get out of it. Therefore, there is no doubt that the Y's Men's idea caught in Aalborg. Now the spirit had come over the leaders in Aalborg, and Niels Vase-Jensen

contested the position as regional leader. Together with Willy I. Jensen as Club secretary, they arranged a meeting with the board of YMCA's Central Association in Aarhus. This meeting resulted in the Aarhus Y's Men's Club being chartered on 14 February 1953. The dream of starting new Y's Men clubs was strong in those years.

There were many YMCA members in the individual cities, but the Y's Men's movement enabled membership of an international movement and would provide renewed opportunity for contact with other countries. After 20 years, 41 clubs were chartered in Denmark.

The Aalborghus Club has now had a stable membership for 75 years. The number is almost always between 30 and 35 members, In the late 1990's, however, we were up to a little over 40 members, but it was reduced, as some of the younger members decided to make their own Club. Therefore, we had the pleasure of being able to charter Aalborg Budolfi Y's Men's Club in 1999. This Club still operates very stably, and most recently Henning Thomsen has been elected to RDEE for the period 2021-22. It is gratifying that we can once again see an Aalborg resident on this post.

Here in Aalborghus, the average age rises steadily and stably. The same trend is seen in all

other clubs. This means that fewer members have the strength to attend Club meetings as well as be active in the activities of our main source of income, namely the Mini golf Lane. However, we are looking forward to getting help for the guards through leaders from FDF Skalborg and our ladies – the former Y's Menettes Club, which in September 2021 move to Y's Men Region Denmark as Aalborg Y's Women's Club. We are the mother Club for this "new" Club.

Revenues from the Mini Golf Lane have been steadily increasing over the past many years. A lot of advertising has been done for the course through many A4 posters, which we are



Representatives from award recipients 2019 The voluntaries by Child's Blue House allowed to put up at the traditional resorts such as hotels, holiday centers, campsites and the

like, which tourists, among others search through visitaalborg.dk. On a good day we have in average more than 500 visitors.

This activity gives us many opportunities to accommodate the many applications, we receive each year. One year we thus processed 69 applications, however, not all 69 were accepted. In addition to this, we have given a fair amount to the Regional Projects each year. As there are many recipients of donations, we hold a New Year's event every year, where the recipients of the donation are invited to come and thank and tell about their organization. This gives a good press coverage, which probably again influences more to send applications.

In addition to this, we have a children and Youth Prize; it is 25,000 and is awarded every year at a festive occasion on the Mini Golf Lane. It was established in 2001 and awarded for the first time in 2002. The prize cannot be applied for, but a recommendation must be sent to the committee.

The prize can be awarded to an individual, a group of people, an organization, association or institution that on a voluntary basis makes a remarkable large effort for children and young people in Aalborg Municipality. All forms of social, humanitarian and idea-based child and youth work can be considered by recommendation.

Brother Clubs

Stockholm-Bromma Y's Men's Club is the first fraternal Club connection we have had.

Since 1980, we have greatly enjoyed visits from Stockholm and our visits up there. Unfortunately, no new members have joined this Club, so the Club has shrunk so much that contact with the Club is no longer maintained.

We have now taken up a fraternity Club connection with Toledo Y's Men's Club Ohio. Obviously, there will be no regular visits between us, but we will meet on the screen for the Zoom meeting. However, it is not the same as a physical contact, but we must see if there will be an opportunity for it at some point.

Stories from the club's activities.

For several years, our Club has had many different both money-making activities and social activities. Of the money-making activities must be mentioned the exhibition "The Road" in Aalborgshallen in 1962. This provided a financial basis of 60,000, so that the YMCA scouts and the Y's Men's Club were able to establish the apprenticeship college. The Anniversary Newspaper in 1987 gave a profit of 87.700. Gift Games for a long number of years, and last but not least the Mini Golf Lane, which was established in 1968, and has as I said, given an increasing profit year after year.

The social activities are always done together our ladies. Niels Bækgaard Thomsen took the initiative to start a food course in 1992. We looked forward to the Friday of each month where we men met at p.m. 6.00. Under the expert guidance of Eva Nielsen, and in teams we started to make 2 dishes, alternating between starter and main dishes or main dish and dessert. At p.m. 8 we were ready to receive the ladies and could then proudly serve the food.

Since 1995, we have almost regularly arranged a Club trip. The first trip was to Prague where we had an unforgettable experience in the city with the Two Towers.



Picture from the travel to Budapest

In 1998 the trip went to Paris and in 2001 to Vienna, where we were on the September 11, and gapingly watched on TV when the two towers in New York collapsed. Then it became Berlin in 2003, Saint Petersburg in 2005. In 2007 the trip came to Budapest, and in 2009 we went south again to the wine country Italy, more

specifically to Tuscany. In 2014, the trip was directed even further south. This time we went to Andalusia in Spain.

We saw even more wine in the wine town Cochem by the Moselle River. In 2018 we went to Krakow in Poland which is a relatively new city, rebuilt after the war.

Through these many journeys over the years we have gained countless impressions, both positive and negative, but mostly positive.

The social life is many things. It is a treat for the soul just sitting and singing the midsummer song at the bonfire after having enjoyed all our dishes brought from home. Every year Bodil and Jens Peder Pedersen have invited us all to participate in this wonderful event. We always have a start party and a winter party together our ladies. Widows of members are always invited to these events. We must not forget midway meetings and district conferences, where we meet with acquaintances from all the other 11 clubs. Yes, the social life thrives well in the Club.

The future

In 2018, the Region Denmark appointed a Think Tank. Focus was on the clubs in Denmark. The Regional Council saw the need for something new to happen but what? It became a task for the Think Tank.

The report was completed in 2020. The aim was to come up with proposals for how the Y's Men movement can renew so it also in the future will appear as an active movement which attracts and retain members to actively join the service and promote the camaraderie.

The growth in Denmark has stalled. With 3 new and 9 closed clubs since 2015 and a raising average age each year, something needs to happen to slow down the decline. What are we doing to obtain new members? We need to have better focus on our RELATIONS with e.g. YMCA and YWCA.

If we look at Asia, it is quite clear that the social assistance programs almost always take place in collaboration between the YMCA and the Y's Men Club.

As we can see in the in the creation of the Y's Men's movement there was progress in creation of clubs in the post-war years. There was a great need for togetherness, and there were really good opportunities for this in the Y's Men's clubs, which resulted in the establishment of many clubs. We can only hope that our eyes in the future will be open for a greater togetherness with our partners.

The year 2022 will be an exciting year, where we in Aalborg will celebrate our 75 years anniversary and also the Y's Men International's 100 years anniversary.

We look forward to a bang of a party and expect that it must be the start of a new boom for Y's Men in Region Denmark, in Europe, yes, all over the world.



*Svend Jørgensen
President 2021-22
Aalborg Y's Men's Club Aalborghus*

Area Europe



Since the start of the Y's Men's movement in 1922, it has at times got very fast with the affiliations of clubs and members. In the first years the development took place in the USA and Canada, but as early as 1928 there were also clubs

In China and Australia, and the first Club in Europe was chartered in the same year in Tallinn, Estonia.

As a curiosity, it can be mentioned that active members of a Y's Men Club should be between 20 and 40 years old to have the right to vote and be eligible for leadership positions. The age restriction was from the beginning a stumbling block for many years. First in the 1966 the upper age limit was lifted.

From the beginning the laws contained provisions on districts and established that the District Governor was the representative of the international movement at the local level. If in a public administration area there were at least 3 clubs, they constituted a district.

In 1924, the first district was established, the Ohio Association of Y's Men's Clubs. Quickly more followed, and by the end of 1920s there were 22 districts worldwide.

At the International Convention in 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio, a plan was represented to reorganize and streamline the movement. The plan recommended the creation of regions around the world to bring the international work closer to the clubs and stimulate the creation of new clubs. The plan meant changes in the international management. The International President, the recently resigned President and Secretary-Treasurer continued in the leadership. The number of Vice Presidents was reduced to one, and the three appointed leaders dropped out.

The new organization was approved and 10 regions in North America were created. The following year, the regions of Europe, China, Japan and Australia were established.

In 1952, a Club was chartered in Beirut, Lebanon. This led to that the international leadership established a "Near East Region" consisting of Greece, Lebanon and Egypt.

In Europe, this meant that the positive development continued. During 1930, clubs were chartered in Estonia, Czechoslovakia, England, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Italy and Bulgaria.

In 1951, a function as International Vice President was established to ensure efficient administration. In 1954, Europe got its first International Vice President.

At the turn of the 21st century, the six regions of the Area stood strong. There was progress in most regions.

The two major regions, Denmark and Norway, carried the development in a fruitful collaboration with the other four regions Central-South, Finland-Baltic, Russia and Sweden. The leaders from all regions were willing to cooperate, both when it came to electing members (ICM) to the International Council (IC), and when it came to collaborating on tasks in the Area.

The collaboration resulted in an Area training program for future leaders - Region to Region Training (R2R training).

In the first years, it was held during the autumn in Region Denmark. The Area Council establishes the principles for participation and approves the program. The training must strengthen and motivate leaders at all levels in Area Europe. This for the benefit of chartering new clubs.

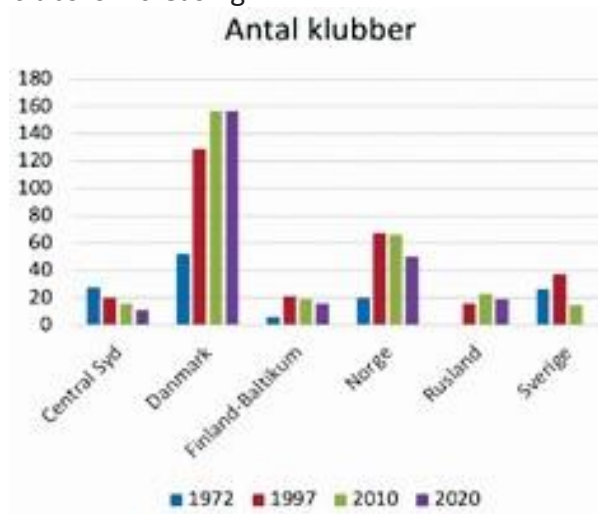
For several years, the Area Service Manager for Christian Emphasis (ASD CE) has held seminars for managers and other interested Y's Men. The program aims to strengthen Y's Men in understanding the foundation and purpose of the movement.

To support the Y's Men's clubs in new regions, a region can ask Area Europe to get a mentor from

one of the "old" regions. The purpose is to help the region, districts and clubs understand the ideas of the Y's Men as well as support the leaders in their efforts to create new clubs.

Currently, Area Europe has only one mentor in Russia. Throughout the years leading up to the turn of the millennium, developments in Area Europe have been driven by growth.

There are fluctuations within the individual regions. In the first 2 decades of the new century, developments in the regions are marked by stagnation or even decline. The reason for this can partly be attributed to the demographics, where the average age of the clubs is increasing.



Se de blå og brune kurver i diagram 1

Region	Number of clubs			
	1972	1997	2010	2020
Central South	28	20	16	11
Denmark	52	129	157	157
Finland/Baltikum	6	21	19	16
Norway	20	67	66	50
Russia	0	16	23	19
Sweden	26	37	15	0
Area Europe	132	290	296	253

Tabel_1

The decline has been particularly marked in Region Sweden, which with 37 clubs in 1997 went back with 22 clubs to a total of 15 clubs in 2010. The development continued, and in 2017 Region Sweden requested Area Europe for approval that the region could be a district in Region Norway.

The request was approved at the Area Council in February 2017 with effect from 1 July 2017.

Area Europe is an important part of Y's Men International with more than 25 % of all paying members.

In 2019, Area Europe unfortunately lost a seat in the International Council, so there are now only 2 representatives from the Area. The challenge for Area Europe is that the average age in the regions with many members is rising by 1 year every year and that the code to find young members has not been broken. The challenges can also be attributed to poor infrastructure,

large distances, or different languages within the regions.

The 5 Regions that currently make up Area Europe have very different "muscles". Some Regions, despite declining membership, are strong and have ability to grow. It is important that these Regions also will support and strength those Regions which do not have the same strength. This is all for the benefit of the Y's Men movement both locally and internally.

In several countries in Area Europe, new Y's Men's clubs are being established. In the Club year 2020-2021 there has partly been very quiet due to the COVID-19 pandemic with consequent travel restrictions.

In Area Europe, the region's task is to work with chartering new clubs. Area alone is coordinating and can support financially.

The regions are doing a great job of retaining Club members who have come up over the years; and it may be necessary to remain that Club members are active when attending Club meetings.

The regions are also doing a great deal of work with extension. Region Norway has undertaken to be mother Club for new clubs in Russia most recently a Club in Yaroslavl. Region Finland Baltic work with extension in the Baltic countries, and region Denmark works in many Eastern European countries i.e. Albania. The Central South Region works with extension in Greece,

Italy, Portugal, Spain, Scotland and Wales.
For some regions, in addition to the economic,
there are also practical challenges in finding Y's
Men who are able to work with extension.
It is important that the individual regions make
it clear where new members can be recruited
and what expectations new members have for
our movement.

When Y's Men International in 2018 got a new
general secretary Jose Varghese, the movement
also got a strong connection to YMCA all over
the world. The contact with the YMCA means
that Area Europe through the YMCA works with
new clubs in Russia, Poland, Italy and Portugal.

Bjarne Sønderskov
Past Area President



Region Denmark – 75 year Anniversary



It is a pleasure for me to congratulate our Y's Men's friends in Denmark on their 75th anniversary. There is great respect for the development the region has undergone in these 75 years. Clubs have been

established all over the country and the number of members has developed to a solid level.

We Norwegians love to travel in Denmark. Even in the smallest towns and villages, we can not avoid meeting the Y's Men's logo at second-hand shops. If we examine this further, we understand that service and the joy of giving are key elements in Y's Men's work. We also see that the affiliation with the local "Folkekirke" is strong. As an AP, it gives me inspiration and joy to know that the region of Denmark is firmly rooted in Christian values and Christian upbringing. This foundation is the most important inspiration for my own participation in Y's Men.

Through my positions as RD and now as AP, I have had a very good and constructive collaboration with colleagues in Denmark.

For us in the north, region DK is our big brother and supporter, and we gain a lot of experience and advice

through our friendship and cooperation - both formally and informally.

In an exemplary manner, the Denmark region has seen it as an important task to think about expansion far beyond the national one. It is impressive to follow the budding that is happening in Southern Europe - initiated and closely followed by eager Danish Y's Men.

Through the close ties associated with friendship clubs in other countries, clubs in Europe benefit and benefit from the positive work conducted in Danish clubs. This is of great importance in the international fraternization and intercultural context.

My most important goal as AP in 2021-22 is that we strengthen and keep our Christian foundation alive. I want to increase cooperation across regional borders, that we modernize our legislation and organizational structure, and not least that we make Y's Men more attractive to young people. This requires hard work - and we must work together. My motto is:

"WE CAN DO IT - TOGETHER". My values can be summed up in three words: "FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE".

*Bjørn Arve Bentsen, Area president
Mandal, Norway*

Greetings from our Internationale leder



Dear Y's families of Region Denmark.

It is my pleasure to send my warmest greetings and extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on the celebration of the **75th jubilee of Region Denmark**. My deepest respect goes to the charter members who put their hearts into establishing the clubs, as well as to the many members who through these years have made the Region as it is today.

Thank you for standing strong during this unprecedented pandemic and continuing to extend your warm hands for those who are in need. The whole world is fragmented due to the The whole world is marked by the healing of the many lives, which is marked by the epidemic.

I have chosen the theme **Y's Men with the World** for this year and with a slogan **Health the world with love and dignity**. I believe that we hrough enhanced community and common service in our club life can get over our concern is and strengthen our health in region, Area and the other part of our movement.

The year 2022 is the centenary year of Y's Men International. I hope that the fellowship, celebration, community service and good deeds that the Region Denmark have always led will continue to guide our movement. I hope we can build our centennial dream and celebrate Y's dom that will endure forever with the leadership and ownership of every one of you. My best wishes to Region Denmark on this special occasion.

I wish you prosperous years to come.

Blessings and regards,

Kim Sang-chae
International President 2021/22



Dear Y's Men 's friend in Denmark



We look forward to seeing you soon you are now celebrating 75 years. In 11 of these years we had one common history.

It all started with Norwegian YMCA members taking the Y's Men idea with them from the YMCA's world council meeting in Paris in 1955. In 1958, a club was established in Stavanger, with Aalborg Y's Men club as the sponsor club. Then Norway became part of Denmark again. The Y's Men movement grew in Norway. The next club was established in Oslo in 1959, while Bergen (1960), Larvik (1962) and Sandefjord and Tønsberg were established in 1963. It is a bit personal nostalgia to look at the development in Norway since my father joined the charter of the Larvik club in 1962, and I myself am a member of the Tønsberg club today.

The movement increased in Norway, but we were too few clubs to become our own region. We became a separate section (two districts) under Denmark in 1965. At our joint regional conference in Larvik in 1966, it was proposed to establish a separate region in Norway, but this was not possible until 1969. During the regional conference in Esbjerg in 1968, it was decided that Norway would become its own region from 1 / 9-1969. It is now 50 years ago. It has been a happy Brexit. The cooperation between our regions has

been and is very close. We share the same basic ideas about how we want our movement to develop, and what is important to preserve. The Nordic countries have always fought for the movement's Christian core values and profile.

Region Norway grew beyond the 1980s and 1990s. At most we were up in 76 clubs and over 2000 members. This included and Russian clubs that belonged to region Norway until Russia became a separate region in 2003. In 2017, Region Sweden became district Sweden under region Norway. It reflects the challenge we have seen throughout our region. Services, willingness to take on leadership responsibilities and time to contribute to the good of others have changed with the development of society.

As of September 2021, the Norway region consists of 10 districts, 44 clubs, including 3 in Sweden and 1250 members. In addition, 2 clubs in Palestine with 22 members are subject to Region Norway. We have a challenge. We have too faithful members. This means that the average age is increasing, and we are struggling to recruit younger members. It gives us too the challenge that we must serve in a different way than when we were younger.

As with the covid-19 pandemic we have experienced in the last two years, it gives us opportunities when we will now get the work back on its feet.

Region Denmark is 75 years old; Region Norway is 50. We look forward to working with you to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary in 2022 - and work together on a common idea in the years to come. Good luck with the anniversary!

Roy Rasmussen

Regional leader 2021-2022 Region Norway



Area Conference in Cecis 2017

Happy anniversary



75 years is well done.

In the Finland-Baltic Region, the first club started in Tallinn in 1928, so we can also soon celebrate a century.

The last few years have hurt us a lot due to covid 19. It has been a big challenge for us as it has reduced the activity significantly. A few video meetings have been held, but unfortunately some clubs have been shut down completely.

The challenge now is to re-establish the existing clubs and try to work better with the YMCA to get more young people into the clubs.

The economy is a problem for our Baltic clubs. We now arrange "Godfather Meetings", where we try to inform about how we can support each other.

Kaarlo Virkki
RD Finland-Balticum

Region Central Southern Europe (CSE) – A Potted History



The clubs of CSE are broadly European clubs other than the Scandinavian, Baltic and Russian clubs. Before 1964 all clubs were considered to be part of European Region but in September 1964 the European Region was divided up and new Regions created.

Region Central Southern Europe was formed with Jan de Jong of Amsterdam as the Regional Director.

The earliest club in the pre-Region days was Hanley, England in 1931, Thessaloniki, Greece followed in 1933 and Italy in 1934. Germany was the first country to have clubs after the war in 1949 with Göttingen. Steady expansion happened after the war and clubs were formed in France, Belgium, Scotland, The Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland. At the start of 2021

there were eleven clubs in six countries. England, Germany, Malta, Netherland, Sicily and Switzerland.

Regional Conferences have been held every year since the first in Hamburg, Germany in 1963, led by Jan de Jong. The Region has also hosted four Area Europe Conventions in 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2013. All of these were hosted by Kingswood and Hanham clubs, England.

One of the features which make CSE different is the variety of languages within the Region. At its peak there were eight languages but English remained the prime language of communication. Regional Directors often spent time getting translations done to try to ensure maximum distribution of information.

*Best wishes from RD Alan Wallington, Wally
Kingswood Y's Men's Club, UK*



Excursions in Bath at Area Conference 2015

Greetings from Region Russia



The story of YMI in Russia began as a Christmas story. On Christmas Eve 1991 (ed: The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas Eve on January 6), a Norwegian, Nor-elv Gabrielsen, arrived in the

town of Kirovsk on the Cola Peninsula with some Christmas presents for a home for orphans.

A meeting was held with the mayor and it was decided to set up humanitarian Y's Men's clubs in Russia. In May 1991, the first Russian Y's Men's Club was chartered. Now there are 15 clubs in 4 districts: Barents, Moscow, St. Petersburg. Petersburg and the Urals, and all clubs support orphanages and the homeless.

The clubs have also been active in collecting waste on the streets, in parks and in nearby areas.

The clubs are eager to continue their activities in the Y's Men's movement, which gives them a chance to see how ordinary people abroad live and to communicate with the whole world.

The first club presidents in Russia were English teachers because they were the only ones who could communicate with people on the other side of the "Iron Curtain".

Now the first translators began to teach their club members to speak English because they understood that knowing the language was important.

RD Polina Belova, Region Russia



Region Denmark



In Y's Men's clubs, you meet good friends, mutual respect, a good working community and a good social gathering on a Christian basis. The basis for many good activities.

Throughout the years, Region Denmark has worked with many good, different and exciting regional projects and tax deduction projects. It has been really gratifying and positive to see that the funds raised by the Y's Men's clubs have been able to help many different places in the world.

Y's Men in Region Denmark have done their best for a better world.

Region Denmark supports the UN's world plan for a greener environment. That is why we support the worldwide project "YMI World Clean Up Project", which is about waste collection. The Covid 19 pandemic also hit the region's Y's Men's clubs, which had to limit all club activities and club meetings. It was positive to see how the club members nevertheless in different ways tried to maintain the club life and the social gathering.

Region Denmark has for many years worked to spread the Y's Men's movement in the countries

of Central Eastern Europe. It has borne fruit, especially in recent years. We work in 8 countries, where there are now 23 clubs and more are on the way.



Chartering of Y's Men's Club Orhei, Moldova.

PRD Arne Holm-Hansen, Region Denmark.

Klub president Nicolae Pascaru, Y's Men's Club Orhei.

Districts governor Lamiita Stamate, Rumania and

RSD- chairman Henrik Jeppesen, Region Denmark.

But the declining membership across the region is worrying. Therefore, a committee was set up, "Tænketanken", which in a report "A movement in motion" has described good proposals for how we will be able to ensure the future of Y's Men's movement in Region Denmark.

Past region leader Arne Holm Hansen

Greetings from Area India



The first Y's Men's club was chartered in Madras in 1940 and was named "Madras Esplanade". The club was chartered by clubs from Sri Lanka (Ceylon), where the first club was established in

1930, after the Secretary General of the YMCA in Colombo attended a YMCA meeting in Minneapolis, USA and was inspired to establish Y's Men on Ceylon.

Region India Ceylon became a separate region in 1946, and in 1964 Sri Lanka became an independent region.

After 1940, India got new clubs in Bangalore (1942), Secunderabad (1945), Ernakulum (1950), Trivandrum (1952), etc.

Developments in India and Sri Lanka resulted in the formation of 2 regions in 1964. (India and Sri Lanka).

India has since undergone a development, so that the regions have had to be divided on several occasions. Area India was established in 1983 and today has 7 Regions with a total of 679 clubs and 8,799 members.

India has made a strong mark with international leaders. The first international President in

1986-87 was Dr. P. Sukumaran, who launched the Long-Range Plan to YMI.

So far with the most recently elected for 2022-23, India has had 5 International Presidents.

India has p.t. the post of International Treasurer, and the Secretary General of YMI, Jose Varghese, has so far held the post of ISG until the end of 2026.

With the three current on top posts, AP A. Shanavas Khan expresses that with three shining stars is, "PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN".

AP Mr A. Shanavas Khan



International convent in Chennai, India 2014

Area Asia Pacific



Herewith a big good luck to Region Den mark with the 75 years in YMI.

My theme for the year 2021-22 is: Make one difference on the other side of

the 100 years that our movement celebrates in 2022. My slogan for the year is: Stay healthy.

Asia Pacific Area consists of 15 different countries and Regions: Australia, Taiwan, Japan, Cambodia, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Hong Kong, Macao, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.



100 years project with sun cells for Makati YMCA

The different regions have per. Feb 1, 2021 the following number of members and clubs:

Region	Clubs	Members
Australien	11	167
Japan East	61	838
Japan West	80	1.424
Philippines	11	154
Southeast Asia	27	446
Sri Lanka	9	102
Taiwan	25	520
Total	224	3.651

The area has the following activities (2021-22):
1) Area Youth Convocation and Area Conference in Taiwan.
2) 100 year project with solar cells for Makati YMCA in the Philippines. Here, we expect a fundraising campaign to start in early 2022.
3. Food our heritage, Culture and Song Festival, where we by the end of 2021 expect to have all material ready for all countries in our Area. With the above joint projects is our wish to bring the countries and regions closer together in the Asia Pacific Area.

AP OHNO Ben Tsutomu
Kobe Port, Japan West Region

Greetings from Area Latin America (LAM)



Latin America wishes Region Denmark all the best with the 75-year-old anniversary, with the desire for continued success and blessing for the future.

Area Latin America is geographically one very large area from the Gulf of Mexico to Cap Horn. From mountains via high plateaus to jungle where many large rivers cross. All the area is full of the colors of nature and very rich on cultural and social differences.

We have two regions Brazil and Latin America with 27 clubs, which apart from Brazil are incredibly isolated and with enormous distances, completely different from Denmark.

Y 'Men's story started with the first club in Chile in 1935. Later, clubs were added in Uruguay in 1940, Argentina and Brazil in 1942 and Bolivia in 1945. Today there are 212 members in the region of Brazil and 205 in Latin America.

The club in Bolivia is a good example of, how a club can rise from the ashes, just because the spirit of Y's Men keeps it alive.

Back in 2019, PAP presented José Kushner a club's withdrawal due to weak activity and few members. A group of leaders in the Area LAM immediately

stepped in with support and prevented the loss of a club with an honorable history.

In 2017, IP Joan Wilson gave the club praise and recognition for its outstanding service to the community.

For 27 years, the club had awarded scholarships to school students so they could continue their education. The club also supported a hospital for burnt victims in addition to donating fresh water and food.

The Cochabamba club, with the support of CP Sergio Lopez, CT Jaime Mendoza and José Kushner (called The Three Musketeers), managed to save the club. Training and support were put in place, and in March 2021, 8 new young members were chartered, and the club is now functioning well. They are very active in online meetings both locally and regionally. They were incredibly active with Week4Waste, where their task was in collaboration with the municipality to clean the river that crosses the city of Cochabamba. The river is the lung of the area and there was a huge round of applause for the club for their great efforts.

The club thus flourished and is full of energy to provide service to the people. A worthy sample for other Clubs.



With this “immortal Latin American Y’s Men’s spirit ” as motivation, a big salute must be heard Region Denmark.

Rossana Croci Reyes, Area President



Greetings from Area USA



I would like with this letter congratulations to all the leaders and Y's Men's families in Region Denmark for having served our movement for 75 years.

The year 2022 will be a historic moment for YMI! We will celebrate the centenary of Y's Men International!

A 100-year "kick-off celebration" was held on the 15th. May 2021 in New York. The celebration took place over online, and members from around the world followed with personal via zoom. At the ceremony was the 10 oldest clubs in the United States commemorated. Among the 10 was Toledo-Central Club, which it first chartered on 12 Dec. 1922, where Paul William Alexander became the first President.



In celebration of the 100th anniversary, the US Area and North Atlantic Region distributed 30,000 meals to the New York City Food Bank.

At the moment we are focusing on retaining members, getting more clubs, and involving more young people in the clubs. I hope that the three areas mentioned will help to develop our movement and permanently make YMI in the United States stronger.

I urge everyone to continually fight for good influence in our community.
The best greetings

*Shaju Sam Area
President – U.S.A.*

To work international

Denmark's path into the international movement was made easy for us because the many new comrades we had suddenly gotten took full care of us. For more than ten years we had membership rights without obligation to pay. From IHQ, The International Head office, we received many printed matter, emblems and charter letters. For all occasions send us congratulations. We received official visits and newly appointed leaders received invitations for free participation in conventions. Through the Bishop Fund, BF, which is today called the Brotherhood Fund, the clubs were given the opportunity to select active members more for trips to the United States and Canada.

