



LA JOLLA CHAPTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT ...



For our La Jolla Chapter, 2016-17 marks many firsts: our first official non-provisional year, as well as our first year with all four grades, and our first Senior Send-Off gala. Our Young Men presidents held their Youth Advisory Meeting, the first of all chapters of NLYM, and they also ran their own All League Meeting at San Diego State University. Our

Young Men really hit their stride, running their own board meetings and stepping up to take on electronic voting, and showing great leadership in deciding use of their own class funds and cultural and philanthropy activities.

The Young Men helped over 30 philanthropies! They planted community gardens, protected endangered habitat with the Audubon Society, paired up with a buddy in Include Autism Baseball, helped out in surf competitions for disabled athletes and teamed up with NCL at the Food Bank, to list a few. In December, mothers and sons set up Santa's Toy Shop at the Joan Kroc Salvation Army and also celebrated the 10th Anniversary of NLYM. They continued the Project Mercy house building in Tijuana through the Kiwanis grants won by Junior President Mason Matalon. Each class held a cultural event and logged a total of 258 cultural hours. Our Young Men earned 4,138 direct hands-on philanthropy hours, 944 indirect hours and 1,177 league hours!

Our talented mothers worked 1,791 league hours and 355 direct philanthropy hours to create fun, meaningful Young Man programming. From teaching protocol lessons on eating an éclair properly, arranging auto repair lessons, to juggling two Meals on Wheels routes and arranging three gala events, our membership should be proud of their wonderful contributions to our community. When the seniors invited their moms to a cooking class for their last meeting, it was the perfect way to finish up three years of their mother and son NLYM teamwork.

With such dedicated members, it has been an honor to serve as your president. I cannot thank my board enough for their deep commitment and strong leadership and I look forward to President Golnoosh Lerner's exciting plans for next year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

Alice Mo
President



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CLASS OF 2017 Dominick Wallace, Class President



As a group, we took on uncharted waters as the first class to graduate from NLYM, La Jolla Chapter. As President of the 2017 NLYM class, I feel it has been an honorable and memorable experience. We showcased our class at the inaugural Senior Send-Off Dinner. Held at the San Diego Yacht Club, it was a remarkable evening, allowing us to reflect on the vast array of the year's activities. We learned that our class has participated in over 2000 hours of philanthropic activity since we started in our first year. Our fathers read tributes to each senior which exemplified our diversity of qualities, strengths and interests. Upon reflecting back to this and all three years, the thing that strikes me most is what amazing and accomplished young adults we have become. With one philanthropic activity at a time, one eye-opening speaker at a time and one class meeting at a time, we have all become men of the future, our future. I personally look forward to continuing my association with NLYM as a life member.

CLASS OF 2018 Mason Matalon, Class President



For the class of 2018, this is our third year with NLYM and because of that we have gained a tremendous amount of insight into becoming men, and yet, there is much to learn and we continue to grow. For instance, this year our class hosted the Etiquette Dinner. To prepare, we received etiquette lessons on things like how to set a table and how to properly walk a young lady down a flight of stairs. Once we had several lessons under our belt, we had the chance to implement what we learned at the Etiquette Dinner with the National Charity League young ladies. The evening was so much fun and it was great getting to know all the new people. Although only one more year with NLYM lies ahead of us, our class continues on, excited to further mature through the opportunities NLYM has to offer.

CLASS OF 2019 Lachlan McDonald, Class President



If you had asked me in 7th grade if I was excited about joining NLYM, I would have said yes, but it would not have had that much meaning. If asked now if I enjoy NLYM, I would say with 100% sincerity that I like it a lot. NLYM has provided many opportunities that our class would not have otherwise had in terms of leadership and community service. Not only have I made and kept in touch with many friends through the organizations but I have also gained valuable life skills. These include: writing professional emails, coordinating events, organizing and running meetings, public speaking and much more. There are also a huge variety of meaningful philanthropies and I have created many memories engaging in them. I especially liked the woodworking event at the La Jolla Methodist Church because of working with the kids and learning a new skill in the process. This event, along with so many others, exemplifies what NLYM is to me ... giving back to the community while learning lifelong skills.

CLASS OF 2020 Linden Scheder, Class President



NLYM is a group of young men, lead and supported by peer officers and class GLADs, that help all sorts of people from young to old. Our first event was planting succulents in different community gardens. Our second event was going to the National Comedy Theater and watching the MainStage show which we enjoyed very much! Many of us also helped disabled people at the International Surfing Association Adaptive Surfing World Competition in La Jolla. At our meetings we got to talk about what we had done over the last few weeks and learned healthy living habits and life lessons. At the meetings we had many speakers talk to us about things like: keeping our health up, how to get a job and most importantly, how to write a proper "thank you" letter. Also, we helped clear a specific part of Fiesta Island of an invasive species of plants. Being President this year was an amazing opportunity and I feel very privileged to have had it.



