



OUR MISSION

Y Service Clubs 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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Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

October 4, 2013

Bob Sack and the Cornerstone University Athletic Department served as our hosts when we met in the university chapel for lunch prior to a tour of the new baseball facility. Neil Topliffe, president, called the club together and offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A box lunch was provided by the university caterer.

Guests were introduced: Jay Schoettley (Neil Topliffe), **Jeremy Bolker** (Henry Capogna), **Andy Page** (Ron Nelson). Total of 28 in attendance. Grateful Dollars were received.

Club News

- **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.
- **Kent Mudie and Syd Baxter** provided an update on [Run Thru the Rapids](#), October 19. Registrations still coming in, a bit behind last year. Gary Mescher is purchasing bagels. Members and friends still are needed to volunteer on race day. Send an [email](#) to Kent telling him how many of you, your family and friends will be volunteers.
- **Bob Smith** needs help October 22 moving tables from our Plainfield WES site to the Amway warehouse for Santa Claus Girls. Call or [email](#) him – 616-531-0199
- **Andy Page**, YMCA VP of Operations, shared with the club the **transition of leadership at Camp Manitou-Lin**. Greg Dodd has ended his position as Executive Director, Karin Denman named acting director. Plans are underway for YMCA USA camping leaders to engage in a consultation to strengthen future directions. Bob Williams, Syd Baxter, Andy Page and Stan Cheff are working on an updated 100th anniversary capital campaign. Questions are welcome to [Andy Page](#) 616-855-6622.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the
duty that accompanies
every right*

*Happy
Birthday*

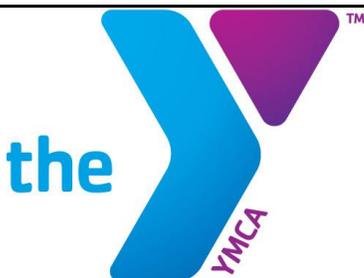
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Club News (cont'd)

- **Next board meeting** Thursday, October 17 – Pinnacle Insurance. (NOTE: new day for monthly meetings)

OCTOBER 18 MEETING

David D Hunting Y – 12:00 pm
Run Thru the Rapids Preparations
Syd Baxter – Kent Mudie

NOVEMBER 1 – Kent Records – Hosted by Al George

Cornerstone's Commitment to Creative Character Building in Athletic Programs

It was clear in both the words shared by Cornerstone University leaders and a tour of the new baseball complex and dormitory facilities that their mission is clear- athletic character and Christian style principals in both students and coach/leaders.



Don Kern hears details from A.D. director Dave Grube.

Three years ago, it all was a dream, with a major donor committing to providing a one-of-a-kind baseball program with new field, workout facilities, and dormitories. Athletic Director recruited Dave Mitroff as baseball coach with no players two years ago. Faith played a key part with a team of 37 players and a new stadium in place for a first season in 2012-2013. Even with 27 of the players being freshman, Cornerstone had a respectable 16-26 season, placing them in the middle of their conference play, Mitroff, said.

“Our goal has been building a life that matters,” noted Coach Mitroff, “both on the field and off.” “Excellence is an expectation, whether it is working out on a medicine ball, building core speed, throwing pitches in the cage or time on the field,” he added. Through a network of baseball friends across the country the coach has had a successful two years of reaching player students.



Cornerstone baseball coach Dave Mitroff and club members tour varsity locker room.

Athletic Director Dave Grube and Coach Mitroff led us on a tour of the new baseball field and facilities, that include first class locker rooms, umpire locker room, women's locker rooms for softball and soccer, batting cages, offices, press room, as well as the upper level dormitories. The stadium

has 480 seats with expansion plans for 1,000. Games are free and welcome club members to attend.



Checking out the new women's locker room with Athletic Director Dave Grube.



A view from the Scoring/Soreboard room behind home plate.

Photos by Neil Topliffe and Bob Williams.