We can never be grateful enough for those years. Only they had to work at an international level fewest Danes from YMCA circles tried before. The linguistic proficiency was not widespread. Now there was however, correspondence required in English with the inter-national leadership, just like us had to use German and French. It was a great challenge for the first leaders to have both Europe and Africa as their working field. But there was one very exciting time.

For the first 20 years of our membership, the international leadership was largely in American and about Nadi hands. A strong and idealistic work was carried forward by great sacrifice

One of the most important links in the international movement is the Secretary General, ISG. While everyone else changes after each election, it is the ISG that ensures continuity. From Denmark's inclusion in the movement in 1947 to 1962, the Secretary General was the same, Henry D. Grimes of Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was a skilled man of knowledge who stopped his career because of his enthusiasm for Y'sdom. He had an ability to make every single person he came in contact with feel significant. He traveled the world, i.a. to Denmark, and arranged international conventions often with approx. 1000 participants.

After many years of electing a new secretary general, a YMCA secretary, Jerry Heyl, was elected.

In the same years, it was decided to raise money worldwide for a headquarters to be located on a plot in Chicago.

The third general secretary was Ingvar Wallin, a Swedish nuclear engineer who had already become assistant secretary to Jerry Heyl in 1969. Ingvar served for the first time from 1973 to 1978 and for the second time from 1984 to 2000. From 1979 to 1984, the Norwegian Bjørn Petersen was general secretary.

Then followed Rolando Dalmas from Uruguay from 2001 to 2010. Rolando came from a position in the Anglican Church and had

previously worked for the YMCA. It was certainly not an easy job to succeed Ingvar Wallin, but Rolando worked seriously in his own quiet way.

His successor was the Japanese Takao Nishimura (Nishi) from 2011 to 2018. Nishi came from a position in a private company, but he was also heavily involved in Y's Men. been international service manager for training. During his tenure, a satellite office was established in 2016 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where Nishi got his workplace, and it has been the ISG office until 2021. After the ICM in August 2021, the Secretary General sits with the rest of the staff in the Geneva office.

In 2018, the current Secretary General Jose Varghese from India was elected. Jose was a YMCA member at the management level and had many contacts with the YMCA worldwide. His contract with Y's Men was renewed in July 2021, so he is now employed as Secretary General until October 1, 2026.

Until approx. In 1970, the USA and Canada had the predominance of clubs, but as a consequence of the fact that there were gradually more regions elsewhere in the world, i.a. in Europe, the International Headquarters, IHQ, was moved in January 1970 to the YMCA's World Federation buildings in Geneva.

The Chicago headquarters was rented out so that it could provide a running income.

As the number of clubs grew in Denmark (Europe), we naturally had to pay full dues and

gladly did so, as we, at the same time as our greater insight into the movement, took part in the international management and were given co-responsibility. Among other things. we contributed a very reasonable amount when the Chicago headquarters was to be built.

The international movement was divided so that the international president under him had divided the continents into areas (areas), and in each of these, vice presidents were appointed / elected. This is the reason why the area president's home club banner has the text: International Vice president.



In 1970, Denmark had the honor of hosting an international convention. It took place in the Falkoner Center in Copenhagen and gathered more than 1,700 participants. It was the first international convention to take place outside of North America. At the convention, the Dane, Poul H. Jørgensen, Fredericia, was elected IP-elect, and he was thus also the first international president, IP, elected outside the North American continent. Subsequently, seven Danes have had the job as IP.

Participating in working internationally also includes being elected a member of the International Council, ICM, and to the Area Council, ACM.

Here it is important to emphasize that in our part of the world it is mentioned in the ordination ritual that it is the office that seeks the person and not the other way around. The number of Danish members of the International Council can be seen on Region Denmark's website. All these people have had many unforgettable experiences, including by attending international conventions.

Experiences at an international level also apply to the many BF delegates that Region Denmark has sent to exciting places in the world where the Y's Men's movement looks completely different from what we know from home.

Since 1970, the international office, IHQ, has been located in Geneva, and the costs have been partly paid for by the money that came in from renting out the former Chicago headquarters. In 1983, the building in Chicago was sold and the sale price transferred to the ENDOWMENT FUND. The interest on that capital is i.a. has been used for SDS funds, Special Development Support, these are funds that the regions can apply for extension. From that fund, Region Denmark and the other regions in Europe have over time received a lot of money.

As the years have passed, the requirements for the office in Geneva have changed, therefore one now wants to buy an office and an apartment for ISG in Geneva.

The money for this will come partly from the capital in the Endowment Fund and the rest from

the anniversary collection for the PWA Legacy Project.

After the fall of the wall, many clubs and Y's Men in Denmark have worked hard to promote the Y's Men's movement in Eastern Europe. Denmark wanted to give the Y's Men's movement back to Prague as a thank you, because in 1947 we got it from Prague. So far it has not been possible to get clubs in the Czech Republic. But it has succeeded in Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Poland.

The newest countries that have joined the movement with the help of Danish Y's Men's are Kosovo, Albania and Moldova.

The movement is also back in Estonia, and there are also clubs in the new countries Latvia, Lithuania and Russia.

An anniversary wish is that Region Denmark must use its large place in the movement with tact and enthusiasm, so that the movement never gets tilted, but always remains international and is always in motion.

*Anne Marie Hertz
Vejle Trekanten Y's Men's Club*

My year as International President



After a period in the International Council, I was elected IP-elect in 1978, and in 1979 I was "deployed" as IP at the European Area Conference in Vejle.

The inauguration was repeated at the International Council meeting and the United States Area Conference in Amarillo, Texas. On this occasion, Marie was also involved. She was an invaluable support to me throughout.

When I was IP for a year without an International Convention, I had the opportunity to participate in a number of Area Conferences in order to meet our worldwide movement "face to face". It brought many exciting experiences, and it will go too far to name them all. After Amarillo, I traveled up through the United States. On this part of the trip, Marie and our two children were with us, and when they flew home, I proceeded to club visits and the Area Conference in Canada.

I had that year leave from my civilian profession and could therefore also travel to India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, the Philippines (with Asian Area Conference) and Australia. I learned how different our clubs are and their tasks and opportunities, but also how faithfully one strives to live up to our purpose

clause and our motto, "To acknowledge the duty that comes with every right".

I have had the honor of laying the foundation stone for a beautiful YMCA building and for a hospital. I have been involved in Time of Fast projects and lived for a small week in a refugee camp in northern Thailand. Marie and I visited a school for the blind and deaf (a Danish Y's Men's project in Sri Lanka), and I have seen with my own eyes the hardship and poverty that prevails in some parts of the world, and which Y's Men trying to remedy. It has each time filled me with joy and gratitude.

When my term as IP ended, I was asked to be the Y' Men's movement's representative on the International YMCA's Executive Committee. As a result, I was actually actively involved in Y's Men International's management for a total of 10 years.

I will never be able to reasonably thank the Y's Men's movement for the many good (but also challenging) experiences I have suffered. I'm still trying to be active in Aars Y's Men's Club, where I have now been since the club's start in 1967.

Chr. Bach Iversen
Aars Y's Men's Club

IP Jacob Kristensens photo cavalcade from a three-year period.



IP's themes: Values,
Extension and
Leadership



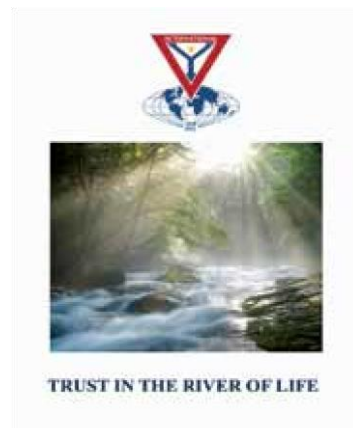
Unveiling of memorial stone in Toledo, November 2019.
IP Jennifer Jones, PAP Debbie Redmond, Allan (Grandson
of Poul William Alexander), Allan's wife, IPIP Moon, Head
of YMCA Toledo, Secretary General Jose Varghese, IPE
Jacob Kristensen



Welcome committee in India Airport – February 2020



Insertion of IP Jacob Kristensen on 3 July 2020 by PIP
Henry J. Grindheim, Norway



All meetings in the Year 2020/21 were run virtually via Zoom



Club activities – project Week 4 Waste



IPIP talks at the IP Dinner on The Grand Long Beach hotel the 3. January 2022

YMI – YMCA: Partners in mission Worldwide



The partnership between YMCA and Y's Men International has a history of 100 years. Probably the most content-rich and longest-running partnership between the two organizations in the World.

Members who rendered exceptional service to the YMCA in Toledo, Ohio, founded the first Y's Men's Club as a lunch club in 1920.

Since then, the Y's Men's clubs have been established primarily around the world in the service of the YMCA and the local community. Both organizations have the Christian and ethical values at the heart of their mission.

As described in the laws of YMI, Y's Men International is a worldwide fellowship of people of all faiths, working together in mutual respect and devotion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and striving in common loyalty to the YMCA through active service to provide, strengthen and provide leadership that can build a better world for all of humanity. The

YMCA was founded in London in 1844 and has since grown to more than 60 million members in 120 countries. The World YMCA was founded in 1855 on a Paris basis:

"The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite the young people who regard Jesus Christ as their God and Savior with reference to the Holy Scriptures and desires to become disciples in their faith and in their lives and unite their powers to expand the knowledge of God. rich for young people. "

Today, the YMCA is the oldest and largest youth organization in the world, inspiring and mobilizing young people to find and share their voices on issues that matter to them and to the world. YMCA helps young people to have a better life, a better society and a better world.

Y's Men's clubs around the world have played a vital role in that task for the YMCA in many countries over the last 100 years.

In the same way, the YMCA has played a central role in spreading the YMI movement in several countries and in acquiring a large number of members from the YMCA circle.

Our historic partnership has given us unparalleled opportunity to reach out to the world with a common identity, recognizability, continuity of service and a common line of movement. For the members of YMI, the values of volunteer work have borne fruit in the unique community.

The members use their time, their abilities, and resources for the good of the community and make a difference compared to others for both the local and the worldwide YMCA.

Over the last 100 years, this service has affected thousands of people. During and after World War II, Y's Men supported through the YMCA post-war refugee missions, and The YMCA received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946 through John R. Mott, who was the leader of the YMCA worldwide.

Apart from supporting local projects, YMI was also active in continuously inspiring leadership development. YMCA in Spain, Kosovo, Moldova, YMCA Europe Training Center, local YMCA branches in India, Japan, USA, Canada, Russia and Kenya are just a few examples of this support through the Alexander Scholarship Foundation, ASF, which was founded in 1954. The foundation aimed to support leadership in the YMCA and has since helped hundreds of key employees as well as many young people to gain new skills and visions to strengthen the YMCA. The foundation will continue to support YMCA Change agents and many needs that arise.

Through the Time of Fast project, YMI is helping to build a better world for humanity. Time of Fast, TOF, emerged as the Y's Men's response to people's cries for help. Throughout the world, Y's Men through hundreds of YMCA

projects has helped social change and sustainable community growth.

Almost 10 mill. Since its inception in 1973, the US dollar has been donated and invested in such projects, making it the movement's flagship.

The rapidly evolving globalization has increased climate change with CO2 gases. YMI has responded to this and set up Carbon Offset Funds, which have helped several YMCA projects to reduce the negative impact on the environment to become a CO2 neutral organization.

YMI is moving into the next century with the experience of the last 100 years in the belief in the possibilities of the future.

The spirit of the re-ignited Y's Men's will inspire our members to collectively as a global organization to help build a better world for all.

The continued partnership with the YMCA will have a greater influence among the young people to make tomorrow a better world. The YMCA and YMI are not just partners.

*Jose Varghese, ISG
Secretary General for Y's Men International*

PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

between

World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International

WHEREAS, the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International base their actions and services on a Christian purpose, and

WHEREAS, these two world bodies are instruments of international awareness and have responsibilities for stimulation and coordination of their respective organisations, and

WHEREAS, these two world organisations are and should remain independent,

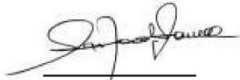
IT IS CONSEQUENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED, that the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International are desirous of working towards new dimensions of partnership that will contribute to individual and collective growth a service at local, national, area and world levels.

THEREFORE, the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International adopt the following Principles of Partnership:

1. *It is reaffirmed that the two organisations have a Christian basis from which originates the purpose of serving people, and that this service is carried out for all people without discrimination.*
2. *It is accepted that collaboration and support first require the identification of common objectives, and then the selection of specific tasks, programmes and projects.*
3. *It is recognised that in this process both organisations are at the same level of responsibility, and it is consequently expected that both should participate in the initial thinking, the development of plans, the funding, the implementation and the evaluation.*
4. *It is expected that from whatever is carried out in partnership, both organisations should give and receive benefit.*
5. *It is expected that both organisations should be open to the participation and involvement of the other at local, national, area and world levels, thus strengthening the relationship and cooperation.*
6. *It is recognised that the effectiveness of the partnership depends upon mutual trust and support, that the potential benefits are many and that both organisations should assist each other's development in mutually acceptable ways. This should be reflected, in particular, by evidence of greater YMCA support for the extension of Y's Men International and increase of its membership, which in turn implies recognition of the increasing potential of Y's Men action as a service club for the YMCA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International, by their proper officers duly authorised, hereby affix their signatures on this 9th day of August in the year 2020.




Carlos Sanvee
Secretary General
for the World Alliance of
YMCAs



Jose Varghese
International Secretary
General for Y's Men
International



Congratulation with the meaningful task



Dear Y's Men

Congratulation with the two beautiful anniversaries.

Countless dinners are eaten in good company in the clubs. A sea of volunteer work hours is done together others. And large sums of money are distributed to good causes. All this calls for very BIG congratulations.

As one of the organizations that have largely received money from you, I must emphasize the importance of your efforts for children and young people in YMCA and YWCA. With contributions from Y's Men, we have been able to reach even further children and young people with an invitation to take part in activities and to become part of association Denmark. You have supported activities at national level, and you have even more supported the local association life. With voluntary labor, money and support, you have



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been an essential part of the stability of many of our local associations. Financially and morally, you are an essential part of our hinterland.

When having an anniversary, you sometimes look back. It's just fine and natural. But it is important that you quickly turn your head forward again. It is about being there right now and in the future. In itself, having an anniversary or birthday is not the greatest achievement. It comes automatically with the time. The great achievement lies in being alive and currently present in a way that is relevant to people as an organization. Good luck with continuing to be there.

We have probably all become equally abundantly individualistic in our way of thinking and acting. That way, we become both more boring and less like human beings than we have the potential to be. Therefore, there is reason to point out how important it is to have a meaningful task. With great admiration we at YMCA and YWCA have looked at how skilled you have been to create meaningful task that have been relevant for people to be engage in.

The individualistic human being needs to be seduced by a meaningful task. That is, to forget time and place, because the task calls and makes sense – and otherwise often becomes much more extensive than one had said yes to from the beginning of Y's Men will continue to be able to define meaningful tasks, you have exactly what modern man need; - a framework and the opportunity to engage with others in something greater than oneself. God and neighbor are in the long run more enduring than trying to entertain themselves.

Well, you have collected a lot of money together. But the best thing is that you have gathered people.

As a recipient of money from you, our congratulations and THANKS are of course great.

But even greater is the congratulations to you on the meaningful task you have been given. Good luck making it present and relevant to even more people.

*Jørgen Kvist,
Secretary General of YMCA and YWCA in
Denmark*



A strong collaboration



Danmarks Kirkelige Mediecenter

A strong collaboration on materials for churches, schools and organizations.

In 1996, the idea arose of a support association for the Danish Church Media Center. Since the establishment in the same year, there has been a permanent collaboration between Y's Men Region Denmark and DKM on the support association's work. From the beginning, the support association has aimed to raise funds from Y's Men's clubs and the denominational parishes for the production of ecclesiastical and ideological projects targeted at churches, organizations, schools and families.

The support association's first project was a Christmas story by Bent Haller in 24 episodes, which was told by Jens Okking. The latest support association project is called: "Snapper og Topper explores Christianity" and is a collection of films for children about core concepts in Christianity such as. faith, charity, forgiveness, and sin.

Through the 26 years within the support association, it has also turned into projects and materials such as "Sigurd tells Bible stories" and films about church holidays, about baptisms, about life's big questions and about who Jesus really was. Just to name a few.

The collaboration between DKM and Y's Men Region Denmark has also led to two regional projects. One about children in developing countries and the other about refugee children



in the world.

Without the collaboration with Y's Men Region and all the clubs, all these projects would hardly have come to fruition.

Søren Johan, project leader

Big congratulation from FDF



In both the Voluntary Boys' and Girls' Confederations, FDF and Y's Men are basically a committed community. A community with meaningful togetherness that paves the way for lifelong friendships.

Both organizations are rooted in Christian values and human views, and although FDF is not part of the K family, Y's Men and FDF are considered natural partners.

For many members, Y's Men has been a gathering place where it has been possible to maintain and cultivate relationships and communities built up through a long association life in, among others, FDF. Many who have throttled down as active leaders and board members of FDF have found joy and community in Y's Men, where there is also a focus on community experiences and the opportunity to make a difference for children and young people.

The national collaboration between Y's Men and FDF goes all the way back to Y's Mens infancy, where it started in the small, in the local. Over time, the collaboration developed to also include a larger national collaboration, for example around the Danish Church's

Confirmation Center, publication of a joint songbook and preaching materials, camps, and development of activities that have play and children at the center. Most recently, Y's Men has contributed to enabling the devotional portal DetMedGud.dk, which FDF in collaboration with YMCA and YWCA, the YMCA Scouts and the Green Girl Scouts has launched. Local cooperation is often in the nature of practical or financial support.

Examples include the support concert on 17 June 2017 in Viborg Cathedral. The concert, which was arranged by Viborg Y's Men's Club and FDF Viborg 3. Kreds, collected in favor of the FDF district's project for an activity area in Sydbyen, called "Hat på Bålet". On 29 May 2019, the dream of an activity area that could engage the entire local area came true, and one could inaugurate e.g. campfire hut and shelter site.

In Aalborg, where Y's Men in Denmark had its beginnings, Aalborg Y's Men Club and FDF Skalborg have for many years collaborated to run Aalborg Minigolf.

In Thisted, there has been a long-standing friendship between the FDF circles and Y's Men, where Thisted's FDF orchestra has participated as a festive feature at Y's Men's events, and the

circle has over the years received great both practical and financial support.

Most recently, Struer Y's Men's Club with a large donation has secured the construction of FDF Struer's new district house as a gathering place for the district's children and youth work.

In addition, FDF's country camps have benefited from the generous support of many Y's Men clubs for their international work. The international outlook serves its own purpose in the encounter with the different and other cultures, where curiosity and respect for fellow human beings are the pervasive. The international work creates a breeding ground for new interpersonal relationships, understanding of our fellow human beings and diversity.

Y's Men strengthens FDF's broad background - as FDF experiences great support from Y's Men both locally and nationally. We are part of something bigger than the organization.

On behalf of FDF, I wish Y's Men a big congratulations on the anniversary and thank you for the good cooperation and support.

Dorte Fog
Chairman of FDF's Executive Board

De grønne  pigespejdere

The Green Girl Scouts and Y's Men's Club Region Denmark has had a good collaboration since its infancy. Although we have never had joint projects together, the relationship has been good. They have not hesitated to lend a helping hand at the great events of our organizations through the ages. Among other things, several green girl scouts remember how Y's Men has provided practical help at several country camps. Conversely, Girl Scouts have also given a practical hand at major events in Y's Men.

The Green Girl Scouts at both the national and local levels appreciate the financial support that Y's Men has provided over time to local Girl Scout groups. With smiles and orderliness, applications have been processed, and over the years, the support has meant new outdoor life, memorable trips at home and abroad and the opportunity for challenging activities in nature for girls and women.

As an association with 102 years behind us, we continue to develop and expand the opportunities for girls and women and look forward to a continued close relationship with our loyal and local support throughout the years.

Pia Risør Bjerre
Chairman The Green Girl Scouts



Ever since Y's Men was established, the organization has been a valuable support and collaboration partner for the YMCA Scouts in Denmark. Both organizations are rooted in the Christian value foundation and both organizations have a desire about forming resilient children and young people in meaningful communities.

With this in mind, Y's Men has contributed to scout work at the national level and in particular readiness at the local level. Y's Men has, for example been part of the development of the portal 'Det Med Gud', which FDF, YMCA / YWCA, The Green Girl Scouts and the YMCA Scouts are behind. Another project that Y's Men has supported is the project 'Welcome to my home', where schoolteachers, FDF, The Green Girl Scouts, YMCA and YWCA, Danish Free school association, employees in churches and parishes and The YMCA-Scouts, developed a free teaching material for schoolchildren about refugee children. The biggest support for the YMCA Scouts happens though locally. The local Y's Men's clubs are diligent to to help the local scout groups, where they support and raise funds for the scout work in different ways. Some scout groups sell Y's Men's Christmas calendars, other local scout groups per hold flea markets

along with Y's But and in Østhimmerland, the local scouts have even saw a newspaper with the local Y's Men's club.

Even the scout groups that do not actively cooperate with the local Y's Men's club can still get help from it by applying to their premises pool.



Her among other Tangsø-scouts has got money to a tent from Lemvig Y's Men's Club.

This support Y's Men provides across the country, the YMCA scouts are very grateful for. It means that many local scout groups can bring their projects and scout activities to life for the benefit of the local community's children and young people. The YMCA Scouts wish Y's Men a happy anniversary and the best for the future. We look forward to a continued excellent collaboration.

*Marie Oland Tanggaard
Communication consult*

Y's Men Denmark and YMCA's Sports Association's



Both Y's Men and YMCA Sports Association are part of what can be called the 'YMCA Family' in Denmark, and in that way the relationship between them has always been there since the Y 'Men movement came to Denmark 75 years ago. In the early years, there were strong ties between the YMCA's Sports Association's circles and regions and the local Y's Men's clubs and also a close collaboration around the local activities.

As the YMCA's Sports Confederation's regions and and voluntary forces, as the YMCA's Sports Confederation's relocation circles have been closed down, the cooperation now goes to the federal office to the city Give in 2020. But the relations hasn't been less strong despite that.

Y's Men has been contributing for many years as well. financially for the holding of the YMCA's Sports Association's summer courses and thus made it possible, that even more young people can get athletic and value experiences for life.

In addition, Y's Men has also made a strong contribution financially to international cooperation between the Christian sports



federations across Europe. Last but not least stood Y's Men's the club in the city Give also ready with helping hands and voluntary forces when the YMCA's Sports Association moved the federal office to Give in 2020

YMCA Sports Federation wants Y's Men Region Denmark congratulations on the anniversary and look forward to many years of rewarding cooperation in the future also.

Kasper Jepsen,
Chairman YMCA Sports Association and valuable

Together we set traces



"Because we leave traces in each other's hearts" is the starting point for the YMCA's Social Work's diaconal, social efforts for children, young people and adults in vulnerable life situations. To this can be added the good and fruitful collaboration with the Y's Men's movement: "Because we put the tracks together".

Over the years, Y's Men around the country have actively supported around a large part of the YMCA's Social Work activities both in the main board, in local boards and steering groups and as volunteers in drop-in centers, in debt counseling, in family clubs and many other places. Good forces as well as financial support make it possible to leave many warm-hearted traces in the lives of vulnerable people. To be present with help, support and care where life is most difficult.

The traces of the Y's Men's movement's 75 years in Denmark and 100 years worldwide are clear and are about people who make a difference in community for the community. We feel this in the YMCA's Social Work, and there must be a big congratulations and thanks for cooperation, interaction and support both locally and regionally. We look forward to putting heartwarming tracks together in the years to come.

*Morten Skov Mogensen Generalsekretær
KFUM's Sociale Arbejde*



YWCA's Social Work has for many years benefited greatly from the collaboration with Y's Men. Lokale Y's Men's clubs have a long tradition of providing help and support to the YWCA's Social Work, both nationally and locally around Denmark. Not least when we have to open new offers and institutions. The help can be very concrete in the form of a donation for a new refrigerator for Reden Aalborg or new furniture for the newly opened Reden Esbjerg.

At the same time, we can always count on the Y's Men's clubs understanding that there is also a need for support and backing in the long run. Thus, the Y's Men's clubs are one of our most loyal supporters of all time. We are very grateful for the cooperation, and we greatly benefit from Y's Men's understanding of the needs of the most vulnerable, who are the ones the YWCA's Social Work has been put in the world to help.

*Pernille Kjær Jessen
Communications responsible*

Values into practical reality



KFUM's Soldaterhjem

Vi er jo lige her

PROTEKTOR H.K.H. KRONPRINSESSE MARY

Since 1864, there has been a desire to provide Christian mission and practical service for conscripted Danish soldiers. From 1889 onwards, the YMCA's Soldiers' Home became a natural place to translate Christian values into practical reality. The idea of a soldiers' home spread from Copenhagen to the Jutland heath at Borris and further out throughout the country. When the security forces were called up during the First World War, 15 new soldiers' homes were set up in just 15 months with the help of local YMCA associations.

Throughout the Cold War, several generations have enjoyed coffee, cheesecakes, layer cake, community singing and participated in devotion at the YMCA's Soldiers' Home. A new era began in

1998, when the first soldiers' home moved with Danish soldiers to Bosnia.

Since then, there have been similar military bases in Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Estonia. As soldiers have returned home to Denmark with scars on their bodies and souls, the YMCA's Soldiers' Home has been given a new role with holiday homes. Here the diakonia gets a different expression than among conscripts, permanent or seconded soldiers.

Y's Men has provided us with fantastic support over the years, booth with practical help and important financial handouts for canteen carts or much needed improvements to the facilities. Thank you very much for that.



Per Møller Henriksen
General secretary

Big and small "impacts" in the hi-story og Region Denmark's 75-year

These "discounts" are a supplement to the other articles in this book.

The beginning

Chartering of new clubs followed at a fast pace after the start of the first 2 clubs in Aalborg and Århus.

Two things have conditioned the tailwind the movement has had in Denmark. First, the idea came from outside at a time when the YMCA was without contact with an entire generation of 16-20 year old due to the occupation. At the same time, those who had previously come to Young Homes, but had now become too old, had a need for other ways to meet.

The name is a whole chapter in itself - first they talked about "the American nonsense", and some would try to change the name to the Y-club; this was done in several places in Sweden. "Y" could be the first letter in the YMCA, where it stood for "young", (it would be impractical, however, as the age of club members increased), it could also be the Greek Y, which as a first letter in the word "son" Stood for Christ.

But, as we use the letter in Y's Men's Club, it stands for YMCA (YMCA).

The purpose of the club was previously formulated in three sections:

- The personal renewal
- The local effort
- The international contact

The personal renewal was to be achieved through the club's meetings with lectures, speeches and debate, through various club magazines and study circles. The local effort has included many initiatives. Countless are the activities that the clubs in Denmark have done to raise funds for the clubs' support projects of various kinds.

The international contact took place through district, regional and world conferences, through fraternal club events, magazines and the joint foreign projects.

Membership development

The membership was mainly from the YMCA and the FDF, and the differences within the YMCA could initially create major debates about the line in the clubs' work. In 1959, for example, members from some clubs because it was played up to dance, but at the first following conference it was found quite natural with the dance. Of course, it took some years before all the YMCA secretaries accepted the Y's Men's clubs. Some feared that they would harm

the work of the association, but gradually they were perceived everywhere as a strengthening of the common work. It has been of the utmost importance that the Y's Men's clubs gained a close affiliation with the YMCA while retaining their independence. It was an advantage for both parties, because when two organizations merge, the mutual inspiration disappears.

* In the period 1967 to 1987, Y's dom in Denmark was consolidated in several ways - moved from the market towns to parishes and lords, the number of clubs increased - thereby more members, and the involvement in the clubs both locally, regionally and internationally received regularly press coverage. It culminated in the preparation and conduct of the 57th International Convention in Aarhus 21-24. July 1986, when the opening ceremony itself was attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

* It was stated at the regional conference in 1977 that 40.7% of the members are between 40 and 49 years old.

