



**Grand Rapids Y Service Club
Y Service Clubs International
Mid East Region
January 4, 2013**

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. Greg Dodd offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays were recognized and **Grateful Dollars** were received.

Club News

- **Holiday Party:** Neil Topliffe distributed a survey to collect preferences for our Holiday Dinner Party in February. (See below and attached registration form)
- Pete reminded members that all dues should be in to Tom Johnson, assistant treasurer. Pete will be notifying those still needing to pay.
- Pete passed out our speaker schedule for the rest of the year. He also noted that the dates for speakers are the dates of our meetings (schedule attached)
- Next meeting is January 18
- **Board meeting:** January 16, 5:30 pm at Pinnacle Insurance.

**We Have a BETTER
Choice For YOU!**

**Y Service Club
Mid-Winter Dinner Party
Friday February 8, 6:30 pm
Watermark Country Club**

I managed to secure
Valentine's Day dinner
reservations at both
4:45 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.



It's our annual club night out. Bring your spouse or friend. Enjoy an evening of relaxation, fine food and good friends.

DEADLINE: February 1

- Reservation Form will be e-mailed and at meetings

Did you know?

February is Time of Fast month – Give up a meal and donate amount saved to TOF to help improve quality of life for needy around the world. This is a Y Service Clubs International Project in which we participate.



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2012 Was Summer of Inclusion at Manitou-Lin

Greg Dodd, Executive Director of Camp Manitou-Lin caught us up-to-date on the past summer of camping and plans for 2013 when it will celebrate 100 years of serving West Central Michigan communities.

Greg shared some impressive numbers.

- In 2012 there were 2,014 kids served in the YMCA camping programs, down 607 but still impressive
- 1,407 children participated in day camps
- 607 children/youth took part in overnight camping
- 175 was the most kids in any one camp
- 380 children were supported with Y scholarships who wouldn't have participated otherwise
- 700 additional children and youth used the facilities beyond the Y programs
- 720 people participated in the Summer Triathlon

Dodd noted that Camp Manitou-Lin “puts Christian principles into practice in all camping programs, building healthy youth in spirit, mind and body.”

“What I’m most proud of this year,” Greg noted, “has been the inclusion focus made possible by a grant from the National Inclusion Project.” Special training was provided for all staff to help include children with special needs as part of the overnight and day camping experiences. The grant also provided for extra staff with special skills. The camp will receive the grant again in 2013.

Dodd noted that work was done to make facilities more accessible, including the zip line, but more work still needs to be done on paths, cabins and waterfront.

“Alex is a great example of the difference inclusion made in his life because he could be more fully a part of the camping experience,” Greg shared. “His mother called me and said, being an overnight camper made the greatest difference in his life; I don’t know what you did but he came home with a new sense of independence.”

Greg thanked the Service Club for its significant support of Camp Manitoulin and reminded members of the 100th Celebration June 8.

Upcoming Speakers

Jan. 18 Judge Hugh Brenneman – US Magistrate Court W MI

Feb. 1 Dave Grube – Cornerstone University Athletic Director



YMCA Service Club Speakers Schedule 2013

Meetings – 12:00 Noon @ David D. Hunting YMCA

- Jan 4 Greg Dodd, “Annual Camp Manitou-Lin” presentation -- State of the State
- Jan 18 Judge Hugh Brenneman
- Feb 1 Cornerstone University Athletic Director, Dave Grube
- Feb 15 Nadira Kharmai –producer of the Camp Manitou-Lin Anniversary video
- Mar 1 Mary Tuuk, CEO of Fifth Third Bank West Michigan
- Mar 15 Mike McCarthy—Social Media
- Mar 29 Danny Gaydou, M Live
- April 12 Dan Behm, OST (integrated solutions in the modern business era)
- April 26 White Elephant Sale
- May 10 Andy Den Braber, Executive Director Heartside Ministries
- May 24 Milt Rohwer (Former Director of DDA—City Planning 30-years ago—a magical time
- June 7 Bob Gillette—mission trips to Central America
- June 21 Y Service Club Induction of New Members