



# SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club  
Y Service clubs International  
Mid East Region  
January 6, 2012**

## OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with and supporting the YMCA, its mission is to strive through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all humankind.

## CLUB OFFICERS

**Pres:** John Duiven  
**Secretary:** Neil Topliffe  
**Treasurer:** Bob Smith  
**Asst. Treas:** Tom Johnson  
**Chaplin:** Neil Topliffe

## BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Radtke  
John Carruthers  
Ethan Ray  
Dan Miller  
Alex Kassel  
John Lang  
Past Pres: Henry Capogna  
Pres. Elect: Pete Chadwick

## ACTIVITY CHAIRS

**Run Thru the Rapids:**  
Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie  
**Santa Claus Girls:**  
Bob Smith  
**White Elephant Sale:**  
Gregory Winer, Chair  
**Sparks Editor:**  
Lloyd E. Winer

Welcome was given by John Duiven. The Invocation was given by John Duiven followed by the pledge to the flag. Followed by President John telling a story about a famous Violinist who played in the Washington DC train station and got very little recognition.

Guests: Denny Stauffer.

Birthdays were recognized and happy birthday was sung for the first time in a long time.

Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- Next Board Meeting: Jan 18 at Pete Chadwick's office.
- Bob Smith gave a final report on the Santa Claus Girls. He also reported on the status of Judy Smith.
- Ethan Ray is looking for some one to take over the email forwarding job. Neil Topliffe offered to help.
- The White Elephant Meeting is on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Y.
- Pete Chadwick reported the Christmas party is 10 Feb. at Kent Country Club. 6:30 PM cocktails and 7:30 PM dinner. Email Pete if you plan to attend at ([peter\\_chadwick2006@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_chadwick2006@yahoo.com)).
- If you have any questions about Camp email Henry Capogna.
- John Carruthers reported on the book collection which is going very well.

## Program:

Chuck Marks introduced Lody Zwarenstein the speaker today. Lody is the Director of the West Michigan Health Care Alliance. A Grand Rapids, West Michigan-based organization, Alliance for Health of which Lody Zwarenstein's is the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer. The organization is a broad based organization working for better more economical health care in West Michigan. It is a non-profit organization like a round table and made up of all kinds of people. The group is represented by health care workers, Insurance people, business heads etc. from the area. Health care today is a complex issue no leader has all of the answers. The group is involved with sharing

### **Did you know?**

The Y's Service Club started the Time of Fast in 1969. The concept of TOF was that funds would be raised by Club members and others and used feed others in the world.

### **Thought for the day:**

Most great people have attained their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure.

*Napoleon Hill  
1883-1970*

*American speaker, motivational  
writer.*

### **Next Meetings**

**Jan. 20, 2012**

**Speaker**

**Laura Kitts**

**Family Hope**

**Foundation**

### **SPARKS**

If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the

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I will be happy to include the information

accurate information, such information helps when high cost doesn't mean quality. Costs can be reduced with community action. Resources are limited. The group acts as a stimulus to get action on problems. They issue certificates of need. They also do seminars and work with the media to get the information straight. The Alliance has a staff of five and 300 are on the greater committees.

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## **Holiday Party**

**Don't forget to sign up with Pete Chadwick if your coming to the party at Kent Country Club!**