* The men seriously lost the exclusive right to the Y's Men's movement in the 70s and 80s. Several Y's Menette clubs were chartered, as were mixed clubs.

* Y's Men's - the movement changed in these years to be a "family movement" with an increasing number of Menetter and Y'slinge, which gradually became a commonly used term for spouses and

children who participated in the movement's events.

* The fairness prize of DKK 100,000 was instituted at the general meeting in 2001. The money was to be paid in by the clubs. The Justice Prize was to be awarded to a person who had made a deserving contribution to the society. The purpose was to promote the Y's Men's movement. The Justice Award, which later came to be called the Appreciation Award, was discontinued at the general meeting in 2004 due to lack of payments from the clubs.

* "Family membership", which is a means of maintaining young families with minor children and families with disabled children living at home, was adopted at the general meeting in 2010.

* A new smoking policy was adopted at the general meeting in 2011, namely that at all events where Y's Men Region Denmark, section and district is the organizer, tobacco smoking is not allowed indoors.

* An Extension Seminar was held in November 2012 with 55 participants. A day of inspiration, help and tools for the work to be done to expand and preserve the clubs.

* A Y's Men's Meeting was an event for new and younger Y's Men, which was to take place in the autumn of 2015. The purpose was that the target group had the opportunity to meet and experience

that one exists and does not stand alone. The event was canceled due to too few participants.

Visions

Visions for Region Denmark are regularly discussed and renewed over time. Here are some examples that show the differences.

* The responsibility for future generations was strongly emphasized in 1992 - 1993 and at the same time gave rise to a debate regarding the development of the Y's Men's movement, including its image. This should also help make the clubs more attractive to young members. A discussion was initiated on: What do we want? Why are we here? What can we offer new and younger members? With this, the regional management wanted to look forward to the year 2000. The following year, a catalog of ideas was prepared on the basis of the feedback from the clubs on the three questions regarding. "Y's Men until the year 2000" for use in the clubs' further development.

* Under the motto: "More truth in the Y's Men's horn", a multi-year development process was launched in 1996-1997 with the aim: To create new "Future pictures" for a club life that can also attract future generations. Based on the working model "UFFE": Youth - Renewal - Future - Extension, many clubs started to think new ideas and prepare for the future.

* Y's Men International had presented a "Future Plan 2008-2011". It was adapted to Danish conditions and was presented at the presidential meeting in 2010.

The future plan consists of 4 main points:

- Relations with the YMCA and YWCA and other church organizations
- Membership growth in the individual club
- Development of the Y's Men's movement in new locations at home and abroad
- Leadership training and development of the organization

* The regional management presented "Plan 2015" at the regional conference in 2011 with the following vision:

In 2015, Y's Men's International Region Denmark is a movement that is locally, nationally, internationally and organizationally ready to engage future members in an active and meaningful community on the basis of the region's value set.

Goals:

- Region Denmark is a clearly profiled organization with clear priorities that are visible to members, partners, local networks and other stakeholders.
- Region Denmark has achieved membership growth.

- Region Denmark has entered into strategic partnerships with organizations that profile and support the Y's Men's movement.
- Region Denmark has developed a management structure and form that is characterized by openness and dialogue at all organizational levels, and with multi-year goals and priorities.

* Vision 2022" was approved by the Regional Council in January 2016." Vision 2022" has been on the road for 2 years and has been in consultation at various training seminars, regional council meetings, in clubs and districts and workshops.

Region Denmark's Vision 2022: We are a well-known and recognized service organization, with strong relationships to our networks, with committed and dynamic members, in a personally developing and active club life.

Our communication is effective and understandable, and it is a high priority both internally and externally. Our members show credibility, mutual loyalty, care, empathy and charity, which are, and always must be, the core values.

There is a goal for each area in the vision wheel as well as some sub-goals that can inspire the regional management, districts and clubs to draw up action plans to achieve these goals.



* The regional management has set up a Think Tank in November 2018 - a committee that will come up with proposals for where Y's Men's movement can renew itself, so that the movement will also in 2025 and in the future appear as an attractive association that attracts and retains members to go join the service and be part of the camaraderie. The think tank was closed down in June 2020, after it had prepared a presentation on the future of the Y'Men movement. "A movement in motion?" was the headline of the presentation.

It is encouraged that all members help to create an attractive club / district / region in the coming years - that is, that the members change together, and that means:

- Communicate attractively about ourselves.
- Invite new members into the community.
- Make our club / district / region attractive to more people.

Structure / organization

Here are some examples of how the structure / organization changes in step with the development.

* From its entry into Y's Men International, Denmark was part of the Europe Region, which together with Africa belonged to an international vice president. On 1 September 1964, at a conference in Amsterdam, the European region was divided into the Sweden / Finland, Denmark / Norway and Central / Southern Europe regions. By 1968, the number of clubs in the Danish-Norwegian region had increased so sharply that they became two independent regions.

* Region Denmark was first divided into 2 sections, later into 3 sections and 4 sections and finally into 5 sections over a number of years. Initially, the Regional Leader elected the section leaders (LTD), - later they were elected by the clubs. The section leaders were to relieve the Regional Leader.

* Section East was divided in 1976 into 2 districts, namely district North Zealand and district Southwest Zealand - Lolland / Falster.

* District Northwest Jutland was divided in 1978 into 2 districts, namely district Limfjord and district Storå.

* The region's statutes were amended in 1984 so that the former section leaders (LTD) were now named as Regional Management Members (RLM), but continue to represent each section for 1 year. In

1989, this was changed to a 2-year period to ensure better continuity.

* It was decided at the regional conference in 1995 to attach a permanent secretary to the regional leadership, who will serve for a number of years.

* There was a change in the regional management in 2004. The regional management now consisted of Regional Manager (RD) - Regional Manager Elect (RDE) - and as a new member: Regional Manager Elect, Elect (RDEE) - Past Regional Manager (without voting rights) - Regional members (RLM) from each section.

This happened after a structural debate through 3 years in the clubs and at the region's general meetings, where i.a. was debated whether the RLM / section function should be abolished and whether the districts should be changed.

At the same time, the district managements came to consist of:

District Governor (DG) - Deputy District Governor (VDG) - and as a new member: District Governor Elect (DGE). The Past District Governor (PDG) function was abolished).

* District South Jutland, which is a merger of the districts Skamlingsbanken and Southwest Jutland, has in 2005-2006 functioned for a year and has got off to a really good start.

* The regional management has in 2012-2013 adopted a 3-year pilot scheme with the transformation of clubs into senior clubs, this may be relevant when the forces in a club are no longer enough for so many activities, meetings and leadership jobs. The purpose of Senior Clubs is to retain as many clubs as possible.

* District Lillebælt is from the club year 2014-2015 part of Section South.

* The regional management decided in 2015 that the Region's laws and statutes should be reviewed, and a committee was set up to review the sections with a critical review. This resulted in a proposal for some far-reaching organization / structural changes, which was adopted at the regional general meeting in 2017.

Prior to that, the law changes had been through 2 hearings in the clubs, and the proposal was aligned after both hearings so that it was ready for presentation at the regional general meeting. The RLM function / sections were abolished, and the Regional Management came to consist of the Regional Leader (RD) - Regional Leader Elect (RDE) - Regional Leader Elect Elect (RDEE) - Retired Regional Leader (PRD). The regional management must lead the region together with the Regional Council. The Regional Council has been given greater powers. It is not the regional leader alone who is responsible for the tasks that must now be solved, but it is now the total regional management.

The district governor designation (DG) has been changed in the laws to district manager. The district management thus consists of: District Manager (DG)

- District Manager Elect (DGE) - District Manager Elect Elect (DGEE). The district manager is the administrative manager, but the district management is responsible for ensuring that the tasks are solved. The district management, in collaboration with the clubs' presidiums, establishes rules of procedure on which the district management must work. District councils and district conferences are not mentioned in the new laws, but the district management must hold at least 3 meetings with the clubs' presidencies and possibly other members.

The goal of the structural changes in 2004 and 2017 was to shorten the path from club members to the Regional Management and vice versa.

Club activities

Countless are the activities that the clubs in Denmark have done to raise funds for the clubs' various support projects. Examples of selected club activities are described elsewhere in the book, but here it can be mentioned that club activities throughout the years have not always necessarily been money-raising projects. Valuable personal contacts were made when practical assistance was offered, e.g. by restoring camps and huts belonging to various youth corps. In addition, it has been a Y's Men's activity to participate in the organization of ward or Outer Mission meetings and bazaars, in running youth clubs, leadership training, thrift stores and at several DMS lands conventions as well as at Danish Church Days and YMCA World Council meetings.

* An agreement was made in 1989 - 1990 between the Region and Randers Y 'Men's club regarding the club's profits from the production of Y's Men's Christmas calendar, so that part of the profits now goes to the Region.

International

This section shows examples of where Danish members over the years have performed on the international stage and asserted their influence.

The international contact has taken place through district, regional and world conferences, through fraternal club events, magazines and the joint foreign projects, as well as participation in Area and international conventions.

In the 1970s, the movement was "de-Americanized" and increasingly "internationalized", not least influenced by the movement's growth, moderately in Europe and explosively in Asia. European meeting and leadership traditions, used in various youth corps, probably also had a contagious effect on development, not least due to the elected Danish world presidents.

* New laws that were heavily debated at the Ohio Convention in 1972, where they approx. 100 Scandinavian participants asserted themselves in the purpose debate, also helped to remove the US dominance. Democracy was secured by the fact that an international council should now be the supreme

authority of the movement. Several Danish members made their mark in the start-up and run-in phase of the International Council.

* BFdelegater (Brotherhood Fund) has helped to create contact beyond the region's borders. It is Danish Y's Men on a journey in i.a. USA, Canada, Africa, Asia and Australia. Danish clubs have also been visited by foreign delegates who have spent the night with the club members. Here it can be mentioned that Region Denmark e.g. has sold 427 kg of stamps in 2005-2006 and 467 kg in 2006-2007 in support of the Brotherhood Fund (BF). Region Finland and Russia have asked for help from Region Denmark to have their collected stamps sold, and they have received this help.

* The first international convention held in Denmark was held in 1970 in Copenhagen with more than 1700 participants.

* Denmark hosted the second time for an international convention in 1986 in Aarhus with 1733 participants from 27 countries. Of these, 102 Y'slings and 140 participated in the youth conference.

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II attended the opening ceremony.

* In 1989 - 1990, a "Help Fund for Y's Men International, Region Denmark" was established to receive voluntary gifts, funds from the collection day and profits from the Christmas calendar. Funds from this have helped to make work possible in Central and Eastern Europe.

* It was decided at a leadership meeting in Area Europe in Helsinki in the spring of 1990, which of the "old" regions should be responsible for forming some Y's Men's clubs in the various countries of Eastern and Central Europe. Denmark was initially allocated to Romania and Bulgaria, but it was added that it was possible to also exercise extension elsewhere where one had to have good connections. Therefore, i.a. Poland is involved, as such connections had just been achieved through relief transports from Denmark.

* At the regional council meeting in August 1990, an "Eastern Committee" was set up, which gathered interested parties from the clubs, initially especially from Central and East Jutland.

The committee carried out the first extension trip to Poland at Easter 1991. Many good contacts were made, and at the regional conference in Hedensted in 1991, a selected team of new friends from Poland was welcomed for the first time.

* In the period 1995 to 1997, clubs in Slovakia and Hungary, which belong to the Region of Denmark, were chartered. Slovakia became the 61st country

and Hungary the 65th country on the Y's Men's world map.

* Tbilisi YMCA in Georgia wanted an English library in 2002 - 2003. It was to be used to start an English course for i.a. refugees. Varde YMC organized the shipment of several pallets of books.

* In 2006-2007, Region Denmark hosted the first "Region to Region training" with the participation of the European regions minus Russia.

"Region to Region training" is a leadership training for future / potential leaders in the Y's Men's movement. The training has since taken place in Denmark almost once a year, but it was decided in 2017 that the training will also take place in other countries in Area Europe according to a rotation scheme.

* Christian YMC in Romania was chartered in 2008 with 49 members, making it the largest club in Europe.

* The World Convention was held in Herning in 2008 with more than 1100 participants from more than 50 countries.

* The managements of Region Denmark and Region Sweden have agreed that Region Denmark will take over Sweden's obligation for the remaining Y's Men's clubs in Poland from 1 July 2010.

* In 2004 -2005, a new project "Children and drugs" was made, which was to focus on abuse among children and young people. Materials for teaching use were produced on DVDs - also in Russian and English. The DVDs in Russian were presented at the Area Conference in St. Petersburg in 2009.

Communication/PR

The region developed over the years a good level of communication. All members received the regional magazine Gongongen 4-5 times a year, the presidencies received regional announcements, and the regional leader received monthly magazines from the regional leader.

The address book was gradually changed to a handbook with a regional calendar, where the distribution of all publications prior to was week no. provided, and an overview of so-called consultants, which the clubs could use for various tasks, as well as the organizations in which they had wanted the region represented. The region's laws as well as advertisements for various clubs' manufactured utility and gift objects are printed at the back of the book. ABC for Y's Men, the 1978 Regional Songbook and the Club Leaders Handbook were revised and printed for the second time, and finally a poster exhibition was produced, which at various events helped to present the Region's work to the outside world. Later, the websites were added - both at Regional, district and club level with associated intranet.

* To strengthen PR, an audio tape was produced in 1994 - 1995, intended for use in local radios, as well as a video tape for use in presenting what a Y's Men's Club is.

* Region Denmark is approved to receive gifts with the right to deduct with effect from 2006.

* The member magazine "Gongongen" is no longer published in the paper edition and can only be read on the Region's website from 2012.

* The Week4You campaign will be held for the first time in January 2013.

* The magazine WAI is published for the first time in January 2013. The purpose of the Magazine is to profile Y's Men in Denmark to partners and the outside world.

* The Regional Council has decided that the magazine WAI will be published for the last time in January 2020 due to too little effect in relation to the expenses.

Collaboration with YMCA & YWCA and other organizations

* A co-operation agreement was entered into between the Y 'Men's movement worldwide and the YMCA's world federation in 1981. Subsequently, a co-operation agreement was signed at the local level between Region Denmark and the YMCA in 1982.

* Cooperation agreements were entered into in 1995-1996 between the Region of Denmark and the Christian and Listener and Distance Viewers Association as well as the Church Media Center.

* The Y's Men's movement was recognized in 1989 - 1990 as an ecclesiastical work, understood in the sense that the Region was entitled to an annual collection day in the Danish National Church.

* In December 1996, the clubs contributed massively to a rapid support action for the YMCA's Social Work - in just 3 weeks, the clubs accounted for 358 support memberships for an amount of DKK 179,000. This averted a bankruptcy for the YMCA's Social Work.

* In 1998-1999, the Deaconess College in Aarhus set up a project: "International deacon education" together with DanChurchAid and others. It was supported as a regional project. The project later changed its name to "The International Line." It became much more than just a regional project, as it has also had great significance in recent years in terms of education of young students from a wide range of countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. The students have come to know international diakonia and a Western democracy. And many of them, not least from the former communist countries of Europe, are now of great importance in ecclesiastical diaconal institutions in their home countries and in the work of spreading Y's Men's clubs in these countries.

* A completely new collaboration agreement was made with FDF in 2006-2007, and a closer collaboration was established with YMCA - Sports on, among other things, "grandparents' camp" during the autumn holidays.

* The songbook PULS was published in June 2009 in collaboration with YMCA and YWCA in Denmark.

* Membership of ISOBRO (the collection organizations' trade association) in 2008-2009 provides future opportunities for VAT refunds in the order of approx. 500,000 kr.

* The regional management has helped to establish "Folkekirkens Konfirmandcenter" together with i.a. YMCA and YWCA. In June 2010, the inaugural general meeting was held, at which Region Denmark was given a seat on the board.

Steen Christiansen
Slagelse Y's Men's Club

Central East Europe

Status within the area 2021

Region Denmark has in recent years since The 1990s made a major effort to strengthen the Y's Men's movement in

Central and Eastern Europe, CEE, with inspiration courses and financial support so that club life can function optimally.

Efforts still have a very high priority, and the active efforts of an established Extension Committee are bearing fruit in several countries.

The CEE Committee consists of 8 members. The outgoing regional leader (PRD) has been given a permanent seat on the committee.

The CEE Committee is responsible for the development of Y 'Men's work throughout the CEE area. The work is led by RSD for CEE. The members of the CEE Committee include of national consultants who have built up a special expertise in the individual countries. Each district has a national consultant attached. In addition, the committee has a permanent secretary.

In the club year 2020-21, the CEE area consists of 4 districts, District Danube, District Slovakia, District Hungary and District Romania. The districts are composed so that each district speaks its own language. It has proven to be incredibly important

that all communication in the district takes place in the local language.

Many Y's Men understand quite a bit of English and use either the local language or German. All communication to the clubs from Region Denmark is translated into the local language before it is sent to the clubs. During the club year 2021-22, a 5th district will be formed and named District Kosovo / Albania. When we talk about the creation of new clubs in Central and Eastern Europe, we do not get around PIP Poul Thomsen and PIP Lasse Bergstedt. Poul had a slogan he used as often as possible, namely: Extension - Extension - Extension.

Poul's theme as IP was "Go Ye into all the World." In the year 2000, he became Head of Extension and Member Care, EMC. During the years from the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1990 until at least 2015, Poul and Lasse were the main forces in setting up Y's Men's clubs in several countries in Eastern Europe, among others. Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Kosovo and Albania. They worked from a strategy called "Power center extension", it was about getting chartered some clubs that were so close to each other that they could meet and have a good contact. Every year during the autumn holidays and also preferably for a week in the summer, the two traveled with their families to Eastern and Central Europe to make contacts and learn from each other about the Y's Men's movement.

The first club in Bulgaria

Bulgaria got its first Y's Men's Club in 2002: 800 spectators and 12 Danish Y's Men set the stage at Sofia Theater when the Sofia Club was chartered on April 7, 2002 by RD Kaj Kühne and the mother club, Gudenåen Y's Men's Club, during an emotional ceremony and worship. The Danish ambassador to Sofia, Niels Larsen, took part in the charter party.

The main man behind this idea was Pastor Pavel Borisov Ignatov from the Protestant Church in Bulgaria. He spoke enthusiastically about his joy and expectations: "We are 40 new members and we want to show the way ahead of the rest of Bulgaria. We want to show that the values of the Y's Men can help Bulgaria into a better situation."

The improvements mentioned by the pastor were deeply necessary for Bulgaria - economically as well as socially. About one in five Bulgarians was out of work and more and more people were forced to live on the streets in a desperate search for food and shelter for the night. Therefore, Y's Men in Region Denmark together with Mission East decided back in 1998 to help start an emergency aid center for the Bulgarian street children and the poorest pensioners.

The center, which was to be completed by the end of 2002, would reinforce the existing soup kitchen, where 600 of Bulgaria's poorest went to get food as their only way of survival.

Workers as well as politicians had joined the new club. The most famous were Bulgaria's first democratically elected prime minister after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Filip Dimitrov and Sofia's deputy mayor, Boris Spirov.

Poul Henning Løwendahl from Gudenåens Y's Men's Club was one of the main forces behind the help center. He put it this way: "It is a recognition in itself when a new club receives prominent political members. Only recently was Protestantism accepted in Bulgaria. Therefore, one must not underestimate the influence it has when two politicians signal how serious the club's goal is".

Two new clubs are preparing to be chartered: one more in Sofia and one in Plovdiv in southern Bulgaria.

Progress in Slovakia and Hungary

During the time of communism, the Y's Men's Club Bratislava was on the list of banned Christian organizations, and its members were persecuted for their activities. After the fall of communism, it stepped out of illegality and participated in an active social life. In 2001, the members helped establish four new clubs: Karpaty Bratislava, Nitra, Martin and Žilina. The Žilina Y's Men's Club was chartered in 2002 and was chartered by International President Bill Ward, USA. Bill Ward and his wife were invited with Poul V. Thomsen and Lasse Bergstedt on

their autumn trip to Central and Eastern Europe. The two Danish enthusiasts wanted to show the IP Bill Ward extension work in the new part of Europe.

A few years later, Y 'Men's Club Bratislava was closed due to the members' excessive age and their deteriorating health. The first club in Slovakia had fulfilled its mission with honor and thus became a good example for all.

Together with clubs in Hungary and Poland, a joint "Danube District" was created, bringing together 12 clubs with 180 members. The clubs visited each other, collaborated, helped each other and organized joint conferences.

In 2015, after many years of efforts to expand the number of Y's Men's clubs in Slovakia, we finally welcomed two new clubs - Liptovský Mikuláš and Vráble, but here too some clubs closed after a short time.

The dream of Poul V. Thomsen and Lasse Bergstedt was to give the movement back to Prague and charter a Y's Men's club there. In this way, Region Denmark would be able to say thank you for the Y's Men's movement, which we received from Prague. But so far it has unfortunately not succeeded.

On the other hand, there are many good and stable clubs in Slovakia.

Romania

Former RD Gunnar Carlsen was very busy with the work in CEE and therefore joined the committee set up by Region Denmark to start up new clubs in the area. Gunnar was for a time one of the driving forces for the spread of the Y's Men's idea and start-up of new clubs in Romania.

Today there are some strong clubs in Romania, which for many years have been helped through parent clubs in Denmark. The club in Bucharest was chartered in 2004, and later the clubs Brasov, Sighisoara, Medias, Cluj, Constanta, Gura Humorolo, Gilau, Bistrita and Baia Mare followed.

The clubs in Romania, together with the CEE Committee, have been the driving forces behind the establishment of 3 new clubs in Moldova.

Poland

In Poland, it has looked bad at times where only Gdynia Y's Men's Club has been active. But now there are signs that it may move forward. There is extension work in several places.

At one point, the area of responsibility, Poland, was handed over to Sweden, but is now back under the auspices of Denmark.

Albania

In the club year 2021, a new club was chartered in Tirana. It is Tirana YMCA who in collaboration with Y's Men in Denmark has managed to create a new club. Training and preparation for chartering has taken place virtually and it has been a slightly more difficult process, but it succeeded in November 2021.

Strategy for the future

The CEE Committee has now begun work on further development of the structure.

The aim is to form an independent region in Eastern Europe. The task is to provide a strengthened leadership in the CEE area, which means a viable future for a new Region East Europe.

Good results

The Y's Men's movement came to Denmark from Prague in 1947, but soon after, all clubs were closed in the Central European countries due to the countries' communist form of government. Only long after World War II did anything happen again.

The beginning dates back to 1991, when Region Denmark set up an extension committee with the aim of bringing awareness to Y's Men's movement to the former Eastern Bloc countries.



IPE Lasse Bergstedt and IP Choi Han-ki
Midt Year Meeting, MYM.
Hawaii, January 2007



International leadership 2007-2008
IP Lasse Bergstedt, PIP Choi Han-ki,
IPE V. S. Bashir, IT Klaus Dietzel.
Adelaide, August 2007

The work started in Poland, and soon after, the work was extended to many other countries.

The result of the efforts is that there are now 26 clubs with 363 members in Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine and Kosovo.

In 1991, Poul V. Thomsen was asked to chair the committee. Shortly after, he went with a good friend Lasse Bergstedt on the first extension trip. Since then, Poul V. Thomsen has continuously expanded its interface in the Central European countries. Most recent trip in 2018 was to Moldova where a new club was on the way.

The concept of two annual one-week extension trips and participation in the YMCA Europe's annual general meeting must be said to have borne fruit - thanks to Poul V. Thomsen's tireless work in bringing the Y 'Men's movement to these countries.

Tireless work



Despite Poul V. Thomsen's many leadership jobs, not only in Region Denmark, but also internationally, it has not affected his tireless work to spread knowledge of the

movement in Central Europe and establish new clubs. Only the three years Poul has served as Regional Manager, Area President and International President, he has had to slow down a bit on his extension activities. Based on his great efforts for extension, Poul V. Thomsen was honored with the Harry Balantyne Award, the highest recognition found within the Y's Men's movement. It was at the Regional Conference in Silkeborg 2019 that he was awarded this recognition.

An obituary about Poul V Thomsen can be found on the Danish Region website.



*Svend Jørgensen
President 2021-22
Aalborg Y's Men's Club Aalborghus*

Communications through the time



There has been a long tradition of informing our members from time to time, and it has happened in different ways through the ages.

Regional Communication

In the beginning, we had Regional Messages, which primarily served as the regional leader's mouthpiece for a period, and it was largely through this that the Regional Leader communicated. The regional communication was mailed

The Gongong

The Gongong was introduced in 1952, and at the same time a service manager was appointed to the task, and communication was expanded so that everyone could make contributions.

The magazine worked for a number of years and was diligently



used by the regional management, but also individuals could use the magazine when they had something on their mind that they wanted to share with others, and it happened often. The magazine was published 4 times a year. As you know, everything has an end, and so did the gong. The magazine became obsolete and closed down per. June 30, 2012

Wai



Wai became the successor to Gongong, and there were high expectations for that magazine. A paid editor was put on the task in the beginning, and it became a beautiful and colorful magazine, but its lifespan was short. The magazine came out with its first issue in

2013 and was published twice a year. The magazine was intended as an outward-facing leaf targeted at e.g. parish houses and organizations in the "family". The magazine never became what we had hoped and looked forward to, and the last issue came out in January 2020, then that era

was over. Since then, there has been no information via paper.

The Archive

Throughout the ages, there have been people who have been good and far-sighted by storing relevant material that could have been used historically, yes some have not been able to let go, and we have a lot to thank them for. Therefore, the region has been able to publish 3 history books, and now No. 4 is on its way, it is in itself historic.

The first history book was published in 1988, No. 2 in 1997 and No. 3 in 2012.

Some of the background material could be found in Region Denmark's archive, which over a long period was collected in a room in Fredericia. It was all in order, and it was largely due to the then member of Fredericia Landsoldaten Y's Men's Club, Asbjørn Sejer Poulsen.

Around 2010, there was again talk of a history book, and now they started with history book no. 3 and here 4 people volunteered, Asbjørn Sejr Poulsen, Ole Hansen, Christian Bach Iversen and Poul V. Thomsen. The book was ready for sale at the regional conference in Frederikshavn in 2012.

Every history book is obsolete, so there is again time for a new edition, which is expected to be

published in connection with the anniversary in 2022.

Back to the physical archive which gradually became unmanageable, and in 2010 it was moved to Holstebro, where Hardernes Y's Men's Club took on the task of managing the archive. A rough sorting was done, many hours were spent, and it turned out that much was double archived, and therefore some were discarded. In future, only historical material would be archived, and at the same time electronic archiving was started. That is the future, and that is how it will be in the future.

The Regions Electronic history

In the beginning and up to 2011, everything was mailed, which was several times a year, and it was labor intensive with large costs as a result. Once the DGs were assembled, paper and envelopes were handed out in large quantities. That time is long gone. Today, everything is sent by e-mail, but there can also be disadvantages. It's free and easy, but the question is, do we ship too much? It can also be a disadvantage, but everything is done in the best sense, because we want to inform the members in the best possible way. The electronic part began about 25 years ago and is accelerating year after year at a speed no one had dreamed of. The electronic part was shown for the first time at the regional conference in the year 2000 in Haslev, and then it gained momentum. Now everything had to be

shown on the big screen, and it had its advantages, but at the same time a cost increase, with all the extra equipment to be used. In 2012, the technology showed its value, as the keynote speaker gave the keynote speech from his home in Copenhagen, and it worked super well.



Electronics has also made its entrance by virtue of the Region, Districts and clubs having their own website to disseminate news on. It still causes some problems for some members who do not have a PC. A bigger problem is actually that many members also do not diligently go to the website, which means that you can not simply send everything this way. Facebook has also become a form of news communication, but

here too there can be problems, as many have aversion to using this time waster with all kinds of writings despite the fact that one can create a closed group that the club can use internally for messages.

In the last few years, we have experienced a Covid 19 epidemic, which put an end to our meeting activity. This meant that at all levels in our movement you had to think differently and use the visual way via the computer, which has meant that in future you will now use this tool more than spending time and money on physical meetings with large expenses both in terms of time and in terms of transport.

At the international level, IEO, ICM and ISD meetings, etc. had to be quickly reshuffled and held. With the lack of physical contact, it has proven to be just as effective and perhaps more so because one could limit speaking time to specific matters. The same has been true further out in our movement, so nothing is so bad that it is not good for anything.

