



SPARKS

Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service clubs International

Mid East Region

May 25, 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
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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 Bob Smith and followed by the pledge to the flag.

Guests: Deb Mondry, Jeff Wetzell, Marilyn Lawrence and Francine Robinson were introduced.

Birthdays were recognized with their financial gifts.

Grateful Dollars were given.

Business:

- The Steak Fry at the Camp is Scheduled for June 20 at 5:30 PM. be sure and respond to Greg Dodd's email so he will know how many will attend. This is always a great event, come and see the camp and enjoy a great evening.
- Bob Smith made a treasurers report. \$20,415 in the General Fund and the WES net presently is \$55,247.
- Wally Anderson discussed the possibility of another potluck outing at the Koperski Lake for fishing and fun. He will coordinate with the family and report back to the club.
- President John handed out the Gift form for giving to the start up fund for the Y Service Club Endowment Fund.
- Loyd Winer agreed to coordinate the purchase of Y Service Club Hats, Shirts and Aprons over the summer to have available in the fall.
- Next meeting is the Induction of New Members ceremony and recognition of the new Board members.

Program:

Fellow member Marathon Don Kern told stories of his desire to become the fastest person to complete seven marathons on seven continents in the fastest time for the Guinness Book of World Records. A marathon is 26.2 Miles. He showed the ordinary people can do extra ordinary things. He grew up in Barrington MI in a normal family.

Did you know?

That great Satisfaction can be had by giving to others. Let's make the gifts necessary to fund the Y Service Club Endowment Fund.

Thought for the day:

Turning it over in your mind won't plough the field.

Irish Proverb

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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

He had pneumonia as a kid yet got a varsity letter in debate. He didn't start running until he was 37 and ran his first marathon at the age of 39. Since then has run 232 marathons. In 2006 ran in Alabama, Luxor, Spain, Antarctica, Argentina, Australia and South Korea and came up short. Then again tried in 2007 and came up short. Then there were knee problems and surgery, plus the recovery time. Then he was back at the training. Then 16 days after surgery he ran a marathon. Finally in late 2011 he ran marathons in South Africa, New Zealand, Florida, Brazil, Antarctica, Chile and Japan. He broke the record by four days. He ran the seven marathons on seven continents in 25 days, 18 hours and 20 minutes. What a world record for Don to be proud of. The Guinness World Records are reviewing the times before awarding the certificate to recognize Don's compliments. Ordinary people can do amazing things if they just try. Congratulation Don!

Look forward to the next meeting on June 8 for the induction of new members. See you there.