YM build a drought-tolerant garden for the International Rescue Committee.



Removing non-native species of plants from Fiesta Island.



Even the LJHS's wrestling team benefitted from NLYM volunteers.



For NLYM's 10th anniversary, YM brought good cheer to those less fortunate at the Salvation Army Toy Drive.



Greeting guests during Taste of La Jolla.



Aiden Johnson and Kurt Mayer served up treats at the Torrey Pines Elementary Art Festival.



Carwyn Gambling provided great support to a participant in the Special Olympics.



Luke Bradbury and Jimmy Irwin gathered tons of trash at the beach clean-up.



Class of 2019 helped others who were hungry by sorting donated food at the San Diego Food Bank.



YM offered support during the Challenged Athletes Triathlon



Fritz Broido, Doug Armstrong, Luke Tchang and Alex Tchang helped out at festivities at the La Jolla Recreation Center.



Luke Bradbury helped set up the Jewel Ball for Las Patronas.



YM and parents helped Project Mercy build an entire home for a family in Mexico for the third year in a row. This year's build was fully sponsored by a grant written by Mason Matalon to the La Jolla Kiwanis.



Nick Palmer coaching a player at the Include Autism baseball game.



Alex Scrivener brought Lego joy to the La Jolla Art and Wine Festival.



PROTOCOL Pam Wagner

We had a successful year teaching our young men the traits of a gentleman through protocol education. The Class of 2020 learned about topics such as proper meeting behavior, handshakes, and introductions. They also learned about cell phone and internet manners, grooming tips and how to tie a necktie. The Class of 2019 learned about topics such as dating and how to interview for a job or internship. The Class of 2018 learned about dining etiquette, the art of conversation and used their new skills at our Second Annual Etiquette Dinner held at the San Diego Yacht Club. They also learned about the dangers of drinking and driving. The Class of 2017 learned about graduation etiquette and took a cooking lesson with their mothers at our local Sur La Table store. The cooking instructor commented that in all her years of teaching, she had never encountered a more well behaved group of teenagers.

CULTURE Susan Lewis

The Young Men of NLYM had a busy year involving culture! They attended eleven different plays, two musicals, two operas, toured three museums, five music performances, three dance events and even an Aquarium art related exhibit! For their grade level event the seniors attended The Picasso at the Lapin Agile at the Old Globe Theater which they all enjoyed. The juniors went to a music performance by Jerron 'Blind Boy' Paxton at the UCSD Loft. He performed various types of music and told stories. The sophomore class was treated to an Old Globe production of *October Sky* and they were lucky to have a NASA engineer discuss the time period during their grade level meeting. The freshmen had dinner at El Indio and then enjoyed The National Comedy Theater show.

Individually the Young Men attended musicals such as *Matilda* at the Civic Theater and *The Book of Mormon* in New York. Some preferred operas such as *Falstaff* and *Carmen*. Others attended five different plays at the La Jolla Playhouse and three at the Old Globe. Some were exposed to the ballet of *Romeo and Juliet* as well as Bach Cello concerts. School plays were popular from *West Side Story* to *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The San Diego Art Museum was toured by some and the Bioluminescence exhibit at the Birch Aquarium by others. Overall, we experienced a creative and fun year in the world of NLYM Culture and the Young Men are all the better for it.

PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE Brenda Morrison

Our third year of philanthropy in NLYM proved very successful. We collectively volunteered for over 25 non-profits, continuing to develop relationships as we set up new opportunities for serving in the areas of improving our environment and helping homeless/hungry, youth, special needs/disabled, military and seniors. From our Fall All-League event working outdoors at International Rescue Committee, our Winter Mother-Son day setting up the Kroc Center Toy & Joy Shop, to the Spring All-League with the San Diego Audubon Society we had many incredible opportunities to grow, share and serve.