No doubt the world of the future is becoming more and more electronic, which our new and younger members will just feel like a game.

However, in the same breath, we must admit that our movement is built on an active community, which we have missed during this period, and which we will continue to build on.

*Arne Brauner
Region Secretary*

Y's Menettes International and Y's Menettes Region Denmark

In 1924, the first Y's Menette club was formed in Vancouver, Canada. The idea was that women, married to Y's Men, could meet in a community and be part of the Y's Men's movement.

It gradually developed into independent clubs that organized themselves, and gradually they changed from being supporters of Y's Men International to becoming an independent organization that engaged in Area and local areas.

It was not until 1950 that the Y's Menettes sought official recognition of their existence and purpose at Y's Men International. They got a clause in Y's Men's laws with a provision on Y's Menette membership, which also stated that the clubs should support Y's Men and YMCA and YWCA.

Still, Y's Menette clubs were only for women who were married to Y's Men.

The Y's Menette clubs grew worldwide in the following years, and by 1970 there were 364 clubs worldwide in 26 different countries.

In 1973, Y's Men International passed a law stipulating that woman could be admitted to the Y's Men's clubs. Members of the local clubs could

thus be either men or women or both men and women. The consequence of this was that a Y's Menette Club consisting of women could take other women into the club than those who were married to Y's Men.

However, the definition was and still is: A Y's Menette is a member of a chartered Y's Menette Club.

The introduction to female Y's Men's clubs and the creation of joint Y 'Men's clubs resulted in the disappearance of support for Y' Menette clubs and more clubs being closed down.

The Y's Menettes have the same motto as the Y's Men: To acknowledge the duty that comes with every right.

Y's Menettes has an international management, and in 1982 the first international project was established, and since then there have been 2-year international projects. The projects are proposed by the YMCA and the YWCA in Geneva, and in a worldwide vote, Y's Menettes International finds the project. The international projects are followed by a project coordinator.

The structure is very similar to Y's Men with world president, area leader and a regional

leader in each country. In 1988, Y's Menetter became full partners in Y's judgment.

The Y's Menettes pay annually an amount to the Y's Men's movement for expenses for materials and meeting activity that the Y's Menettes are invited to by the Y's Men. The cooperation between them is good.

Denmark has contributed with both world president, area manager and project coordinator many times.

Y's Menettes to day

The goal is

- In a worldwide community to work together in mutual respect based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To cultivate good camaraderie.
- To keep members informed about societal, ecclesiastical and international affairs.
- To support humanitarian causes, both nationally and internationally.

The Y's Menette movement is a women's movement that does not accept mixed clubs under its own auspices. Y's Menettes - Why? People often ask: Why are you a Y's Menette, why are you not a Y's Men? And do you not like men either? I like men and I like being in their company!

Having both Y's Menettes and Y's Men in the same movement offers many more options. I think we reach further and reach more when we

stand together in the movement. If you want more than one perspective on different elements, you get a broader overview. We have the same platform, the same values and the same motto in the two parts of the movement - but maybe we have different challenges? Being exclusively women together provides a different context than if we were both men and women together. Maybe the men have made the same observations if there are only men together? For example, many women who have lost their spouse say: It's so nice to be with others without married couples everywhere. They say they feel lonely for the first long time after and miss their husband or partner. Another perspective is to be in a secure context and to develop human potential.

Y's Menettes in Denmark

In Area Europe, there are now only clubs left in Denmark. At the regional conferences, the future of Y's Menette clubs in Denmark has been discussed for several years, but each time it has resulted in a decision that we continue our good work of inspiring and motivating the clubs to activities and to try to retain and recruit members to the clubs. The good Christian community and club fellowship have been encouraged. There are currently in Denmark. 3 clubs left: Bjerringbro, Lemvig and Sunds.

In the summer of 2021, the club in Aalborg became a female Y's Men's Club. Grenå- and the

Kalundborg club closed. The members of the clubs are high up in the years, and it is difficult to recruit new members, so the future no longer looks so promising in this country. However, the remaining clubs have not lost heart, so also in the years to come you will see Y's Menette clubs in Denmark, although there are few. The 3 clubs left in Denmark have a total of 89 members.

Y's Menettes Region Denmark has a good and fruitful collaboration with Y's Men Region Denmark. They attend Y 'Men's council meetings and the annual general meeting, where they also have the right to speak. At the district level, the Y's Menettes are invited to the District Conference, and in cities where there is both a Y's Men's Club and a Y's Menette Club, they collaborate on several things, including recycling, excursions, International Church Day and community meetings.



The Y's Menette Clubs meet every year for the annual regional conference in May or June, where a general meeting is held. In addition to the annual regional conference, the presidents of the clubs meet for the inaugural meeting in September and for the midterm meeting in March.



Y's Menettes Region Denmark has had Regional Projects since 2006. Regional Projects include Children of Romania, Pastoral Education in Cambodia, Mission East "Children of North Korea", Sat 7, Danner and the Church Crusaders' family work.

Y's Menette in the world today

Y's Menette clubs in all the western countries are in decline in these years. Whether the same is the case in Asia is not known with certainty, as there is no overview of how many clubs and how many members there are. In particular, it is unknown how many members there are in India as the communication is not good. 10 years ago there were 540 clubs with 8,200 members worldwide. How many there are today is not known.

*Inger Christensen
Sunds Ys Menette Club*

Regional project 1992-93

Establishment of a Christian school in Halliste, Estonia

Collected a total of almost DKK 580,000.

It is with great pleasure that I can report here on a great collaboration between Y's Men Region Denmark, the school and the church in Halliste. It has been and still is a matter of the heart for us, - especially the collaboration with Sct. Clemens parish in Randers is memorable.



Opening of the new school in Halliste.

Without the great support of our Danish friends, we would not have such a modern school building. The school, which started in 1993, opened a new building in 1998. Here we continued with religious education, where Kalev

Raave was the prime mover. Many of these classes and other activities took place in the church, which was very close to the school. Students and teachers attended worship services, read the Bible, discussed biblical topics, and participated in choir. The school starts, Thanksgiving, Christmas etc. was always devoted to the church for everyone at school. Graduation of the students also took place in the church along with the parents. Students were engaged as guides in the church, and all this left its mark on life in the parish, so many children and their parents were baptized. Members of the Halliste Church Council also organized joint worship services with other schools in the neighborhood.



School students join the church

Everyone learned a lot in this community and developed positively along with the students. Originally, the church had only been a beautiful building for us, but now this building had also created a completely different content for us



School and church

In 2004, our renowned teacher Kalev Raave died. In 2007, religion teacher Malle Neerot and signed school principal, Ene Staalfeldt, retired. For a few years, the school was run in the best and most beautiful way by a teacher from the neighboring church, but since 2010 there have been no regular religious studies. The service at the beginning and end of the school year continues. The teachers at the school regularly visit the church with the students, introducing its history and important activities. The school remains proud of its beautiful school building, although the number of students has unfortunately dropped significantly in recent years.

We all still have beautiful memories in our In the hearts from the Group from Denmark and we send our sincere thanks!

God save you all!

Yours sincerely
Ene Staalfeldt



In the church again



The group from Denmark

Deacon education of young people from Eastern Europe in 1998-99

In collaboration with DanChurchAid and the Deaconess College in Aarhus, an international deaconry course was established at the Deaconess College in Aarhus. The Danish Y's Men's clubs collected almost DKK 1,032 million. kr.

When 1 + 1 becomes 3...

We sometimes talk about the Deaconess College as the house with the many doors. Behind one of them is "The International Line" - and that is one of the best examples of how 1 + 1 can become 3.

The international line was created in 1998-1999 in connection with a regional project under the auspices of Y's Men. The project was called "International Diakonia Education", and it was intended as an education of young people from Eastern Europe. The Deaconess College was to be the focal point for the education and the regional project engine, which was to "kick it all off". As important partners were DanChurchAid and other organizations for whom a diaconal view of the world is important.

Regional projects can be something that you do not find so many other places. They can raise money, create commitment, "push" and set the agenda - and when there is a partner on the other side of the table who knows something about the

substance (in this case diakonia), things go up a notch. unit - and then becomes 1 + 1 = 3.

After a while, "International Diakonia Education" changed its name to "International Diakonia" and then again to its current name: The International Line. The explanation for this is straightforward: the world has changed, and the opportunities that originally existed for Eastern European youth and long college stays are no more.

Today, the international line is offered as a 3-month course focusing on diakonia and project work and with the participation of young people from Eastern Europe, China, Africa, India and others.



The number of participants has thus become broader, but the theme is, as it always has been, and the meeting about it, across national borders, traditions, beliefs and cultures, is the crucial and supporting element on the line. The international line is like a bumble bee. It should not be able to fly, but it does anyway. And the stories of new perspectives and initiatives from the participants after the courses are many. The teaching, the discussions, the common high school life, the



cultural meetings, the visits to local Y's Men etc. leave not only traces in the participants' lives, but also the agenda in the local areas at home. And that was precisely one of the starting points for the earliest initiatives around international diakonia. Has the original regional project succeeded? YES! The international line is alive and well - or rather lived... For in from the right blew COVID19, and that pandemic has put the line on standby. But no more than that the line will be offered again in the spring of 2022. And we look forward to opening the doors again and listening to the many different languages, the many different stories and the many different ways of being in the world.

Thank you for a good and trusting collaboration around the Deaconess College's International line. We hope it will continue for the next many years. For the benefit of young people and their local areas at home - around the world.

Happy Birthday!

*Jens Maibom Pedersen,
Supervisor at Diakonhøjskolen*

Regional project 2016-17

YMCA camp center for children and young people in Gjakova in Kosovo

Small spark ignites large bonfire



Dorina Lluka

In Y's Men's year 2012/2013, approx. DKK 125,000, which in collaboration with YMCA Eastern Europe i.a. was to be used to rebuild the YMCA in Kosovo, which had started in 2004 but gone in stand.

When PRD Arne Nielsen, Hardernes YMC was to visit the YMCA in Kosovo, the passionate Dorina Lluka was well underway with the restart.



Laying of foundation stone for the camp

Today, more than 1,000 children and young people are active in the YMCA, and new YMCA associations are being set up throughout Kosovo. This has been

possible because Dorina and her staff have focused intensively on management training in close cooperation with local and national authorities in Kosovo.

Since 2013, with 2 "Time of Fast" projects, 2 second-hand shops have been set up in Kosovo, from which the profits go to YMCA activities. In Hardernes YMC, a Kosovo committee has been set up "Help for self-help in Kosovo YMCA", which takes care of the practicalities of collecting and shipping approx. 6 tonnes of recycled goods per year to Kosovo.



The first recycle shop in i Gjakova

With support from over 20 Danish Y's Men's clubs, companies and private individuals, funds have been generously donated for transport, purchase of minibus, recycling center and emergency aid for children, young people and

endangered families. In total, over the years we have managed to travel approx. DKK 700,000 for follow-up Region project 2012/13 of DKK 125,000.

From the regional project in 2016/2017, approx. DKK 750.000 of for a YMCA camp project, it was supported with approx. 1 mio. DKK by the Kosovo government, in recognition of the YMCA's work. In addition, Y's Men's Club Gjakova could be chartered in October 2018 with Hardernes YMC as parent club.



Chartering af Y's Men's Club Gjakova



YMCA-activities in an abandoned school in Gjakova

Yes, a small spark can light a large fire if you cherish the spark that is lit with the regional projects.

On the camp site, on the 15th of October. 2017 planted a friendship tree Y's Men's tree to grow large



and strong and be a symbol of unity in the future
. Memorial plaque for the tree

2015-16 Blue Cross Greenland

Preface

Regional leader Steen Christiansen, from Slagelse YMC, chose together with the regional council, Blue Cross regional project, Greenland in 2015. The purpose was to help vulnerable children and young people.



History

In the spring of 2015, it was decided that the regional project concerned Greenlandic children and young people from homes where alcohol and drugs were the cause of dissatisfaction and incest.

The goal of the project was to collect approx. 1.2 million DKK to Blue Cross, DK, so they could hire a professional who could activate the children and young people. But an additional project was added. In collaboration with Blue Cross Greenland, Blue Cross Denmark wanted to renovate the small houses owned by Blue Cross Greenland, so that they had a place where the activities could take place. 15 Danish Y 'Men performed this renovation project, where all materials were sponsored by the LEGO Foundation with a total of 1.6 million Kr.



Blå Kors huset i Ilulissat

Six cities

It was initially thought that the renovation would take place in the following 6 cities: Paamiut, Maniitsoq, Aasiaat, Sisimiut, Nuuk and Ilulissat, but for various reasons, the cities of Nuuk and Sisimiut were deselected before the renovation started.

How did it go with the project itself?

In Aasiaat and Ilulissat have the effect of working with the professional did not work as intended.

In Paamiut, Maniitsoq and in Nuuk, a great deal of work is being done on child labor. In Maniitsoq var there in 2019, 13 families with a total of 11 children, including one unborn who was in the process of detoxification. A family has "fallen" back to alcohol, but the rest is still on track.

In Ilulissat, the Missions Association has "taken over child labor," and here there is good activity.



Blue Cross, DK, works very closely with Danish Seamen's Mission in Greenland, and a couple in some places staff have been employed, who partly working for the Seamen's Mission and partly for the Blue Cross, with child labor.

When the project was completed, Danish Y's Men's clubs collected 1.7 million. DKK, which remained handed over to Blå Kors Denmark at the regional conference in Sønderborg



Topping out feast for the building in Aasiaat (Egedesminde) From left:

Anders Christensen, Holstebro klubben, Tømrer
Mogens Stig, fra Skanderborg klubben, Tømrer
Poul Henning Løwendahl fra Gudenåens YMC, Maler
Jens Fabricius fra Hillerød klubben, Elektriker

*Poul Henning Løwendahl,
Gudenåen Y's Men's Club*

Y's Men's movement's money raising projects International

Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF)



Paul William Alexandre Scholarship Fund – in daily speech called ASF. The purpose of the fundraiser for ASF was and is to provide grants for young people's education.

In addition to the YMCA and YWCA family, Y's Men in Denmark works closely with FDF and other charities.

At the International Convention in Mexico City in 1950, the first funds were raised for the purpose to become the ASF Foundation.

Some clubs had raised a sum of money with the aim of honoring the founder of the Y 'Men movement, Paul William Alexander. A painting by the founder was to be painted. It was not in the spirit of PWA at

all, so he refused and instead wanted the money to benefit the young people whom the movement wanted to support and serve. The clubs listened to him and instead of a painting he was photographed by the famous photographer Fabia Bachrach. The money was placed in a fund and later used for scholarships for young future leaders in YMCA / YWCA.



As described above, the purpose of ASF has been grants for young people's education, so that they can improve their skills in the service of YMCA / YWCA.

ASF strengthens the relationship with our first and primary partner, YMCA and YWCA. ASF gives YMCA / K staff and young people a chance to pursue their dreams and move along their career path. 70% of donations are left in the regions to support local YMCAs / Y'ers. Recipients of ASF grants are expected to be more likely to join an existing Y's Men Club.

Brotherhood Fund (BF)

The clubs collect stamps, cut them free of the envelopes, and the sorted stamps are sent to the District BF Assistant, who forwards the district's stamps and money to RSD for BF, who makes sure the stamps are sold at the best available price. The money is sent to our International Headquarters in Geneva (IHQ)

The collection in the movement began way back in the 1930s in the United States, first with money then also with stamps. The purpose was, as now, to support the participation of delegates in conferences in other Regions, later also international visits. The name was first Bishop's Fund, but in 1967 it was changed to Brotherhood Fund (BF). BF was initially part of the WO (World Outlook) work, which was actually very natural.

In 1958 it became a department under the services, but in 1968 BF was separated from WO as a separate service branch, where the international treasurer each year had to draw up a budget for "The Brotherhood Fund expenditures Committee", which then had to come up with proposals for travel delegates. Under this, rules were also set up to be able to participate in the distribution of these travel grants.

During the first years, it became quite natural for the clubs to compete on who could collect the most points. In 1961, actual rules were made for the BF with a final manual in 1962/63. After World War II, there began to be representatives from other regions in earnest at the conferences supported by funds from the BF. A typical American thing like "Awards" was also made in connection with the "stamp points" - "The Dick Nichols banner" for the region that had the largest increase in points compared to the previous year.



Endowment Fund (EF)

In 1953 the Endowment Fund (EF) was created for the purpose of providing financial support to develop the Y's Men's movement.

It was decided that only the interest could be used, while the fund / capital itself could not be touched. The idea was long overdue, especially outside the United States. Thus, in 1970, the fund had only a capital of \$ 5,000.

But then an effective PR initiative was taken, which among other things meant the establishment of the Golden Book. In the Golden Book one can give an honorable mention of persons who e.g. has for a long time made a special contribution to the Y's Men's movement and / or YMCA. It is the practice that the Region / club / persons who wish to honor a person through the Golden Book, donate an amount to the Endowment Fund. In 2010, the EC had a capital of more than DKK 3 million. US \$.

The following posts have been received from the Aars club, which is sent to the "Golden Book" I Geneva

On February 4, 2021, Aars Y's Men's Club, Region Denmark, lost one of its faithful charter members, who until his death played a very important role in our club.

In 1967, Johannes was part of the initiative group that worked to form a Y's Men's Club in Aars. The club was chartered on August 26 of that year.

Only a few have contributed as much to our club as Johannes. He served in all roles and took a wide range of new initiatives such as. Leadership training for scout organizations and YMCA. In 1974 he was one of the two club members who established our fraternal club connection to Arendal, Norway. He was also the initiator of a money-raising project with an annual advertising and lottery book. In 1999/20, he served as District Governor.

Johannes was active in many fields, primarily with his lifelong efforts for the local FDF in V. Hornum, where he was a dutiful circuit leader for half a century. The establishment of an impressive FDF house stands as one of the greatest examples of his work. Every year he arranged camps in Denmark and Norway. Countless leadership meetings were held in the family home, where Johannes' wife, Kirsten, who was a unique support, served homemade delicacies.

For decades, Johannes, who was a teacher, influenced children and young people in the local community. He was also a diligent member of the ward council and served for three terms as chairman of the council. In addition to this, he was for two periods a member of Farsø Municipal Council.

Much more could be mentioned. All of this underscores that an extremely diligent, modest, and unique friend and leader has left this world. Our thoughts go to Kirsten, their three daughters and their families. As a former Speaker of Parliament (and Y's Man) put it when he heard about Johannes's passing: "One of the tallest trees in the forest has fallen".

The Memory and Honor of Års Y's Men's Club, Area Europe, Region Denmark. Lisbeth Skov, Club President



Time of Fast (TOF)

"Time to fast". The idea of helping fellow human beings by omitting a meal and giving the saved money to TOF has now, under one form or another, passed its test for almost 51 years.

The first seed for the formation of a fund, called Time of Fast, was sown during the conference in Copenhagen, when a committee for "Human Crises" submitted a report, and it was suggested that the name of the new fund should be "gold Fund for Others". The idea of a fasting action came from the Iowa region, USA, and the first fasting day was set for December 13, 1970.

In July 1971, the funds raised were estimated at US \$ 3,794, which went to the World Federation's refugee work.



In 1971-72, the name "Time of Fast Fund for Others" was used. This year, 1404 US \$ was collected, which was passed on to the World Federation and was used for the needy in

Bangladesh. Of next year's funds, US \$ 1,426 went to river victims in the Philippines and US\$ 1,742 to war victims in Bangladesh.

Various TOF projects have gradually taken over most of the world.

Y's Extension Program (YES)



The purpose of the YES program is to raise funds for new development work, with a special focus on new extension opportunities and initiatives in new countries.

The reason why the International Council (IC) in 2008 decided to establish YES was that:

- a strengthened extension effort should help to ensure the spread and retention of Y's Men International.
- Avoid membership decline, as seen in several other international service organizations.

It was PIPE Poul Henrik Hove Jakobsen who in 2008 introduced the YES program, which was very well received by the Danish Y's Men's clubs. Initially, 25% of the funds raised were sent to the IHQ, from which regions could subsequently apply for funding. Today, the regions pay all collected YES funds to the Area, which manages the money 100%.

Extension and Membership Conservation (EMC)

Until around 2005, there was a growth in the number of clubs in Denmark as well as all over the world. People started talking about a membership of 50,000 until the year 2022, when the movement has its 100th anniversary.

We subsequently saw that in India in particular a lot of new clubs were chartered, but unfortunately it turned out afterwards that many

of the clubs were not sustainable, so they quickly closed again.

The goal was still that in 2022 we should be 50,000 members internationally, but today we must unfortunately state that the number of members has stagnated around the 25 - 30,000 members. In the East, membership is rising slightly, but not at all as much as many hoped and thought. In Area USA, as in Area Europe, the number of members has fallen steadily towards 2021, and we have unfortunately also had to acknowledge that Region Sweden can no longer function as an independent region and has now become a district under Region Norway.

Region Denmark continues to do a lot of work to establish new clubs in Eastern Europe and more and more clubs are chartered, but also here the work takes time, where distance and language are a significant barrier to the work. In our efforts to charter new clubs - we may have forgotten the MC - membership care! We need to find new ways to attract younger members to our clubs. Maybe we should have more focus on well-being rather than on goals? We need to be open to renewing some of the traditional ways of running a club and making club life more relevant.

Roll Back Malaria (RBM)

In March 2005, Y's Men International's application for UN status was finalized at the Geneva Headquarters. Immediately thereafter, the application was sent to the UN NGO Section in New York, and on July 21, 2006, we were informed that we had been granted consultative status under the UN and ECOSOC.

The International Council set up a UN committee to work on finding a project that would be useful to our movement in cooperation with the UN. This committee had its first meeting in Denmark

2008. At this meeting it was decided we should work with malaria control. Information material



was presented and presented the International Convention in Herning 2008. The project "Roll Back Malaria" was published and commenced on UN Day on 24 October 2008. The goal was to collect CHF 165,000 (approx. DKK 1.1 million. Dkr.).

Under the headline "Malaria kills a child every 30 seconds!" The Aulum Y's men club very quickly entered into a good and fruitful collaboration with Videbæk Bogtryk and the artist Merete Breum. Boxes were made with 12 different art cards, which were sold for DKK 50 per. box. The sale has exceeded all expectations and has meant a not insignificant boost to the project. The International Council decided to continue the project over the following 4 years. In Denmark

alone, just over DKK 1,025 million has been collected to date. An other initiative, "Fly swatters" sold by Hardernes Y's Men's Club Holstebro, brought in well over DKK 125,000. Sales of art cards and donations



brought in well over DKK 750,000, and in the small collection boxes more than DKK 150,000 was collected.

Future Perspectives is an agreement just reached with the World YMCA and Y's Men's International as a partner with the Global Fund, which will work to reduce the malaria burden in the world. DFID the UK Government's International Development Fund will be included in the funding by doubling the contribution of the two organizations. If YMCA and YMI come with DKK 100,000, DFID will add DKK 200,000 on top. This is a collaboration we look forward to with great expectations.

It's in the middle of the evening. 30-40 people are gathered. They are of all ages, the oldest around 90. They stand or sit around long tables in the great room. Some distribute material to the tables, others fold things together, and a few packs together in larger cardboard boxes. There is a cheerful conversation with outbursts of laughter in the storage room in Aulum, where the "employees" are Y's Men and Menettes from Aulum Y's Men's Club, who have a packing evening regarding the club's Roll back

Malaria project. In a matter of hours, the club members have packed thousands of art cards for shipment to Denmark's 140 Y's Men's clubs as well as to a club in Finland and one in the United States. A Norwegian club gets a larger delivery that is printed with Norwegian text.

Y's Men Region Denmark has in collaboration with Aulumklubben bid with the production and sale of art cards and posters. The cards are produced in a nice print and good quality at Videbæk Bogtrykkeri(book printing company) and packed in boxes of 16 pieces with envelopes.



The sale price is set at DKK 50.-, which with a very low production price gives a profit of DKK 40.-. This is equivalent to a help package whose most important content is an insect-treated malaria net, which provides good protection against the dangerous mosquitoes. The main sale will take place in the period 2011-2015, and in 2016 a check with a profit of DKK

750,000 could be handed over at the Regional Conference. An additional DKK 250,000 has been received since then.

The participants in this project experience that they are close to the core of being Y's Men: Men and women of all ages in a voluntary work participate in a good community that can make a difference for fellow human beings in the big world.



Visual artist Merete Breum Bech (1947-2011) was an active part of Aulum Y's Men's Club until her untimely death. Free of charge she provided a range of watercolors from Tanzania, which she had visited in connection with her daughter Maria's stay as a volunteer. Merete was known as an exceptionally solid and fine human being. As an artist, she lifted the RBM project to a higher level.

*Jens Christian Jensen,
Aulum Y's Men's Club*

*Author to the par International money raising
projects: Erik Breum Sønderborg Y's Men's Club*

Paul William Alexander Legacy Project

Paul William Alexander 1888 – 1967

Paul William Alexander, also known as "Alex", was born on December 8, 1888, in Toledo, Ohio, as the youngest child of William and Mary Alexander.

He became a member of the YMCA as a teenager in 1903. When he returned as an adult from Harvard Law School as a trained lawyer, he made sure that other young men had the opportunity to become members of the YMCA by donating money to pay for their membership.

As a judge, Paul William Alexander was highly respected in the American legal system. It is important to understand that PWA was the kind of person who was able to see a problem from several sides and subsequently come up with a solution that was good for everyone. PWA received numerous national awards and recognitions for his work in changing the laws of the land, and one still refers to his work when talking about national court cases in the United States today.

PWA worked specifically with youth as well as families, and he was considered a pioneer in juvenile justice reform, introducing evaluation-, therapy-, and mentoring programs to troubled youth instead of just punishing them for their transgressions.

His new approach saw a 30% reduction in the number of repeat offenders.

Judge Paul William Alexander was an intelligent, passionate, and hard-working man who wanted to make the world a better place for all of humanity.

Every year, Y's Men around the world celebrate Paul William Alexander's birthday on December 8 as "Founder's Day".

Paul William Alexander Legacy Projekt



The Legacy project is a collective effort to honor the founder of Y's Men International in the run-up to the 100-years anniversary celebrations 2022.

In addition to celebrating our origins, the collection of projects aims to consolidate an overall future, strengthen international solidarity and the commitment of club members to Paul William Alexander's vision.

The Paul William Alexander Legacy Project Task Force was established in August 2018 by International President Moon Sangbong, Korea. The Task Force group consisted of 8 Area Presidents and two Chairmen

Historian and Chairman of the Task Force, Debbie Redmond, USA, and Past Area President Kim Sang-chae, Korea, traveled to Minneapolis in October 2018 to discuss the archives and steps for the anniversary as well as ways to honor Paul William Alexander.

Attempts were made to establish contacts with the founder's three grandchildren as well as contact information for the YMCA in Toledo and the city of Toledo.

In January 2019, IP Moon Sangbong and the two Task Force leaders met with officials to plan the next steps for the projects. This included a collaboration with the CEO of Toledo YMCA and the Mayor of the City of Toledo. He also managed to get in touch with a grandson of Paul William Alexander.

The International Council approved the collection for each area in the form of funds for archival digitization, placement of a marker in Toledo, the tombstone and money to find a suitable site for the International Office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Both the park and the tombstone were inaugurated in October 2019 in connection with

the RDE training in Toledo. Paul William Alexander's grandson Allan and his wife attended these events.

A US \$ 1 million fundraising goal has been set to invest in our future as a strong international movement, strengthening our heritage and honoring our founder, Paul William Alexander. All club members are invited to be part of the movement's legacy and help develop and strengthen our movement for 2022 and beyond.

It is expected that all members will voluntarily support the project with a minimum contribution of USD 30.

By December 2021, USD 413,000 has been collected - primarily donations from Asia, India, Korea, the Norway Region and the Denmark Region.

ICM 19 proposed to support the following projects

- Installation of a tombstone for our founder at Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo.
- Naming a public park in Toledo after Paul William Alexander.
- Establishment of a Y's Men's Legacy Wall by YMCA of Greater Toledo
- Digitization of our important documents stored in the Minnesota Archives.
- Purchase of IHQ office space in Geneva.

The above projects have been fulfilled except for the purchase of IHQ property.

The Endowment Fund Trustees committee with PAP Knud Hougaard Klausen as lead, has worked actively with IEO (International Management) to find and acquire an IHQ property in Geneva, where employees can have good relations with their work, and where there is also space for meeting activities.



