



OUR MISSION

As Y's Men International is a world-wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working constructively together based on 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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Pres: Neil Topliffe
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BOARD MEMBERS

Henry Capogna
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Bob Williams

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Chaplin: Gary Davis
Run Thru the Rapids:
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Santa Claus Girls:
Bob Smith
White Elephant Sale:
Bill Streeter, Chair
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Neil Topliffe
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Grand Rapids Y Service Club Y Clubs International - Mid East Region September 6, 2013

Our new president, Neil Topliffe, called the club together following a buffet lunch by our new caterer, Boardwalk Café. Chaplain Gary Davis offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays were recognized (Bill Streeter, Jim Casey, Al George). **Guests were introduced: Gene Gess** (Bill Streeter), **Courtney Farrugia** (Gerontology Network Intern), **Lorrie Jaynes**. Many Grateful Dollars were received.

Club News

- **Gary Davis** thanked all who volunteered to offer Invocation at meetings through the end of the year.
- **Martha Beals** was confirmed by members as our new Secretary.
- **Neil** reminded everyone to be sure to check off your names when you pick up your badge at each meeting.
- **Membership Dues are payable now** to Tom Johnson. \$250 for the year or \$125 for half the year. Give your check to Tom or mail to him, DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, 49503-2233.
- **Neil** shared his expectations as president this year, giving emphasis to increasing membership, particularly adding women to our club to strengthen participation.
- **Bob Williams** reported our final total to the Time of Fast this year was \$5,795, including 4 gifts from emeritus members and 14 from non-members. Special thanks to all.
- **Kent Mudie** emphasized the need for all members to help with [Run Thru the Rapids](#), October 19. [Check the website](#). Also, if you are on [Facebook](#), be sure to "Like" it. More info to come.
- **Next board meeting** Thursday, September 26 – Pinnacle Insurance. (NOTE: new day for monthly meetings)

Our Motto

To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right

THANKS!

**Time of Fast
2013**

**Total Gifts
Received:
\$5,795.**



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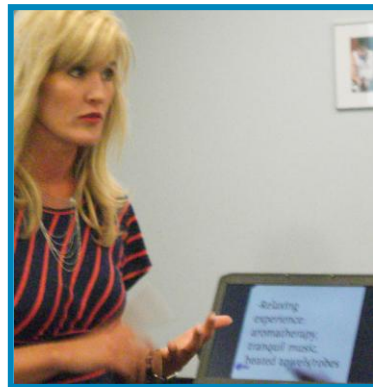
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Speaker Highlights Multiple Services for Seniors

Henry Capogna introduced our speaker, Jennifer Feuerstein of the Gerontology Network which provides a multitude of services for seniors in the Grand Rapids area.



“Our mission is to offer solutions to enhance the quality of life for older adults, people with aging related challenges and those who care for them through education, support and personalized services,” Feuerstein explained. Services include personal care, behavioral health, resource assistance, senior companions, adult day services and volunteer programs.

A highlight of the Network is PERS, a personal health safety program known as “Life Connections Plus” that provides an electronic in-home Personal Emergency Response service. Options include an auto alert signal when you can’t call for help, and a personal medication dispenser that provides a safer way to manage medications.

Two locations also provide bathing, personal care, resource and counseling services. The not-for-profit Gerontology Network receives financial support from United Way and area Seniors programs, plus individual gifts. [Visit the web site for information.](#)

August 14 Board Meeting Highlights

Our club’s organizing board meeting for the 2013-14 season met August 14 at the Pinnacle Insurance office conference room.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Elected Martha Beals to be our new board secretary, subject to confirmation by the club membership at the 9/16 meeting.
- Approved the financial report showing our club balance in all funds of \$12,000+. Also approved up to \$2500 payment to the city for Run Thru the Rapids police charges.
- Approved moving future board meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Approved Boardwalk Café as our caterer for meetings

SEPT. 20 SPEAKER

Cindy Brown – Executive Director, [Hello West Michigan](#)