



SPARKS

Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service Clubs International
Mid East Region
September 7, 2012

OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on the Christian teachings, 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: Peter Chadwick
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Asst. Treas: Tom Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS

Brad Howell
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Past Pres: John Duiven
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ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Chaplin: Gary Davis
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Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie
Santa Claus Girls:
Bob Smith
White Elephant Sale:
Gregory Winer, Chair
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President Pete Chadwick welcomed 30 plus club members and visitors to our first meeting of the 2012-13 program year. The invocation was given by our new Chaplain, Gary Davis.

Guests: emeritus club members, Max Doering ('58), Sid Ammon ('58) and Bud Baxter ('48) – all past presidents
Birthdays were recognized with financial gifts.
Grateful Dollars also were shared

Business:

- Loyd Winer had shirts and hats with club insignia available to those who ordered them.
- *Run thru the Rapids* will begin October 20, 9 am. Lots of volunteers are needed. Kent Mudie will have sign-up sheets at next meeting. Details at www.runthrutherapids.com.
- President Pete noted we have 1 or 2 positions to fill on the board and to speak to him if interested.
- It's time to pay annual dues: \$250 or ½ payment \$125. Give or send check to Tom Johnson.
- Endowment Fund has received \$5,800 to date toward \$10,000 startup goal.
- Greg Dodd invited members to the October 9, 5:30 pm dinner at Camp Manitou-Lin to celebrate 100th Anniversary. No cost.
- Pete confirmed that \$50,000 gift has been transferred to the camp to be used for: waterfront inflatables - \$10,000, Lodge Boiler repair - \$6,500, Chimney rebuild - \$30,000, Miscellaneous repairs - \$3,500.
- Next board meeting is September 19, 5:30 pm at Pinnacle Insurance office board room, 1430 Monroe Ave., NW.

Program:

Dan Miller introduced our speaker today, Nicholas Popma who shared his vision for a new program he has launched to "Save India's Youth." A senior at Grand Valley State University and native of Calcutta, India, Popma has focused his energy to lend

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SPARKS NEWS:

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support and guidance to women and young girls in India, caught in the global sex trafficking industry.

He is in the process of finalizing legal status as a non-profit in the USA for fund raising and is creating an organization in India to take youth off the streets and give them training and income, as well as providing basic medical care for malnutrition and HIV/Aids prevention.

“Human trafficking is a global business that is expanding. This program will help kids in India get out of that cycle,” explained Popma. More information is available at www.saveindiasyouth.org or Facebook page.

\$50,000 Presented at Camp Manitou-Lin Steak Fry:

More than 40 members, families and White Elephant Sale volunteers made their way to Camp Manitou-Lin as guests of Greg Dodd and staff for the annual Steak Fry on June 20.

Following a delicious steak dinner new president Pete Chadwick extended thanks and gifts to outgoing officers and joined John Duiven and Bob Smith in presenting a \$50,000 check to Greg Dodd for needed repairs on camp facilities.



September 21 Speaker

Ken Estelle, CEO

Feeding America W. Michigan Food Bank

Learn how it distributes reclaimed food to pantries, shelters, and other local anti-hunger organizations in 40 West Michigan counties, serving 100,000 struggling families

Check out Tom Rademacher’s latest “Stories of Impact” about Rachel and Camp Manitou-Lin at <http://www.grymca.org/rachel>

Thanks to Loyd Winer who has done such a great job keeping us informed as Editor of the Sparks for the past several years.
- Neil