Amine Ben Mastoura (office accountant),
Jose Varghese (International Secretary General),
Philips Cherian (Past International Treasurer),
Tracy Movigliatti (administrator),
James Olle (administrator)



Int. Secretary General Jose Varghese, IPE Samuel Chacko, Chair EF Knud Hougaard Klausen and IPIP Jacob Kristensen together In Genève November 2021 for choosing and buying the new office building to the Int. Head office.

Jacob Kristensen
Immediate Past International President

Y's diversifies the various services of the movement

International Brother Clubs (IBC) and World Outlook (WO)



PARTNERSSHIP FOR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING

The Brother Club program participates in partnership clubs in different countries for mutual benefit and better understanding. It's designed to help other Y's Men and Women and their families learn about and exchange ideas between clubs, whether it's just across the border or around the world. Y's Women's clubs may prefer to use the term "Sister Club."

The goal is:

- To give the individual in YMI a chance to be active in a program that promotes world peace, brotherhood and Christian values.
- To create closer relationships within the movement.
- To promote a better understanding between different cultures.
- Breaking the insulation barriers.
- To provide encouragement, support and stimulation.
- To exchange ideas and experiences.
- Learning another language.
- To give the individual club member worldview" (WO).

recent years, it has become common to set up Triangle club connections. This is done by 2 "strong" clubs merging into a fraternal club connection with a "weak" club in e.g. Eastern Europe.

YEPP og STEP



The youth exchange program aims to promote understanding between people from different cultures and provide contacts that provide a worldview.



The Youth Educational Exchange Program, colloquially abbreviated to YEPP, was admitted as an approved program by Y's Men International at the World Convention in Washington DC, USA in 1974.

Close to 220 young people from Denmark have been on an exchange stay for 1 year in a foreign country, and in Denmark we have "received" small 100 young people on exchange.

Unfortunately, after a while it turned out that it was difficult to get into schools / universities. The young people still wanted to go out into the world, but it became more and more difficult to spend 1 year on it.

At the World Convention in Oslo in 1992, a new program for young people aged 14-25 was presented, which was called the "Short Term Youth Exchange Program" - colloquially referred to as STEP. The program offered a stay with a Y's Men's family for a period of 3-11 weeks. There was no compulsory schooling in this program, but the host family and the host club should try to create activities in the local YMCA, scout work or other work where the young person could get in touch with the locals.

Unfortunately, today we have to admit that the average age in our clubs in many places is 60+, which means that there are no longer many young people "at home" with the club members, which is why the two programs are currently dormant.

iGo - Nyt Ungdomsprogram



Following the closure of the YEOP youth program, which has not been used for a number of years, a new youth program has seen the light of day. The program is called iGo - internships for Global outreach and can most easily be described as an

internship with a maximum duration of 3 months. The program has been launched from July 2021.

iGo is a new collaboration program between YMI and YMCA that offers an internship for young adults. An iGo internship has been launched as a unique learning opportunity for a young person and is thought of as more than just a simple transfer of skills and knowledge. An iGo business experience that helps to create a sense of global and international community and solidarity, but also part of one's professional journey.

iGo - internships are offered by YMCA nationally or locally as well as by YMI-affiliated club members who own or run their own business. Any member affiliated with the YMCA or YMI who is prepared to offer a valuable learning experience can participate in the program.

The trainee can, where possible, spend the night at YMCA or with Y's Men, who lives near the internship. Otherwise, a hostel may be an option.

*Erik Breum
Sønderborg Y's Men's Club*

YEEP student 1987-88 in Denmark



I would like to say thank you once again to Region Denmark for the opportunity I got when I was a YEEP student in Kjellerup Y's Men's club back in 1987 - 88. PIP Poul V. Thomsen was president at the time and surrounded by a fantastic group of members and their families. I lived with Meta and Peter Bitsch Pedersen and their children Ester and Jens.

It was an experience that began at Kastrup Airport, where I was picked up by PIP Ole Hansen and his wife Lise, and it included studying at Bjerringbro Gymnasium, enjoying time at Bent Højen's printing house, traveling around Denmark and Europe with Y's Men from all over Denmark, visit Y's Men's clubs, participate in district and regional conferences and participate in club activities.

I am not able to remember the names of all the members I have shared time with, but many of them have certainly left a fond memory with me and taught me something. Some of them are PIP Poul V. Thomsen, his sweet wife Bodil and the children Jens, Louise and Lars. That team were my best Danish teachers.

I have traveled through Denmark from Skagen to Copenhagen by car, bus, train, ferry and plane and learned as much as possible.

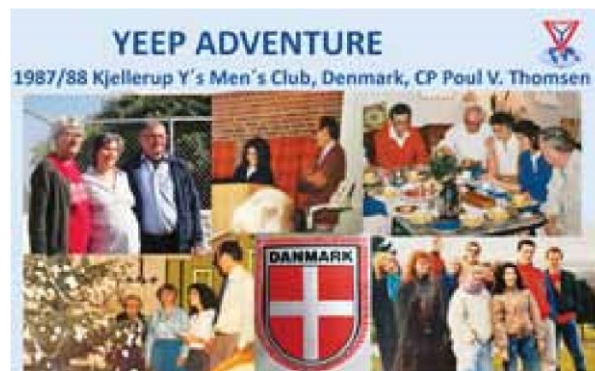
I have been able to return several times, and back in 1997 I met IP Jacob Kristensen while visiting Poul V. Thomsen's family.

Region Denmark also gave me a Danish sister, Susanne Louise Pedersen, who came to my parents as a YEEP student in 1992. Since then, she has visited us regularly, first alone and then with her husband Kristian and children Vilum and Nora.

There's just too little room here for words to say as much as I want and feel.

Thank you very much Region Denmark. Happy Anniversary.

Rossana Croci Reyes
Area Præsident, LAM



International club activities

Hundreds of smiles and dozens of happy faces

How to make parents with "special" children happy and beautiful in a short time?

This goal was recently achieved in the rural town of Volosovo (Leningrad region). The Y's Men's Club in Vesna started together with the local social care center and St. Petersburg club as well as some volunteers a new project to offer parents support for special children. They invited a large group of families to a local culture house, and while a group of volunteers were playing with the children, another group distributed clothes and styled hair on mothers. The real idea was to take professional family photos, print them and give them to the families.



What was the result? Hundreds of smiles and dozens of happy faces from both - families and volunteers!

Marina Makarova, Russia

Extension and service across borders

DG Joan Wong from Hong Kong District led a team of club members and relatives to charter Y's Service Club of Lumbini in Nepal on October 12, 2019 at Red House Resort in Nawalparasi in Gandaki Province.

The new club was sponsored by the Hong Kong District.

APE David Lua, AIPT James Kong and ASD Rose Yun from Asia Pacific also joined. APE David Lua led the charter ceremony and led the 19 members into the new club.

The following day, all the guests, along with the new club president Deepak Bhandari and the new club members, visited more than 10 orphanages for needy children in the town of Nawalparasi. Schoolbags, clothes and some food boxes were donated to children.

All participants enjoyed these days in a wonderful community with a lot of Nepalese food, sightseeing and a special festive blessing from the Nepalese families.

Harrison Cheng, Island East Club, Hong Kong

Region Denmark's service outside the borders

An eventful year in Kosovo

2017 was in every way a good year for the project "Help for Self-Help in Kosovo", as Hardernes Y's Men's Club was leading for. The project below is also supported practically and financially by a number Y's Men's clubs in Region Denmark.

The biggest goal of the year was to raise the budget of the DKK 525,000 (approx. USD 87,000) for the construction of a course and camp center in Gjakova for children, young people and vulnerable families as an EU regional project. It succeeded fully and more. The sum of money exceeded the target and reached DKK 700,000 (USD 115,700). Thus the YMCA managed, as it ideal solution, even to buy the campsite, located in a very scenic area straight outside Gjakova. YMCA was ready to start one construction in the spring of 2018. In 2017, Hardernes sent Y's Men's Club ca. six tons of emergency rations and materials for Gjakova, which is the center of the YMCA's work in Kosovo. Dorina Lluka was the main character

and the moving spirit behind the growth and YMCA's progress in Kosovo. In addition to distributing free emergency aid to vulnerable and poor families, it is sold the goods in the charity shop in Gjakova. Above the shot is used primarily for activities for the 600 children and young people who gather every week. It is also

very gratifying to note that it economic position was strong enough to start YMCA work for children and young people in the ities Junik and Peja. It is expected that in Peja, the YMCA as well could start a thrift store in the premises that the municipality provides free of charge.

Arne Nielsen, Hardernes Y's Men's Club



In addition to the above gifts, the giant Danish toy manufacturer, LEGO, donated 12 boxes of Lego bricks that provide good opportunities for 100 children.

Community Service Day



The North Atlantic region accepted a call from Y's Men Area USA and held a community service day on October 24, 2020. Fifteen club members from various clubs came to help "Habitat for Humanity," an international non-profit organization, build a house in a remote location in the state of New Jersey. The work started around kl. 7.30 in the morning under the supervision of experts from the Habitat, who divided the volunteers into four groups and assigned tasks such as painting, cleaning the backyard, repairing stairs, renovating windows, etc. This all-day activity helped some less fortunate to own a house. Habitat Chief of Staff Ashley Biggs appreciated the volunteer work and said such work would enable Habitat to fulfill its mission of helping underprivileged people in the community with an affordable home. The Westchester Club had organized a Community Service Day on October 17, 2020 at Spain Ridge

Park, Yonkers. NY, where 21 volunteers from the club helped the park crew clean up the park by tearing leaves together and spreading wood chips, pruning the trees, removing trash, etc. It was a great opportunity for club members to give something back to the community and create an image of Y's But in this area.



Aktivty work in the park

The Westchester County Parks Commission, headed by Kathleen O'Connor, came by to greet the volunteers and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their efforts.

North Atlantic Regions, USA

Kerala, India

Never has this small state, Kerala, hidden away in the southwestern tip of the Indian subcontinent, seen such rain for three generations. It rained and rained continuously for approx. fourteen days and large parts of the state were flooded. Last time the state faced such a situation was in 1924, where 13 out of the 14 areas were declared in a state of emergency.

Kerala is the state that has three of the largest regions in Y's Men International with almost 80 percent of total membership in Area In dia. Many Y's families were also affected by the disaster. Y 'Men's clubs in the South India Region, especially those close to the Kerala border were headed by DG Palaniappan and were the first to help with trucks full of necessary materials. Almost all 90 clubs in the South Indian region provided materials and volunteers.

Reports from DG's and club leaders in the South India region indicate that the shipment of approx. 70 trucks with emergency materials for different centers had a value of around INR 5 million (USD 70,000 approx.) plus a similar amount sent to approved relief funds - including the Prime Minister's Flood Fund. Y's Men International President Moon Sang-bong also donated \$ 5,000 from a club aid fund to continue relief efforts.

Y's Youth and Y's Lings also actively intervened. More than 30 Y's Youth from the Midwest, Southwest and Sydin dien regions volunteered for a week and stood for camps that distributed water, food, and clothing. Later, when the flood receded, was the young people help to clean houses and bring food and basic necessities for those in need.



Trucks with emergencies



cleaning supply distributing

Paddling - to support Strong Kids child program

The YMCA's first annual "Spin-a-Thon" was held in October 2018 and was a resounding success, bringing in approx. 10,000 Canadian dollars for the Strong Kids campaign. 20 sponsors, 150 spinners and 25 volunteers from the New Brunswick metropolitan area joined in to make "Spin-a-Thon" one of the biggest Y's fundraising events in 2018. Fredericton's Epsilon Y's Service Club supported the initiative. YMCA Strong Kids is an annual fundraising campaign focused on providing much-needed resources to give children, adults and seniors the opportunities to live a healthier and happier life! The Strong Kids project is about giving these children in need an active "Camp School stay" with health, fitness, swimming lessons and giving children the opportunity to experience the magic of a YMCA camp!

"Epsilon Y's Service Club has for many years supported the Fredericton YMCA in developing and delivering programs and activities to families in our region," said Margaret Loughrey, chair of the YMCA Liaison Committee.

Epsilon Y's Service Club has more than 60 members providing funding for the Strong Kids program. At events, club members also donate and serve food to other donors who attend the annual Strong Kids lunch.

Epsilon Y's Service Club's primary fundraisers have been operating the canteen and bar at Grant Harvey Arena in Fredericton, New Brunswick since 1982. Proceeds from these and other activities animate Epsilon Y's Service Club to support the YMCA's activities and provide grants to many other worthy organizations and projects, as well as annual scholarship awards to graduates from three local colleges. Epsilon Y's Service Club has raised and distributed over one million dollars for various community projects since its inception in 1947!

*Bill Irwin (Asst. Editor, YMI World for område
Canada Caribien)*



Thika Y's Men's Club heard from PIP Benzon Wabule and his wife Mary (members of the Thika Club in 2018) the sad story of Duncan Thika Y's

Thika Y's Men Supporting Duncan and his family

Men's Club heard from PIP Benzon Wabule and his wife Mary (members of Thika Club in 2018) the sad story about Novi Duncan, who was, on his way home from school in the 1990s during play, accidentally pushed out in front of a train by a buddy and run over. He lost both legs and both hands. He survived and underwent a lengthy treatment to later complete a high school education. A few years later, he lost his father, and along with his sick mother and two brothers, the family challenges came, and they became homeless. Fortunately, the church provided them with a house in Thika town. It was a relief, of course, but they had no income. Thika Y's Men's Club discussed the matter and sent the management to Duncan's house, where they had a sober discussion and drew up a list of the needs of the family according to the family's priorities. At the top of the list was changing one of the rooms facing the road. It was to be decorated like a small shop. It would enable the family to earn a regular income and thus achieve self-sufficiency.

Additionally, Thika Y's Men agreed to donate money to a carpenter who set up shelves in the designated room.

Once this was done, they donated more money and bought items for the store, and they arranged for a really touching and exciting opening ceremony in the house on

January 25, 2019. The smiles on Duncan's and his mother's faces were really moving.

The club visits and monitors progress once every two months to offer more capital, advice and training to Duncan and his mother. The club continues to help with purchases of items from a nearby wholesale store.

There are still many challenges for the Ngovi family, among others. securing the house, jobs for Duncan's brothers, buying beds for the family, logistics related to electricity and painting the house.

Thika Y's Men's Club has adopted this cause and will do everything in its power to keep the family alive with the hope of a happy future.

Boniface Muinde, Thika Y's Men's Club, Africa



The Good story

Y's Men's Club 1000 på verdensplan chartret d. 24.5.1981.



It resonated both locally and regionally in Denmark when one of the first clubs started as a Y's Men's club for both men and women, where family-based values were at the forefront.

The same year and on the same day, 24 May 1981, a club in Nøtterøy in Norway and a club in Sri Lanka were chartered and friendship clubs were established as a triangle connection.

The first major task was to help set up a school for the blind and deaf in Sri Lanka. This was done in collaboration with Region Denmark.

The first money-raising project was a children's animal show. A necessary collaboration arose with the YMCA Scouts, and the traditions surrounding this event developed into a folk festival.

For 40 years, the locals have faithfully backed this event. Likewise, a raffle set up by local merchants has yielded a good profit.

For the past 30 years, the club has taken care of and rented apple trees. It happens in an apple orchard, which Sdr. Bjert Church and Parish

Council have made available. The tenants must look after and harvest from trees that they have rented at reasonable prices.



These duties and the community of the club as a whole help to maintain the camaraderie and outlook of the world around us and the obligations that come with any right.



Y's Men's Club of Sighisoara

In the year 2007, Y's Men's Christian Club of Sighisoara was started by Petre Oprean, Father Ovidiu Dan, the engineer Aurel Flesar, Mircea Taralunga and Ioan Tosa together with dr. Sergiu Lefticariu and Professor Daniela Ciucan. The above, who were already involved in the city, formed the framework of a club with the aim of humanitarian values and with the main emphasis on supporting the youth.

Shortly afterwards, on 5 October 2008, the club received a charter certificate with Y's Men's Club Vejle 2 as its parent club.

The club was established with approx. 50 members. The party was attended by city council members as well as both Rotary and the Lions Club.

From the start and over the years, a close friendship was built with Frits Nielsen, Michael Lorentzen, Ulrik Lauridsen and Jens Nielsen from Vejle, who together with others became a role model for good leadership in the new club.

The club organized charitable assistance to young individuals and groups as well as children in need with material support. The club has supported young intellectuals from weak homes to get an education. For 10 years, the club has daily

supported up to 22 students with one meal of food.

Father Dan and his wife have regularly volunteered at a day center with social / cultural support.

Y's Men employee at schools has through Erling Larsen from Kalundborgklubben received computers and still honors his memory.

We distribute financial aid to students at their annual graduation. We have given a year of scholarship to Daniela Hanur Costea for her high school studies.

Every year on June 1, we organize and fund a sports event "Children's cross" at the hotel Bella Vista.

Every winter we organize a "shoebox" campaign up to Christmas, where we give 100 to 170 boxes of good things for children in weak families.

We hold events with great success to raise money for our fund.

Already in 2007, we started at the Day Center in March to celebrate "Women's Day" and Martisor, which is a special celebration on March 1, where we can gather 35-40 young people.

By giving, you receive more yourself. It is a way of expressing ourselves in our partnership with

"Aurel Morora Middle School" with the aim of educating the young generation to volunteer with spiritual and humanitarian values.

Among other things, we have raised money by selling painted eggs to our mother club in Denmark.

Each family from our club supported a young person for a year or two so that the young people could continue their studies under decent conditions.

In 2010, we had major floods in the Bacău district, where many families had their houses destroyed. We joined Rotary and the Lions Club and supported in many ways with necessities. In 2011, we sent David for a checkup in Germany for eye surgery.

A tragic incident left 5 children as orphans where Y's Men was close to them and we supported both morally and with money.

Ana Maria Galea, a Jazz singer, held a free concert for orphaned girls in Cris, which belongs to our parish.

In 2017, we sponsored a dance ensemble from a children's club to be able to participate in an international dance festival in Portugal

We have a collaboration with Region Denmark, and Vejle 2 has helped the Veritas Foundation to install a heating system.

We have supported the establishment of a new Y's Men's Club in Chisinău, Moldova.

We have also organized many district conferences in Sighisoara.

In collaboration with Region Denmark, we have in 2020 started a very intense theater project - "Theater Caravan".

Our club president Gianina Iconaru, together with the TACT Theater Company, has arranged theater screenings for school children in small poor communities.

After the performance, all children receive a small book with stories written by the famous French author Jean de La Fontaine.

We thank Y's Men International for the values, development and leadership we gain through the organization.



Gianina Iconaru Y's Men Christian Club of Sighisoara, Rumænien

To be together with many... and yet alone...

Anni Knudsen and big brother Jens are in no doubt. It was a huge experience of being in San Jose, California as a Yeep student in 1988-89, and in 1986-87, respectively. The experience has left its mark throughout their adult lives until now. Anni and Jens were the last two of four siblings who experienced life as a Yeep student with the Casteel family in California. On the occasion of the Anniversary Letter, the undersigned have convened Anni and Jens' meeting to sniff me out what has meant so much to them during their Yeep stay.

Jens says: There is something about not being alone but living with a good and loving family with a large network. And yet be alone, completely alone... with all the challenges it presents: a foreign language, a foreign culture, a foreign network, a foreign everyday life, and only 17 years old. Once you have tried it, you become aware that it helps to mature. One makes experiences, is quickly forced to commit in a foreign language. Learns to stand up in a large assembly and talk about Denmark - in English / American. And experience that you can handle it. And you learn that you have to be pro-active in school if you want to create networks.

And Anni continues: Was I really unsure if I wanted to go abroad, California? No, when my 3

older siblings had been there, it dawned on me that I simply did not dare to take that experience and challenge. Just when I had landed with the Casteel family in California and was lying in my bed for the first time, then a small suction went through my stomach. But quickly everyday began and I was thrown into it.



The Casteel couple together with Jens and his wife Conni.

Anni and Jens tell about everyday life that they - like their two older siblings - went to the local High School with 3,000 students. And Jens says that the parking space for the students 'cars was larger than the teachers'. It was an ordinary High School with 12 grades, and both Jens and Anni were placed in 12th grade, which according to Danish conditions corresponds to something

between 10th grade and HF. There were approx. 20 exchange students from other countries. At school, Anni got in touch with a German girl, with whom she is still connected 28 years later.

Both Anni and Jens benefited from their musical experiences from the scout orchestra in Hedensted. At school, they chose the elective band, Jens on baritone and Anni on cornet. And it came to mean a lot to both of them. They played the first 1/2 year every day after school. They competed against other high schools and played for the American school football games. This was tough at times, but a huge experience.

Both Anni and Jens express that it meant a lot with the network that Y's Men represented. One always felt welcome and there was always someone who would help. For example. At one point, Jens wanted to attend a big convention in Los Angeles, an 8-hour drive from San Jose. During his stay, Jens also participated in a Y's Men World Convention in Hawaii. All of this was paid for by the local Y's Mens Club.

Something special that both Anni and Jens have emphasized during their stay was that the relations between Denmark and the USA at that time were very different. Everything was big in the US: Big cities, big people, big shopping, big shopping malls. Jens remembers how a whole sack of popcorn was bought to take home. And then everyone in the family could take a bowlful as needed.

The Casteel family had - in addition to the four Knudsen siblings - also had two other YEEP students, Lars from Esbjerg and Mette from Odense. Jens and Anni still have contact with them.

Was there an occasional homecoming with Anni and Jens? Both answer no, and Anni adds: "at least not like that in earnest." And in that way it was also a completely different time. Both Anni and Jens only had telephone contact with mother and father 2-3 times during the year. And that was before Facebook and the SMS days.

Contact with the Casteel family continues. Both Anni and Jens and their family have made several visits to the family in California over the years. And Casteel's children, David and Laura, are also part of Anni and Jens' network.

Many years ago - after big sister Lone's return - Jens became aware at the age of 12 that he wanted to leave as a Yeep student. He took a newspaper seat, and began saving up for the trip. And Jens 'own daughter Trine now thinks the same. And with a twinkle in his eye, Jens adds that "if not before, then I will be Y's Men, when my daughter reaches the Yeep age, so I can contribute to her having that huge experience". For both Anni and Jens agree that without the "Y's Men part" their stay would not have been the same...

j-bre, Hedensted

Maize Labyrinth in Nibe

Nibe Y's Men's Club has throughout the ages been very active with many inventions for the benefit and joy of the citizens of Nibe.

An audience success was a maize maze, which for some years was established in a maize field at Hvalpsundvej in Bislev.

The establishment provided a good social cohesion in the club.

It was undeniably a big job on an area consisting of several acres of land to measure up and mark



and remove the plants that were to give the labyrinth's many pretzel hooks.

The access to the labyrinth was self-service, which in the literal sense of the word was practiced, as the entrance had to be placed in a buried milk jug, which unfortunately was not secured as a better Fort Knox, and unfortunately could be operated by some slightly long-fingered visitors. better purpose than ending up in the wrong pockets.

The maze's large audience interest became a favorite excursion destination for schools and kindergartens as well as families with children, and not least the large figure of Taurus.

The bull had been made by the club's artist and decorator. There were several Events with i.a. competitions that the visitors could participate in. The great work with evt. new establishment each year, however, became too much for the attraction to be maintained. It is said that everyone has come out of the maze.

Area- and Region Conference in Skjern Culture Center 2011

on Danish soil with
1,356 participants,

The number of participants in regional conferences had been declining for several years, well around 7 - 800, and we therefore aimed to reverse this trend. It was supposed to be the "Conference". This means that the content of the conference should be top notch. It should be easy to find accommodation and the price should be at the bottom. The price for all exclusive accommodation was DKK 890 per. person. Accommodation from Friday to and including Sunday from DKK 200 - 400, pr. person. For quite a few of the foreign participants, we had secured a subsidy from Area Europe, so that the price for them could be kept down to DKK 500 for everything paid, including accommodation. There was also a group Y's Youth who attended the entire conference at a favorable price. Accommodation took place at hotels, Borris camp, after schools, technical schools, campsites, camps etc.



Lars Busk Sørensen wrote lyrics, and Willy Egmosen composed music for a new hymn written for the occasion. The Skjern Å club produced a giant cross of iron.

It was one of the largest Y's Men's conferences

of which 166 were from the rest of Europe.

There was a varied program, with everything from Sigurd Barrett, Anders Agger, Elisabeth Dons Kristensen, Henrik Stubkjær, Skjern Ballet School, Skjern Marimba Orchestra, Skjern Men's Choir, the Church Choir and entertainment by organist Willy Egmosen, who really gave that gas, so the Russians almost stood at the tables and sang. It was absolutely incredible what this blind organist meant to the conference. Excursions with guided tours to Skjern Å and the North Sea, among other places.

The idea was for the hearing impaired with the installation of a tele loop and with the installation of two very large conference screens, which showed Danish text on one screen and English on the other. The English language was simultaneously interpreted (free of charge) by staff from the Hearing Association. The service was held in a packed sports hall adjacent to the Cultural Center.

A successful conference with the theme "Empathy and charity", which we look back on with great gratitude and joy and which will continue to be remembered as the "conference".

Skjern Y's Men's Club and Skjern Å Y's Mens
Club Knud Hougaard Klausen

Cavalcade from club life in Ringkøbing Y's Men's Club

In the late summer of 1974, Skjern invited Y 'Men's Club to a meeting at Ringkøbing Missions hotel with a view to starting up a club in Ringkøbing.

12-15 men accepted the invitation, and a committee consisting of three men was appointed: President Ejner Lauridsen, secretary Gunnar Fomsgaard and Svend Erik Jensen. The secretary acted as postman, and the letters were circulated per. bike.

From the first initiatives to start up the club, it took four years before the parent club thought that the club in Ringkøbing was "ready" for chartering.



The charter party on 30/9 1978 was a blast of a party that reportedly said spar 2 to what had been seen at that time by charter parties in Region Denmark. 294 participated and Højskolehotellet's 2 halls were full. On stage, Ringkøbing Garden played

for an introduction.

Speakers: Arne Gadeberg, Slagelse, Regional Leader 1978-79, Gotfred Nissen, International President 1978-79. Mayor Sagittarius. Frede Vestergaard with poetry and Gunnar Fomsgaard spoke for the ladies. Later in the

evening, Ragna Tang's folk dancers came and entertained.

The club's first presidium consisted of: Frede Vestergaard, Ulrik Lauridsen, Ib Gravesen and Frede Nielsen.

In September 2018, the 40th anniversary was held with the participation of the mother club Skjern and the "children", Hvide Sande and Videbæk. Furthermore, we had visits from members from our fraternal club Askøy near Bergen, which became our fraternal club in 2007. Already in 2006 we established a fraternal club connection to Vilnius Y's Men's Club in Lithuania, and in 2009 these friendships became a triangular connection, where Vilnius unfortunately withdrew from the collaboration in 2019.

Club members benefit from this community with mutual visits and newsletters. In the club year 2013-14, the club was transformed into a mix club and currently has 34 members, 4 of whom are female members.

There has been a great diversity and development in our activities. Flea market for a few years in different places in the city and a few times a year together with YMCA sports.

The profit in these years 1975-86 was approx. 215,000 kr.

We have had sales of Christmas calendars, regional and bookmarks with Fadervor as well as the demolition of a holiday home and factory building, city games a la Matador (can still be bought in the second-hand shop), growing

leeks for 6 years, which gave a nice working community.

We sent an older bus to Estonia including spare parts, which developed into an overall project in our district.

For a number of years from 1991, there was a daily 5 minute broadcast "Morgenstund" on Radio Ringkøbing, where i.a. club members actively had reflective posts for one week at a time.

The thrift store is a chapter in itself. In 1994 we opened a thrift store in rented premises in one former bicycle shop in Ringkøbing. There was great concern about the large rent, however it exceeded all expectations. With Friday and Saturday as opening days and a total of 7 hours we sold in the first year on average for ap. DKK 3,000 per week.

After 10 years, the building was put up for sale and there should be rethought. We bought land further out Herningvej and built 500 m², which was taken in use on 3 September 2004. The construction costs were greatly reduced by the fact that club members performed much of the work.

Already after four years at the new address became the space for urge. In 2008, an extension of 300 m² was added and ready for use and the

cord was cut by Y 'Men's International Secretary General Rolando Dalmas.