We continue to help out at special events close to our members' hearts: the Ken Whalen Surf Challenge, I Love a Clean San Diego, Adaptive Sports & Recreation, The San Diego Food Bank, Include Autism, La Jolla Art and Wine Festival, La Jolla High School Foundation, Muirlands Middle School Foundation, Torrey Pines Elementary School Foundation, Las Patronas, Meals on Wheels, Mission Beach Women's Club, Challenged Athletes Foundation, San Diego Audubon Society, Walk for Water and many others. For the second year in a row we worked with Project Mercy Home Builds in Mexico. On a special note, the building materials for our April build were paid for by a grant from La Jolla Kiwanis, thanks to our own member, Mason Matalon '18, securing it on behalf of NLYM.

Positive feedback and encouragement from the non-profit organizations we are working with make us all proud. The partnerships we are forming recognize the value of smart, energetic youth to lend helping hands to any event or ongoing service work. The volunteers gain invaluable experience that teaches them about giving back, and that there is great joy and pride in service work.

Our La Jolla Chapter of 102 active young men collectively volunteered approximately 4,500 direct hours!

Class of 2017: 706 Class of 2018: 1,667 Class of 2019: 1,414 Class of 2020: 744

FOUR YEAR PLAN

9th Grade

Education: Time Management, Study Skills, Prioritizing Commitments, Nutrition and Fitness, Drug and Alcohol Education-Part One, Automotive-Part One-Safety.

Protocol/Etiquette: Introductions, Handshakes, Meeting Behavior, Cell Phone and Internet Manners, Grooming Tips.

10th Grade

Education: Automotive-Part Two-Maintenance, Drug and Alcohol Education-Part Two, Preparing for Summer Employment.

Protocol/Etiquette: Peer Relationships, Employment, Invitations, Dating-Part One.

Event: Host Compass Dinner.

11th Grade

Education: College Readiness-SAT/ACT, Applications, Resumes, Sports Recruiting, Drug and Alcohol Education-Part Three

Protocol/Etiquette: College Admission Interviews, Interview Skills - Wardrobe, Grooming, Thank You Notes, Art of Conversation, Dining Etiquette.

Event: Etiquette Dinner.

12th Grade

Education: Managing Finances-Budgets, Bank Accounts, Credit Cards, College Life Fraternity/Dorm Life, Living Away from Home, Careers, Becoming Legal Adults.

Protocol/Etiquette: Dating- Part Two, College and Professional Relationships, Written Correspondence.

Event: Senior Send-Off.



Meetings are run following the official protocol according to Robert's Rules of Order.



The Seniors prepared for adult life with a cooking class at Sur La Table in La Jolla.



The Class of 2017 enjoyed a great night of theater at The Old Globe in Balboa Park.



Each grade level meeting has a guest speaker.



Juniors had a great cultural event when they went to listen to the multi-instrumentalist Jerron "blind boy" Paxton at The Loft at UCSD.



Class of 2018 learned the proper etiquette regarding which silverware to use during a formal dining situation.



Class of 2019 YM enjoyed great theater at The Old Globe's "October Sky".



Class of 2020 learned the basics of car maintenance during their first meeting.



YM learn many forms of protocol, including how to tie a tie properly.



After the meeting work is done, the YM get a chance to relax and have fun!



NLYM La Jolla Chapter Board of Directors for 2016-17.



Each fall the officers for the year are trained for the jobs they will be responsible for during the year.



Class of 2018 President Mason Matalon learns from Chapter President Alice Mo.



ANNUAL COMPASS DINNER Joan Brown, Historian

On May 21, 2017 The National League of Young Men held its annual Compass Dinner at the Catamaran Hotel and Resort in San Diego, California. This year's event honored our first ever senior class with a special senior recognition segment in the program. Goli Lerner put together a slideshow featuring photos and some fun video of the senior young men during their three years in NLYM. Gifts were handed out to the senior class and a beautiful photo book was created by Annette Bradbury and given to each outgoing senior young man member and their family. A slideshow was shown showcasing all of the grades as well as mothers engaging in various activities of leadership, service, culture and protocol. The senior class presented Meals on Wheels representative, Willy Gloria with a check for \$500 as a donation of their class's remaining funds. Alice Mo, NLYM Chapter President along with Golnoosh Lerner our incoming President started the evening off with a few words of welcome. Dominick Wallace who is the senior class President was this year's Master of Ceremonies and did a terrific job representing his class and the entire NLYM organization throughout the evening.

