



Grand Rapids Y Service Club

Y Service Clubs International - Mid East Region

October 17, 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.

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Run Thru the Rapids:

Syd Baxter & Kent Mudie

Santa Claus Girls:

Bob Smith

White Elephant Sale:

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President Ethan Ray called the Service Club bi-weekly meeting to order at the downtown David D. Hunting Y with Don McWatters offering the prayer, followed by the pledge.

Guests were introduced: Mary Ann Andersen (Wally Andersen), **Jessica Webster – Camp Manitou-Lin Board President** (Syd Baxter), **Karen Denman and Kevin Morrison – Camp Manitou-Lin Staff** (Henry Capogna)

Grateful Dollars were received.

Club News

- **Ethan Ray** reported that an anonymous donor has contributed \$2,000 to buy an additional semi-trailer for White Elephant Sale storage
- **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.
- **Santa Claus Girls – Bob Smith** gave an update on the 2014 location in Kentwood on 36th Street. He met with Kentwood police to discuss delivery day traffic. Staff/volunteers need to be at the site by 7:30 am this year.
- **Al George** needs help delivering the tables from our storage trailer to the Santa Claus Girls site. He will be in touch.

NEXT MEETING – October 24 – Jay Follis: Gilmore Car Museum (see page 3)

Next Board Meeting – Thursday November 21, 5:30 PM
-- Park Congregational Church

Our Motto
*To acknowledge the duty
that accompanies every
right*

*Happy
Birthday*

Gene Gess (10/29)



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Andy Page Announces New Camp Director

Andy Page announced at our meeting that a new director for Camp Manitou-Lin has been hired. Bill Hinton comes from Flaming Arrow Camp in San Antonio, Texas where he had been on staff for 11 years, the most recent as executive director.



Hinton has a rich background in YMCA camping both as a camper, beginning at age eight, and as staff in Texas. He is an Austin, Texas, native with a degree in Psychology and Biology from Colby College (Waterville, Maine). Bill and his wife, Allison, are parents of two boys and a girl, 10, 8 and 2. [See more information.](#)

Andy also reported that Camp Manitou-Lin has had two good years of camping with the financials in very good shape. The program this past summer was very successful.

Camp Capital Campaign

The million dollar Capital campaign is at about \$700+/- . They hope to start construction with the approval of the Board soon.

Thanks to Karen Denman & Staff

Syd Baxter gave kudu's to Karen for the work she has done at the camp, along with the rest of the staff.

Run Thru the Rapids Final Assignments

Final assignments and updates were provided club members for the annual Run Thru the Rapids, set for Saturday morning, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. Syd said help was needed after the meeting to get signs put up. Staff (members/volunteers) should be at the Y by 7:00 AM. We should not park in the Y lot, but in the City lots to the east and West of the Y. He also reported that the numbers were up for



the run compared with last year.

Kent talked about marshals and their work. He has a lot of high school kids coming to help.

[Ed. Note: Thanks to Loyd Winer for taking notes at the last meeting]

Run Thru the Rapids



Runners in the Y Lobby. It got very crowded . . . which meant lots of runners.



Late Registrations . . . \$1,962 came in . . . at least 50 late registrations.



Crowds begin to thin out and head for start/finish line

Jay Follis – Next Speaker Discover Hidden Treasure on Wheels

Our October 31st speaker is Jay Follis, Director of Marketing of the [Gilmore Car Museum](#) in Hickory Corners, Michigan. What began as a gift to Donald Gilmore in 1963 from his wife – a 1920 Pierce Arrow – turned into a passion that today has become an impressive spread with historic buildings, train station, diner, and an amazing collection of over 300 vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and memories. You'll find it all on 90 acres just one hour south of Grand Rapids.



Bring a friend to our next meeting to hear Follis tell us about the special collections of historic automobiles, special events and other surprises. See you this Friday, Noon, David D Hunting Y.

Run Thru the Rapids 2014 – a Great Success!



It was an ideal day for a run along trails and streets in center city of Grand Rapids. Advance registrations were higher than in 2013 with an additional 50 late registrations on Saturday morning.