The highest turnover in a year has been approx. 900,000 DKK. We have loosely counted over the years

1975 - 2020 distributed: DKK 11,600,000.

When one sees such an amount, it is conducive to think about how much benefit and joy this money

has done for projects locally and internationally.

*Ringkøbing Y's Men's Club
Kristen Grysbæk*



Visit from Askøy in Norway in connection with the 40 years anniversary. Hir all collected outside the Rindum church in Ringkøbing

Why did I become part of the Y's Men's community?

In the beginning of 1980, about a year after we as a family with 2 small children of 4 and 2 years moved here to Randers, I was contacted by a younger man who told me that they were a group of men who wanted to start a new Y's Men's club here in Randers.

The inquiry aroused my curiosity, as a membership as newcomers to Randers would give us the opportunity to become part of an adult Christian and social work community, and after a family council, a commitment was made to become a member.

I was quickly gripped by the work of establishing the club and after the charter it was the work with the many small and large projects, the working community, the common values and the camaraderie that became the driving forces. For those of us who have been involved from the first years of the club's history, it is probably the Christmas fairs in Ulvehøj and the work with the sale of recycling at Randers recycling site that stand as the largest and most profitable projects.

Being part of a service club, which performs diaconal / social and humanitarian work, has helped to provide content in the 40 years that have passed since the charter.



What has maintained is also: - The opportunity to try your hand at tasks in the club, district and region.

- The international touch that has taken me around to friendship club visits and conferences in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Latvia, Estonia, Russia.

So I have to say that we as humans need to be involved in relationships and in communities. Communities where on the one hand you are accepted as who you are but can also see yourself as part of the community.

*Hilsen Uffe Hansen
Kronjyllands Y's Men's Club*

Glimpses from the World Convention in Stockholm in the summer of 1980



More than 50 years in the Y's Men's Club have provided many great experiences, which in every way have been enriching. One of the most amazing was attending the World Convention in Stockholm in 1980.

We lived on a primitive campsite on one of the "Mässens" football pitches together with Y's Men from near and far, which provided fantastic opportunities for togetherness. One late evening we had set a long table where we really had to have fun and enjoy the warm evening after the last meeting was over. A lady from Kolding almost made us fall over with laughter, because she showed up dressed in anorak with the hood laced so that only her face was free, and to complete the attire she sat in a black garbage bag. Just kidding, I've been to Sweden before, was her comment. The next day we did not have much to laugh about, because we were so bothered by mosquito bites. For them, cowboy pants were obviously no obstacle.

The great experience was the first evening's festive service, where 1400 people were gathered - it can not be described - it must be experienced.

Lunderskovklubben had at that time a legendary chairman of the BF committee, Mrs. A.M. Hansen, who was also in Stockholm. Although we were used to seeing her scrape stamps for herself with both arms and legs both here and there, we did not know that her network was worldwide. During the convention in Stockholm, some Indian guests came to her with two large carrier bags filled with stamps.

She was unique, and there was a reason why Lunderskov was the best in Denmark to collect stamps at this time.

It was passionate people who, 75 years ago, chartered the first club in Denmark. Thanks to them and all those who have passed on the fire, we have been able to help people who have needed a hand. The side benefit has been experiences that we would not want to be without.

Karen Hansen, Lunderskov Y's Men's Club

Banko-Carl

Since 1973, Herning Y's Men's Club has held an advertising bank show every autumn in collaboration with "Banko-Carl", and there will be approx. 1400 guests on such an evening.

Over the years, the bank show has raised a total of several million kroner, which has gone to the club's relief fund.

The principle of an advertising bank show is that the entire city's business community is a sponsor, where the individual sponsor gives a prize of their choice, after which an amount is set aside, which we use to advertise the company - before and during the show.

The winnings are thus vastly different, but always very festive.

One year, a sponsor presented us with a live "market pig", which was delivered wrapped in a sack so that the head protruded.

The pig was definitely not interested in being a gain, which it loudly expressed, just as it filled the sack with "pig waste". When my club mates were aware that I had once in my youth been a pig control assistant, they thought I was an obvious subject to take care of the pig bass, and so I suddenly stood on stage with a screaming, bouncing, smelling and wet pig in arms, waiting for a winner.

The winner sat in the back of the hall, and then the pig and I had to wander down between 1400 guests while we emitted loud noises and a scent most reminiscent of spring in the countryside when the manure spreader is running.



Fortunately, the winners were an adult couple living in a small town outside Herning municipality, and they had a small house in the backyard, where they fattened a pig every year. The last one they had just slaughtered and placed in the freezer and saltshaker, so they were actually looking for a "market pig" to take the path. How lucky can you be? They left the hall delighted with the beast, and all breathed a sigh of relief. There were calm and better smell conditions. Since then, our main prize has been a chest freezer filled with a slaughtered pig!

*Laurids Moesgård Hansen.
Herning Y's Men's Club.*

Christmas Market



This good story is a description of the activity that has meant the most to the club members, where cohesion has been created, enthusiasm, joy

and the feeling of being on the right track when things succeed.

From the club's start in 1981, we held a Christmas market every year in the scout house Rytterskolen. Especially the last night before the sale opened, there was an expectant mood. The preparations had stretched months back in time. A common effort to get everything in place and to deliver the best possible product. Yes, we were so proud of the sales material that was now presented that a concern crept in as to whether the mice thought they had free play or that there could be other destruction? The concern resulted in Ruth's son Claus and dog Monni being put on as night shifts last night.

Despite the busyness, there was of course time to talk, and the theme of the "Root Trip" was always the experiences. Every summer, a root trip was included in the program, the excursion - to Trelde Næs. The purpose of the root trip was to provide exciting, washed tree roots from the beach edge for decorations. We all remember

the hardships of dragging our roots up; shoes and boots were stuck, and clothes were transformed beyond recognition at the meeting with the very special volcanoes on the slopes down to the Little Belt. Everyone contributed what tools they had: saws, axes, ropes, a chainsaw and not least a trailer to transport the loot home. After all, the expedition could not be completed without food and drink from the picnic baskets.

On the day itself, there was a festive opening, and luckily there were always expectant customers outside. At closing time, the intense mood reappeared. Everyone did their best so that we could clean up in record time, and the experienced had control over where things were to be directed. It ended with party food: kale with it all.

The counters were busy getting a handle on this year's revenue, and it caused great cheers when there was progress compared to the previous year.



The anniversary tree is planted on marts 21. 2021

Erritsø Y's Men's Club

The History of the Oak trees

- region conference in Haslev in the year 2000



Haslev is located in the middle of a scenic landscape with large forests, deep lakes and the two estates Bregentved and Gisselfeld.

The estates and forests in particular have over time provided many opportunities for activities for Haslev Y's Men's Club. We have collected clippings of ornamental spruce for Advent wreaths, netted spruce trees, burned branch piles in the forest and most of all, collected acorns. For a number of years, our club has previously every autumn collected acorns in Bregentved forest district. The collected acorns were used in Bregentved's nursery to raise new oak trees. The forester pointed out the trees that had been named mother trees, where we were to collect acorns. The collected acorns were placed in canvas bags and a label was placed in each bag and a note was tied to the string with which the bag was tied. It was a really nice outdoor activity. When you lay in the forest floor and collected acorns in your bucket, you got peace of mind, fresh air and a good nature experience with good friends.

It made sense, and at the same time we were able to raise money for the club's activity account for charity.

In the year 2000, the regional conference was held in Haslev. The participants from Haslev wore green scarves, and green oak trees were a common motif. Inspired by the activity of collecting acorns, we decided that each participant should have a small oak tree in a pot to take home.

The trees were planted around Denmark. Some are planted in sandy soil and others in rich soil. Some have been allowed to grow freely and have today reached a considerable size, like the tree here in Christiansfeld.



Perhaps a single one of the trees, getting as old as the oak tree in H.C. Andersen's fairy tales.

Haslev Y's Men's Club (Jørgen Hansen)

Fishing trip at the beginning of the Club Year



From 1972 to 2003, the club year has always begun with a sailing trip on the Little Belt.

In 1974, the fishing trip left Hejlsminde with 19 participants. The catch became a plaice. Then we had mushroom soup in Verner's cottage.

On the fishing trip in September 1975, which departed from Middelfart, Peter Møller caught seven large cod. After the trip we went to Helge Rasmussen's cottage at Båring Vig for soup and a nice chat by the fireplace.

"Fishing trip 1985: With MIRA. 30 participants, 3 small fish, meatballs and potato salad, warm and nice weather, which ended with thunderstorms on the way home ". Another year: "Wednesday 16 August at 18.30 the good ship MIRA left the quay in Middelfart with a bunch of happy and excited children and fishermen from Koldinghus Y's Men's Club. Following the traditional skipper's law, fishing began. The yield was 4-5 nice fish and a good and enjoyable evening".

The fishing trips were most often completed with the good, old ship MIRA from Kolding Harbor, from Hejlsminde, Løverodde or Middelfart. One year they met in Rebæk and boarded a very large and powerful motor sailor, which at high speed brought the participants to the bottom of Gamborg Fjord on Funen. Sometimes you caught nothing, and other times you got each other on the hook under the boat when it drifted off with the engine off. From the minutes it appears that the meal, skipper lapskovs with beer and schnapps and the mutual talk were almost more important than the fishing. "How was your holiday? How are the children and grandchildren? " etc.

Eventually, the rental of MIRA became too expensive, and both the skipper and the ship got older, so the program committee tried in 2004 with a fishing trip to a put-andtake lake at Vranderup, but only five members participated. This evening the fish were completely absent, but in return there was beer ad libitum.

From the anniversary publication 2020 Koldinghus Y's Men's Club through 50 years.

Sten Krarup

To charter feast in Neuchâtel October 31. 1964

A new Y's Mens Club had been formed in the beautiful city on Lake Geneva, and for this charter party, P. H. Jørgensen drove in his red Volvo Amazon with 4 club mates. (P.H. later became the first International President of Denmark in 1971-72).

On the front seats sat PH and Jacob Weisenberg, on the back seat TV. a club mate from Kolding in the middle Wagn and th. Take. We started an early Friday morning and came late in the day to Heidelberg for overnight and met here friends from Holland who were also on their way to party. On Saturday we passed areas dressed in the most beautiful golden colors of autumn and came at the end of the day to the beautiful city on Lake Geneva and with the Jura mountains as a backdrop behind.

We were accommodated privately with a middle-aged couple. They only spoke French, so it was with smiles and a little English. Sunday was the celebration of the admission of the new club into the international community. The most prominent guest was probably the international YMCA secretary from Geneva. The party began in the local Reformed church, where our host was the pastor, and after the beautiful ceremony



there was dinner and the evening of celebration with songs, speakers, and entertainment. Our departure home was early Monday morning after a memorable party and a good time together with new friends. The drive went according to plan, and the first stay was in the German spa town of BadenBaden. We then continued north towards the Ruhr area. North of Frankfurt near the city of Giessen, major problems began to arise for the small travel company in the red Volvo Amazon.

It had become evening with heavy traffic in the 4 lanes. PH drove approx. 160 km in the overtaking lane and suddenly there was a loud bang from the undercarriage, "something" hit the undercarriage and filled the cabin with dust and dirt. It ceased when PH disengaged and stopped the car in the center aisle. After a short consultation, we agreed to call in a crane truck so

that the car could get to the nearest workshop. Jacob and Wagn went in the middle terrace to find an emergency phone and succeeded after a short hike. Jacob was born a German citizen and a Jew, which made the conversation short, and after a 1 hour wait, a crane truck arrived and took the red Volvo in tow to a workshop in the town of Giessen. 3 of us sat on the small crane truck let the approx. 10 kilometers to the workshop in the raw cold autumn evening. We were driven to the local Railway Hotel. We had a good dinner, got called home to the family and went tired to rest after some restless hours. The next morning, the car was repaired. It was the PTO shaft that had come loose, but after 3 hours in the workshop, the trip continued towards Denmark, and at the end of the day we were all well at home again with our loved ones.

*Orally told to Niels Hejslet by Wagn Lykke
Christiansen, member of the former Club
Landsoldaten, Fredericia*

What sprouts can also grow!!



It has been the result of a children's forest that Nibe Y's Men's Club took the initiative to plant 20 years ago. The forest was later handed over to the municipality. Today, the vegetation is more than 8 meters high and forms the framework of a cozy open space in the middle with tables and benches.

If you come near to Nibe, it will be a good idea to bring a coffee basket and find your way to this quiet place and enjoy the silence outside the "big city".

Poul Erik Petersen
Nibe Y's Men's Club

Præstbjerg Y's Men's Club with support to House of Care



Præstbjerg Y's Men's Club was chartered in 2008 and has 16 members. Since 2012, we have been supporting House of Care (Cambodia). We work based on humane and Christian values.

Susanne Madsen, who comes from our local area (Sørvad), and her husband Mony live in Phnom Penh and run the House of Care from their private home. House of Care has a belief and vision that the dissemination of education and knowledge can make the next generation of children and young people create a better life than their parents. Therefore, it is important that the children come to school and receive a relevant education.

In 2012, Præstbjerg invited Y's Men's Club Susanne to apply for approval for a regional project. In 2012-13, DKK 500,000 was donated from Region Denmark to the project "House of Care for the future of young people in Cambodia"

Since 2016, we have supported House of Care with a sponsor child.

Through sponsorships, House of Care can therefore help ensure poor Khmer Kids' schooling. A sponsor child receives i.a. money for a school uniform, school bag, writing utensils, notebooks, reading books and equipment for sports and games as well as health equipment in the form of soap and toothpaste, etc.

Susanne and Mony also teach the children good manners, hygiene and children's rights when they go out into the villages.

House of Care helps to give children and young people faith and motivation to complete an education, as well as equip them for the future.

Præstbjerg Y's Men's Club gets i.a. income from growing / selling new potatoes and picking apples for resale as well as distribution of church magazines etc. By participating in local market day, the profits from the American lottery go to the House of Care.

We are proud to be able to help make a small difference for some very poor and vulnerable children / youth in Cambodia. It has strengthened our social community in the club that we can support Susanne and Mony's important work with House of Care.

Holbæk Fjord Y's Men's Club

The Charterfeast-song

Mel.; Jubijæ

Vi er samlet her i festligt vennelag for at fejre klubben: Holbæk Fjord i dag. For med Næstved som vor moder, har vi sat de rette noder.

Vi vil fejre klubben: Holbæk Fjord i dag.

Jubi jæ jæ jubi jubi jæ o.s.v.

For med Næstved som vor moder, har vi sat de rette noder.

Vi vil fejre klubben: Holbæk Fjord i dag.

Vi er chartret – vi er Y's Men fra i dag.

Vi vil alle kæmpe under samme flag.

Vi er nemlig helt her oppe.

Vi er ikke til at stoppe.

Vi er chartret – vi er Y's Men fra i dag.

Jubi jæ jæ jubi jubi jæ o.s.v.

Vi er nemlig helt her oppe.

Vi er ikke til at stoppe.

Vi er chartret – vi er Y's Men fra i dag.

Vi vil bruge vores lyst og energi på at gøre noget godt – med mening i.

Selvom vi har år på bagen, går vi alle ind for sagen.

Vi vil kæmpe for en sag – med mening i.

Jubi jæ jæ jubi jubi jæ o.s.v. Selvom vi har år på bagen, går vi alle ind for sagen.

Vi vil kæmpe for en sag – med mening i.

Olga Olesen

Holbæk Fjord Y's Men's Club



Some of the best experiences with children within Y's!

For a couple of decades, there was a tradition every year that the Sønderborg club's Y's Men took a working day on a working weekend at FDF's camp cabin Alsborg. On Sunday morning, all parishioners and Y'slinge came for morning coffee and church service. In the morning there was typically a "teddy bear race" with records. Our then almost 3-year-old Maria became so exhausted that she fell asleep after dinner when the winning family was to be found. Only managed to wake her when she was handed the teddy bear, which our family had won, then she fell asleep again with the teddy bear hugged in her arms.

The experience in 1979 for the boys (9 and 7 years) was the Area Conference in Vejle. Here they got as a highlight their first disco experience during the evening party.

Three times, however, I have "burned my fingers" with experiences with children:

On a trip to the World Convention in 1982, we were to visit a completed Y's Men's project: In Sri Lanka, we inspected a well at a 'girls home' run by some nuns. The girls entertained with song and dance. We sat in the grass and were treated to tea, consisting of equal parts tea, sugar, and milk. I "unfortunately" came to knock my mug in the grass, but with a really bad conscience - the girls would definitely have enjoyed it.

We visited a temple where an Indian girls' school class also came. A sweet girl shyly asked for a pen, which I then gladly gave her. She was happy, but 15 other girls looked longingly at me! How thoughtless can one be?

Third time we were in homestay in Korea. We ate dinner sitting on pillows on the floor with silver chopsticks, only with the man! And Erik, who was the "guest of honor" got the delicacy: the fish head. When he had moved some fish meat out of his neck, he put the sticks down, and the host immediately asked if Erik was full. Yes, thank you, I am full. One, two, three, the host snatched the fish's head and slurped his eyes with big burps. I was suddenly full too.

Then came a deep silence, which now had to be broken! Y 'Men's friends had told me we could bring pictures of children, garden, house and town. So out of the bag I pull our pictures to get the conversation going again. But what happens? - such a deep silence that you could hear an angel walking through the living room: We were rich, we had two sons! He only had two girls! These were the cutest little girls, who with their mother were "hidden by the road" in the kitchen, but who we luckily got lured forward and were able to hand over some small Danish gifts.

Alas, where have all the Y's lings gone?

Alice Breum

Christmas stamp

Sønderborg Julen 2020



A long-standing tradition for Sønderborg Y's Men's Club is the annual Sønderborg Christmas Stamp.

The club's first Christmas brand was launched in 1978 by the then member, photographer Paul Weber. The first brands were with churches on Als - a series of beautiful color photos.

This club activity has over the years yielded nice profits. The many good motifs from our city and surroundings, usually in watercolor made by changing local artists, Jens Funder Nielsen, Ib Hjalton, Uffe Krag, Christian Poulsen and Norman Elimar Jensen. The latter has only delivered the proposal for 21 years. In 2012, it was a photo that formed the basis of this year's Christmas brand, and so it has been every year since. In recent years, we have made an effort to choose motifs that reflect both new and old in the city. The motif in 2018 was the new Multicultural House combined with the old Sønderborg Valsemølle and Sønderborg Ringridermuseum from 1643. In 2019, in addition to the old "Alspigen ved Rådhuset" we had the

new and spectacular Hotel Alsik at Nordhavnen as motifs.

The year 2020 is a national anniversary year with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Reunification in 1920. Therefore, our Christmas stamps this time should remind us of this event. One motif is a banknote, which was drawn by the then museum director Jens Raben and published in February 1920. On this is a picture of Broager Church's towers and probably the slope at Skeldekobbøl. The original banknote can be seen at Sønderborg Castle.

The second motif is the reunion sculpture SYNERGI, which stands on Sundgade opposite Sønderborg Castle. The sculpture was created by artist, Vivi Linnemann, and is about passionate souls, inner necessity, the will to stand firm and stand together, to lift in groups and for the light we share.

The sculpture is one of a total of seven Sønderborg Mirrors, erected on the occasion of the Reunification Year.

As an extra curl, it can be mentioned that the photo of the sculpture and the Castle was taken by one of the club members. Vivi Linnemann has posted this on a Swiss artist member page.

*Sønderborg Y's Men's Club
Birgit Christensen, march 2021*

The Joy of anticipation

En Y's Man er led i en kæde
omspændende hele vor jord,
en stor kammeratskabsglæde,
som tværs over grænser gror.

This song became especially important for members of Varde Y's Men's Club in 1973, as the club was offered a fraternity club connection by Hamar Y's Men's Club in Norway by the region's service manager for fraternal clubs, and fortunately the presidium said yes to the offer. , and after a private holiday trip in 1976 to Norway, a personal contact was made.

The following year, the Danish regional conference was to be held in Varde, and therefore it was only natural to invite representatives from the Hamar club to participate.

Two members from Hamar YMC said yes thanks to the invitation, and then a connection was seriously created between the two clubs, and this connection has been of great importance over the years for both clubs. Many personal friendships have been created over the many years, and as the song says:

A friendship is like a golden bond, so gentle, yet firmly it binds together.



Hamar Church

was life and happy days when we met for meetings.

Now that we meet almost 50 years later, things are a little quieter, but the friendship is still the same.

On the Hamar club's 50th anniversary, Varde's gift was a Danish table flag mounted on a foot shaped like an ellipse with a Y's Men's logo on it, so they can always think of the fraternal club connection created many years ago.

*Elmer Vestergaard Jensen og Ove Hvid
Varde Y's Men's Club.*

Over the years, there have been about 15 meetings alternately in Norway and Varde, as there have been meetings approx. every third year.

The first meeting was in 1978 at Remmerstrand. Back then

we all had children living at home, so there Hamar Church

Good memories from Vejle

A good 60 years ago I became a member of the first Y's Men Club in Vejle, and I can not help but cling to it.

In 1959 I had been hired as secretary at Vejle YMCA, and my wife Gertrud Kaag was a housewife in YMCA's boarding house, where there were approx. 90 pensioners. The YMCA building was a large, old castle-like building with approx. 20 rooms, guest house, association rooms and a large party hall on the second floor with a pompous staircase and FDF and YMCA scouts in the basement.

The ballroom was gray and sad and needed to be refreshed, and it then became the upcoming Y's Men's club's initial project. The "club" met at YMCA, and Gertrud was in charge of the culinary.

I do not remember the actual program at the charter party, but rather what went before - namely the restoration of the party hall. Money had to be raised first, which is why the club arranged a large bazaar in the hall with stalls built up as a "bondage growth village" with as many as three stork nests.

A decorator went so far into it that he worked after dawn and slept a few hours a night in the hall.

On the day itself, we were visited by the actor Brothagen, who always "should shine". Now he was driven around the city and told people that he "should shine at the YMCA's bazaar", and many did.

The day was a success and there was money for the ballroom.

Then all the club members went in their work clothes, because now we were all going to be real Y's Men soon. This meant that a gray and sad hall was transformed into a festive, colorful hall with a built-in stage in one corner and room for almost 200, where then the charter party was planned for March 18, 1961. I do not remember the program points, but here Gertrud unfolded right with a festive table setting and a splendid menu that made everyone happy, and no one might think of the girls moving up and down an old dilapidated spiral staircase up to the second floor.

It was the culmination of the first Y's Men's memories, unfortunately only three years in Vejle, but so on in Herning and Tønder, and now concluding in Viborg Y's Mens Club. It was a friendship in which we gratefully "acknowledge the duty that follows every right". - and then 60 years !!

*Jakob Bjerg
Viborg Y's Men's Club*

“Et bedre sted”

Y's Men 2022 – 100 år i verden – 75 år i Danmark

Mel: Ode til glæden – Beethoven

1. Lad os dele
for at hele
liv og håb på kryds og tværs.
Hundredåret
bliver båret,
når vi når fem og halvfjers!
Vort til lykke
er et smykke,
tro og håb og kærlighed.
Hjælp til andre
kan forandre
verden til et bedre sted!

2. Lad os brænde
for at tænde
glød på tunge, lys i hånd.
Ret og pligter,
ingen svigter
liv med krop og sjæl og ånd!
Lad os tjene
og forene
os i fælles kærlighed:
Hjælp til andre
kan forandre
verden til et bedre sted!

3. Lad os vandre
med hverandre
sammensat i brogethed!
Ja, lad troen
bygge broen,
som forbinder folk i fred.
Sammensatte
kan vi fatte,
vi er ét i kærlighed! Hjælp
til andre
kan forandre
verden til et bedre sted!

4. Lad os feste
for det bedste,
alt det gode, som blir gjort!
Gode venner
rækker hænder
for at gi' det bedste bort.
Lad os hele
ved at dele
livet i mangfoldighed.
Hjælp til andre
kan forandre
verden til et bedre sted.

5. Hundredåret
får vi kåret
den bevægelse, som kom
fra det fjerne
som en stjerne
med en trekant udenom.
Y's Men's tegnet
er beregnet
til at mærke verden med:
Hjælp til andre
kan forandre
verden til et bedre sted!

*Carl Hertz-Jensen 2021 Vejle
Trekanten Y's Men's Club*



“A better Place” CENTENARY-SONG – YMI 2022

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven “Ode to Joy”



1. How do we dare?
Where should we share?
Why could we care? – YMI!
Are we daring,
are we sharing,
are we caring. – Why am I?
Y's Men daring,
sharing, caring,
when the world around we face,
helping others,
sisters, brothers,
make the world a better place!



2. Centenary,
years to carry,
moving movement – YMI!
Gratulations,
celebrations,
never asking: “Why am I?”
Seeing others,
sisters, brothers,
as we see us face to face.
Helping others,
sisters, brothers,
make the world a better place!

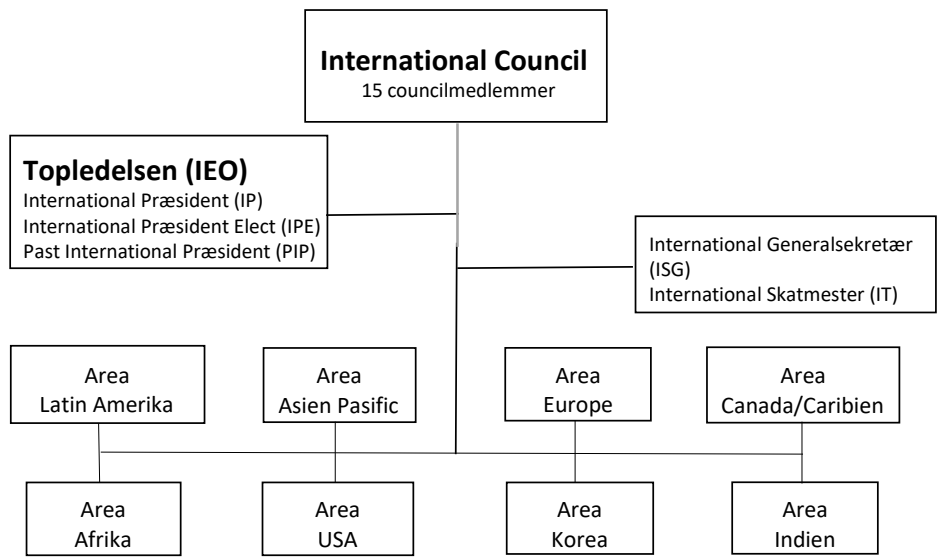
3. We are moving,
ever proving
organizing YMI!
Network making
we are taking
growing chances: Why am I?
Friends in gladness
melt all sadness,
when we give each other place!
seeing others
sisters, brothers,
make the world a better place!

4. Thank you giving,
we are living
club life inside YMI!
Joyful voices
all rejoices
all together: Y am I!
joyful singing
Serving others,
sisters, brothers,
will be bringing,
love for all receiving grace:
make the world a better place!

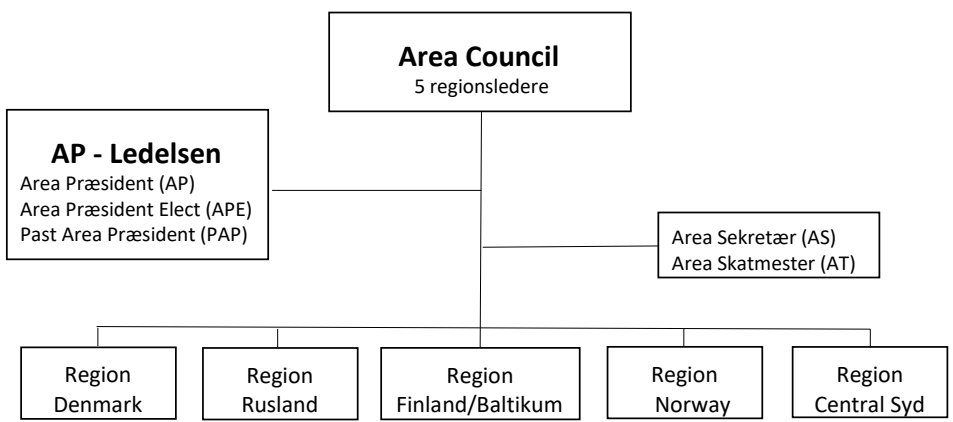
5. Y's Men daring
we are sharing,
we are caring - YMI!
We are gifted
and uplifted,
when we're asking: "Why am I?"
All creation,
liberation
we together can embrace:
Helping others,
sisters, brothers,
make the world a better place!

