



SPARKS

Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service Clubs International
Mid East Region
November 2, 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.

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President Pete Chadwick called the club together. Bob Smith offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Chris O'Malley (New Member), Garry Kanoza and Lorrie Jaynes.

Grateful Dollars were given.

Club News:

- Bob Smith gave out a map for locating the **Santa Claus Girls** work site. He also gave out personal green cards for access to the site. The start date is Nov. 6th 8:30 AM and delivery date is set for Saturday Dec 15th. If you don't have a green card, give your name at the security gate.
- **Santa Claus Girls site address** is [5101 Spaulding Plaza SE, Ada](#), immediately south of Fulton, across the railroad tracks; turn right immediately after crossing tracks to access the Amway company warehouse entrance. Pull up to security gate and give your name. Click address above to see Google map.
- Kent Mudie reported that the RunThuThe Rapids went very well and that it was because of the great work by all. There were 684 registered runners. Shirts were available for those who ordered them. He reported that there were so many runners there was a bottle neck between the 5k and 10k run. So far the income looks like about \$1,800 plus the Bank of Holland gift.
- President Pete recognized our special guest, Lorrie Jaynes, the Y Accounts Payable Specialist, for all she does for the Club and expressed how much we appreciate her.
- **Reminder** - annual dues are overdue and need to be paid to Tom Johnson or sent to him c/o Devos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503 - \$250 or ½ payment \$125.
- Board meeting dates for November & December have been combined to December 5, 5:30 pm at Pinnacle Insurance office board room, 1430 Monroe Ave., NW.

Did you know?

Our Y Service Club Endowment Fund is 3/5ths the way to being fully funded. Check with [Sara DeMann](#) in Y Development office to make your gift.

SPARKS NEWS:

If you have anything to put in the Sparks, email Neil at: editor@gryserviceclub.org



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Catlett Shares W. Michigan Better Business Bureau Mission

Henry Capogna introduced the speaker, Phil Catlett, Executive Director of the Western Michigan Better Business. Mr. Catlett expressed gratitude for the YMCA and what they do here in the Greater Grand Rapids area. He expressed his experience of the turn around that Ron Nelson provided for the YMCA while he was on the board.

Catlett described the purpose and mission of the BBB as helping consumers find and recommend businesses, brands and charities that they can trust. There are 3,600 accredited businesses in the W. Michigan BBB area which extends from the Indiana border to the Straits of Mackinaw.

“Creating trust in business is very important,” he emphasized. The BBB sets standards for market trust. They hold people to the fire if they can’t be trusted. They have a monthly newsletter on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). There are 104 BBBs in the USA and all are connected.

They also check on charities and their honesty. He noted that you could go to give.org and check on non-profit giving. Another part of their role is to provide mediations and arbitration services.

Catlett made several suggestions for how to provide for safer internet use, including that you need to be sure to keep your software up to date. He said to look at itc.gov to identify theft scams. Also, above all, Catlett reminded us not to give out social security or bank numbers to those who ask for it on the internet. Access the Western Michigan BBB website at westernmichigan.bbb.org.

November 16 Speaker
Rev. Jerry Bishop
Life Quest Ministries