



Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

January 24, 2014

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.

CLUB OFFICERS

Pres: Neil Topliffe

Pres. Elect: Ethan Ray

Secretary: Martha Beals

Treasurer: Ken Haines

Asst. Treas: Tom Johnson

Past Pres: Pete Chadwick

BOARD MEMBERS

Henry Capogna

John Duivan

Mark Radtke

Bob Smith

Bob Williams

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Chaplin: Gary Davis

Run Thru the Rapids:

Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie

Santa Claus Girls:

Bob Smith

White Elephant Sale:

Bill Streeter, Chair

Sparks Editor:

Neil Topliffe

[Sparks Editor](#)

President Neil Topliffe called the Service Club bi-weekly meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y. Pat Miles, Sr. offered the opening prayer, followed by the pledge.

Birthdays were recognized: John Carruthers (1/10), Bob Gillette (1/21), Ron Bickel (1/27).

Guests were introduced: Sharon Marks (Chuck). **Grateful Dollars** were received.

Club News

- **Lorrie Jaynes** provided info sheets for overflow parking across the street at DASH 7 lot. Tell attendant at south entrance you are going to the Y. Parking will be free.
- **Tom Johnson** provided 2 tickets to the RV Camper show at DeVos Place, won by **Ron Bickel**.
- **Ethan Ray** reminded everyone to make their reservations for **Mid-Winter Dinner Party** February 7 at the Firerock Room at StoneWater Country Club. 34 couples were already signed up.
- **Neil Topliffe** reported for **Bill Streeter** that the search for a site was down to three locations. The next WES planning meeting is **Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm** at Park Congregational Church. This meeting is open to all willing to help with the planning.
- **Next board meeting** 2/20, 5:30 pm – Park Congregational.

NEXT MEETING – February 7

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

Rick Steves & Larry Dodge

Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired

www.abvimichigan.com

Rick is Executive Director and Larry, Development Officer of ABVI which offers assistance to people with visual impairment and blindness, providing an avenue to independence.

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Mike Boyd (2/8)
Gary Mescher (2/9)



Find us on
Facebook

[-White Elephant Sale](#)
[-Run Thru the Rapids](#)

Grand Rapids Y Service Club
475 Lake Michigan Dr NW
Grand Rapids MI 49505
www.gryserviceclub.org
www.runthrurapids.com
is a member of
Y Service Clubs International.
www.ysmen.org
www.ysmenusa.com



WES PLANNING MEETING MONDAY

February 3, 5:30 pm – Park Congregational Church
RSVP to Bill Streeter
streetwear@tds.net - 443-1609

Planning meeting for 2014 White Elephant Sale. Department Heads and committee chairs are urged to be there. All are invited.

John Peterson Memorial Service February 15

The memorial service for John, a former club President and long time club coordinator for Santa Claus Girls, will be at 11 am, Saturday, February 15 at First (Park) Congregational Church. 10 East Park Place. Watch for an obituary in the Grand Rapids Press on February 2 and 9. Memorial gifts may be given in honor of John to [Pilgrim Manor](#) or [United Church Outreach Ministries \(UCOM\)](#), Grand Rapids.

Expressions of sympathy and care may be sent to Janell Peterson, 1724 Rossman Ave, SE, Grand Rapids MI 49507-2244. Email is janell_s@hotmail.com.

Sports by Ability, Not Disability Club Speaker Inspires Members

If ever you need someone to enthuse you with personal passion and positive energy, then be in a room with Mary Ann Weaver, president of Michigan Disability Sports Alliance.

MDSA is a 38 year old all volunteer organization that sponsors the annual Michigan Victory Games in East Lansing, with 200 plus physically disabled athletes from across Michigan participating in a dozen events. “The Victory Games covers an age span of seven years into the 60s, including a London Paralympics female medal winner in power lifting,” Weaver told the club members.

The Victory Games not only provides physically disabled athletes with the thrill and excitement of competition, “but helps build confidence for them and their parents/caregivers toward increased independence as they live with coaches in dorms, being responsible for their own meals and schedules,” she added. The Games includes a Saturday evening dance with D.J. that is a favorite of participants.

Weaver noted that the program’s challenges include recruiting volunteers to help with the Victory Games each year, as well as financial support. “Athletes pay a registration fee of \$220 for the games but that covers only half the \$60,000 needed for the Games. Donations may be made at www.MichiganVictoryGames.org.