Carl Hertz-Jensen
ISD CE – ASD CE – PAP – YMI Chaplain
Vejle Trekanten YMC, Denmark
2021 – January 27



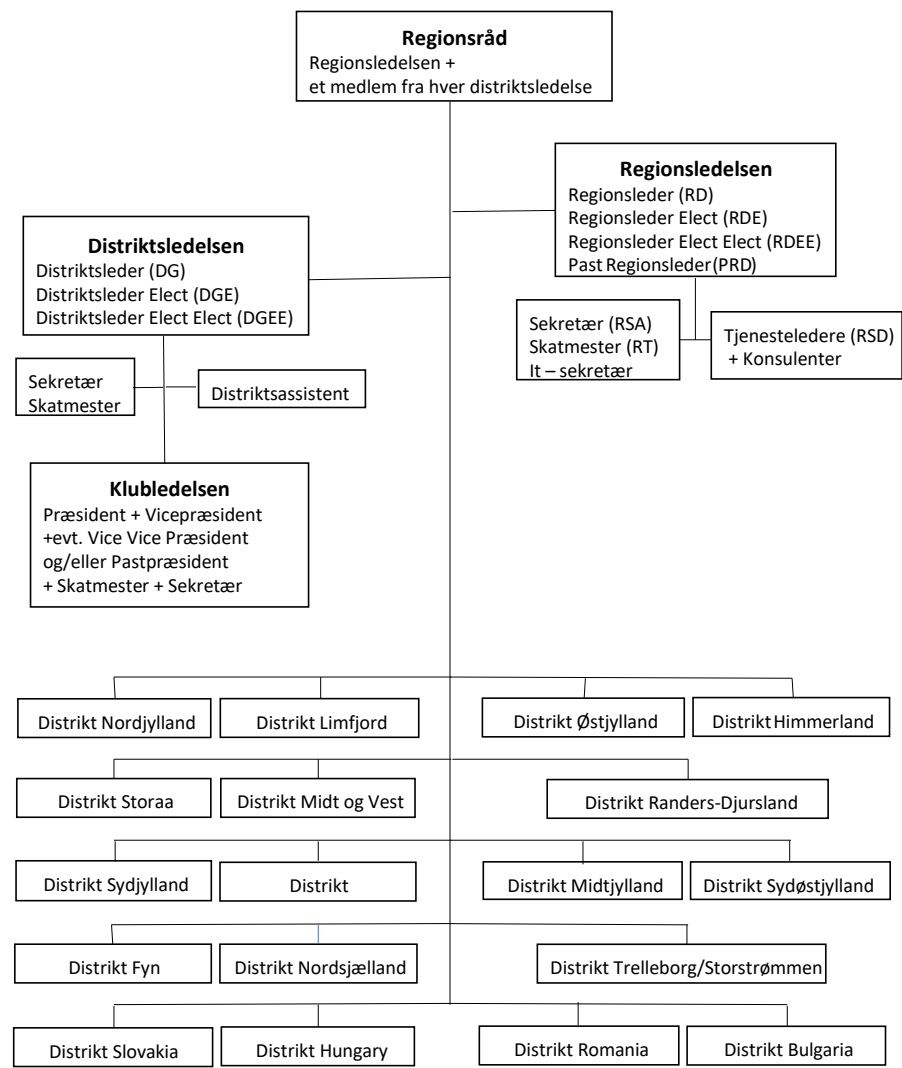


Area Europe



Organisation Region Denmark Region

Denmark



International presidents (IP) from Europe and there motto

År	Navn og motto	Region
1971-72	Poul H. Jørgensen Service Through Brotherhood - Tjeneste gennem kammeratskab	Denmark
1978-79	Gotfred Nissen Identity Through Involvement - Identitet gennem Engagement	Denmark
1979-80	Christian Bach Iversen ORA ET LABORA - Pray and Work - Bed og Arbejd	Denmark
1987-88	Kaj Steno Hansen Support One Another - Støt Hinanden	Denmark
1988-89	Lars Gustav Winberg Walk Beside Me And Be My Friend - Gå ved min side og vær min ven	Sweden
1992-93	Arvid Malme Let's Care - Let's Share - La oss verne - la oss dele	Norway
1999-00	Ole Hansen Enthusiasm Makes the Difference- Entusiasme gør forskellen	Denmark
2007-08	Lasse Bergstedt Service Without Borders - Tjeneste uden Grænser	Denmark
2011-12	Finn Pedersen To Dare is to Do - den som intet vover intet vinder	Norway
2013-14	Poul V. Thomsen Go Ye into all the World - Gå ud i alverden	Denmark
2017-18	Henry Grindheim Let Us Walk in the Light - Together - Lad os gå i lyset - sammen	Norway
2020-21	Jacob A. Kristensen Trust in the River of Life - Tro på Livets Vand	Denmark

International Councilmembers (ICM) from Europe

ICM	IVP/AP	Navn	Land	Region
	1955-56/IVP	Nino B. Zaroukas	Grækenland	Europe/Afrika
	1957-58/IVP	Sixten Lagebrant	Sweden	Europe/Afrika
	1958-60/IVP	Knud E. Simonsen	Denmark	Europe/Afrika
	1960-62/IVP	Göran Belin	Sweden	Europe/Afrika
	1962-64/IVP	Johan Qvist	Denmark	Denmark/Norway
	1964-66/IVP	Leif Lindström	Sweden	Denmark/Norway
	1966-68/IVP	Jan De Jong	Holland	Denmark/Norway
	1968-70/IVP	Poul Jørgensen	Denmark	Denmark
	1970-72/IVP	Gunnar Håkonson	Sweden	Sweden
	1972-74/IVP	Gotfred Nissen	Denmark	Denmark
1974-76/ICM		Eigil K. Andersen	Denmark	Denmark
1974-77/ICM		Bent Høyen	Denmark	Denmark
1974-78/ICM	1974-76/IVP	Göran Sendel	Sweden	Sweden
1975-78/ICM	1976-78/IVP	Chr. Bach Iversen	Denmark	Denmark
1976-79/ICM		Einar Høifødt	Norway	Norway
1977-80/ICM		Erik Brink Jensen	Denmark	Denmark
1978-81/ICM	1978-79/IVP	Klaus Dietzel	Tyskland	Central-Syd
1978-82/ICM	1979-81/IVP	Henning Kirkfeldt	Denmark	Denmark
1979-82/ICM		Gunnar Borhaug	Norway	Norway
1980-83/ICM	1981-82/IVP	Thage Salling	Denmark	Denmark
1981-84/ICM	1982-83/AP	Lars-Gustaf Winberg	Sweden	Sweden
1982-85/ICM	1983-84/AP	Kaj Steno Hansen	Denmark	Denmark
1982-85/ICM		Johan Johansen	Norway	Norway
1983-86/ICM	1984-85/AP	Christine Gammals	Finland	Finland
1984-87/ICM	1985-86/AP	Bjarne Holhjem	Norway	Norway

ICM	IVP/AP	Navn	Land	Region
1985-88/ICM	1986-87/AP	Arne Gadeberg	Denmark	Denmark
1985-88/ICM		Torbjörn Sjöqvist	Sweden	Sweden
1986-89/ICM	1987-88/AP	Kaj Kjellström	Sweden	Sweden
1987-90/ICM	1988-89/AP	Asbjørn Sejer Poulsen	Denmark	Denmark
1988-91/ICM	1989-90/AP	Arvid Malme	Norway	Norway
1988-91/ICM		Eeva Hujanen	Finland	Finland
1989-92/ICM	1990-91/AP	Sven Hallervik	Sweden	Sweden
1990-93/ICM	1991-92/AP	Ole Hansen	Denmark	Denmark
1990-93/ICM		Norman H. Cullimore	England	Central-Syd
1991-94/ICM	1992-93/AP	Ib Petersen	Denmark	Denmark
1992-95/ICM	1993-94/AP	Per Kjos	Norway	Norway
1993-96/ICM	1994-95/AP	Ulf Rasmusson	Sweden	Sweden
1993-96/ICM		Esko Vepsä	Finland	Finland
1994-97/ICM	1995-96/AP	Lasse Bergstedt	Denmark	Denmark
1994-97/ICM		Noralv Gabrielsen	Norway	Norway
1995-98/ICM	1996-97/AP	Walther Liestmann	Denmark	Denmark
1996-99/ICM	1997-98/AP	Nils-Erik Svensson	Sweden	Sweden
1997-00/ICM		John Gammals	Finland	Finland/Balticum
1997-00/ICM	1998-99/AP	Poul V. Thomsen	Denmark	Denmark
1998-01/ICM	1999-00/AP	Einar Horneman Ofsti	Norway	Norway
1998-01/ICM		Martin Riis-Jensen	Denmark	Denmark
1999-02/ICM	2000-01/AP	Bengt Callermo	Sweden	Sweden
2000-03/ICM	2001-02/AP	Otto H. Larsen	Denmark	Denmark
2000-03/ICM		Tor Bäckman	Finland	Finland/Balticum
2001-04/ICM	2002-03/AP	Arne Amundsen	Norway	Norway
2001-04/ICM	2003-04/AP	Regnar Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark
2003-05/ICM		Knud Lunderskov	Denmark	Denmark

ICM	IVP/AP	Navn	Land	Region
2003-06/ICM	2004-05/AP	Kristina Rothe	Finland	Finland/Balticum
2004-07/ICM	2005-06/AP	Poul-Henrik Hove Jacobsen	Denmark	Denmark
2004-07/ICM		Aslaug Ravndal Gilje	Norway	Norway
2005-08/ICM	2006-07/AP	Finn A. Pedersen	Norway	Norway
2006-09/ICM		Alan Wallington	England	Central-Syd
2006-09/ICM	2007-08/AP	Anne Marie Hertz-Jensen	Denmark	Denmark
2007-10/ICM	2008-09/AP	Peter Villadsen	Denmark	Denmark
2007-10/ICM	2009-10/AP	Jacob Kristensen	Denmark	Denmark
2009-12/ICM		Elfie Musil	Tyskland	Central-Syd
2009-12/ICM	2010-11/AP	Marit Torp	Norway	Norway
2010-12/ICM		Erik Breum	Denmark	Denmark
2010-13/ICM	2011-12/AP	Paul Erik Didriksen	Denmark	Denmark
2011-14/ICM	2012-13/AP	Olga Vozchikova	Rusland	Rusland
2012-15/ICM	2013-14/AP	Henry Johannes Grindheim	Norway	Norway
2013-15/ICM	2014-15/AP	Carl Hertz-Jensen	Denmark	Denmark
2013-15/ICM		Karsten Mumm	Denmark	Denmark
2014-16/ICM	2015-16/AP	Ineta Krumina	Letland	Finland/Balticum
2015-17/ICM		Christina-Maria Dehelean	Rumænien	Denmark
		Radacina (Ungdomsrep. ICM)		
2015-17/ICM	2016-17/AP	Knud Hougaard Klausen	Denmark	Denmark
2016-18/ICM	2017-18/AP	Svein Håvåg	Norway	Norway
2017-19/ICM	2018-19/AP	Poul Henning Løwendahl	Denmark	Denmark
2018-20/ICM	2019-20/AP	Ulrik Lauridsen	Denmark	Denmark
2018-20/ICM		Svein Rødset	Norway	Norway
2019-21/ICM	2020-21/AP	Bjarne Sønderskov	Denmark	Denmark
2020-22/ICM	2021-22/AP	Bjørn Ave Bentsen	Norway	Norway
2021-23/ICM	2022-23/AP	Villy Mølgaard	Denmark	Denmark

International Vice president (IVP) changed to Area president (AP) in 1982

Leaders and conferences in Europe/Denmark

Year	Name	Land	Region	Conferences*	Date
1932-34	Sydney Smith	England	Europe		
1934-35	John Appel	Czechoslovakia	Europe	Kromeriz, Czechoslovakia	1937
1935-37	Stanislaw Snieszko	Polen	Europe/Afrika		
1937-39	Mirko Feyrer	Czechoslovakia	Europe/Afrika	Norrköping, Sweden	21-22/5 1955
1939-40	Stanislaw Snieszko	Polen	Europe/Afrika	Sundby, København, DK	28-29/4 1956
1946-48	Mirko Feyrer	Czechoslovakia	Europe/Afrika	Torino, Italien - aflyst	1957
1949-50	Ivo Moravcik	Czechoslovakia	Europe/Afrika	Göteborg, Sweden	03-04/5 1958
1951-52	Ejnar Davidsen	Denmark	Europe/Afrika	Århus, DK	30-31/5 1959
1952-54	Niels Vase-Jensen	Denmark	Europe/Afrika	Oslo, Norway	13-14/5 1961
1954-56	Sixten Lagebrant	Sweden	Europe/Afrika	Hamburg, Tyskland	24-26/5 1963
1956-58	Knud E. Simonsen	Denmark	Europe/Afrika	Amsterdam**	28-30/5 1965
1958-60	Göran Belin	Sweden	Europe/Afrika		
1960-62	Johan Qvist	Denmark	Europe/Afrika	Aalborg	11-12/9 1965
1962-64	Åge Holter	Norway	Europe/Afrika	Larvig, Norway	03-04/9 1966
1964-65	Elias Lauritsen	Denmark	Denmark/Norway	Malmö***	05-07/5 1967
1965-66	Bent Andersen	Denmark	Denmark/Norway	Esbjerg	10-12/5 1968
1966-67	Ejnar Bøe	Norway	Denmark/Norway	Nyborg	17-18/5 1969
1967-69	Kaj Lindhardt	Denmark	Denmark/Norway	København + Internat.Conv.	25/7 1970
1969-71	Eigil K. Andersen	Denmark	Denmark	Vejle	14-16/5 1971
1971-73	Aage D. Jørgensen	Denmark	Denmark	Aalborg	03-04/6 1972
1973-74	Bent Høyen	Denmark	Denmark	Sønderborg	01-03/6 1973
1974-75	Chr. Bach Iversen	Denmark	Denmark	Herning	08-09/6 1974
1975-76	Niels N. Larsen	Denmark	Denmark	Slagelse	31/5-01/6 1975
1976-77	Thage Salling	Denmark	Denmark	Aarhus	29-30/5 1976
1977-78	Henning Kirkfeldt	Denmark	Denmark	Varde	11-13/6 1977

Year	Name	Land	Region	Conferences*	Date
1978-79	Arne Gadeberg	Denmark	Denmark	Svendborg	10-11/6 1978
1979-80	Kaj Steno Hansen	Denmark	Denmark	Vejle + Area Conf.	16-17/6 1979
1980-81	Aage K. Drastrup	Denmark	Denmark	Rødding	14-15/6 1980
1981-82	Erik Breum	Denmark	Denmark	Holstebro	12-14/6 1981
1982-83	Ole Hansen	Denmark	Denmark	Nakskov	11-13/6 1982
1983-84	Svend Nørlund	Denmark	Denmark	Hjørring	11-12/6 1983
1984-85	Hans Adolf Muff	Denmark	Denmark	Silkeborg	16-17/6 1984
1985-86	Erik Kristensen	Denmark	Denmark	Aabenraa	15-16/6 1985
1986-87	Johannes S. Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark	Aarhus + Internat.Conv.	24/7 1986
1987-88	Peter Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark	Aalborg	13-14/6 1987
1988-89	Ib Petersen	Denmark	Denmark	København	11-12/6 1988
1989-90	Edvard Pedersen	Denmark	Denmark	Fredericia + Area Conf.	09/7 1989
1990-91	Lasse Bergstedt	Denmark	Denmark	Aars	16-17/6 1990
1991-92	Knud Lunderskov	Denmark	Denmark	Hedensted	14-16/6 1991
1992-93	Walther Liestmann	Denmark	Denmark	Grenå	12-14/6 1992
1993-94	Sven Borregaard	Denmark	Denmark	Skjern	12-13/6 1993
1994-95	Martin Riis-Jensen	Denmark	Denmark	Vildbjerg	11-12/6 1994
1995-96	Tonny Christiansen	Denmark	Denmark	Randers	10-11/6 1995
1996-97	Poul V. Thomsen	Denmark	Denmark	Esbjerg	15-16/6 1996
1997-98	Keld M. Pedersen	Denmark	Denmark	Aalborg	14-15/6 1997
1998-99	Karl G. Pedersen	Denmark	Denmark	Kolding	13-14/6 1998
1999-00	Poul Henning Løwendahl	Denmark	Denmark	Herning + Area Conf.	02-04/7 1999
2000-01	Gustav Holdgaard	Denmark	Denmark	Haslev	17-18/6 2000
2001-02	Kaj Kühne	Denmark	Denmark	Silkeborg	09-10/6 2001
2002-03	Anne Marie Hertz-Jensen	Denmark	Denmark	Nykøbing Mors	08-09/6 2002
2003-04	Arne Braüner	Denmark	Denmark	Vejle	21-22/6 2003
2004-05	Jacob Kristensen	Denmark	Denmark	Struer	12-13/6 2004

Year	Name	Land	Region	Conferences*	Date
2005-06	Gunnar Carlsen	Denmark	Denmark	Haderslev	11-12/6 2005
2006-07	Roger Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark	Aarhus	10-11/6 2006
2007-08	Vagn B. Andersen	Denmark	Denmark	Thisted	16-17/6 2007
2008-09	Paul Erik Didriksen	Denmark	Denmark	Herning + Internat.Conf.	03/8 2008
2009-10	Knud Erik Lykke	Denmark	Denmark	Aars	19-21/6 2009
2010-11	Bent Jensen	Denmark	Denmark	Slagelse	18-20/6 2010
2011-12	Sand Kirk Larsen	Denmark	Denmark	Skjern + Area Conf.	17-19/6 2011
2012-13	Arne Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark	Frederikshavn	16-17/6 2012
2013-14	Bjarne Sønderskov	Denmark	Denmark	Grenå	15-16/6 2013
2014-15	Knud H. Klausen	Denmark	Denmark	Grindsted	14-15/6 2014
2015-16	Steen Christiansen	Denmark	Denmark	Horsens	13-14/6 2015
2016-17	Jens Nielsen	Denmark	Denmark	Sønderborg	18-19/6 2016
2017-18	Kristen Grysbæk	Denmark	Denmark	Holstebro	23-25/6 2017
2018-19	Birthe K. Sørensen	Denmark	Denmark	Vejle	23-24/6 2018
2019-20	Bjarne Hyldgaard	Denmark	Denmark	Silkeborg	15/6 2019
2020-21	Arne Holm Hansen	Denmark	Denmark	Vingsted****	15/8 2020
2021-22	Jens Byskov	Denmark	Denmark	Struer****	07/8 2021
2022-23	Erling Birkbak	Denmark	Denmark	Aalborg	18-19/6 2022

*Region conferences

**Europe conference for the new Regions (3-regional)
- Amsterdam, NL

***Europe conference. Malme, Sweden (3-regional)

****Only held general assembling due to Covid 19

1/9 1932 the Europe Region is formed.

1/9 1936 the Europe / Africa Region is formed.

1949 sections are created.

1/9 1964 Region Denmark / Norway, Region Sweden / Finland and Region Central / Southern Europe are formed.

1/4 1969 Region Denmark and Region Norway are formed. 1970 The Africa Region is formed.

1/7 1980 The Region of Sweden and the Region of Finland are formed.

1/7 1998 The Finland / Baltic Region is formed

1/7 2003 Region Russia is formed.

1/7 2017 Region Sweden becomes a district in Region Norway.

Region Denmark - Motto

1946-48	Mirko Feyrer	
1949-50	Ivo Moravcik	
1951-52	Ejnar Davidsen	
1952-54	Niels Vase-Jensen	
1954-56	Sixten Lagebrant	
1956-58	Knud E. Simonsen	
1958-60	Göran Belin	
1960-62	Johan Qvist	
1962-64	Åge Holter	
1964-65	Elias Lauritsen	
1965-66	Bent Andersen	
1966-67	Ejnar Bøe	
1967-69	Kaj Lindhardt	Vidsyn og Tolerance
1969-71	Eigil K. Andersen	Bro og Front
1971-73	Aage Dan Jørgensen	
1973-74	Bent Høyen	
1974-75	Chr. Bach Iversen	T-jeneste - R-espekt og O-msorg
1975-76	Niels Nedergaard Larsen	
1976-77	Thage Salling	
1977-78	Henning Kirkfeldt	Ydmygt Ydende det Ypperste
1978-79	Arne Gadeberg	Ske Din Vilje
1979-80	Kaj Steno Hansen	Ora et labora - Bed og Arbejd
1980-81	Aage K. Drastrup	Kristus Befrier til Tjeneste
1981-82	Erik Breum	Elsk din næste som dig selv
1982-83	Ole Hansen	Kammeratskab - Udsyn - Tjeneste
1983-84	Svend Nørlund	Byg Bro i Hverdags Virke

1984-85	Hans Adolf Muff	I Gensidig Respekt og Hengivenhed
1985-86	Erik Kristensen	Lad dit lys skinne...
1986-87	Johannes Strunge Nielsen	I Kristen Næstekærlighed
1987-88	Peter Nielsen	At vedkende sig den pligt der følger med enhver ret
1988-89	Ib Petersen	
1989-90	Edvard Pedersen	...med hæderligt virke at fylde min dag
1990-91	Lasse Bergstedt	Livet Bliver Til, Hvor Det Gror
1991-92	Knud Lunderskov	Hver dag er en sjælden gave - en skinnende mulighed
1992-93	Walther Liestmann	at gøre gavn som Gud det vil på allerbedste måde
1993-94	Sven Borregaard	Vi er Verdens Lys og Jordens Salt
1994-95	Martin Riis-Jensen	- ufortrødent gøre indsats -
1995-96	Tonny Christiansen	- Byg bro - byg tro
1996-97	Poul V. Thomsen	Gå ud i alverden ..!
1997-98	Keld Møller Pedersen	Fællesskab Giver Styrke
1998-99	Karl Georg Pedersen	“At hjælpe og værne om den, som er svag”
1999-00	Poul Henning Løwendahl	- forskellen er styrken, men enighed gør stærk
2000-01	Gustav Holdgaard	- aktiv tjeneste - på tværs af grænser
2001-02	Kaj Kühne	I Fællesskab til Tjeneste
2002-03	Anne Marie Hertz-Jensen	Del med andre
2003-04	Arne Braüner	Som Y's Men kan vi være med til at tænde lys for andre
2004-05	Jacob Kristensen	Tør Lidt mere, og Du vil få Godt Gods i Din Livsbagage
2005-06	Gunnar Carlsen	“Vær ordets gørere”
2006-07	Roger Nielsen	Lad glæden blomstre og fællesskabet fylde
2007-08	Vagn Borregaard Andersen	Formålet er samarbejde.. I ord og handling!
2008-09	Paul Erik Didriksen	Kirken og de unge- Y's Men menighed i arbejde
2009-10	Knud Erik Lykke	Livet er fuld af muligheder - Brug dem meningsfyldt
2010-11	Bent Jensen	Y's Men som tjenesteklub
2011-12	Sand Kirk Larsen	Vis Diakoni og Empati

2012-13	Arne Nielsen	Vis: ansvar, respekt og omsorg
2013-14	Bjarne Sønderskov	Livsglæde gennem udvikling i Y'SDOM
2014-15	Knud Hougaard Klausen	- det handler om mennesker -
2015-16	Steen Christiansen	Samarbejde giver fællesskab og udvikling
2016-17	Jens Nielsen	ENGAGEMENT - gør det frivilligt, medmenneskeligt og gør det nu
2017-18	Kristen Grysbæk	Tanken bag, at tjene, at handle, at inspirere
2018-19	Birthe Kragh Sørensen	I harmoni Sammen
2019-20	Bjarne Hyldgaard	Mit medmenneske. Min udfordring, min opgave, mit ansvar
2020-21	Arne Holm-Hansen	Gør dit bedste, gør din indsats for en bedre verden
2021-22	Jens Byskov	DEL: Viden, Kunnen, Erfaringer, Oplevelser, Omsorg, - Del ud!



