



# SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club  
Y Service clubs International  
Mid East Region  
April 13, 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:**  
Loyd E. Winer

Welcome was given by John Duiven. The Invocation was given by Syd Baxter and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Guests: Argie Holliman-Chibuzo and George Grandville (new member) were introduced.

Birthday's of Bill Garrett, Pete Chadwick and (one L) Loyd Winer were recognized with their financial gifts.

Grateful Dollars were given.

## Business:

- Next Board meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> at Pete Chadwick's office at 5:30 PM.
- Next regular club meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Greg Winer gave a WES update. Not too late to get more product, gift cards and cash for the WES.
- Ron Nelson reminded us that Camp Manitou-lin has its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. There will be celebrations and plans for many special activities at the camp.

## Program:

The primary topic of the meeting was the proposed Y Service Club Endowment Fund.

A detailed review of the Endowment Q & A document (which is attached) was made and a detailed discussion ensued. Many questions were answered. Loyd Winer made a motion to approve the Endowment Fund, and it was seconded by Bill Smith. The motion passed unanimously. This information will be passed to the Club Board for further action. To start the Y Service Club Endowment Fund we will need a minimum of \$10000 in initial gifts. President John indicated that several have already stepped forward with the promise of a gift to the new Club Endowment Fund if it was accepted by the club members.

**Did you know?**

The Time of Fast  
began in 1969

**Thought for the day:**

This one step,  
Choosing a goal and  
sticking to it changes  
everything.

Scott Read  
B.1938 American Author, Poet

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If you have anything I  
can put in the Sparks  
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I will be happy to  
include the information

Meeting closed with  
Henry Capogna giving the Benediction

**Next Meeting: May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**The speaker is Dr. Karen Gell, Allergist**

**What a great White Elephant Sale. We  
give a special thank to Chairman Greg  
Winer and all the members, friends and  
families that helped with the organization  
and the days of the sale Now the clean-up.  
The first clean-up day is past. Still more  
work to be done next Saturday. Let's get  
out and help. Also be sure and contact your  
donors and thank them for their donations for  
the sale.**

**Important Notice;**

**To keep up with the GR YMCA activities and  
information about Camp Manitou-lin you can  
sign up to receive the GR YMCA email news  
letter. You just need to go to the bottom for this  
web site link **and sign up.****

<http://www.grymca.org/about-us>