



**YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE
PROJECTS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2010**

Chuck Kalkbrenner, President

General Division, Malcolm Ray, 1st Vice President

SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR, Malcolm Ray, Chairman. The 67th annual South Texas State Fair under sponsorship of the Young Men's Business League is set for **March 25th – April 4th** at Beaumont's Ford Park. More than 600 YMBL members will be involved in the production of this huge event. In 2007 some 350,000 people from S.E. Texas and S.W. Louisiana attended the Fair. The Fair offers hundreds of commercial exhibits, food concessions outstanding livestock and poultry shows and new and exciting attractions for the entire family which include a PRCA Sanctioned Rodeo. For 64 years the YMBL Rodeo has been well respected by rodeo fans in the southwest, the YMBL Rodeo always offers plenty of thrills, spills and action. Scheduled for **March 25, 26, 27** in the Ford Park Arena, this event will feature the finest stock in the world, and a majority of the PRCA's world champion cowboys and cowgirls will come to Beaumont to compete.

FAIR BUYERS COMMITTEE, Mark McAdams, Chairman. Sometimes known as the Fair Auction Committee, the committee's primary function is to contact local and area businesses as well as other interested individuals to underwrite the annual South Texas State Fair's two-day Junior Livestock and Poultry Auctions. In 2009, more than \$337,000.00 was raised through bids for those youngsters whose animals competed in the Junior Shows at the Fair, and then qualified to be sold at the Auction. Dates: **March 31st and April 1st**.

YMBL HAROLD ENGSTROM MEMORIAL SPECIAL KIDS DAY RODEO, Scott Droddy, Chairman. Named after the late Judge Harold Engstrom who started this event, the primary responsibility of the committee is to organize and stage the annual Special Kids Day at the YMBL Rodeo. Hundreds of mentally and or physically challenged youngsters from the area are invited to attend this special outing, usually held before the YMBL Rodeo opens.

YMBL/PBR CHUTE-OUT BULLRIDE, Henry Gaus, Chairman. Sanctioned by the Professional Bull Riders Association and well respected by bull ride fans, the YMBL Chute-out Bull ride always offers plenty of thrills, spills and action. Scheduled for **August 13th and 14th** in the Ford Park Arena, the **5th** annual event under YMBL sponsorship will feature the finest stock and numerous PBR world champion cowboys who will come to Beaumont to compete.

Membership Division, Andy Foote, 2nd Vice President

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Scott Wilson, Chairmen. The lifeblood of any volunteer organization is membership and this committee will begin its work in late December signing new members and encouraging current members to pay their dues early to ensure their place on the membership rolls and projects during the coming year.

MEMBERS WELCOME / FAIR WORKERS PARTY, Ken Dollinger, Chairman. This great get-together of all YMBL members is held right before the South Texas State Fair. This event is

designed to acquaint new YMBLers with the organization's many civic projects, impress upon them the important role the YMBL plays in the growth and prosperity of the community and it also gives members an opportunity to volunteer for assignments at the Fair. Dinner is served and door prizes are awarded to lucky ticket holders. In addition there is a short program of introductions.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROJECT, Mitch Macon, Chairman. This committee is responsible for the development and planning of a new project designed with YMBL members in mind.

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Andy Foote, Chairman. Golfers, who enjoy outstanding golf courses, good fellowship, excellent food and refreshments as well as a valuable assortment of prizes, always look forward to this exciting membership activity. Usually, play is limited to the first 200 members who sign up for the tournament. Format for the tournament is geared to give everyone a chance to win and a Florida Scramble program is normally followed. It is a one-day tournament usually held in the Fall.

NIGHT AT THE RACES, Larry Vickery, Chairman. This event, which is for all YMBL members and their immediate family, is a special "Thank You" for all they do in making YMBL projects and activities successful. This event is usually held in June at Golden Triangle Raceway Park on Hwy 90 in Beaumont.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, Dean Clayton, Chairman. This event, which is for all YMBL members and their immediate family, is a special "Thank You" for all they do in making YMBL projects and activities successful. This event is usually held in early July at a local Movie Theater.

Youth Division, Mitch Macon, 3rd Vice President

YMBL/BISD INVITATIONAL RELAYS, Jay Johnson, Chairman. Relays for area high school boys and girls conducted with the Beaumont Independent School District usually held the first weekend in March of each year at Durley Stadium on the campus of Westbrook High School.

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT, Lee Sheek, Chairman. Another great youth project, sanctioned by the STPGA, the tournament is open to all junior golfers who are members of the STPGA and will be played on one or more local courses. Interest in golf is at an all-time high throughout the U.S., and more junior events of this type are being held each year.

BABE ZAHARIAS RELAYS, Rudy Garcia, Chairman. This track and field meet, where every participant is a winner, is designed for those youngsters from the area who cannot participate in regular sporting activities because of a mental or physical handicap. The Zaharias attracts some 3000 participants each year from the surrounding ten county area.

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, Jessie Gonzales, Chairman. This high school tournament for girls has an excellent reputation throughout the state and in past tournaments; many of the winning teams have gone on to gain state championships. Set for an early September date, the meet is traditionally staged at Lamar University. These young ladies play exciting and fast volleyball and fans are invited to see all the games.

YMBL/BISD SOUTH TEXAS SHOOT-OUT, Roger Hightower, Chairman. Some of the most exciting high school basketball in this part of the country will be played during this three-day tourney. Set for an early December date usually at Lamar University, the tournament is expected to draw some of the best teams in Texas and Louisiana. The tournament, one the YMBL began in 1952, is one of the YMBL's oldest continuing projects and is also one of the state's most prestigious high school events. The tourney's format features brackets of both boys and girls teams.

Civic Division, Bill Collins, Treasurer

YMBL LADIES NIGHT, Chuck Kiker, Chairman. Since 1947, when the late Cliff H. LeBlanc, Sr., was YMBL president and originator of Ladies Night, this banquet has paid tribute to the wives of YMBL members and has been a thank you to the ladies for allowing their husbands time away from home and family to work on YMBL projects and activities. The event always offers fine food and entertainment and a real "night out" for the ladies.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, Greg Wall, Chairman. This committee is involved in promoting the YMBL and its various projects. The committee also encourages community involvement in YMBL projects throughout Southeast Texas. This committee also oversees the YMBL Scholarship program as a primary assignment. With eight annual student grants valued at a combined total of over \$70,000.00 over a four year period of study, the YMBL scholarship program as well as two endowed scholarships at Lamar University - one in Athletics and the other a Masters Degree program in the School of Business - are heavy responsibilities for this committee.

Other committee responsibilities include selecting young ladies to represent the YMBL in the annual Neches River Festival; and, the distribution of food baskets at Christmas time.

FEAST OF SHARING, Steve Lyle, Chairman. This committee is responsible for providing assistance to HEB in the planning and execution of their Annual HEB Feast of Sharing, which is designed to provide guests with a traditional holiday dinner, live musical entertainment and children's activities.

YMBL EQUIPMENT INVENTORY, John Myers, Chairman. This committee is charged with the responsibility of labeling, inventorying and maintaining all YMBL owned equipment. An additional responsibility of the committee will be to handle all aspects of loaning out YMBL equipment, when necessary.

FORD PARK IMPROVEMENTS, Bill Collins, Chairman. This committee is charged with overseeing improvements needed to stage the annual South Texas State Fair, and to do any maintenance work to the facilities and plan any new construction in coordination with Jefferson County in accordance with the lease agreement the YMBL has with the County.