Midway through the evening's program the recognition awards were presented by Mio Hood, our V.P. Youth Coordinator and were handed out to all of the the young men who went above and beyond and earned more than the required ten hours of philanthropy. Awards included were: the Ensign, Lieutenant, Commander, Captain, Admiral and finally the Anchor Award which is given to the young man who performed the most service hours throughout the year. This year's Anchor Award winner was Hudson Liu from the class of 2018 with 252 hours of service to the community. We are all very proud of his selflessness and hard work as well as all of our award winners this year. The Helmsman Leadership Awards which are peer recommended awards were also presented to one young man in each class. Those winners included: Isaac Shultz (2020), Rafi Freund (2019), Mitchell Morrison (2018) and Cordon Baesel (2017). A touching part of the evening's program were the introductions of each class President and Vice President and their presentation of a gift and words of thank you to their grade level mothers (GLADS) for all of the dedication they demonstrated throughout the year.

Seeing the growth of each of these young men throughout the year culminating at this event was rewarding for all who attended. We wish the class of 2017 a world of success and we hope they will continue the legacy of service they started while in the National League of Young Men. A very special thank you goes out to Tracy Ruane (chair of the event) and all of the committee who worked so hard to make this a memorable evening (Amee Alagiri, Lainie Ezeir, Grace Liu, Maureen Weber and Jane Lavelle).



Dominick Wallace, his mom Ann and Willy Gloria from Meals on Wheels pose for a picture.



Preston Weber, Class of 2017, speaking about his future plans.



The Compass Dinner was held in the Aviary Ballroom at the Catamaran Resort Hotel.



Golnoosh Lerner, President-Elect and Alice Mo, President



Members who received the Commander Award for 60 or more hours of philanthropic service.



The event was chaired by Tracy Ruane (pictured with her son Tanner).



ADMIRAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Admiral Award, presented to Young Men who participated in 110 or more hours of service, was presented to Cordon Baesel, Max Leonard, Ethan Lerner, Alex Scrivener, Mitchell Morrison, Luke Tchang, Fritz Broido, Ryan Nagle, Jordan Schultz, Alex Tchang and Hudson Liu.

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

YOUNG ADULTS (16+ years)

GOLD

(200+ Hours of Service)

Hudson Liu

BRONZE

(100+ Hours of Service)

Cordon Baesel, Ethan Lerner, Max Leonard, Tyler Roberts, Jordan Schultz

TEENS (Under 16 years)

GOLD

(100+ Hours of Service)

Fritz Broido, Thomas Evans, Thomas Gergurich, Justin Lobo, Ryan Nagle, Alexander Tchang, Luke Tchang

SILVER

(75 Hours of Service)

Marcus Scott

BRONZE

(50 Hours of Service)

Douglas Armstrong, Evan Brown, Preston Buljat, Aiden Johnson, Evan Lewis, Grant Wagner



ANCHOR AWARD RECIPIENT

Hudson Liu (with his parents Charles and Grace Liu) received the Admiral Award for 110 or more hours of philanthropic service and the Anchor Award for the most hours of service in the La Jolla Chapter.

ANCHOR AWARD

Most Hours of Philanthropic Service
Hudson Liu

ADMIRAL AWARD

110 Hours of Service

Cordon Baesel, Fritz Broido, Matthew Buckley, Max Leonard, Ethan Lerner, Hudson Liu, Justin Lobo, Mitchell Morrison, Ryan Nagle, Tyler Roberts, Jordan Schultz, Alex Scrivener, Alexander Tchang, Luke Tchang

CAPTAIN AWARD

85 Hours of Service

Preston Buljat, Thomas Evans, Thomas Gergurich, Evan Lewis, John Mahony

COMMANDER AWARD

60 Hours of Service

Douglas Armstrong, Luke Bradbury, Evan Brown, Jake Browning, William Browning, Aiden Johnson, Max Keck, Mason Matalon, Oliver Parker, Marcus Scott, Dominick Wallace, Cole Wolf

LIEUTENANT AWARD

35 Hours of Service

Benjamin Albence, Zachary Albence, Ryan Blackburn, Macky Broido, Graham Cartwright, Carwyn Gambling, Jack Ittner, Otto Lenz, Kurt Mayer, John Murphy, Robert Ruane, Cole Wagner, Grant Wagner

ENSIGN AWARD

20 Hours of Service

Sajan Alagiri, Henry Austin, Clarke Eastman-Pinto, Rafi Freund, Jake Fulks, Nathaniel Gates, Reed Hamilton, Sean Hood, James Irwin, Cade Kronemyer, Will Lavelle, Lachlan MacDonald, Miles Matalon, Nathan Miller, Tate Musante, Sebastian Oakes, Linden Scheder, Jack Scoma, Ethan Wagenseller, Griffin Young, Brandon Zozula

