



SPARKS

**Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service clubs International
Mid East Region
May 11, 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.

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Lloyd E. Winer

Welcome was given by John Duiven. The Invocation was given by Wally Anderson and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Guests: Argie Holliman-Chibuzo and Laree Jaynes were introduced.

Birthdays were recognized with their financial gifts.
Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

The Board approved the Endowment fund and we are now ready for donations. We need to collect \$10000 to start the fund. President John will be discussing this in coming meetings. Bob Smith report on the food booth income of \$1049 at the WES was presented.

Greg Winer reported on the WES results to date, \$63000+ and rising. Still a lot of clean up top do. We need help from every one.

Al George was stopped by Police because we did not have a sign on the truck. I will be corrected.

Manitou-Lin steak fry is scheduled for June 20 at 5:30 PM at the camp. Put on your calendar.

Neil Topliffe will be the Sparks editor starting in the fall.

John Duiven and Cyndy Voight are working on a new Banner.

John Carruthers reported on the coming Service Club Conventions. We will be host in 2013.

Ethan Ray is working on the Club joining with the YMCA to sell things on eBay.

Greg Dodd reported on the Family Hope foundation event at the camp.

Program:

Our speaker today was Karyn Cell MD. She specializes in Internal Medicine, Allergy and Immunology. Her firm Grand Rapids Allergy has a staff of 70 serving the community. Her email site is keg@grandrapiddsallergy.com. She gave a power

Did you know?

The Brother Club started in 1949 with the idea of setting up the opportunity to take personal and active part in the promotion of world peace, brotherhood and Christianity.

Thought for the day:

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain

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If you have anything I can put in the Sparks email me the lwiner@sbcglobal.net

I will be happy to include the information

point presentation about the increase of Allergies among the human race. 20% of the population has an allergy. The list of bad allergy locations in the country places Grand Rapids in the group at the top of the list. Rag weed is one of the major problems. Dust, mites, cats and dogs, cockroaches, mold spores bee stings and food are the major culprits. The good news there are treatments for allergies. The services they offer are: 1) Skin testing to find what your allergies are. 2) Allergy avoidance after determining what your allergies are. 3) Medication for treatment and 4) Immunotherapy to correct your immune system. A commitment of monthly treatments over a period of 3 to 5 years can result in a life free of allergies. Lots of options are available and allergies can be reversible.

Meeting closed with
Gary Mescher giving the Benediction

Next Meeting: May 25th
The speaker is our own Marathon
Don Kern

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.**

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