



Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

May 30, 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 Duiven

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

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

Birthdays: None

Guests: Mary Jewel (Martha Beals), Scott Wolterink (Neil Topliffe), Lee Hamilton (Neil Topliffe), Lorrie Jaynes.

Grateful Dollars were received.

Club News

- **Bill Streeter** provided White Elephant Sale update. His current estimate is that we will reach more than \$75,000 in gross income. We will need another work day at the Eastern site, still to be scheduled. Kent Mudie hopes to confirm with building owner having us store our equipment there until the next sale.
- **Time of Fast – Bob Williams** reported initial donations of \$2,778 from 16 people. Goal is \$6,375.
- **Nominating Committee** – Election of officers and new board members will be at next meeting. See next page for nominees to be elected.

**NEXT MEETING – Election of Officers, Installation,
Induction, By-Law Revisions**

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 4:30 PM

-- Camp Manitou-Lin

THANK YOU STEAK FRY

At Camp Manitou-Lin

Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 pm

Have you made your reservations?

RSVP KARIN DENMAN kdenman@grymca.org by 6/13

Our Motto

*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

Happy
Birthday

Ken Haines (7/8)
John Duiven (7/9)
Bill Streeter (7/18)



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JUNE 13 MEETING

12:00 PM @ David D Hunting YMCA

Annual Club Business Meeting

- By-Laws action
- Elect Board/Officers & Installation
- New Members Induction
- Region Directors Recognition



2014-15 GR Service Club Board of Directors

Nominees to be elected at June 13 meeting

Officers

President: Ethan Ray
Past President: Neil Topliffe
President Elect:
Treasurer: Ken Haines
Assistant Treasurer: Tom Johnson
Secretary: Martha Beals

Class of 2017

John Carruthers
Chuck Marks

Continuing Board Members:

Class of 2016: John Duiven, Bob Smith
Class of 2015: Henry Capogna, Bob Williams

Discovering the Breadth in U.S. Attorney's Role

Following a light-hearted introduction by his father, Pat Miles, Sr., Patrick Miles, Jr. opened up for us the wide variety of responsibilities carried by the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. His district covers everything west of Lansing and all of the Upper Peninsula plus all Native American Indian tribes.

“Partly because of the TV programs, we often are thought of as just dealing with criminal cases but 2/3rds of our case load is civil such as immigration, bankruptcy, Social Security fraud, tax foreclosures, and similar cases.”

Did You Know?

Since the inception of the **Time of Fast** program in 1973, Y Clubs International has contributed close to



US\$4.5 million to various YMCA and community projects and emergencies around the world, all sponsored by local Service Clubs or Ys...

Today 21 ongoing projects and 6 newly approved projects in a total of 16 countries are supported by TOF.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18 - 5:30 pm
Steak Fry - Camp
Manitou-Lin, Middleville
MI

October 18 – Run Thru
the Rapids

December 20 - Santa
Claus Girls delivery day

Miles explained. The Western District office has a staff of 80 headquartered in Grand Rapids, with extension offices in Lansing and the Upper Peninsula.

Miles noted that there has been an increase in heroin related narcotics cases. “It begins with people getting addicted to illegal use of prescription drugs and moving on to heroin where the purity level on the street often is deadly,” he said.

Twenty percent of the Western District case load is immigration related. Nationwide it is 42% with approximately 68,000 cases being handled annually.

He noted that in the past year his office has been looking at how to support educational programs with a focus on providing safe child environments, internet fraud and health care fraud for seniors.

Miles concluded by providing tips to seniors to avoid scams and fraudulent financial deals.

Mid-East Region Leadership Change

Thanks goes to John Carruthers who, for the past two years, has been the Mideast Region Director for Y Service Clubs International – USA Area. John completes his term June 30 and one of our other members, Bob Williams will assume the position.

We in the Grand Rapids Y Service Club can be proud of our work not only in the community but also in supporting the International dimension that is found in 70 countries, 1,580 clubs with 30,000+ total members.

Quotes Worth Quoting

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

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“Love life. Engage in it. Give it all you’ve got.
Love it with a passion because life truly does give back,
many times over, what you put into it.”

-- Maya Angelou