Region- and Sektion names for Europe and Region Denmark

Region Europe	1/9 1932 - 31/8 1936
Region Europe/Africa	1/9 1936 - 31/8 1964
Region Denmark/Norway	1/9 1964 - 01/4 1969
Region Denmark	1/4 1969 - 31/8 1969
Region Denmark	1/9 1969 - 30/6 1974
Sektion Denmark/Norway	1/9 1960 - 31/8 1964
Sektion Denmark	1/9 1964 - 31/8 1969
Sektion I og II	1/9 1972 - 30/6 1974
Sektion Nord, Syd og Øst	1/7 1974 - 30/6 1977
Sektion Nord, Midt, Syd og Øst	1/7 1977 - 30/6 1984
Sektion Nord I, Nord II, Midt, Syd og Øst	1/7 1984 - 30/6 2017

District designations for Region Denmark since 1947

District	Section	Time	District	Section	Time
Denmark		1954-1958	Vestjylland	Midt	1975-1993
Denmark/Norway		1958-1960	Midtvest	Midt	1993-2018
Norway		1960-1965	Vest	Midt	1993-2018
Nord		1960-1964	Midt og Vest	*	2018-
Central		1960-1964	Grænselandet	Syd 1	969-
Syd		1960-1964	Skamlingsbanken	Syd	1975-2005
Nordvestjylland		1964-1978	Sydvestjylland	Syd	1975-2005
Fyn-Trekanten		1964-1969	Sydjylland	Syd	2005-
Sydjylland		1964-1975	Nordsjælland	Øst	1976-
Sjælland		1964-1967	Trelleborg	Øst	1980-1995
Sjælland/Lolland-Falster		1967-1976	Storstrømmen	Øst	1980-1995
Sydvestsjælland/LollandFalster		1976-1980	Trelleborg/Storstrømmen	Øst	1995-
Nordjylland	Nord I	1964-	District Lillebælt and District Sydjylland was in 2014 clint together under the name "Distrikt Sydjylland". District Midt and District Midtvest was in 2018 clint together under the name "Distrikt Midt og Vest" *Sektioner were closed at 1/7-2017		
Limfjord	Nord I	1978-			
Nordøstjylland	Nord I	1982-2000			
Aggersund	Nord I	1985-2000			
Himmerland	Nord I	2000-			
Randers Djursland	Nord I	2000-			
Østjylland	Nord II	1964-			
Midtjylland	Nord II	1969-			
Storå	Nord II	1978-			
Fyn	Midt	1967-			
Sydøstjylland	Midt	1969-			
Lillebælt	Midt	1975-2014			

Foreigen districts under Region Denmark

Danube	Poul V. Thomsen International Extension	Region Denmark	1995-2002
District	Districts Guvernor	Club	
Danube/Hungary	Anna Angeloà	Karpaty-Slovakiet	2002-2005
	Juraj Chrenka	Karpaty-Slovakiet	2005-2007
	Miroslav Halmo	Nitra-Slovakiet	2007-2009
	Katalin Barath	Savaria-Ungarn	2009-2011
	Lubomir Griac	Karpaty-Slovakiet	2011-2013
	Alenka Vargae Vargaestokkovée	Martin-Slovakiet	2013-2015 Miroslav
	Halmo	Nitra-Slovakiet	2015-2018
	Miroslav Halmo	Nitra-Slovakiet	2018-2019
	Katalin Barath	Savaria-Ungarn	2019-2020 Katalin
	Barath	Savaria-Ungarn	2020-2021
	Zsuzsanna Éliás	Szombathely-Ungarn	2021-2022
	Zsuzsanna Éliás	Szombathely-Ungarn	2022-2023
Slovakia	Anna Rasiova	Liptovsky-Slovakiet	2020-2021
	Anna Rasiova	Liptovsky-Slovakiet	2021-2022 Lubomir
	Griac	Karpaty-Slovakiet	2022-2023
Transylvania/Romania	Maria Stanciu	Medias-Rumænien	2007-2009
	Ioana Felicia Novac	Cluj-Rumænien	2009-2010
	Benone Mehedin Dumitru	Sighisoara-Rumænien	2010-2012
	Gabriel Balas-Baconschi	Cluj-Rumænien	2012-2014
	Christina-Maria	Bistrita-Rumænien	2014-2016
	Dehelean-Radacina		

District	Districts Governor	Club	
Bulgarien	Daniela Ciucan	Christian of Sighisoara	2016-2018
	Dan Carpov	Baia Mare-Rumænien	2019-202
	Lamiita Stamate	Brasov-Rumænien	2020-2021
	Lamiita Stamate	Brasov-Rumænien	2021-2022
	Nicolae Pascaru	Chisinau-Moldova	2022-2023
	Tatiana Vancheva	Plovdiv-Bulgarien	2012-2014
	Plamena Markova	Sofia-Bulgarien	2014-2016
	Ivan Pavlov	Sofia Central-Bulgarien	2016-2017
	Stoicho Sechanov	Plovdiv-Bulgarien	2017-2018
	Stoyan Kroumov Stoizov	Sofia-Bulgarien	2018-2019
	Dimiter Mihaylovich Tomov	Sofia Central-Bulgarien	2020-2021
	Dimiter Mihaylovich Tomov	Sofia Central-Bulgarien	2021-2022
	Ivan Pavlov	Sofia-East-Bulgarien	2022-2023

The districts have changed to Hungary - Slovakia - Romania - Bulgaria 01.07.2019. District Kosovo / Albania is expected to be established on 01.07.2022

	Club name	Charter	Closed	Section*	District	Mother club
1	Aalborghus	03-06 1947		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Pragh, Tjekket
2	Århus, Sct. Clemens	14-02-1953		Nord 2	Østjylland	Aalborghus
3	Horsens	28-05 1955		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
4	København	08-09 1955		Øst	Nordsjælland	Århus Sct. Clemens
5	Nykøbing Mors	08-03 1958		Nord 1	Limfjord	Aalborghus
6	Kolding 1	09-03 1958		Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Århus Sct. Clemens
7	Randers 1	01-04 1958	1962	Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
8	Struer	21-02 1959		Nord 1	Limfjord	Aalborghus
9	Fredericia 1	14-03 1959	1987	Midt	Lillebælt	Århus Sct. Clemens
10	Silkeborg, Senior ****	04-04 1959		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
11	Esbjerg	18-04 1959		Syd	Sydvestjylland	Kolding 1
12	Herning	22-08 1959		Nord 2	Storå	Aalborghus
13	Frederikshavn 1	03-04 1960	1975	Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
14	Odense, Klosterbakken	14-05 1960	1971	Midt	Fyn	Kolding 1
15	Skagen	28-05 1960	2019	Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
16	Aabenraa	27-08 1960		Syd	Grænselandet	Kolding 1
17	Vejle 1, Senior ****	18-03 1961		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Horsens
18	Roskilde YM and WC ***	01-09 1962		Øst	Nordsjælland	Århus Sct. Clemens
19	Esbjerg 2	11-03 1963	1964	Syd	Sydvestjylland	Esbjerg
20	Sønderborg	18-05 1963		Syd	Grænselandet	Aabenraa
21	Hjørring	02-11 1963		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
22	Randers	16-11 1963		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens 23
	Grindsted	29-02 1964		Midt	Vestjylland	Vejle 1
24	Kalundborg	22-03 1964		Øst	Trelleborg	Fredericia 1
25	Århus, Marselisborg	25-04 1964		Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens

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26 Svendborg	02-05 1964		Midt	Fyn	Odense Klosterbakken
27 Holstebro	09-05 1964		Nord 2	Storå	Herning
28 Haderslev	01-05 1965		Syd	Grænselandet	Fredericia 1
29 Aalborg II, Y-klubben	21-08 1965	2017	Nord 1	Aggersund	Aalborghus
30 Kjellerup	02-10 1965		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Silkeborg
31 Vamdrup	16-10 1965	2012	Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Kolding 1
32 Odense, Fredens sogn	06-11 1965	1987	Midt	Fyn	Kolding 1
33 Tønder	12-03 1966	2009	Syd	Grænselandet	Aabenraa
34 Fredericia, Landsoldaten	26-03 1966	2020	Midt	Lillebælt	Fredericia 1
35 Hedensted	14-05 1966		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Vejle 1
36 Viborg	11-06 1966		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Herning
37 Grenå	08-04 1967		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	København
38 Bjerringbro	20-05 1967		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Silkeborg
39 Haslev	03-06 1967		Øst	Storstrømmen	Roskilde
40 Aars	26-08 1967		Nord 1	Aggersund	Aalborghus
41 Thisted	28-10 1967		Nord 1	Limfjord	Nykøbing Mors
42 Middelfart	25-11 1967		Midt	Fyn	Fredericia 1
43 Vejle II	25-05 1968		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Vejle I
44 Slesvig	22-06 1968	1999	Syd	Grænselandet	Aabenraa+Haderslev
45 Vejen	28-09 1968	2012	Syd	Sydvestjylland	Grindsted
46 Slagelse	07-12 1968		Øst	Trelleborg	Roskilde
47 Hillerød	26-04 1969		Øst	Nordsjælland	København
48 Nakskov	07-06 1969	2001	Øst	Storstrømmen	Kalundborg
49 Lunderskov	22-11 1969		Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Vamdrup
50 Koldinghus	18-04 1970		Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Kolding I
51 Varde	02-05 1970		Syd	Sydvestjylland	Esbjerg
52 Flensborg	01-08 1970		Syd	Grænselandet	Haderslev+Slesvig

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53 Trekanten (Børkop)	28-08 1971	2008	Midt	Lillebælt	Fredericia 1
54 Skjern	09-10 1971		Midt	Vestjylland	Grindsted
55 Århus, Frederiksbjerg	13-05 1972	2021	Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
56 Hobro	30-09 1972		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Randers
57 Frøs Herred (Rødding)	21-10 1972		Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Vamdrup
58 Billund	05-05 1973		Midt	Vestjylland	Grindsted
59 Vejle, Vadestedet	12-05 1973		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Vejle I
60 Nr. Rangstrup	27-10 1973		Syd	Grænselandet	Aabenraa
61 Frederikssund	27-04 1974	2019	Øst	Nordsjælland	Hillerød
62 Lillebælt (Fredericia)	18-05 1974		Midt	Lillebælt	Fredericia 1
63 Skovbo (Borup)	25-05 1974		Øst	Trelleborg	Dist.Sjæl/Loll.Fal.
64 Holsted (Gørding)	31-08 1974		Syd	Sydvestjylland	Vejen
65 Ikast	28-09 1974		Nord 2	Storå	Herning
66 Vordingborg	26-10 1974	1989	Øst	Storstrømmen	Slagelse
67 Sydthy	02-11 1974		Nord 1	Limfjord	Thisted+Nykøbing M
68 Skive	23-11 1974		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Viborg
69 Harderne, Holstebro	22-03 1975		Nord 2	Storå	Holstebro
70 Alderslyst, Silkeborg	03-05 1975		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Silkeborg
71 Christiansfeld	10-05 1975	1999	Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Lunderskov
72 Skanderborg	07-06 1975		Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Marselisborg
73 Odense	30-10 1976		Midt	Fyn	Odense Fredens Sogn
74 Frederik d. III Fredericia	19-02 1977		Midt	Lillebælt	Fredericia 1 +Landsoldaten
75 Aulum	20-02 1977		Nord 2	Storå	Holstebro Harderne
76 Han Herred (Brovst)	26-03 1977	2021	Nord 1	Aggersund	Aars
77 Odder	30-04 1977		Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
78 Alssund	05-11 1977		Syd	Grænselandet	Sønderborg

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79 Aalborg III	20-05 1978		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
80 Brande	27-05 1978		Midt	Vestjylland	Grindsted
81 Næstved	23-09 1978		Øst	Storstrømmen	Haslev
82 Ringkøbing	30-09 1978		Midt	Vestjylland	Skjern
83 Aaskov (Kibæk)	24-03 1979		Nord 2	Storå	Aulum
84 Give	27-10 1979		Midt	Vestjylland	Billund
85 Brædstrup	10-05 1980		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Silkeborg
86 Holbæk	27-09 1980		Øst	Trelleborg	Kalundborg
87 Frederikshavn	15-11 1980		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
88 Kronjylland, Randers	22-11 1980		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Randers
89 Erritsø, Fredericia	21-03-1981		Midt	Lillebælt	Fredericia 1 +Landsoldaten
90 Århus, Aros	02-05 1981	1992	Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Sct. Clemens
91 Østhimmerland	23-05 1981		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Hobro
92 Sdr. Bjert	24-05 1981		Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Kolding I
93 Vestfyn, Haarby	30-05 1981		Midt	Fyn	Svendborg
94 Højderyggen, Nr.Snedevang/ Ejstrupholm	26-09 1981		Midt	Vestjylland	Give
95 Lemvig	07-11 1981		Nord 1	Limfjord	Struer
96 Århus, Nordstjernen	22-11 1981		Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Marselisborg
97 Nord-Als	01-05 1982	2021	Syd	Grænselandet	Sønderborg+Alssund
98 Hvide Sande	14-05 1982		Midt	Vestjylland	Ringkøbing
99 Bramming	05-06 1982	1999	Syd	Sydvestjylland	Vejen
100 Trehøje (Vildbjerg)	18-09 1982		Nord 2	Storå	Aulum
101 Løgstør	06-11 1982	2021	Nord 1	Aggersund	Aars
102 Birkerød	29-01 1983		Øst	Nordsjælland	Hillerød
103 Rønne	20-08 1983		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Grenå
104 Ringsted	11-02 1984	2021	Øst	Trelleborg	Skovbo

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105 Kimbrerne, Aars	10-03 1984		Nord 1	Aggersund	Aars
106 Nibe	07-04 1984		Nord 1	Aggersund	Aars
107 Fjends/Stoholm	27-10 1984	2013	Nord 2	Midtjylland	Skive
108 Gentofte	16-03 1985	1992	Øst	Nordsjælland	København
109 Rougsø - Sønderhald	28-09 1985		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Grenå
110 Løgumkloster	31-05 1986		Syd	Grænselandet	Nr. Rangstrup
111 Tornved	15-11 1986		Øst	Trelleborg	Holbæk
112 Juelsmindeegnen	28-10 1989		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Vadestedet, Vejle
113 Vamdrup, Kongeåen	24-02 1990	1999	Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Vamdrup
114 Hammer (Vodskov)	28-04 1990		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborg III
115 Tingstaden (Viborg)	08-09 1990		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Viborg
116 Århus, Sirius	31-08 1991	2019	Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Nordstjernen
117 Ansager	14-09 1991		Midt	Vestjylland	Grindsted
118 Hobro Club II	28-09 1991		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Hobro
119 Sæby	02-11 1991		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Frederikshavn
120 Vinderup	18-01 1992		Nord 1	Limfjord	Struer
121 Hatting	04-04 1992		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Horsens
122 Halsnæs (Hundested)	02-05 1992		Øst	Nordsjælland	Frederikssund
123 Gudenåen, Tørring-Uldum	14-11 1992		Midt	Midtvest	Højderyggen
124 Frijsenborg	21-11 1992	2021	Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Marselisborg
125 Skjern Å	30-10 1993		Midt	Vestjylland	Skjern
126 Odin (Odense)	20-11 1993		Midt	Fyn	Odense
127 Sunds	05-02 1994		Nord 2	Storå	Herning
128 Valby**	01-10 1994	2020	Øst	Nordsjælland	København
129 Dalby, Kolding	05-11 1994	2012	Syd	Skamlingsbanken	Kolding I
130 Ådalen, Egtved	19-11 1994	2014	Midt	Midtvest	Billund
131 Balle	29-04 1995		Nord 2	Midtjylland	Silkeborg+Alderslyst

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132 Midtdjurs	28-09 1996	2015	Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Grenå
133 Fonnesbæk (Ikast)	16-11 1996		Nord 2	Storå	Ikast
134 Århus, Moesgaard	23-11 1996	2009	Nord 2	Østjylland	Århus Marselisborg
135 Sindal-Bindslev	01-02 1997		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Frederikshavn
136 Randers, Niels Ebbesen	01-03 1997		Nord 1	Nordøstjylland	Randers
137 Hedens YMC, Herning	24-05 1997		Nord 2	Storå	Herning
138 Sorø-Dianalund	15-11 1997		Øst	Trelleborg/Storstr.	Holbæk
139 Vesterbro, København**	31-01 1998	2020	Øst	Nordsjælland	København
140 Aalborg Budolfi	28-03 1999		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Aalborghus
141 Grindsted Club 2000	22-01 2000	2016	Midt	Vestjylland	Grindsted
142 Århus Sct. Clemens senior	06-05 2000	2017	Nord 2	Østjylland	Aalborghus
143 Sundeved	25-11 2000		Syd	Grænselandet	Sønderborg+Alssund
144 Stevns	24-03 2001	2019	Øst	Trelleborg/Storstr.	Haslev
145 Nordthy (Thisted)	28-04 2001		Nord 1	Limfjord	Thisted
146 Støvring	10-05 2003		Nord 1	Himmerland	Østhimmerland
147 Odsherred	08-11 2003	2019	Øst	Trelleborg/Storstr.	Region DK
148 Videbæk	21-02 2004		Midt	Vest	Ringkøbing + Skjern Å
149 Aabybro	15-05 2004		Nord 1	Himmerland	Han Herred
150 Østvendssyssel	06-11 2004		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Sæby
151 Vejle Trekanten	21-04 2007		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Vejle 2
152 Holbæk Fjord	09-06 2007		Øst	Trelleborg/Storstr.	Næstved
153 Kilen, Struer	02-02 2008		Nord 1	Limfjord	Struer
154 Præstbjerg	15-11 2008		Nord 2	Storå	Trehøje
155 Fladstrand	03-10 2009		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Frederikshavn
156 Uldjyderne, Herning	28-05 2011	2015	Nord 2	Storå	Herning
157 Ikastegnens YMC	03-03 2012		Nord 2	Storå	Ikast+Fonnesbæk
158 Vendelbo, Hjørring	06-10 2012		Nord 1	Nordjylland	Hjørring Y's Men

Club Name	Charter	Closed	Section*	District	Mother club
159 Limfjord, Nykøbing M	17-11 2012		Nord 1	Limfjord	Nykøbing Mors
160 Midtfyns YMC, Ringe	26-10 2013		Midt	Fyn	Odin, Odense
161 Tørning Len, Vojens	05-04 2014		Syd	Grænselandet	Haderslev
162 Sct.Jørgens YMC, Holsteb.	12-04 2014		Nord 2	Storå	Harderne, Holstebro
163 Lundenæs YMC, Skjern	13-09 2014		Midt	Vest	Skjern Å
164 Vildbjerg	08-10 2016		Nord 2	Storå	Trehøje
165 Vitus Bering, Horsens	21-01 2017		Midt	Sydøstjylland	Hatting
166 Vesthimmerlands YMC	17-11 2018			Himmerland	Kimbrerne + Års
167 Hovedstadens YMC**	01-07 2020			Nordsjælland	København
168 Aalborg Y's Women's C.	04-09 2021			Nordjylland	Aalborghus

* The sections were closed down by the new structure in 2017

** Valby + Vesterbro merged in 2020 and changed its name to Hovedstadens Y's Men's Club

*** Roskilde YMC and Roskilde Y's Menetter merged in 2012 and changed their name to Roskilde Y's Men and Women's Club

**** Vejle 1 and Silkeborg have been transformed into senior clubs in 2015 and 2021, respectively

The districts Midwest and West were merged in 2018 and are now called "district Mid and West"

Clubs in foreign countries under Region Denmark

Clubname	Charter	Closed	Sektion/Distrikt	Motherclub
Jedrzejow 1, Polen	13-10 1993	1988	Danube	Kjellerup
Jedrzejow 2, Polen	13-10 1993	2017	Danube	Hobro 2
Kielce, Polen	26-05 1995	2001	Danube	Herning
Olkusz, Polen	27-05 1995	2001	Danube	Bjerringbro
Stalowa Wola, Polen	17-10 1993	2017	Danube	
Warszawa Serce, Polen	15-10 1995	2014	Danube	Jönköping
Gdynia, Polen	01-06 2013		Hungary	Aulum
Bratislava, Slovakiet	16-10 1995	2008	Danube	Århus Sct. Clemens
Karpaty Bratislava, Slovakiet	15-10 2000		Danube/Slovakia	Århus Sct. Clemens
Martin, Slovakiet	14-10 2001		Danube/Slovakia	Kjellerup
Nitra, Slovakiet	19-10 2001		Danube/Slovakia	Aars
Zillina, Slovakiet	18-10 2002		Danube/Slovakia	Kimbrerne
Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakiet	10-04 2015		Danube/Slovakia	Sorø-Dianalund Vrable,
Slovakiet	11-05 2015	2018	Danube/Slovakia	Nitra
Nesvady, Slovakiet	04-12 2021		Slovakia	Liptovsky Mikulas
Szombathely, Ungarn	09-05 1997		Danube/Hungary	Koldinghus
Savaria, Ungarn	24-05 2001		Danube/Hungary	Harderne Kemenesalja,
Ungarn	15-10 2011		Danube/Hungary	Savaria
Bekescaba, Ungarn	08-06 2013	2019	Danube	Savaria Bucharest, Rumænien
	28-11 1998	2004	Transylvania	Nørre Rangstrup Medias,
Rumænien	30-06 2000		Transylv/Romania	Næstved, +
				Kalundborg, Tornved Cluj,
Rumænien	26-06 2004	2018	Transylvania	Medias
Sighisoara, Rumænien	08-07 2005		Transylv/Romania	Løgstør
Brasov, Rumænien	01-09 2005		Transylv/Romania	Cluj
Bistrita, Rumænien	22-09 2007		Transylv/Romania	Cluj

Clubname	Charter	Closed	Sektion/Distrikt	Motherclub
Christ. Sighisoara, Rumænien	05-10 2008	2018	Transylv/Romania	Vejle 2
Baia Mare, Rumænien	03-11 2012		Transylv/Romania	Bistrita
Floresti, Rumænien	11-05 2013		Transylv/Romania	Brasov
Gura Humorului, Rumænien	18-04 2015		Transylv/Romania	Bistrita
Gilau, Rumænien	17-10 2015		Transylv/Romania	Cluj
Chisinau, Moldova	19-05 2017	2017	Romania	Kjellerup
Criuleni, Moldova	20-11 2021		Romania	Chisinau
Orhei, Moldova	20-11 2021		Romania	Aalborg 3
Sofia, Bulgarien	07-04 2002		Bulgarien	Gudenåen
Plovdiv, Bulgarien	05-04 2003		Bulgarien	Randers
Constanta, Rumænien	29-10 2011	2017	Bulgarien	Plovdiv
Sofia Central, Bulgarien	28-04 2012		Bulgarien	Sofia
Sofia-East, Bulgarien	24-09 2017		Bulgarien	Hammer
Tirana, Albanien	06-11 2021		Bulgarien	Gjakova
Gjakova, Kosovo	14-10 2017		Bulgarien	Harderne

Zaporozhye, Ukraine - under Region Denmark from 2016. Moved to Region Russia in 2019

The district of Danube is divided into Slovakia, Hungary, Danube.

Transylvania has changed its name to Romania on 01.07.2019

The districts have changed to Hungary - Slovakia - Romania - Bulgaria 01.07.2019

District Kosovo / Albania is expected to be established on 01.07.2022

Y's Menette Clubs in Denmark

Club	Chartret	Closed
Århus Y's Menette Club	19-02 1955	1971
Aalborghus Y's Menette Club	08-09 1955	2021
Sundby (København) Y's Menette Club	1957	1965
Kolding Y's Menette Club	1958	1970
Odense Y's Menette Club	1964	1970
Kalundborg Y's Menette Club	11-06 1966	2021
Frederica Y's Menette Club	02-11 1966	2020
Roskilde Y's Menette Club	30-08 1969	2012
Aalborg Y-klubs Y's Menette Club	06-02 1971	2008
Grenå Y's Menette Club	14-05 1977	2021
Bjerringbro Y's Menette Club	17-10 1981	
Lemvig Y's Menette Club	23-05 1987	
Alderslyst Y's Menette Club	23-03 1991	2019
Sydthy Menette Club	01-04 1995	2014
Sunds Y's Menette Club	31-10 009	

Area Y's Menette service directors from Denmark

	Name	Club
1991 - 1995	Gurli Holm	Aalborghus
1995 - 1997	Ingrid Bek Andersen	Lemvig
1997 - 1998	Annie Hansen	Roskilde
1997 - 2000	Tove Thorst	Roskilde
2000 - 2006	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig
2006 - 2007	Tove Tafdrup Olesen	Roskilde
2007 - 2008	Bodil Pedersen	Aalborghus
2008 - 2009	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig
2009 - 2010	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
2010 - 2011	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
2011 - 2012	Bodil Pedersen	Aalborghus
2012 - 2013	Bodil Pedersen	Aalborghus
2013 - 2014	Bodil Lindgaard	Bjerringbro
2014 - 2015	Bodil Lindgaard	Bjerringbro
2015 - 2016	Birthe Jørgensen	Aalborghus
2016 - 2017	Gerda Braad	Sunds
2017 - 2018	Grete Tidemann Dahl	Lemvig
2018 - 2019	Grete Tidemann Dahl	Lemvig
2019 - 2020	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
2020 - 2021	Gurli Holm	Aalborghus
2021 - 2022	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig

Y's Menette International leaders from Denmark

International President

	Name	Club
1998 - 2000	Gurli Holm	Aalborghus
2012 - 2014	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig
2020 - 2022	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig

International projektkoordinator

	Name	Club
2012 - 2018	Gurli Holm	Aalborghus

International sister club koordinator

	Name	Club
1998 - 2000	Jytte Svidt	Grenaa
2012 - 2014	Tove Jensen	Alderslyst
2020 - 2022	Marie Jørgensen	Sunds

Y's Menette Region leaders in Denmark

	Name	Club		Navn	Klub
1991-92	Gutte Brinck-Jensen	Kalundborg	2007-08	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig
1992-93	Ingrid Bek Andersen	Lemvig	2008-09	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
1993-94	Lis Brosmann	Fredericia	2009-10	Anna Grethe Skamris	Sydthy
1994-95	Gurli Kudsk	Alderslyst	2010-11	Ingrid Bek Andersen	Lemvig
1995-96	Inge Nielsen	Bjerringbro	2011-12	Anna Garne	Fredericia
1996-97	Esther Møller	Grenaa	2012-13	Bodil Lindgaard	Bjerringbro
1997-98	Tove Thorst	Roskilde	2013-14	Doris Nitschke	Grenaa
1998-99	Birgit Nordskov Nielsen	Kalundborg	2014-15	Birthe Jørgensen	Aalborghus
1999-00	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Lemvig	2015-16	Gerda Braad	Sunds
2000-01	Inger Vad	Sydthy	2016-17	Grete Tidemann Dahl	Lemvig
2001-02	Sonja Hübertz Christensen	Alderslyst	2017-18	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
2002-03	Lise Jørgensen	Fredericia	2018-19	Marie Jørgensen	Kalundborg
2003-04	Inge Nielsen	Bjerringbro	2019-20	Lis Harder	Aalborghus
2004-05	Doris Nitschke	Grenaa	2020-21	Lone Finnerup	Sunds
2005-06	Tove Tafdrup Olesen	Roskilde	2021-22	Klara Dam	Lemvig
2006-07	Bodil Pedersen	Aalborghus			

Y's Menette Service Directors for Area Europe and Region Denmark

	Name	Club
1957 - 1958	Disa Rudolfson	Norrköping, Sweden
1958 - 1959		
1959 - 1960	Edith Høyer	Aalborghus
1960 - 1963	Kirstin Edefalk	Norrköping, Sweden
1963 - 1964	Ninna Christensen	Århus
1964 - 1965	Ingrid Gade	Aalborghus
1965 - 1966	Ingrid Gade	Aalborghus
1966 - 1968	Edith Høyer	Århus
1968 - 1970	Elisabeth Balle	Kalundborg
1970 - 1972	Grete Bækgaard Thomsen	Aalborghus
1972 - 1974	Lizzie Jacobsen	Kalundborg
1974 - 1976	Edith Nielsen	Vamdrup
1976 - 1977	Else Lohmann	Grenaa
1977 - 1979	Erna Jonassen Kamstrup	Kalundborg
1979 - 1980	Bodil Ulberg	Kalundborg
1980 - 1981	Annie Hansen	Roskilde
1981 - 1982	Lis Brossman	Fredericia
1982 - 1984	Eva Kjærgaard	Aalborghus
1984 - 1986	Else Lohmann	Grenaa
1986 - 1987	Erna Jonassen Kamstrup	Kalundborg
1987 - 1988	Lis Brossman	Fredericia
1988 - 1989	Bodil Krag-Andersen	Roskilde
1989 - 1990	Grethe Jensen	Aalborg
1990 - 1991	Gurli Holm	Aalborghus

Title abbreviations

	English titel	Danish titel
AP	Area President	Areapræsident
APE	Area President Elect	Kommende Areapræsident
IPAP	Immediate Past Area President	Umiddelbart afgang Area Præsident
PAP	Past Area President	Afgang Areapræsident efter at have været IPAP
ASD	Area Service Director	Areatjenesteleder
IP	International President	International Præsident
IPE	International President Elect	Kommende International Præsident
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	Umiddelbart afgang International Præsident
PIP	Past International President	Afgang International Præsident efter at have været IPIP
IT	International Treasurer	International Skatmester
ISG	International Secretary General	International Generalsekretær
ISD	International Service Director	International Tjenesteleder
RD	Regional Director	Regionsleder
RDE	Regional Director Elect	Kommende Regionsleder, 1. år
RDEE	Regional Director Elect Elect	Kommende Regionsleder, 2. år
PRD	Past Regional Director	Afgang Regionsleder
RT	Regional Treasurer	Regions Skatmester
RSA	Regional Secretary, Administration	Regions Sekretær for administration
RSF	Regional Secretary, Mail	Regions Forsendelsessekretær
RSD	Regional Service Director	Tjenesteleder for Regionen
LTD	Liutenant Director	Tidligere betegnelse for Sektionsleder
RLM	Regionsledelsesmedlem	Regionsledelsesmedlem - kun i Danmark
RLME	Regionsledelsesmedlem Elect	Kommende regionsledelsesmedlem - kun i Danmark
DG	District Governor	Distriktsleder (DG)

VDG	Vice District Governor	Kommende distriktsleder 1. år
DGE	District Governor Elect	Kommende distriktsleder 1. år
DGEE	District Governor Elect Elect	Kommende distriktsleder 2. år
AEO	Area Executive Officers	Øverste administrative ledelse i Area
IEO	International Executive Officers	Øverste Internationale administrative ledelse
IHQ	International Headquarter	Det internationale hovedkontor

Postscript

To travel is to live

The anniversary committee has now been on a long journey, which has been challenging in several ways. The first discussions were what an anniversary book for 2022 should contain. In the region, books have previously been published in 1987, 1997 and 2012. We have of course skeletonized these anniversary books and quickly decided that some of the headlines could be reused, however, with new up-to-date content.

As the book, at the same time as being a 75th anniversary book for Region Denmark, should also mark Y's Men International's 100th anniversary, we have asked International leaders to contribute an article.

The Danish clubs have been on a journey for 75 years, and several clubs have had good experiences along the way, therefore we have encouraged the clubs in Denmark to write "The good story" from their club life. Thanks to the clubs that have posted these. We have not found room for a few, so it was also a task to deselect some.

The committee distributed the tasks of collecting various chapters in the book. We estimated that the many lists at the back of the book are good to have, so these have been upgraded.

One of the big tasks was to place photos in connection with the articles, and unfortunately not all are equally good in resolution, so we must unfortunately note that we have included some good telling photos despite the slightly poorer quality.

The biggest task was the setting up of the book, where no one in the committee saw themselves ready for this. We were so lucky that Anne-Marie Møller from Ringkøbing offered to do all the layout on the book. It has been a huge task for which we cannot thank you enough.

The purpose of the book is, in addition to a physical book, that it is also posted on the region's website in both Danish and English.

The English translation is for the sake of our Eastern European friends and the international interest, and here we have been well helped by Svend Jørgensen, Gurli Holm, Keld Kjær Madsen and Birgit Jakobsen.

The journey is over for us, so a big thank you for a constructive collaboration, and we hope from the committee that you all welcome the book and open your eyes to new information about both club life, regional and international conditions.

On behalf of the committee
Ulrik Lauridsen Vejle
Y's Men's Club 2.



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