

Paul William Alexander and Y's Men International

Founded in Toledo, Ohio in 1922 to support the Toledo Central YMCA, Y's Men International is now oriented to serving the worldwide YMCA and the Communities in which they are affiliated. With over 1,455 clubs consisting of 25,000 members in 70 countries around the world, the members look to it's first International President, Paul William Alexander, of Toledo, Ohio. He was a member and a supporter of the Toledo YMCA from 1903 until his death in 1967.

Paul William Alexander was born in Toledo, Ohio in 1888 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1913. Returning to Toledo to set up a law practice, Paul spent time and money supporting a variety of organizations in and around the Toledo area. In 1922, he was elected International President in the newly established Y's Men International. In 1936, he was elected to the position of Judge in the Domestic Court System. This was a position he held until his retirement in 1967. In 1937, he established the Child Study Institute and in 1938, he established a system of offering pretrial hearings for divorce cases in order to reduce the number of public trials. Numerous articles were written regarding Judge Alexander's work to include Life Magazine as well as having his work cited in many legal studies over the years. Judge Alexander was a member of the Lucas County, Ohio, and American Bar Association. He was the first to receive National Recognition for Outstanding Achievement in the Prevention, Control and Treatment of Crime and Delinquency (Roscoe Pound Award). He was first International President of Y's Men International, a member of Boys Club of Toledo, North Toledo Community House, Toledo Society for Crippled Children, on the Child Welfare Board, and served on various National Committees for Marriage and Divorce Laws as well as Juvenile Court Judges. Through Judge Alexander, his court room was used as a model court system utilized throughout the United States.