

“Takarazuka Y's men's club 2015 ” NO3

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## Kick-off Meeting



Takarazuka Y's Men' Club Kick-off meeting was held on July 8 with two guests from Kobe Y's Men's Club and one from outside.

Before the dinner the installation was held and a new president Keiko Sabajiri was installed as the 28th president of Takarazuka Y's Men's Club The installation was presided by Mr. Junichi Jo of incoming Rokko District Treasurer.

We are happy that a fresh president was born and some committee chairs and members

were newly assigned for 2015-16 as well.

After the dinner all outgoing committee chairs made a report about what were their activities during 2014-15 term. In the end the new president announced her plans and activities for 2015-16. She also announced that her annual theme is “Let's widen a networking at a pleasant regular meeting!” She sounds very active in networking and we promised to support her. We wish Y's dom will grow more in the future.

By Kazuyo Sugitani

## Great East Japan Earthquake Support Project “Rise Hope of Kite” From Takrazuka to East Japan

The 4<sup>th</sup> memorial day of Great East Japan Earthquake, March 11, we Takarazuka Y's Men's Club members joined to support people in Hanshin independence of House who has handicapped to rise the kite with message to



cheer up the people in East Japan who are suffering from the damage of the earthquake. 100 people also gathered together to assist flying the Kite and we offered a silent prayer at the time 2:46 for the souls of the earthquake victims.

After we had sweet red bean soup at the lobby of the independent of house, we enjoyed attractions performed by Inose Y's from Osaka Senboku Club and hula dance led by Ishida Y's from our club. Kobe, Sankei, and Yomiuri News reporters covered this event and it became the big PR event of our club.

By Yoko Tago

## The Art Exhibition by Handicapped person

The Art Exhibition was held at West community Hall from March 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> prior to Rise Hope of Kite project.

Pictures, ceramic art,

Stained Glass works, textile art and oil paintings were works of handicapped person. Especially some pictures on the kite drew the attention of many people. Their dynamic and warm pictures on the kite will support the people in distant area of Tohoku.

These art projects were supported by Mennett as the one of their domestic program of 2013-2014 and drew the great attention.



## Charity event to support Kobe YMCA

The biggest project of Rokko district supported by 8clubs, the charity talk show was held at Chatholic Central Kobe Church in Kitano, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The program was conducted by Ishida Y's very elegant way. The opening music was performed by the super kid's strings orchestra, age 10 to 18, their wonderful performance enchanted all the audience at once.

The key note speaker was Mr. So Taguchi who once was the professional baseball player at Measure League in USA and he



was the only Japanese baseball player who got two champion rings of division and one final victory ring. His talk was very attractive based on his experiences and challenges he went through. After the speech he kindly offered his time for taking pictures or showing his rings .He also joined the buzz session.

Last program was led by Mr. Muzuno, the former general secretary of Kobe YMCA. Speakers were from all ages who had connected in some ways at Kobe YMCA program. They shared their experiences and the time who felt the shining their life through their activities at YMCA. 3 hours program seemed very short. 500 attendants enjoyed the whole program and the committee members who prepared this project were satisfied what they could achieved. This is the transforming decade of Kobe YMCA and it is important for Y's to support YMCA movement.

Bu Yoko Tago

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Asia Area Convention Training Session for Marshals

Kyoto will welcome you to participate to The 26<sup>th</sup> Asia Area Convention, July 31 through August 2, 2015. In order to make the convention successful, Marshal Committee shared some hours with over 30 marshals out of 67 to study "OMOTENASHI(Japanese hospitality)", July 4, 2015.



We expect to have almost 900 Y's

Men, Menettes and their families come to the ancient city.

Yaz Okano, AP insisted if the convention would be unforgettably successful or not we, marshals have the key. The training session will be given one more time, July 13 for the rest of the marshals who could not attend the first session.

I am pretty sure everybody come and join us from all over the world will definitely enjoy our hospitality and have wonderful moments wherever they go.

By Yumi Ishida

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Menettes-Hour (Japan West Region)

Under the motto of “ What I can do for you...What you can do for all...Let’s think of it and do it for all hand in hand with Y’s men and Y’s menettes! ”, the 18<sup>th</sup> Menettes-Hour, Japan West Region was held at Asia Trade Center, Osaka, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Up to now, the project of Menettes used to be held year by year, but they have considered one as a continued project. This time, they picked up “ The rare intractable diseases. “ as a project. And we have deepen our understanding of the rare intractable diseases, they say there are more than six thousand kinds of diseases, through the patients’ experiences and the doctors’.

The contribution collected by the supporters all over Japan West Region was donated to Dr. Takehito Sato of the Medical Department of Tokai University and his Unit. Dr. Sato, himself was once used to be a patient when he was a junior high school student and suffered from the disease and decided to be a doctor who eagerly wants to help and can cure the patients who are suffering from the diseases.

By Hiroko Fukuda

## “Wishing a Future Triangle DBC”

DBC(Takarazuka Y’s Men’s Club and Iwakuni Y’s Men’s Club) had a meeting during the Japan West Regional Convention on June 13-14,’15 in Osaka. Kagoshima Club joined us hoping to form a Triangle DBC with us. It was the second time for three clubs to get together. We had a much more friendly talk this time than the first meeting and promised to keepin touch oftener.  
by Kazuyo Sugitani



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“A party to celebrate the successful completion of this term” by Kazuyo Sugitani It was held at a Japanese restaurant at Takarazuka city.

Yoko Tago Rokko District Governor and Kazuyo Sugitani Club President. were invited. We all had a lot of eating, drinking and talking and enjoyed it very much. Two of us were presented a flower bouquet from club members and a hand-made neck scarf by incoming president Keiko Sabajiri. Thank you very much for all by Kazuyo Sugitani

## 2015~2016 Members of Takarazuka Club Officers



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- ( President ) Kaiko Sabajiri
- ( Vice President ) Hiroko Fukuda · Kazuyo Sugitani
- ( Secretary ) Shigeyuki Wakabayashi
- ( Treasurer ) Yuichi Horie · Akira Yoshida
- ( Bulletin Director ) Toshiko Takeda · Waterloo Nagao