

## Community Chest

# YWCA Has Something To Offer Everyone In SC

Editor's note: The following article outlines the activities of the Young Women's Christian association, another member agency of the Santa Cruz Community Chest which will begin its campaign October 1 to raise funds for its members during the coming year.

A Santa Cruzan, giving to the Community Chest, asks, "What does our money buy? What do local agencies return for our gifts?"

The YWCA has answers for all sorts of inquirers.

"What does the business man get from the Young Women's Christian association?" Mrs. Adrian Gory, president of the local YW, answers this one:

"The business man's stake in YWCA is the hospitality offered by its staff in its building at the corner of Chestnut street and Walnut avenue, and in many clubs and groups of members. YWCA gives assistance to strangers; opportunities for service and fellowship for women and girls; lively clubs for teen-agers; friendly groups for volunteers; oldsters' meetings for the silvery-haired; offers facilities for meetings of church groups, study clubs, service and welfare agencies, social functions and cultural features, some free, some at modest rental fees."

Miss Business Girl—What does she find at the YWCA? Miss Shirley Beneke offers her opinion: "Club meetings for business girls stress pleasant conversation around a candle-lit dinner table, with pictures, speakers, reviews, for our personal improvement, information and amusement. We return service for service, working on community drives and campaigns."

Teen-agers? Nada Dauphin and Jeryl Glaum of SCHS put it this way: "It's a place, the 'Y', that is our own, where we work out programs to enjoy and help others. It's a spirit, it's fun and good work together."

Y-Teens from Branchforte and Mission Hill junior high schools and Live Oak school, Marian Letchworth, Penny Johnson and Linda Brown agree: "Y's the most!"

They liked the talent show, the style show, the tea and puppet show of 1956; they like the teenage summer camping, picnics, art classes, dance lessons and interesting expeditions. They helped the nursery by building redwood seats; they helped a church-women's group make displays for a conference; they entertained boy friends, grandmothers, "moms" and little sisters with music, dancing and refreshments. They exchanged hospitality with San Jose and Watsonville Y-Teens.

What share has a young adult in YWCA activities? Mrs. Paul Kurtz, chairman of the young adult committee, describing the summer discussion group devoted to young adult couples, said: "The astonishing variety of topics, ranging from family camping to wild life to stresses of the Near East, and the enthusiastic attendance leads us to promise continuance of these sessions."

Mrs. Gerald Finchum said for the Y-Wives: "Y-Wives promote the happiness of the home by leaving home every Tuesday morning! We get together for volley ball in the patio, or for coffee beside the fireplace, while our infants attend Wee-Y sessions in the nursery with our wonderful Mrs. Weaver. We have a real program and Santa Cruz young mothers appreciate YWCA, indeed."

What can men expect to receive from a women's organization? Fair question, fairly answered by outdoors men Ed Twohig and Joe DeWar. They agree that YWCA promotes high standards of citizenship participation through the activities of wives and daughters

in YWCA group projects. They know that the Y has an atmosphere of charm and friendliness where money gifts are working for Christian faith in action in undenominational practice.

Oldsters of masculine sex attend and participate actively with the women in Wednesday morning meetings, extending to afternoon sessions of games and work projects for helping community needs, through the TB association, county hospital and Crippled Children's camp gifts and services. There are always present 50, or more, of the oldsters, who are happy to expend extra effort to climb the winding stairs to the recreation rooms, and to pay dues to the YWCA.

The overall spirit of the Young Women's Christian association is expressed in its purpose, "to build a fellowship of women and girls," and in its symbol of the Blue Triangle, for faith, fellowship and service. The Blue Triangle club and the Junior league are organizations of young matrons who have been drawn together by mutual interests, meeting as part of the association which is the largest organization of women and girls.

Santa Cruz has need for the YWCA. The Community Chest promotes the interests of such an agency with confidence in its value to Santa Cruz.

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