HONORABLE MENTION

10 Hours of Service

Jake Austgen, Elliot Austin, Garrett Brown, Luke Brown, Noah Brown, Nicholas Costanza, Charles Coy, Maxwell Coy, Aidan Dapcevic, Cameron Ezeir, Charlie Gal, Carver Heine, Ronen Lerner, Jake Marshall, Alex Mesri, Neah Moradi, Nicholas Palmer, Shane Pauker, David Pretorius, Shaun Reynolds, Patrick Ryan, Jackson Scherrer, Jack Schreiberman, Isaac Schultz, Mitchell Scott, Colin Sepkovic, Tyler Shapiro, Tommy Sottosanti, Matt Stone, McClain Thiel, Aidan Trahey, Nathan Turecek, Jacob Villalobos, Cavan Walsh, Preston Weber



SENIOR SEND-OFF

Ethan Lerner, PR Chair, Class of 2017



Class of 2017 proving they truly are young men

a tie clip in the shape of an anchor as a gift. During dinner, each senior was given a tribute by his parent highlighting his successes and personal character. At the end of the night, group pictures were taken and each senior mother was presented with a framed portrait of her son. Mrs. Wendy Dick, event chair gave closing remarks.

The first Senior Send-Off for our chapter was held on Friday night, March 3 at the San Diego Yacht Club. Fifteen seniors and their parents attended. The night started with a social hour then continued with a three-course dinner that began with a welcoming speech by Mrs. Alice Mo, our NLYM President.

Dominick Wallace, 2017 class president, spoke about the accomplishments of the class of 2017 during their time in NLYM. Each senior received



ETIQUETTE DINNER

Miles Matalon, PR Chair, 2018

On February 12, the young men of NLYM and the ladies of NCL had dinner at the San Diego Yacht Club. To begin the event, each young man was randomly paired with a



young lady and the man escorted the lady to the front of the yacht club where a group photo was taken. After the photo was taken, the men escorted the ladies back to the second story patio where they switched partners and had an opportunity to speak to another young lady. Then all the men and women were assigned to certain seats in the dining room. Here they

were able to put their dinner etiquette education to use as well as eat a delicious dinner thanks to the San Diego Yacht Club. The experience was a fun and suitable opportunity for both the young men of NLYM and young ladies of NCL to exercise the polite gestures that they had learned.

SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE

Miles Matalon, PR Chair, 2018

Shortly before the holidays, NLYM members participated in a holiday gift drive that was set up by the Salvation Army. The event took place in the skate section of the Joan Kroc Center. Each participant brought a toy to the event that would be handed out to a less fortunate family within our community. Once everyone arrived, we got to work by splitting into groups and organizing all of the gifts and food donated by ourselves and other kind folks from our community. We organized the gifts according to gender and age-appropriateness. Once we organized the hundreds of gifts, we put them on shelves, where our fellow community members would be able to pick them out for their own children. It was a heart-warming experience knowing we were able to contribute in making the holidays better for our community members in need. We hope that everyone had a happy holiday and a Happy New Year!



MISSION STATEMENT

National League of Young Men (NLYM) is a non-profit organization for young men in grades 9-12; this structured program for mothers and their sons promotes the development of young men into community leaders through leadership involvement, cultural experiences, charitable and community service, and protocol education.

ABOUT US

The La Jolla Chapter of the National League of Young Men, Inc. was founded in May 2014, to provide young men an opportunity to serve their community while gaining valuable leadership skills, along with protocol knowledge and cultural experiences. The La Jolla Chapter is one of eleven chapters nationally. The program is open to young men, and their mothers, who reside in or attend school in the La Jolla zip code 92037.

The La Jolla Chapter's first year, 2014-15, consisted of 9th and 10th grade classes. In our second year we added one more grade and had a membership of about 150 Mothers and Young Men in junior, sophomore and freshman high school classes. In May 2016, we welcomed a fourth class of freshman and now have a complete membership of 9th-12th grade classes, consisting of about 200 members.

This year our 102 Young Men served 4531 hours at local San Diego charities, and throughout the world. They have volunteered for causes ranging from Challenged Athletes Foundation, I Love A Clean San Diego, The Salvation Army, and Meals-on-Wheels Greater San Diego to local food banks, natural parks, senior centers, and youth groups.

Young men also attend meetings, during which they learn important life skills such as time management, leadership, relationship building and protocol. They hold positions on their board of directors each year and learn valuable skills in communications, team building and follow-through. At the end of four years, our Young Men members are well-rounded individuals who have developed leadership skills, distinctive manners and compassion for their community.

Visit www.nlymlajolla.org to learn more.