



# SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club  
Y Service clubs International  
Mid East Region  
February 17, 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 Jon Lang and followed by the pledge to the flag.

President John thanked Dan Miller for arranging for the lunches. Guests were introduced. Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- President John reported that all who could come to the Holiday Valentine party enjoyed the outing.
- Bob Smith reported that the club was in the black. (Board minutes show a current balance as of \$22,230.42 on 1/31/12).
- Greg Winer reported on the status of the WES. Contact letters should be out. The truck has been fixed (new tubes and windshield wipers). Some pick up experiences were shared. Saturday Feb. 25th is the first day at the site to work. All should be there by 8:00AM to help. We have three semis to unload at the site. Those of you who have keys should shared them or get new ones made.
- The board is putting together a Q & A on the suggested Endowment Fund. A new Banner will be made, with Bob Williams in Charge, to meet the Y's new Standards.
- Bill Peterson reminded us of the story on the Gum Ball machine from Forest Hills Foods. With his new story of 250 chrome shovels and 500 handles. Way to go Bill.

## Program:

Dan Miller introduced Anny Donewald CEO of Eve's Angles who earned her B.S. in Family Studies with a minor in Sociology from Western Michigan. At the age of 19, Anny entered the sex industry. This decision directly impacted the next six years, and changed the course of her life forever. She was an exotic dancer in various cities across the country before landing in Las Vegas and California. There it escalated into prostitution.

Upon becoming pregnant with her second child and contemplating another abortion, Anny sought spiritual guidance. With nothing to lose and searching for options, she prayed a simple prayer asking for God's help. That's when God stepped in with the miraculous: Anny made five different appointments that all, through different circumstances, got cancelled. Anny had a son. A month after his birth, a bible scripture reference popped in her head, "Matthew 4:16". Having no previous knowledge of the bible, she found it and read, "Those who sat in darkness have seen a great Light."

### **Did you know?**

Tallinn on the Baltic Sea became the first city in Europe to charter a Y's Men's Club due to the interest of Edgar McCoy (International President 1927-29).

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

The superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions.

*Confucius*  
551-470 BC, Chinese Teacher,  
Philosopher, Political Theorist

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If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the [lwiner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwiner@sbcglobal.net)  
I will be happy to include the information

Less than twenty-four hours later, she received the Revelation that Jesus was her Savior. She was Born Again. At the age of 30, After a five-day fast, she knew that she would start a ministry that would help other women like herself come to know that Jesus loves them, no matter where they're at and what they do. This ministry would eventually cater to women who, in times of trouble, feel like they have nowhere else to turn. Eve's Angels was subsequently founded.

Anny gave another life story of a young girl and her history before joining Eve's Angles and following Jesus and God's plan. Today they have similar activities in Lansing, Detroit, and Chicago and will soon start a program in Dallas TX. Their goal today is to show troubled women that Jesus loves them and they can change from their unseemly ways. They are also looking to have a House here to be a place for the troubled women to live while recovering from their present life style.

Meeting closed with  
Don McWatters giving the Benediction

**Next Meeting:  
March 2, 2012  
Paul Keep  
Grand Rapids Press Editor**

**It is time to be thinking about your WES donors, see if you can't think of more people or businesses that will make a donation or cash gift. Also seek out gift cards from businesses.**

**Let's make the best WES ever!  
Contact your donors and look for more sources of items or gift cards or cash for the sale.**